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**Term 4**

**DECEMBER**

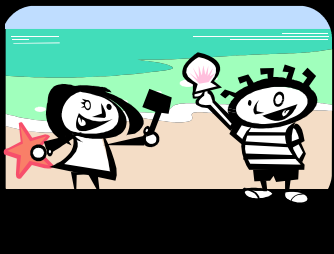
**WEEK 10**

- Mon 5 Year 1 - 3 Swimming
- Tues 6 Year 6 Graduation
- Wed 7 Newsletter  
Prep - Year 5  
- Reports  
- Class Lists  
- Book Lists
- Thurs 8  
9.15am Whole School Assembly  
Year 5 Awards  
Year 6  
- Reports  
- Class Lists  
- Book Lists
- Fri 9 Clean-up Day  
Free Dress Day  
**NO SCHOOL BREAKFAST**

2017 school commences  
Monday 23 January

**Term Dates 2017**

- Term1: January 23 – March 31
- Term2: April 18 – June 23
- Term3: July 10 – September 15
- Term 4: October 3 – December 8



**Attendance target 94% or better. Last week’s attendance rate was 93%. Thanks to Bundy Bowl and Leisure Complex for giving the school some awards to promote attendance each term this year ([www.bundybowl.com.au](http://www.bundybowl.com.au)).**

**Safe Holiday Season**

On behalf of the staff, could I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season. I hope your Christmas is relaxing and, like me, a chance to catch up with friends and family. For those leaving our school, can I wish you every success at your new schools and you will be missed from our community. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to everyone!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, staff and students for making the 2016 year such a great year. I am so looking forward to another great year in 2017 – enjoy the holidays!

**Report Cards / Class Lists / Book Lists**

Report Cards for the end of 2016 will be issued today Wednesday December 7 or Thursday December 8 (Thursday for the Year 6 students due to visits to the high school on the Wednesday). We will also submit class lists for 2017 and book lists at this time.

*Remember, just because you asked for something in “Have your Say Week”, does not mean you will get your request. The school has many other issues related to balance of classes to take into account.*

It is important that children attend school, work hard and continue their positive attitude right up until the last day of school. Poor choices in behaviour will not be tolerated and high standards of behaviour will continue right until break up day!

**New Sign**



Did you see our new sign?? The idea of this was developed over the last twelve months, as some staff members encouraged the staff to examine what we believed is important about our school. Those major elements are recorded on the sign (logo, 5B’s) with the statement about “the Woonie way” (our unique way of doing things!!) and the 3 things that are key to our school (making a difference, valuing learning and together).

Many thanks to Bundaberg Quick Signs ([www.bundyquicksigns.com.au](http://www.bundyquicksigns.com.au)) for constructing the sign and Katina Trout for her graphic design work ([www.thebrightside.net.au/](http://www.thebrightside.net.au/)). Both have donated their expertise ... much appreciated!!

**Thank You!!!**

A big thank you to all our parents who are regularly at school helping with school activities. By this I mean parents who help with: reading homework, reading groups, excursions/camps, R.E., tuckshop, banking, P&C programs/fundraisers and meetings ...

Your assistance, which comes in many different ways, is gratefully received by the teachers and students. So a big thanks from me and the school!!!



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Classes 2017

The list below may change as we are really unsure at this stage of enrolments. **Classes for 2017 may be (subject to change):**

Prep	Ms Jurgens Mrs Brennan/Mrs Knight Mrs Gahan/Mrs Morgan
Year 1	Mrs Collins Ms Lapene
Year 1/2	Mrs Condon/Mrs Knight
Year 2	Ms Larkman Mrs Visona
Year 3	Mr Baren Mrs Wyatt/Mrs Reepsdorff Mrs Birrell
Year 4	Mrs Edwards Mrs Haynes Mrs Liston
Year 5	Mrs Rekow/Mrs Pappalardo Mr Mullaney
Year 5/6	Mrs Shears
Year 6	Mrs Driver Mr Vertigan

### Families Relocating in 2017 School Year

As we approach the end of the year we will be organising class formations for 2017.

If you know for certain that your children will be attending a different primary school to Woongarra in 2017, please pass the information on to the office.

### Last week of School Happenings

There will be no Tuckshop in operation for the last week of school, so families will have to arrange for lunches each day.

We conduct a whole-school assembly on Thursday from 9:15am where we present some special awards and announce school leaders for 2017. The P&C and school provides a sausage sizzle, ice block and water melon for all students on Thursday.

Friday is a clean-up day in preparation for the 2017 school year and the movement of resources. *Friday ONLY has been designated as a free dress day.*

### Student Absence Notification Process

Students must attend every school day. If, for any reason, your child is unable to attend school, a number of avenues are available for advising the school on the morning of the absence. Please provide student name, date of absence and reason for absence.

- TEXT 0427 786 319
- phone Student Absence Line 4150 6366 (this number is also in the printed header on page 1 of the Newsletter)
- send notification through the Skoolbag app (this app will be discontinued in 2017 and replaced with QParents)
- absence notes are available in the office foyer
- written note from parent/guardian

When the parent/guardian has prior knowledge of a child being absent, a written note to the teacher beforehand is appreciated. Oral messages from pupils are not acceptable.

*In 2017, our school will contact parents as soon as practicable on the day if a student is not at school and we don't know why. If you are advised by the school that your child is away without a reason, please contact us as soon as possible to let us know where your child is. We will follow-up with parents if no response is received. **This process is being trialed this week with some classes.***

### Student of the Week

This section will appear every week in the Newsletter and provides the students with a chance to shine. Students are awarded a Student of the Week Certificate for displaying high achievement levels or efforts in the classroom and quality behaviour and positive attitudes.

Prep BK	<i>Lydia J</i>	Prep J	<i>Alexis S</i>
1C	<i>Graysen B</i>	1GM	<i>Bella G</i>
1L	<i>Kasey H</i> <i>Jordan D</i>		
2KC	<i>Jamieson M</i>	2L	<i>Nate P</i>
2V	<i>Cayla D</i> <i>Sophie D</i> <i>Jacob B</i> <i>Wyatt N</i>		
3B	<i>Sophie N</i>	3R	<i>Angus L</i>
3W	<i>Caitlyn A</i>		
4E	<i>Sophie N</i> <i>Gemma P</i> <i>Hayley S</i> <i>Joshua G</i>	4H	<i>Isabella P McL</i> <i>Ayla W</i> <i>Max M</i>
4/5L	<i>Evie H</i> <i>Chloe H</i> <i>Mystique M</i>		
5M	<i>Emily B</i>	5PR	<i>Tanika H</i> <i>Taishi Y</i>
6D	<i>Logan T</i>	6V	<i>Elle W</i>

Quote: *“No person can be a great leader unless they take genuine joy in the successes of those under them.”*

Jeff Irwin

### Instrumental Music 2017 - Ms Palmer

Thanks to all students who expressed interest in instrumental music for next year, all current enrolment positions have now been filled. Students who didn't receive an enrolment position have been placed on a waiting list for positions that may become available through the year.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Swimming Thanks

As the year draws to a close, I would just like to offer a big thank you to all of our volunteer swimming parents. Those who have given up their own valuable time and provided much needed assistance in Term 1 for Years 4 - 6 and Term 4 for Years 1 - 3. Thank you very much for your support, guidance and input. Without your attendance, swimming classes would just not take place at all. Hope to see you back in 2017.

Thank you!

### 2017 Swimming

Just a reminder to those parents who have students going into Years 4, 5 and 6 in 2017. Swimming will be conducted in Term 1 as a major component of the Physical Education program. Qualified instructors will be utilised as a continuation of the Bundaberg Swim Academy program as per Term 4 of this year. The cost of this program will be approximately \$60 per student. Information sheets will be handed to each child in the first week back in 2017.

### Year 1 / 2 / 3 Private Swimming Lessons

If your son/daughter is in Year 1, 2 or 3 and they are still very unsure of themselves around water and/or have still only got a 'Participation' certificate or a 'Tadpole' certificate from school swimming, they are in desperate need of some private swimming lessons. These lessons are run on a weekly basis and are usually only in groups of up to 4 or 6 children. If you get your child involved in these lessons for 12 - 18 months straight, you will be amazed at how much improvement your child will show with their swimming skills. The program we run at school normally goes 8 - 10 weeks and is an excellent supplement to private swimming lessons along with being a valuable component of the Physical Education Curriculum.

Your child will show some improvement in that 8 - 10 weeks at school swimming but, if this is not followed up with consistent weekly private lessons, in 12 months time your child's swimming skills will have virtually dropped back to where they started.

Most private swimming classes charge between \$12 - \$15 per half hour lesson. I really believe that this is money well spent if, at some point in time, it may save someone's life!!! Please seriously consider taking up these lessons for your child's safety!

### Overdue Swim/Sport Payments

If you know that you still have outstanding monies to pay for school swimming and/or Interschool Sport from this year, please pay at the school office as soon as possible. Up to last week we had approx. \$926 still owing from families across Years 1 - 6. We need to settle our accounts for swim instructors, buses etc before school breaks up for summer holidays this Friday 9 December. This money is way overdue so, come on, be fair and attend to payment ASAP. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation on this very important matter. Thanks to all those families who have already paid - it's greatly appreciated.

Jason Shears, P E Teacher



### A Christmas/New Year Road Safety message from your Wide Bay Burnett District police

It won't be long until you have a rest from the routine school drop-offs and pick-ups for the year. At this time of year we also know how excited children are preparing for end-of-school year celebrations and their concentration may wander away from road safety.

We'd like to remind you about road safety around schools and ask you to revisit this with your children again at the start of the 2017 school year.

Adopt a Cops visit schools at various times and encourage everyone to use the safe environments provided to help keep the flow of traffic moving.



The children pictured above can teach everyone some safety tips:

- Designate the rear door closest to the kerb to be a safety door for children to enter or exit
- Use the drop-off and pick-up zones like a quick moving taxi rank
- Learn to recognise your vehicle and to get in and out quickly and safely when the vehicle has pulled into the signed area.

Parking safely around schools is what the majority of parents and carers do, although if you're rushed and not focused, you may find you have parked contrary to road markings or signage. This behaviour may result in a traffic crash, reduced visibility for other road users and cause traffic congestion. We also need to remember that children are unpredictable and may not understand the dangers associated with roads and vehicles.

Some additional tips from our colleagues at Transport and Main Roads are:

- Remember to say goodbye to your children on the school side of the road – never get them to cross the road alone to their school entrance.
- Walk across the road and meet your children after school – never call out to them from the other side.
- Always single park.

For more information please visit <https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/rules/schools/>.



*SCHOOL NEWS*

**DUX AWARD**



Abbey S



**Citizenship Award  
(Fritz Award)**

Tom D

**Sportspersons of the Year  
(Finger Award)**

Taylor S and

Bill M



**Persistence Award  
(Bargara Rotary)**

Haylie J

**Young Citizenship Award  
(Innes Park  
Neighbourhood Watch)**

Michael B



**Top of Science**

- Science Excellence Award
- Science Excellence Award
- Science Excellence Award
- Science Excellence Award
- Science Excellence Award

- Annalea V
- Ruby M
- Caden W
- Lachlan P
- Ethan M
- Scott B

**Top of History**

- History Excellence Award
- History Excellence Award
- History Excellence Award
- History Excellence Award

- Abbey S
- Holly C
- Bill M
- Ruby M
- Annalea V

**Top of Geography**

- Geography Excellence Award
- Geography Excellence Award
- Geography Excellence Award
- Geography Excellence Award

- Bill M
- Holly C
- Annalea V
- Noah K
- Abbey S
- Ruby M

**Top of Technology**

- Technology Excellence Award
- Technology Excellence Award
- Technology Excellence Award
- Technology Excellence Award
- Technology Excellence Award

- Holly C
- Abbey M
- Abbey S
- Lachlan P
- Scott B
- Annalea V

**Top of the Arts**

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- The Arts Excellence Award
- The Arts Excellence Award
- The Arts Excellence Award
- The Arts Excellence Award
- The Arts Excellence Award

- Holly C
- Abbey S
- Ruby M
- Abbey M
- Nina H
- Bill M
- Grace Z

**Top of Physical Education**

- Physical Education Excellence Award
- Physical Education Excellence Award
- Physical Education Excellence Award
- Physical Education Excellence Award
- Physical Education Excellence Award
- Physical Education Excellence Award
- Physical Education Excellence Award
- Physical Education Excellence Award
- Physical Education Excellence Award
- Physical Education Excellence Award

- Bill M
- Luke B
- Dakoda F
- Ethan M
- Taylor S
- Jordan B
- Jasmin B
- Holly C
- Abbey S
- Abbey M

**Top of English**

- English Excellence Award
- English Excellence Award
- English Excellence Award
- English Excellence Award

- Ruby M
- Bill M
- Abbey S
- Annalea V
- Holly C

**Top of Mathematics**

- Maths Excellence Award
- Maths Excellence Award
- Maths Excellence Award
- Maths Excellence Award
- Maths Excellence Award
- Maths Excellence Award

- Ethan M
- Annalea V
- Bill M
- Ryder M
- Holly C
- Scott B
- Abbey S



*SCHOOL NEWS*

Physical Education Excellence Award	Ryder M	Languages (German) Merit Award	Clay H
Physical Education Excellence Award	Trent B	Languages (German) Merit Award	Isabella C
Physical Education Excellence Award	Scott B	Languages (German) Merit Award	Chloe L
Physical Education Merit Award	Braydon C	Languages (German) Merit Award	Scott B
Physical Education Merit Award	Lachlan P	Languages (German) Merit Award	Keiren S
Physical Education Merit Award	Ollie C	Languages (German) Merit Award	Chenoa S
Physical Education Merit Award	Lara E	Languages (German) Merit Award	Noah T
Physical Education Merit Award	Caleb T	Languages (German) Merit Award	Britney H
Physical Education Merit Award	Grace Z	Languages (German) Merit Award	Ethan M
Physical Education Merit Award	Annalea V	Languages (German) Merit Award	Milly L
Physical Education Merit Award	Keiren S	Languages (German) Merit Award	Michael B
Physical Education Merit Award	Thomas D	Academic Excellence Award	Jasmin B
Physical Education Merit Award	Noah T	Academic Excellence Award	Holly C
<b>Top of Music</b>	Abbey S	Academic Excellence Award	Bill M
Music Excellence Award	Grace S	Academic Excellence Award	Abbey S
Music Excellence Award	Lucy H	Academic Excellence Award	Annalea V
Music Merit Award	Thomas D	Academic Excellence Award	Scott B
Music Merit Award	Clay H	Academic Excellence Award	Clay H
Music Merit Award	Ryder M	Academic Excellence Award	Abbey M
Music Merit Award	Annalea V	Academic Excellence Award	Ryder M
Music Merit Award	Jasmin B	Academic Excellence Award	Zander M
Music Merit Award	Holly C	Academic Excellence Award	Noah K
Music Merit Award	Ruby M	Academic Excellence Award	Ethan M
Music Merit Award for Tenor Saxophone	Thomas D	Academic Excellence Award	Ruby M
Music Merit Award for Percussion	Nicholas W	Academic Excellence Award	Lachlan P
Music Merit Award for Percussion	Logan T	Academic Excellence Award	Taylor S
Music Merit Award for Percussion	Lara E	Academic Excellence Award	Caden W
Music Merit Award for Percussion	Lachlan P	Meritorious Effort Award	Haylie J
Music Merit Award for Clarinet	Abbey M	Meritorious Effort Award	Shakira B
Music Merit Award for Clarinet	Jasmin B	Meritorious Effort Award	Logan T
<b>Top of Languages (German)</b>	Abbey S	Meritorious Effort Award	Michael B
<b>Top of Languages (German)</b>	Holly C	Meritorious Effort Award	Thomas D
Languages (German) Excellence Award	Lucy H	Meritorious Effort Award	Bella D
Languages (German) Excellence Award	Noah K	Meritorious Effort Award	Nina H
Languages (German) Excellence Award	Ruby M		
Languages (German) Excellence Award	Jasmin B		
Languages (German) Excellence Award	Bill M		
Languages (German) Excellence Award	Thomas D		
Languages (German) Excellence Award	Abbey M		
Languages (German) Excellence Award	Annalea V		

**Congratulations** to the following students who were recently presented with Bursaries.

***Kepnock State High School***

Academic     Annalea V

Sporting     Taylor S

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Student Banking**

**- Term 4 Competition**

Each time a student has banked in Term 4, a raffle ticket with their name and class has been put into a box and prizes were drawn and distributed last week.

One prize of \$10 gift card and money box for each year level:

Prep J	Jasper E	4L	Bianca L
1C	Allyssa W	5M	Natasha M
2KC	Luke B	6S	Britney H
3B	Hamish W		

One prize of \$5 cash (sponsored by a Woonie parent) for each year level:

Prep J	Owen G	4E	Declan W
1L	Archie S	5PR	Angus R
2L	Ruby M	6D	Ruby M
3B	Matthew S		

Tracy Balto, Student Banking Coordinator

**P&C News**

**Amart All Sports Community Kick Back Program**

Woongarra School P&C is registered with the Amart AllSports Community Kick Back Program. Join the Team Amart program and nominate Woongarra State School on your account. Every time a purchase is made and the card is swiped, credits are awarded to Woongarra's account. When members have spent a collective \$2000 in any 12 month period, the school receives 5% store credit.

**The Athletes Foot School Rewards Program**

Woongarra State School is registered with The Athletes Foot School Rewards Program in the Hinkler Store. When any shoe is purchased at Hinkler store and you mention Woongarra State School, the school receives a \$5 credit. This is not just shoes for students, it applies to anyone making the purchase and mentioning the school.

Jane Barratt, P&C

**ANZ Tennis Hot Shots**



Four students received ANZ Tennis Hot Shots awards at the recent awards day of the Bundaberg Junior Tennis Family Christmas party.

Angus R came 4<sup>th</sup> at the recent red & orange ball challenge day, Brogan H and Poppy L were named red and orange ball player of the year respectively. Matthew B was a lucky player in red ball. All players including Ryland G train with coach Kevin Banner on a Monday morning at our school.

Another of our players Ethan M will join his sister Chelsea (former student) in CQ Tennis Team in Brisbane from 10 - 14 December. Well done Woonies!!

**CHAPLAINCY DATE CLAIMER**

**Australia Day Golf Event**

Bundaberg Golf Club  
26 January 2017  
9.00am - 4.30pm  
\$25.00 per player



This event is to raise funds in support of the Chaplaincy program within Bundaberg schools, which provides support and guidance to school aged children.

The fun filled event will entail:

- An 18 hole ambrose competition of 3 players per team
- A shotgun start with tee-off at 10am
- Various golfing games, BBQ and drinks
- A closing ceremony



**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

**Please Note:**

There is NO TUCKSHOP in the last week of school in 2016 or the first week in 2017.

Next year we will be trialing Tuckshop days on Tuesday and Thursday.

Tuckshop will be open **Tuesday 31 January 2017.**

A big thank you to all my helpers this year. Help will be required next year so, if there is anyone who could offer any time, please contact me or leave your name and number at the office.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Tuckshop this year. Monies raised through the Tuckshop go back into the school to assist with various projects.

Lyn Dobbs  
Convenor

(H) 4152 6381  
(M) 0418 235 722

**Summer Santa Photos**

Santa is on his way to Neilson Park Beach and he has kindly agreed to get his photo taken with you! There will be a BBQ and some treats to enjoy.

**Date-** 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> of December  
**Time-** 11am - 1pm  
**Place -** Bundaberg Surf Lifesaving Club, Neilson Park, Bargara

All Santa is asking is a **gold coin donation** to help support the Bundaberg Surf Lifesaving Club and Summer Surf Girl, Gemma Henricksen.



**DNA Aquatics**  
Learn to Swim  
**Summer Holiday Intensive Block Lessons**  
Half hour swimming lesson everyday for one week  
Same time each day  
Same Instructor  
MON - FRI  
**\$50**  
Enrolled DNA Students \$40

**BLOCK 1: 12/12 - 16/12**  
**BLOCK 2: 19/12 - 23/12**  
**BLOCK 3: 9/1 - 13/1**  
**BLOCK 4: 16/1 - 20/1**

**0466 034 503**

Keppock State High School Pool  
Gate 3, Baird Street