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WELCOME BACK

10 February 2016

Dear Parents, Staff and Students:

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School Staffing 2016

To start the year we have 460 children. The children have made a great start to the year and thank you parents for having them in uniform and with stationery supplies.

Woongarra News

The Newsletter is commenced with **Dear Parents, Staff and Students** because the expectation is that **ALL** three groups will read the News. Not necessarily all of it, but the sections where the headline grabs your attention or it's a topic of interest or necessity to you.

For those who have been at Woongarra for several years, you may often take things for granted and believe that other parents and kids **KNOW** about our school's expectations and routines when they don't. Articles are often repeated in the Newsletter but they serve as reminders!

Thanks for taking the time, every Wednesday, to read the Woongarra News. Ask your oldest child for your copy. Spare copies are available from the display stand in the school office foyer and are also uploaded to our webpage www.woongarrass.eq.edu.au and our school app (Skoolbag).

Insurance Cover for Students

Some school activities, especially sport, involve some inherent risk of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education does not have student accident insurance.

If your child is injured at school or at a school activity as the result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs, are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver.

It is up to parents what types and what level of private insurance they wish to arrange to cover their child.

Making Things Better

With approximately 300 families, 460 students and 60 staff at Woongarra, the chances of a perfect week, or day, or hour are not always possible! Therefore, it is important that each of us takes personal responsibility and plays a part in "making things better".

There are lots of things that we can do to fix things up, just as there are lots of things that we can do to make things worse. Here are some things to avoid ...

1. **Talking about a concern to everybody else** ... except the person with whom you have the concern. If you can afford the time to talk to someone else, you can afford the time to talk to the person involved.
2. **Talking to others around the school or in the car park** ... The person to whom you are talking ... are they able to fix/clarify the concern? If the answer is **NO** go to one person who might be able to.
3. **Talking on Facebook or other social media**.....If who you are communicating with can't help solve the issue why talk about it with them. Please do not use social media to complain about the school or something that may have happened, as that is not the way to fix something.
4. While some issues can pass without seeking clarification, **the longer you leave it** the deeper the concern becomes. There is no time like the present to change your frown to a smile.

ICY CUPS

Wednesdays
second lunch break



\$0.25 ½ cup for Prep students

\$0.50 full cup

Each student may purchase 1 icy cup for themselves only!

FEBRUARY

WEEK 2

Mon	1	Tuckshop begins
Wed	3	Newsletter Student Banking begins
Thur	4	Tuckshop Year 4-6 Swimming P-3 Assembly
Fri	5	Year 4-6 Assembly NO BREAKFAST

WEEK 3

Mon	8	Tuckshop
Tues	9	P&C Meeting
Wed	10	Newsletter Student Banking
Thur	11	Tuckshop Book Club closes 3pm Prep photos Year 4-6 Swimming P-3 Assembly
Fri	12	Year 4-6 Assembly Breakfast

WEEK 4

Mon	15	Tuckshop
Wed	17	Newsletter Student Banking
Thur	18	Tuckshop Year 4-6 Swimming P-3 Assembly
Fri	19	Year 4-6 Assembly Breakfast

SCHOOL NEWS

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.

Two road safety issues are 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.
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 relieving the congestion too and the car park is less busy then!!

Student Success at School

Student success at school has a direct relationship to parental interest in school. Success for students occurs when families ...

- ✦ Expect their children to achieve
- ✦ Value education and tell their children this
- ✦ Discuss school positively at home
- ✦ Have routines
- ✦ Encourage children to have a range of interests

At Woongarra, I have observed how teachers are always trying to 'raise the bar' and promote excellence. I know parents support this too. Woongarra children come to school to learn, to be safe, to be supported, to be challenged and we need to do everything we can to support this. My focus will always be **THE BIG 3 ... QUALITY BEHAVIOUR ... POSITIVE ATTITUDES ... QUALITY LEARNING!**

Playground Equipment

All playgrounds (Year 1 at front of school, Prep in Prep area, the wooden playground on the big oval and the playground on the junior oval) are not to be used before or after school as they are not supervised by school staff at these times. Please remind your children of this.

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>Koby C</i>	Prep J	<i>Ava I</i>
1C	<i>Kealah S</i>	1GM	<i>Chelsea F</i>
1L	<i>Dana G</i>		<i>Taylin P</i>
2KC	<i>Jamieson M</i>	2L	<i>Chloe B</i>
2V	<i>Caleb H</i>		
3B	<i>Kade R</i>	3R	<i>Sneha K</i>
3W	<i>Nait G</i>		<i>Katie T</i>
4E	<i>Alex C</i>	4H	<i>Ava H</i>
4/5L	<i>Ryan S</i>		
5M	<i>Lachlan H</i>	5PR	<i>Angus R</i>
6D	<i>Noah K</i>	6S	<i>Haylie J</i>
6V	<i>Noah T</i>		

Quote: *“The only way to have a friend is to be one.”*

Jeff Irwin

Instrumental Music

Please ensure forms have been handed in at the office and fees paid so that your student can start lessons immediately. Students also need to have everything listed on their equipment list.

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



Scholastic Book Club

- closing 3pm Thursday 11 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 Thursday 11 February.

SCHOOL NEWS

Brisbane Broncos Visit

Last Friday, Woongarra State School was lucky enough to be one of only 14 schools out of approx. 80 schools in the Bundaberg District to be selected to receive a visit from three (3) players from the Broncos trial squad that played against the Cowboys trial squad last Saturday night at Salter Oval.

Having only received final confirmation of their visit late Wednesday afternoon, it was decided that only the Year 4, 5 and 6 classes (200 students) would attend this special assembly. This was based on the fact that it was more than likely going to be very humid inside the hall and, with rain about, difficult to open up all the doors to cool it down for 460 students plus staff. Also, with the assembly expected to go for 45 minutes or longer, we thought it to be a long time for the younger students to have to be sitting still on assembly. And, finally, knowing that the presentation was going to be the NRL's Healthy Living, Lifestyle and Well-being Program, we realised that this was aimed more at and much more applicable to the 9 - 12 years age group.

So, at 2.15pm, Josh McGuire, George Fai and Alex Barr arrived at Woongarra, accompanied by NRL GDO Dominic Draper from Rockhampton. Dominic was the M.C. for the presentation which took the students through some key areas of the program including sleep, belonging, hydration and some Broncos trivia. It was very much run like a TV game show with half the school in the yellow team and the other half in the Maroon team (Broncos colours!). George was with the *yellow* team and Alex with the *maroon* team. Josh was the "phone a friend" option. At the end of the presentation, the *yellow team won by 10 points to 9*. School leader Bill M then did a vote of thanks on behalf of all students and staff to Josh, George, Alex and Dominic.

Unfortunately, time did not permit the players to stay around for individual autographs and photos but they were more than happy to get into the one big giant photo of all 20 Woonie students together. Mr Fritz put up a 'Welcome Broncos' sign at the front of the school with the players' names on it and the players all stopped to take photos of this - thanks Mr Fritz!

P.S. It was great to see so many Woonies out at Shalom on the Thursday afternoon before, for the free coaching clinic and autograph signing session where all 20 Broncos players and Coach Wayne Bennett were available. I also saw a couple of ex-Woonies at the Friday night 'Meet and Greet' at Shalom where all 40 Broncos and Cowboys players were available for autographs and photos. And a number of current and ex-Woonies were seen at the game on Saturday night at Salter Oval. One of our students was very lucky to be given Bronco Matt Gillett's footy boots that he played in on the night - I won't tell anybody it was you Bill - let's just keep it a secret between you and me!!!

Cowboys GDO Visit

Last Thursday lunch time, 25 invited Woonie students (from Years 4 - 6) with a specific interest in playing rugby league, were asked to spend some time with North Queensland Cowboys' GDO Liam Bartlett. Liam had come down from Townsville prior to the Cowboys NRL trial squad visit to get out amongst a few selected local schools and spread the word on NRL player preparation, performance and self-esteem. Once again, we were one of the lucky schools to be selected.

Liam went through with our students, some of the processes and duties that Cowboys players like Thurston, Tamou and Morgan etc are expected to follow on a daily basis, as part of being an NRL player. Liam then put our students through a fun passing / try-scoring drill that, although we had to do it inside, really got the players' competitive juices flowing.

South Burnett GDO Colin Huxtable and our local GDO Dwayne McKay also helped out. I know this small but invaluable session was of interest as I have had a number of these students see me about when school footy training begins! (Possibly later this term!)

Thanks very much to the NQ Cowboys, and Liam Bartlett in particular, along with both Colin and Dwayne for your input.

AFL Visit

Last week, we had the pleasure of hosting Bundaberg / Wide Bay AFL Queensland Coaching and Development Officer Shaun Stone at Woongarra State School. He also brought with him his two (2) off-siders Jay and Billie.

The three of them took all of the Phys. Ed. classes throughout the week from Prep to Year 6. They did a lot of mini and modified AFL games and skill drills promoting the AFL Auskick program currently being held here at Woongarra. It was great to see about 25 students after school on Monday getting right into their kicking, handballing and marking, out on the junior oval.

Many thanks to Shaun, Jay and Billie for attending P.E. classes last week. A massive THANK-YOU to all students who behaved themselves and participated so well for our special guest visitors.

Table Tennis Visit

Last Wednesday lunch time, Dave Delpratt, the Bundaberg Table Tennis Coaching and Development Officer, attended Woongarra State School. He was accompanied by the Queensland Director of Coaching for Table Tennis, Patrick Wuertz. Their visit was for the purpose of promoting the start of the new junior table tennis fixtures on a Friday night, out at the Bundaberg Table Tennis Centre on Kendalls Road (near the airport).

About 50 of our Year 4, 5 and 6 students turned up to our hall to have a free hit of table tennis with these coaches.

Now, Patrick travels all over Queensland, and sometimes interstate. He is originally from Germany. He has been in many, many schools in his current role. He spoke to both Deputy Principal Ms Oakley and myself about how great the kids are at Woongarra. He made comment on how well-mannered they all are, how self-disciplined they are and how great they all looked in their uniforms, wearing them with such pride. He basically said that this had been the best school he had ever visited. He was also quite impressed with the overall standard of table tennis skills the children displayed.

WOW WOONIES!!! Well done boys and girls for putting on such a great display of being just nice people! This not only makes you look good but it also enhances the super-reputation of Woongarra State School in our community and beyond.

Congratulations, and feel very proud of yourselves!

Jason Shears (P.E. Teacher)

SCHOOL NEWS

**Religious Instruction
Cooperative In-service Day for 2016**

Date: Tuesday 16 February 2016
 Time: 9.30am to 2.00pm
 Venue: Apostolic Church on Ashfield Rd.
 Morning tea and lunch is provided.

Guest speakers include Josh Symes from Bundaberg Baptist and Lisa Hardie from SU Chaplaincy.

If you are interested in helping with Religious Instruction classes or need more information, please see Paula Dalrymple.

SPIN OFF - SPIN BIKE CHALLENGE

"A CHAPPY FUNDRAISER"

10 people / 1 x Bike / 30 minutes

Saturday March 12 3:00 - 6:00pm
 YMCA

- Primary section
- High School section
- Open Section

\$10 registration for this fun event with DJ!

**Please see Paula Dalrymple
for more information**

Online video link to check out.....

SPIN OFF BUNDABERG 2016

www.youtube.com

For more information

visit: <http://spinoff.org.au/>



**FREE MASSAGE
WEEKEND!!**

20 - 21 February

Sore or injured muscles?
 Stressed? Need to relax and
 forget about the world?

Come and see the friendly Staff at
A Working Body Massage Clinic,
 23 Boston Street, Bundaberg for their annual
FREE MASSAGE WEEKEND!!

*Joanne, Aaron and Becky
 are giving away 30min massages all weekend.*
 Bookings are essential. Be quick before spots run out!
 Call 4151 0028 or 0428 794 126 to book your spot!
 COME AND TRY ... IT'S FREE!

FREE MASSAGE, ALL WEEKEND

RELAX SORE AND STRESSED MUSCLES

RECHARGE FROM THE WEEK

KICKSTART YOUR WEEKEND

BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW

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 17 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.

A word From Chaplain Paula

Some interesting facts about our bodies and creation:-

- * Your bones, ounce for ounce, are stronger than steel.
- * When we are awake our brain makes enough electricity to turn on a small light bulb.
- * All of the DNA in your body, if we stretched it out, would reach to the planet Pluto and back.
- * The sea horse uses its fins to swim vertically, and rises or sinks by cleverly altering the volume of gas within its swim bladder. If this bladder is damaged, and it loses even a tiny bit of gas, it sinks to the bottom.

**COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE
FOR CHAPLAINCY**

This Sunday 14 February

Moncrieff Theatre @ 6:00pm

Thank you for your support of this event!



TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 11 February

Shani Paulsen (after 9.00)
 Tracy Balto
 Natalie Miller
 Leisha Bartholomai
 (9.00 - 11.00)
 Leesa Courtice (9.00 - 11.30)

Monday 15 February

Shani Paulsen (after 9.00)
 Melissa Griffiths
 Belinda Loeskow
 Chantell Splitt (9.00 - 11.30)

Thursday 18 February

Shani Paulsen (after 9.00)
 Tracy Balto
 Kelly Hooper (11.30 - 2.30)
 Leisha Bartholomai
 (9.00 - 11.00)
 Leesa Courtice (9.00 - 11.30)

Thank you all for your support. Please contact me ASAP if you are unable to attend your rostered day so a replacement may be arranged.

Specials

Mini Pikelets A \$ 0.30
 Jelly Cups A \$ 1.00

Lyn Dobbs
 Convenor
 (H) 4152 6381
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Tennis



Bundaberg Tennis Academy Professional Coach, Kevin Banner, will be commencing Tennis lessons at the school tennis courts, Monday - 8 February 2016 from 8am-8.45am for boys and girls in Years 3-6. Loan Rackets are available.

Players must register with Kevin by phoning: 4152 0753 or 0409 520753.