Dear Parents, Staff and Students:

Attendance target 95% or better. Last week’s attendance rate was 97%. Let’s together make every day count!! Thanks to Bundy Bowl and Leisure Complex for giving the school some awards each term to promote attendance.

Proud to be a Woonie!!
Now in my sixth year at Woongarra, I am proud to call myself a Woonie!! Parents and guardians, you have every right to be proud of your children and your school. This hasn’t just happened but has been achieved by cooperation between school and home. The 5 B’s are five simple expectations we apply with all students at Woongarra State School and I know you must at home too.

Be RESPECTFUL of yourself, others and property.
Be POSITIVE: Give it your best shot.
Be RESPONSIBLE: Be safe and aware.
Be PROUD: Take pride in yourself, your work and your school.
Be TOLERANT: Understanding of others’ ideas, beliefs and feelings.

I also love the way these expectations are woven into the school song. The words of this wonderful song are recorded below:

1. Woongarra, we are red and green.  
   Always ready, always keen.  
   Proud to represent our school,  
   Be it on the field or in the pool.

2. We love to welcome a new guest  
   With the Woonie insignia emblazoned on our chest.  
   In school spirit we are strong.  
   Everyone knows they belong.

   Chorus
   We are Woonies, standing strong.  
   We are Woonies, at Woongarra we belong.  
   We’re all diff’rent, but together we sing our song:

3. Here at Woongarra we try our best.  
   Until it’s finished, we do not rest.  
   And when it is done,  
   We all know we can have some fun.

   Chorus
   We’re respectful, we’re responsible,  
   We’re positive.  
   We are tolerant and proud  
   And that’s just how it is.

School Staffing 2017
To start the year we have 458 children. Children have made a great start to the year and thank you parents for having them in uniform and with stationery supplies.

The 5 B’s
The 5 B’s are five simple expectations we apply with all students at Woongarra State School. Each class will discuss how each of these rules applies to their particular age and year level.

This month we are concentrating particularly on ‘Being Respectful’. Children demonstrating this 5B outside in the playground will be recognized with a “Woonie”. All Woonies achieved gives the recipient a chance to win an ice block and bookmark at assembly each week.

Week 2 winners were (from Prep to Year 6): Summar D, Marley W, Huntah C, Tom E, Jasmine K, Mia B and Jessica H.
Car Parking
The car park is a DANGEROUS place, particularly in the afternoon pick up time. To ease congestion we invite early arriving Prep parents (without older siblings) to depart at 2:50 pm; hopefully freeing up some parks for the 3:00pm rush.

Some road safety issues of particular concern:

1. **Escorting children from the car park into admin car park across entering and exiting lanes of traffic.**
   This reinforces (with children) that this is a safe and acceptable entry point and it is most definitely not safe. The ONLY safe entry point is across the raised footpath crossing. Adults should model the safe entry and exit procedure.

2. **Parking in no standing areas close to the “lollipop crossing” endangers the lives of children.**
   Police have been invited to attend the rush hour to see if they can convince drivers of the dangers of parking in this area and to issue tickets. This was particularly a problem last Thursday. The roads were gridlocked because people parked in no standing areas!!

3. **Drop and Go Area** is for exactly that; drop and go. When dropping off or collecting children you may not leave your vehicle if parked in this area defined with a yellow line. If the drop and go parks in front of you are free then move forward so more cars can fit in here.

4. **Parking or dropping off in the bus zone**.
   There are some vehicles in this area but they are either Childcare minibuses or family day-care vehicles. No other vehicles should drop off or collect in this area. Let’s all be considerate of others and follow the rules. It certainly makes the area much safer for all our kids! If you can wait until 3.20pm to collect your kids, especially if they are older, that will assist the congestion too and the car park is less busy then!!

5. **Parking in the Administration area and disability car park.**
   The visitor car park in the administration car park is not there for parents to drop off students. It is for visiting workers/staff etc. Please only park in the marked disabled car parks if you have the appropriate sticker on your car!!

**Quote:** “Marriage is the alliance of two people, one of whom never remembers birthdays and the other who never forgets.”
Ogden Nash

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**ICY CUPS**
Wednesday - second lunch break
$0.25 ½ cup for Prep students
$0.50 full cup
Each student may purchase 1 icy cup for themselves only! Prep money is collected from class in the morning and icy cups are delivered to class.

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**Scholastic Book Club**
- **closing 3pm Wednesday 8 February** -
   Book Club catalogues have been distributed to students. All catalogues are available to be viewed on the Scholastic Book Club web site scholastic.com.au. Additional catalogues are available at the Library.

A reminder that payment can be made via the LOOP app (all instructions are on the back of the catalogue) or by credit card over the phone. Alternatively, orders and payment are to be handed in to the school office by 3.00pm Wednesday 8 February.

**Student Banking**
Don’t forget that WEDNESDAY is School Banking day!

**Gear up with these Future Savers rewards**

As part of our Future Savers theme, the following rewards are a great way to keep children motivated and demonstrate the value of saving. The rewards are released through the year.

- Cyber Handball - Term 1
- Colour Change Markers - Term 1
- 3D Chalk Set - Term 2
- Tablet Case - Term 2
- Smiley Emoji Keyring - Term 3
- Volt Handball - Term 3
- Pencil + Tech Case - Term 4
- Epic Earphones - Term 4

When 10 School Banking deposits have been made, a form will be sent home to choose a reward from those available that term.

**Keep saving for a chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland**
Simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017 and you’ll automatically receive an entry into the competition for a chance to win an unforgettable family trip to Tokyo Japan. One lucky winner and their family (up to two adults and three children) will be able to explore Tokyo Disneyland with its amazing attractions, including the futuristic Tomorrowland, plus enjoy the fun rides at Tokyo DisneySea.

Tracy Balto (School Banking Co-ordinator)
**Wide Bay School Sport Swim Team**

Information regarding the Wide Bay Primary Schools’ Swim Team is now at the school office. This team is open to any student aged 10 - 12 years. Students with a disability (SWD) may also nominate. Students who have turned, or are turning, 13 this year, are ineligible. Swimmers must meet the qualifying times (enclosed in the information pack) that are to be verified by a swim club secretary or registrar. Nominations close on Wednesday 15 February and must be at St Luke’s Anglican School administration office (or to Mrs Maryann Baren at St Luke’s) by this date. Cut off time is 3pm.

**Wide Bay Capricorn Surf Life Saving**

Jorja O (3B) recently attended the Wide Bay Capricorn Surf Life Saving Branch Championships in Yeppoon and won five (5) medals.

♦ 1 gold in Under 8 - Under 14 Team Relay
♦ 1 gold in Individual Sprint
♦ 1 silver in Team Deep Water Wade
♦ 1 silver in Under 8 Relay
♦ 1 silver in Flags

**Free Microsoft Office 2016 for students and school staff**

All Queensland state school staff and students can now download multiple free copies of the latest Microsoft Office to their personal home computers and mobile devices.

With Office 2016, students and staff will have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets, PowerPoint for presentations, OneNote for organisation and notetaking, and much more.

Students and staff will need to use their school email address to sign in. The subscription lasts for as long as they are a Queensland state school student or school-based staff member.

It is important to note that Office 2016 is available for personal devices only, not devices owned by the Department or part of a school network. Errors and conflicts will occur if Office 2016 is downloaded on departmental devices, as these already have a licensed copy of Microsoft Office.

To download Office 2106 to a PC or Mac, visit portal.office.com, log in using your school email address, click through to install and follow the on-screen process. For tablets and smartphones, download from the app store and sign in with your school email address. Detailed instructions are available at education.qld.gov.au/office2016.

**Communication and Conversations**

Nearly everything you will achieve in life will come from working with people, through people and by people. How well you COMMUNICATE with others will lead to your success.

With so much communication today done via - texting - Facebook - Twitter - emails - phone - you are not having the opportunities to have conversations with real people in person and FACE TO FACE. When having a conversation in person with others try the following things:

C Communicate - be open and honest
A Achieve - aim for win win talks
R Respect - listen and be interested
E Expect - give more, then get more

"The greatest motivational act one person can do for another is to listen."

Roy E Moody

**RI IN-SERVICE & TRAINING**

Tuesday 14 February
at Apostolic Church, Ashfield Road
commencing at 9.30am

**HELP WANTED IN TUCKSHOP**

If you have any spare time, please consider helping in Tuckshop, even if only for a couple of hours. Your time is appreciated and would help the Tuckshop to operate efficiently.

Thanking you.

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