Attendance target 94% or better. Last week’s attendance was 92.6%. Thanks to Bundy Bowl and Leisure Complex for giving the school some awards to promote attendance each term this year (www.bundybowl.com.au).

**Prep 2017**

It is getting to that time when we look at Prep for the new year. If you know you have a Prep child commencing next year please let the office know. This will really assist with class planning for 2017. We would like to have 3 Prep classes again but this will mean we need a larger enrolment than this year.

Students are eligible for Prep next year if they are born between July 2011 and June 2012. Please let your friends, neighbours and relatives know!!

A Birth Certificate is required for enrolment. Don’t leave it to the last minute - apply for a birth certificate now.

**Maths Teams Challenge**

Twenty five Year 5 and 6 students will travel to Bundaberg North State High School to compete in the annual Maths Teams’ Challenge on September 8.

The students have been practising very hard over the last 5 months and have really improved as problem solvers! We wish them well when they take on all schools in Bundaberg.

**Starting and Finishing Times**

School at Woongarra begins at 8:55am and finishes at 3:00pm. I understand that circumstances can occur that prevent students getting to school on time but this should only be on occasions. **Good habits are a habit** and it is important for kids to arrive at school in a “stress free” state of mind. They need time to play … to talk … to get organised for the day.

The same applies in the afternoon. School finishes at 3:00 pm and to have regular requests for students to be collected at 2:45 pm or earlier has an impact. (Please though where possible collect your children by 3:25pm. Even though we have bus children until later. It is not the school’s responsibility to look after children well after 3pm.)

The routines that classes have at the end of the day are equally as important as those at the beginning. If kids consistently miss the last 10 – 15 minutes of a school day … this adds up to lots of reminders, farewell notices, congratulations and routines … being missed.

Thank you for being aware of the 8:55 am and 3:00 pm times and I look forward to your continued understanding and co-operation.

**Every Day Counts**

Being at school every day at Woongarra is very important, so please make the commitment to your children and their education. Every day counts because:

… children achieve better when they go to school all day and each school day
… going to school means getting a better chance at life
… school helps children make friends and be happy
… the law says children must go to school.

What will our school do:

… Mark rolls every day to see who is here
… Ask you why your child is not at school
… Teach them every school day
… Help you get your child to school.

Please work with your school to make “every day count.”
**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  Madalyn F  Prep J  Mackenzie W
1C  Hola F  1GM  Oscar B
1L  Archie H  Dominic W
2KC  Thomas E  2L  Eva J
2V  Leah F  Bridget M
3W  Matt R  3R  Isabelle H
4E  Baylee H  4H  Riccardo S
4/5L  Bianca L
5PR  Jessica H
6D  Chloe L  6V  Neo H

*Quote:* “Words are vehicles that can transport us from the drab sands to the dazzling stars.”

Jeff Irwin

**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

**A word from Chaplain Paula**

WE ARE FAMILY!

Family is like a tapestry, a unique and colourful piece of fabric with many individual threads and patterns woven in. As the children grow up, they weave themselves further away from the original family pattern. They hang out with their friends rather than have pizza with the family. Sometimes move away to study. Get a job and miss the family vacation. New threads are added as children marry.

The family tapestry is stretched with each new family but, ultimately, the new patterns add richness and texture. Family needs to be flexible enough to embrace all the growing and changing patterns.

Family means ... People who love you and give you room to grow.

Family means ... The foundation on which we build our lives.

Last week I welcomed the birth of a second grandson, another addition to my family. It truly is a blessing to see families grow and to appreciate each new life!

**Australia – Story Country!**

It's that time of the year again. Our school is celebrating 2016 Book Week between 22 - 26 August. This year's theme is Australia – Story Country.

Our teachers will be sharing the short listed books with their classes and students will have the opportunity to vote on their favourite book.

During Book Week we will have competitions and events in the library. This will include a ‘COME AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER’ on Thursday 25 August. Colouring competitions were given out to classes last week.

Keep your eye on the Newsletter for more details.

**Eisteddfod - Junior and Senior Choirs**

Last week was a busy week for our Choir students with their performances in the Bundaberg Eisteddfod. Although neither Choir placed, they performed very well (especially as this was the first competition for many of our singers)! Our Junior Choir scored 88/100 and our Senior Choir scored 89/100. Well done Woonies!!!

A big THANKYOU goes out to Allison Caterer (Alisha's Grandma) for playing the piano accompaniment for the Junior Choir and to Mrs Annette Christensen for playing the piano accompaniment for our Senior Choir. We appreciate the many hours of practice that went into it!

Thankyou also to Mrs Krystyna Rush and Mrs Di Rapley who attended and helped with supervision of students. Lastly, thankyou to the parents who helped with transport on the day. All your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Now that the Eisteddfod is over, other students are invited to join the Junior Choir Years 1 - 3 (rehearsals on Wednesdays at Big Lunch) or the Senior Choir Years 4 - 6 (rehearsals on Mondays at Big Lunch).

Ailis Morgan and Kathy Cavanagh
Music Teachers
**School News**

**Bundaberg District Athletics Trials**

A large number of our Woonie students aged 9 – 12 years attended District Jumps Day at St Luke’s Anglican School last Thursday and Salter Oval Day last Friday. They competed in many track and field events along with some ball games.

We had quite a few successful Woonies with some great results:

### 9 years

**Boys’ 4 x 80m relay team**

(Preston W, Riley M, Noah C, Paea F)

- 2nd in ‘A’ Schools
- 2nd in Final

### 10 years

- Hayley A - 2nd in ‘A’ Schools Long Jump
- 2nd in Final

### 11 years

**Ethan M**

- 3rd in ‘A’ Schools 100m and 3rd in Final
- 3rd in ‘A’ Schools Shot Put
- 1st in High Jump Final

**Taylor S**

- 3rd in ‘A’ Schools 800m and 3rd in Final
- 1st in ‘A’ Schools Long Jump and 1st in Final

### 12 years

**Ollie C**

- 2nd in 200m heat and 2nd in Final
- 3rd in ‘A’ Schools Shot Put and 3rd in Final
- 3rd in ‘A’ Schools 100m and 1st in Final

**Bill M**

- 1st in Shot Put and 1st in Final
- 1st in Long Jump and 1st in Final
- 2nd in High Jump Final
- 3rd in Discus Final

**Dakoda F**

- 2nd in ‘A’ Schools 100m and 3rd in Final
- 2nd in Discus Final

**Jasmin B**

- 3rd in ‘A’ Schools 100m
- 1st in 200m heat
- 3rd in ‘A’ Schools Long Jump and 3rd in Final

**Trent B**

- 3rd in High Jump Final

**Boys’ 4 x 100m relay team**

(Ollie C, Bill M, Trent B, Lachlan P)

- 1st in ‘A’ Schools and 1st in Final

**Girls’ 4 x 100m relay team**

(Dakoda F, Jasmin B, Lara E, Ruby M)

- 1st in ‘A’ Schools and 1st in Final

Based on the above performances, Woongarra State School won the Athletics Percentage Trophy which is worked out based on the total points we scored compared to the total population of our school. We were also second overall in the Girls Athletics Trophy and second in the Overall Champion School Trophy.

Well done to all students who represented the school at either one or both of these two days. Thanks to all staff members (who praised the childrens’ great behaviour and attitude) who helped out in any way before, during or after the District Athletics trial days.

Many thanks to all of the parents, family members and other supporters who cheered on our Woonie athletes.

The following students have been selected to represent the Bundaberg District at the Wide Bay School Sport Athletics trials in Kingaroy on Wednesday 24 August:


Congratulations and well done! Best of luck! We are all very proud of your efforts.

J Shears, PE teacher

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**YMCA Junior Cricket**

**2016/2017 Season**

**Sign-On**

**Friday August 5 & 12**

At the YMCA cricket nets 4-5pm
(Quinn Street)

**Currently Recruiting For**

Kids from grades 1 & 2 for Thursday night cricket

If you would like to be part of our club or would like further information, please contact Mitchell Ph 0408 264 539
Eisteddfod - Strings Ensemble

We are very proud of our String Ensemble's performance at the Eisteddfod on Wednesday. They received 90 points and were one point short of Highly Commended.

Most of the ensembles were from private schools. Not counting our combined ensemble, there was only one other State school entry. The Woongarra strings students were all very well behaved - great representation for our school!

Thank you to Kathy Cavanagh and Jodie Mulkearn for all their help on the day, with transporting students and looking after everyone. An extra special thanks to Kathy for her piano accompaniment, which was a great boost to the ensemble.

Annette Christensen
Strings Instrumental Music Teacher

Girls’ Rugby League News

Congratulations must go to Dakoda F (6D) for being selected in this year’s Wide Bay Under 12 Schoolgirls’ rugby league representative team.

This selection came about because of Dakoda’s performances last weekend, representing Bundaberg at the Wide Bay trials at the ATW Sports fields. She played matches against girls from Hervey Bay, Maryborough, Gympie and a North/South Burnett combination. A total of approximately 80 girls attended the trials and only 17 girls were selected for Wide Bay.

Dakoda will now travel to Ipswich at the start of the September school holidays to participate in the Queensland School Sport Under 12 Schoolgirls’ State Rugby League Championships.

Well done Dakoda and best of luck!

Jason Shears
P E Teacher

Queensland Hockey

This year Zali U (ex-Woonie) made the Wide Bay Schoolgirls’ hockey team for the third year in a row. She travelled to Buderim on the Sunshine Coast in June to compete in the State Championships. The game ended in a 1-1 draw with both teams being awarded State Champions. Zali impressed the selectors and was consequently named in the Queensland team.

At the end of July, Zali travelled to Cairns for a three-day training camp prior to the start of the National Championships. The Queensland girls’ team played extremely well and were able to adapt to the hot Cairns conditions winning 5 games and drawing 1, placing them in outright 1st position and National Champions!!

Zali was awarded Queensland Player of the Match in the game against ACT. After receiving a ball to the face during the first half of their second-last game, she returned in the second half assisting her team to help secure a hard fought 2-1 win against NSW. This set them up for their final game against Victoria, where the last of her goals was achieved scoring the final goal, sealing a 3-1 victory and becoming National Champions!

Congratulations Zali and well done!