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).

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.

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) for constructing the sign and Katina Trout for her graphic design work (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!!!
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 watermelon 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  Lydia J  Prep J  Alexis S  
1C  Graysen B  1GM  Bella G  
1L  Kasey H  Jordan D  
2KC  Jamieson M  2L  Nate P  
2V  Cayla D  Sophie D  Jacob B  
      Wyatt N  
3B  Sophie N  3R  Angus L  
3W  Caitlyn A  
4E  Sophie N  4H  Isabella P McL  
      Gemma P  Ayla W  
      Hayley S  Max M  
      Joshua G  
4/5L  Evie H  Chloe H  
      Mystique M  
5M  Emily B  5PR  Tanika H  
      Taishi Y  
6D  Logan T  6V  Elle W

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.
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 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.

**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

Ruby M

Science Excellence Award

Caden W

Science Excellence Award

Lachlan P

Science Excellence Award

Ethan M

Science Excellence Award

Scott B

**Top of History**

History Excellence Award

Holly C

History Excellence Award

Bill M

History Excellence Award

Ruby M

History Excellence Award

Annalea V

**Top of Geography**

Geography Excellence Award

Holly C

Geography Excellence Award

Annalea V

Geography Excellence Award

Noah K

Geography Excellence Award

Abbey S

Geography Excellence Award

Ruby M

**Top of Technology**

Technology Excellence Award

Holly C

Technology Excellence Award

Abbey M

Technology Excellence Award

Bill M

Technology Excellence Award

Scott B

**Top of the Arts**

The Arts Excellence Award

Ruby M

The Arts Excellence Award

Abbey M

The Arts Excellence Award

Nina H

The Arts Excellence Award

Bill M

The Arts Excellence Award

Grace Z

**Top of Physical Education**

Physical Education Excellence Award

Luke B

Physical Education Excellence Award

Dakoda F

Physical Education Excellence Award

Ethan M

Physical Education Excellence Award

Taylor S

Physical Education Excellence Award

Jordan B

Physical Education Excellence Award

Jasmin B

Physical Education Excellence Award

Holly C

Physical Education Excellence Award

Abbey S

Physical Education Excellence Award

Abbey M
### Physical Education Excellence Award
- Ryder M
- Trent B
- Scott B
- Braydon C
- Lachlan P
- Ollie C
- Caleb T
- Grace Z
- Annalea V
- Keiren S
- Thomas D
- Noah T

### Physical Education Merit Award
- Braydon C
- Lachlan P
- Ollie C
- Lara E
- Caleb T
- Grace Z
- Annalea V
- Keiren S
- Thomas D
- Noah T

### Music Excellence Award
- Abbey S
- Grace S
- Lucy H
- Thomas D
- Clay H
- Ryder M
- Annalea V
- Jasmin B
- Ruby M

### Music Merit Award
- Abbey S
- Thomas D
- Clay H
- Ryder M
- Annalea V
- Jasmin B
- Clay H
- Noah T
- Ruby M

### Top of Music
- Abbey S
- Grace S
- Lucy H
- Thomas D
- Clay H
- Ryder M
- Annalea V
- Jasmin B
- Clay H
- Ruby M

### Languages (German) Excellence Award
- Lucy H
- Noah K
- Ruby M
- Jasmin B
- Abbey M
- Michael B
- Bill M
- Anna Lea V
- Thomas D

### Languages (German) Merit Award
- Clay H
- Isabella C
- Chloe L
- Scott B
- Keiren S
- Chenoa S
- Britney H
- Ethan M
- Milly L
- Michael B
- Anna Lea V
- Zander M
- Holly C
- Noah K
- Ethan M
- Ruby M
- Lachlan P
- Caden W
- Haylie J
- Shakira B
- Logan T
- Michael B
- Thomas D
- Bella D
- Nina H

### Academic Excellence Award
- Abbey S
- Anna Lea V
- Scott B
- Clay H
- Ryder M

### Meritorious Effort Award
- Haylie J
- Shakira B
- Logan T
- Michael B
- Thomas D

### Congratulations

**Kepnock State High School**

- **Academic**: Anna Lea V, Thomas D
- **Sporting**: Taylor S
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**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 4th 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

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**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:** 11th & 18th 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 Henriksen.

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**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