Attendance target 94% or better. Last week’s attendance rate was 95%. Let us all make a great effort this term to get that attendance up and over 94%. Thanks to Bundy Bowl and Leisure Complex for giving the school some awards to promote attendance each term this year (www.bundybowl.com.au).

World Teachers’ Day
Show your appreciation of teachers by celebrating World Teachers’ Day.

Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers’ Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community. Please recognise your teachers with a word of thanks, a letter or a small gift. I certainly appreciate what they do and I hope you do too!!

World Teachers’ Day is Friday October 28!

Student Free Day
Monday 17 October is a student free day. This unusually placed student free day was initially introduced to allow teachers to moderate student work, particularly in secondary schools. So please don’t send students to school as the teachers will be working hard on moderation and professional development activities on this day.

Prep 2017
Letters have been sent home for Prep placements for 2017. If you have not yet let us know about your child then please do so ASAP. We still have some placements if you know of other people who would like to attend our school next year. Please feel free to pass this information on and ask them to contact the office!!

Book Fair
Once again our school Library is holding its annual Book Fair. Book Fairs are a great opportunity for students and parents to purchase quality books at affordable prices (maybe a surprise Christmas present). In addition, the school library earns commission from sales to purchase additional resources for our school.

The children are given an opportunity to browse through the collection of books and assorted items to create their own ‘Wishlist’ with their class and will bring this ‘Wishlist’ home for your perusal.

Sales: Tuesday 18 - Friday 21 October
Times: Tues, Wed, Thurs
8.15 - 9.00am
1.15 - 1.45pm
3.00 - 3.30pm
Fri 8.15 - 9.00am only

As with last year, we will have EFTPOS and credit card facilities available at the Library.

Hope to see you all there to support another fantastic school activity.

Leesa Rose, Teacher Librarian
**School News**

**Timeline for School Leader Election for 2017**

Below is listed the timeline for selection of school leaders for 2017. We are recording this in the Newsletter so all parents, particularly those who have children in Year 5, know what to expect this term.

- **Week 2:**  Copy of pledge and process advertised in Newsletter.
  Discussion with Year 5 students re leadership 2017 includes:
    - Timelines
    - Process – application signed by parents and teacher nominations, delivery of speech for position to Year 4–6, shortlist, interview.
    - Attributes of leader – 5 Bs, behaviour, work habits, attitude, role model, support of others etc.

- **Week 4:**  Nomination for positions of School Leader and House Leader due by Friday of this week.

- **Weeks 5/6:**  School Leader applicants prepare speech and deliver to own class firstly.

- **Week 7:**  Shortlisted students deliver speeches during upper school Assembly (Friday).
  Students in Years 4, 5, 6 vote on their preferred leaders.
  **(Votes will only be used to guide/assist further shortlisting by teachers. It is not the sole decision)**

- **Week 8:**  Shortlisting by Administration, teachers of Years 4 - 6 and specialist teachers.

- **Week 8/9:**  Interview applicants shortlisted.

- **Week 10:**  Announce new School Leaders for 2017 at final Assembly (only Deputy and Principal will know the final selection before announcement)

**(Please Note - Speeches for House Leaders will be delivered to respective Houses early in Term 1 2017).**

Below is the pledge that students make during the badge ceremony to be held early in 2017.

**School Leader Pledge**

As a school leader I will respect the values and beliefs of Woongarra State School and be a role model for our School Community.

As a school leader:
- **I will always demonstrate**
  - appropriate behaviour
  - a responsible attitude to school and
  - a positive work ethic.

- **I will always**
  - be a role model for the school,
  - uphold the good name of Woongarra State School and
  - wear my badge with pride.

- **I will demonstrate responsibility by**
  - providing support to all students and staff.

I hereby pledge that I will, to the best of my ability, carry out the responsibilities associated with my position as a school leader.

**Maths Teams’ Challenge**

Question from last Newsletter:

*At the conclusion of a small party, a total of 28 handshakes are made. Assuming every guest was equally polite (that is, each guest shook hands with each of the others), find the number of guests at the party.*

Answer:

8 guests (these are all triangular numbers i.e. 2 guests 1 handshake, 3 guests 3 handshakes, 4 guests 6 handshakes, 5 guests 10 handshakes, 6 guests 15 handshakes, 7 guests 21 handshakes and 8 guests 28 handshakes).

New Question:

*I think of a positive number. If one less than my number is multiplied by 5 and one more than my number is multiplied by 4, the difference between the two numbers is 1. What is my answer? (Two possible answers)*

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**Special Music Event**

- **Thursday 13 October**
  - Best of Brass Concert
  (in our school hall)

All students from Prep - Year 6
Cost: $5 per student

BoB - Best of Brass explores the unique mechanics, tone and versatile nature of these instruments in a fun and interactive performance. Featuring horns, trumpets and trombones, BoB’s repertoire stretches from stirring tango to classical, contemporary Australian music to improvisation and jazz. This performance is part of our learning program and is linked directly to the music curriculum as well as other curriculum areas, especially literacy and numeracy.

We would be delighted if you could come to the performance. There is no charge for parents/guardians and community members to attend.
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.

Quote:

"Integrity has no need of rules."

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

Mad Hatters’ Music Concert

(all Woongarra Choir, Strings and Woodwind/Brass/Percussion students)

Tuesday 8 November

3:15pm in the School Hall

P&C News

Family Portraits by Laura Jean

Saturday 29 October

Woongarra State School P&C is holding a Family Portrait Fundraiser on Saturday 29 October. You will receive a giant 10"x13" framed portrait for $15.00 - a fantastic Christmas gift idea. More photos can be purchased for additional cost. CDs, canvases and reorders are also available. Speak to your photographer on the day about a canvas upgrade offer.

Laura Jean’s portraiture is of excellent standard and you can check the website www.laurajean.com.au for sample portraiture and great ideas on what to wear.

Bookings are to be made at the office with payment at time of booking.

Calendars $13 Diaries, Notebooks $18
Family Planners $16 & Sketch Pads
Pillowcases $22 iPhone Cases $18
Cards (pack of 8) $14 Tea Towels $25

We invite parents/caregivers to share in this wonderful fundraiser for the P&C. It is a unique gift for family and friends, especially for Christmas from your children.

Drawings will be completed in class or you can request that artwork be done at home.

Artwork and payment must be returned to the office by Friday 14 October to allow time for processing. Products are expected to be received by late November.

Jane Barratt, P&C

A word from Chaplain Paula

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Last week I promoted Random Acts of Kindness deeds. We were encouraged to be more aware of the people we share our lives with. We looked for ways, every day, of lifting people’s moods and helping them feel more appreciated. It is always rewarding to see friendships and relationships strengthened as a result of simple kindness.

"A sweet friendship refreshes the soul".

Looking forward to hearing of all the kind deeds happening in our school this term!

Mrs D will be not be at Woongarra on Tuesday 18 October 2016.

Prep BK Mikha W

Hamish G

Prep J Liberty D

1C Riley S-C

Mikkah E

1L 1GM Taylin P

Jack Y

2KC Jamieson M

2V Ava M

3B Hamish W

3W Emma R

3R Cameron S

4E Pyper F

4H Preston W

4/5L Brie G

5M Shivesh K

5PR Laura L

6D Tahj H

6S Ryan H

6V Shenah W

So student bankers ... the more times you bank, the better the chance you have of winning. You need to be in it to win it!!

Tracy Balto, Student Banking Coordinator
Wide Bay School Sport - Aquathlon

The Wide Bay trail for this will be held in Hervey Bay on Saturday 12 November. To register for this trial, go online to:
https://regonline.activeglobal.com/2016hundykids

All event information can be found on the event webpage. Entries close on Monday 7 November 2016. The nomination fee of $20 is payable online.

An aquathlon is where an athlete runs 1km, swims 200m and then runs another 1 km.

Students in Year 6 who will attain the age of 13 in 2017 must nominate for the Wide Bay Region Triathlon team for the Junior (13 - 14 years) division if they are interested in pursing this particular sport.

Maths for Parents!
Wednesday 26 October 2016
6.30 - 8.00 pm
Open to parents from all primary schools
Location: Woongarra State School library
Presenter: Michael Ymer

Michael is a specialist mathematics consultant from Melbourne, Australia. He is involved in many Professional Development programs in schools across Australia and Asia. Michael is an enthusiastic and entertaining presenter who has a clear and practical approach to the challenges that confront schools and parents in mathematics. On this evening Michael will address the following issues:

- What is my child learning in mathematics?
- How can I help my child become an efficient problem solver?
- How do children best learn mathematics?
- How can parents promote quality thinking and learning?
- How can I help my child in mathematics?

This evening is recommended to all parents as a very worthwhile session that will help you understand the focus of mathematics in schools today and offer strategies and ideas to help you support your young mathematicians.

We look forward to working with you on this evening. Numbers will be capped at 40.

Wendy McKenzie, Master Teacher, Woongarra State School

RSVP: 18.10.16 – Please return this form to Woongarra State School or phone 41506333

Parents Mathematics Evening Reply

Child’s Year Level _____________________________

Names for name tags ____________________________

Wish to attend the Mathematics Evening on Wednesday 26 October 2016

Signed________________________________________ Date__/__/2016