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Dear Parents, Staff and Students:

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Attendance target 95% or better. Last week's attendance rate was 94.5%. (So far this year our attendance is 96.3%). 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.

Friday was our lowest attendance day for the year. Remember every day is important!!

Bullying Behaviour... Part 4



Kid's come to school to learn in a safe, supportive and challenging school environment and no one has the right to make others frightened, uncomfortable or unhappy.

Our school has a consistent whole-school approach to ensure that kids are able to come to learn in a safe, supportive and challenging school environment. Our approach to Bullying Behaviour has been outlined in the Newsletter over several weeks and I hope parents draw confidence from what has been explained.

I believe that Woongarra's Code of Student Behaviour leaves no doubt about our commitment to provide a positive school and learning environment. With about 460 students at Woongarra, some form of bullying behaviour occurs and students, teachers and parents all have a responsibility to respond positively and consistently.

I am currently discussing this on assemblies, reminding students about what to do when they meet bullying behaviour i.e. the approaches, I have outlined over the last few weeks. Teachers too, provide time for classes to discuss issues especially after lunch breaks. Teachers do take this very seriously and follow through on situations, reporting to each other things that have been reported to them at lunch times. Please continue to support the school by, like us, saying "NO" TO BULLYING and not choosing to ignore it!

MARCH

WEEK 7

- Tues 7 Tuckshop
- Wed 8 Newsletter
Student Banking
Book Club due
- Thur 9 Tuckshop
Year 4-6 Swimming
P-3 Assembly
- Fri 10 Breakfast
Year 4-6 Assembly

WEEK 8

- Tues 14 Tuckshop
P&C Meeting
- Wed 15 Newsletter
Student Banking
- Thur 16 Tuckshop
Year 4-6 Swimming
P-3 Assembly
- Fri 17 Breakfast
Year 4-6 Assembly

WEEK 9

- Tues 21 Tuckshop
- Wed 22 Newsletter
Student Banking
- Thur 23 Tuckshop
Year 4-6 Swimming
P-3 Assembly
- Fri 24 Breakfast
Year 4-6 Assembly

Disco

We are having our first school disco for the year on Tuesday March 28!

Theme: *The job you would like in the future!*

Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm
(But no leaving until parents/carers come to collect you)

There will be a scrumptious sausage sizzle \$2, chilly cold drinks \$1, plus chocolates 50c available for sale at the Tuckshop. Glow Sticks will be on sale too – 50c and \$1.

Parents can choose to stay (we have plenty of chairs!!) or leave, but please don't be late to collect your children. It's a \$2.00 entry fee for Woongarra School children and adults are free. So if you want to come, join the fun!

Please note this disco is for current Woongarra students only.



SCHOOL NEWS

Parking or Dropping off in the Bus Zone

Please do not use the bus zone to collect or drop off children. There are some vehicles in this area but they are either childcare minibuses or family day-care vehicles. Only these vehicles and our school buses may use this area.

When everyone follows the rules, it makes things a whole lot better!!!

The 5 Bs

The 5 Bs 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.

For the next two weeks, we are concentrating particularly on 'Being Responsible'. Children demonstrating this 5B outside in the playground will be recognised with a "Woonie". All Woonies achieved give the recipients a chance to win an ice block and bookmark at assembly each week.

Week 6 winners were (from Prep to Year 6):

Jack T, Arliyah P, Riley S, Josie G, Sennan C, Grace R and Jessica H.

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>Tahlia B</i>	Prep GM	<i>Ella C</i>
Prep J	<i>Banjo C</i>		
1C	<i>Ryan B</i>	1L	<i>Jamie M</i>
1/2KC	<i>Brooklyn S</i>		
2L	<i>Riley B</i>	2V	<i>Susannah McN</i>
3B	<i>Maya G</i>	3R	<i>Anna S</i>
3W	<i>Zedd P</i>		
4E	<i>Paiton W</i>	4H	<i>Hannah C</i>
4L	<i>Nathaniel D</i>		
5M	<i>Aislynn L-R</i>	5PR	<i>Keiarna S</i>
5/6S	<i>Angus R</i>		
6D	<i>Blake C</i>	6V	<i>Brie G</i>

Band students playing on assembly

Make sure you bring your instrument to play on assembly this Friday and start setting up in the hall straight after morning tea.



Lisa Palmer

MS PALMER – BAND STUDENTS ONLY

It's time to start our band practices for the year. Band practices will begin on Mondays at 8.15am.

Parent Teacher Interviews

The school will have parent/teacher interviews later this term. Interviews will be conducted as follows:

First Parent Teacher Interviews will focus on "**Where Your Child Is**". It will be a short interview of approx. 10 to 15 minutes. It will focus on reading ability, mathematics, writing ability, behaviour, work habits, social interactions and areas of focus/goals. A second interview is available in September, with written reports in June and December. This interview will be very important as it will provide parents with information about critical areas of the curriculum.

At these interviews, no written proforma/summary will be presented to parents. The offering of 2 interviews and 2 written reports will give comprehensive detail of where your child is. These interviews are important and we expect everyone to attend. A note will come home very soon with offers for interviews at the following times:

Prep BK, Prep GM and Prep J	Weeks 9 and 10
1C and 1L	Weeks 9 and 10
1/2KC	Week 9
2L and 2V	Weeks 9 and 10
3B	Week 9
3R and 3W	Weeks 9 and 10
4E, 4H and 4L	Week 9
5M	Week 9
5PR	Week 10
5/6S	Week 9
6D	Week 9
6V	Week 10

Please make every effort to attend this first interview.

Quote: *"A friendship can weather most things and thrive in thin soil; but it needs a little mulch of letters and phone calls and small silly presents every so often – just to save it from drying out completely!"*

Jeff Irwin

P&C Easter Raffle

The annual P&C Easter Raffle is on again this year. Donations of anything Easter (chocolate eggs, bunnies etc) can be left at the school office.



Tickets are being sent home today 8 March with the eldest child in the family. *Please return all tickets and donations by Friday 24 March.* The raffle will be drawn on Monday 27 March and winners will be contacted and advertised in the Newsletter.

The Easter raffle is our first fundraiser for the year so we encourage everyone to get involved. Thank you.

Jane Barratt, P&C President

SCHOOL NEWS

**Religious Instruction
voluntary contribution**

Religious Instruction classes for Years 1 - 6 in 2017 will commence in weeks 5 - 6. Please note, Preps do not have an RI program and Year 1s do RI for the first time.

An envelope from the Bundaberg Religious Instruction Co-Operative is being sent home today with the eldest child in the family. If you would like to contribute to help cover the cost of materials used for the Religious Instruction classes here at Woongarra, we ask you to enclose your money and return it to the school office. An annual contribution of \$5 per child or \$10 maximum per family would be appreciated.

The money is not receipted through the school account. However your envelope will be signed by a member of the Bundaberg Religious Instruction Co-Operative and returned to your child in due course.

Thank you for your support.

Girl Guides Bundaberg

Girl Guides provides a non-formal education program that is a dynamic, flexible and values-based training in life skills, decision-making and leadership. It is supported by trained volunteer Leaders who are committed to Girl Guides Australia's mission statement: *To enable girls and young women to grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.*

Girls ages 6-14 are eligible to join the Girl Guides and young women aged from 14-18 have the opportunity to participate in the Rangers program. If your daughter is interested, you can come along and try for free for the first 2 weeks to see what it's all about.

For further information, please contact either Marlene Rayner on 4152 6570 or Ann Vautin on 0438 532 763.

Bundaberg School Basketball Trials

The Bundaberg School Basketball trials were held on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Out of all the schools, Woongarra easily has the most students trying out, which was a great effort. Congratulations to Lachlan S, Keenan M, Izzi G, Jordan H and Riley M for making the Bundy boys team. They will now travel to Maryborough for the Wide Bay trials early next term.



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.

A word From Chaplain Paula

The gloom of the world is but a shadow; behind it, yet within our reach is joy.

Take Joy.....

Fra Giovanni

Chaplain Paula will be working
Wednesdays and Fridays
@ Woongarra SS

**COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE FOR
SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY**

Sunday March 26
at Bundaberg Christian College
commencing @ 6.30pm.

ALL WELCOME!

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

At this time each year we invite parents to consider nominating their children in Years 3-6 to compete in ICAS. The competitions form the largest independent assessment program for schools available in Australia, Asia and the Pacific region.

All competing students receive a certificate and result sheet. These certificates, result sheets and test booklets are distributed to individual students when results are returned to the school. Each competition costs \$8.00.

- Science:** Tuesday 30 May
- English:** Tuesday 1 August
- Mathematics:** Tuesday 15 August

Parents interested in registering students are asked to forward money in an envelope with competitions clearly indicated and your child's name and class. *Nominations will be accepted until Friday 24 March.*

We particularly encourage all Year 3 - 6 students in extension Maths or English to 'have a go'.



TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 9 March
Tracy Balto
Fiona Ames
Belinda Loeskow

Tuesday 14 March
Leesa Courtice (until 10.30am)
Kelly Hooper (from 10.30am)
Juanita Ryan

Thursday 16 March
Tracy Balto
Belinda Loeskow
Leesa Courtice
Leisha Bartholomai
(9.00 - 11.00)

Thank you ladies for your continued support. Your help is very much appreciated. Please let me know ASAP if you can't attend your rostered day.

**HELP WANTED
IN TUCKSHOP**

Lunch provided - tea/coffee
Flexible hours - morning / afternoon. Please consider.

Lyn Dobbs
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Acorn Vacation Care

- A sample of the Easter Holiday Program*
- Metal Detector Treasure Hunt ...
 - Norville Pool Inflatable Play ...
 - Old MacDonalds Farm ... Golf ...
 - Movies ... Make a Sail Boat ...
 - Sail our Boats and Swim ...
 - Lake Ellen Bushwalk ...

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