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Dear Parents, Staff and Students:

Attendance target 94% or better. Last term our overall percentage of attendance was 94.7%. Fantastic effort!! 67½% of children had attendance better than 95% of days and 131 students attended every day last term. Thanks to Bundy Bowl and Leisure Complex for giving the school some awards to promote attendance each term this year (www.bundybowl.com.au).

First awards for 100% attendance for Term 1 presented soon!!

Term 2
APRIL

WEEK 1

Mon 11 Tuckshop
Tue 12 P&C Meeting 7:30pm
Wed 13 Newsletter
Student Banking
Thurs 14 Tuckshop
P - 3 Assembly
Fri 15 Breakfast
Year 4-6 Assembly

WEEK 2

Mon 18 Tuckshop
Wed 20 Newsletter
Student Banking
Thurs 21 Tuckshop
Fri 22 Breakfast
11.30am Whole School
ANZAC Parade

WEEK 3

Mon 25 ANZAC Day holiday
Wed 27 Newsletter
Student Banking
Thurs 28 Tuckshop
P - 3 Assembly
Fri 29 Breakfast
Year 4 - 6 Assembly

4 - 13 May Life Ed
10 May P&C Meeting
10 - 12 May NAPLAN
31 May ICAS Science
8 June School Photos
19 July Interhouse Sports

Welcome Back

I hope everyone had a restful Easter vacation and all students and teachers are back ready for another busy term.

Week 5 will see our Year 3 and 5 students sit NAPLAN.

School sport will be on this term for Years 4 - 6 from Week 6 of term.

It promises to be another busy term so please continue to read the Newsletter to keep informed about coming school events!

ANZAC Day Ceremony

We will commemorate ANZAC Day at a special whole school parade on April 22, run by our school leaders. This parade will be at 11:30am in the hall. I encourage parents to join us at this service run by our students.

Remember our
Diggers



25th April

The school will once again march in the annual Anzac Day March held in the Bundaberg CBD. Children in full school uniform, with a broad-brimmed hat and water bottle can meet Mr Irwin and some teachers on *Bourbon Street* adjacent to Target. Children are asked to meet Mr Irwin with the school leaders at 8:00am. The march commences at 8:30 and the service goes for approximately one hour.

Children also march at the Dawn Service at Bargara. Please meet at the Liberty Petrol Station at Bargara at 4:50am ready to march at 5:15am.

Get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge

Did you know your child can get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge, just for being a student at Woongarra State School? All you need is your child's school email address to sign in.

To help prepare your child for success this academic year, the Department of Education and Training has teamed up with Microsoft to provide free Office 2016 to every Queensland state school student. With Office 2016, your child 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.

You can install a complete version of the latest Microsoft Office on up to five compatible PCs and Macs, five tablets and five smartphones. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as your child is a state school student.

Ask your child to follow these simple steps to get Office:

- For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your child's school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.
- For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your child's school email address.

Visit www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016 for instructions on how to download and install Office 2016 to your personal home computers.

SCHOOL NEWS

Success at School

If you look back over term one and make the judgment that your children had a very successful school term, I will guarantee that you will agree with many of the key points highlighted in this article. Current educational research has found that children who succeed at school come from families who ...

- expect children to achieve at school
- value education and let their children know
- frequently discuss school
- have regular routines and attendance
- encourage kids to have a range of interests
- have confidence in themselves as worthwhile people

We at Woongarra want to support you in this so we too want to follow children up to ensure they do their best with work, behaviour and extra-curricula pursuits. Please let's work together to ensure the best for every child! Remember the **BIG 3 POSITIVE ATTITUDES QUALITY BEHAVIOUR ... QUALITY LEARNING.**

I shared this last year. Very good reason not to skip those 20 minutes of homework reading!!!

Why Your Child Can't Skip Their 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight

James	Travis
reads 20 minutes per night, 5 times per week	reads only 4 minutes per night ...or not at all
In one week: 100 minutes of reading	20 minutes of reading
In one month: 400 minutes of reading	80 minutes of reading
In one school year (9 months): 3600 minutes of reading	720 minutes of reading
By the end of sixth grade: 21,600 minutes of reading	4320 minutes of reading

Which student would you expect to read better?
 Which student would you expect to know more?
 Which student would you expect to write better?
 Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
 Which student would you expect to be more successful in school and life?
 How do you think each student will feel about himself as a learner?

GREER GENIUS

NAPLAN

NAPLAN for students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 will be conducted on Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May.

The schedule for the 2016 NAPLAN tests for all year levels is as follows:

- Tuesday 10** Language conventions followed by Writing
- Wednesday 11** Reading
- Thursday 12** Numeracy

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers.

Silver Savers for Chappies

Next term we are encouraging students to bring in silver coins each Friday to support Chaplaincy in our school. We realise you cannot send coins every Friday but may be able to save some change from the week. The P&C has committed \$1000 to Chaplaincy whatever this raises. Please, if you value the Chaplaincy service in our school, send along silver coins on a Friday!! Last year we raised just over \$500.



Coloured Hair, Wrist Bands and Jewellery

Please ensure children do not come to school with coloured hair unless it is for a special day at school (e.g. cancer day). The holidays may be a time to "experiment" with hair but children should not come back with coloured hair, bar ordinary hair colour tones. Coloured finger nail polish is a bit of a favourite of the girls too. There is a place for this but it is not at school as we are not a place for fashion!

Students really love those wrist bands. Please support the school and ensure these bands are kept to one at the most. Please ensure jewellery is kept to a minimum too. One necklace can be worn but it should be below the school shirt.

Thank you for your support in ensuring all children adhere to the Uniform Code.



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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>Isabella M</i>	Prep J	<i>Callum B</i>
1C	<i>Phoebe C</i> <i>Riley S-C</i>	1GM	<i>Oscar B</i>
1L	<i>Kaylee M-H</i>		
2KC	<i>Maya G</i>	2L	<i>Iris DeJ</i>
2V	<i>Mason D</i>		
3B	<i>Sophie N</i>	3R	<i>Cooper B</i>
3W	<i>Freddie C</i>		
4E	<i>Rosalie L</i>	4H	<i>Hayley A</i>
4/5L	<i>Amelie E</i>		
5M	<i>Lachlan W</i>	5PR	<i>Hella S</i>
6D	<i>Caden W</i>	6S	<i>Kody H</i>
6V	<i>Annalea V</i>		

Quote: *"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity and I am not sure about the former."* Albert Einstein.

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

Every Day Counts

Parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

A word From Chaplain Paula

A great way to live.....

"Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticise their faults - unless, of course, you want the same treatment. Don't condemn those who are down; that hardness can boomerang. Be easy on people; you'll find life a lot easier. Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back - given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity."

Student Banking

Don't forget that WEDNESDAY is School Banking day!

We encourage a minimum deposit of \$1.00. For every deposit made at school, students will receive a cool Dollarmite token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

School Banking is a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives \$5 when children make their very first deposit at school from a new account opened and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Parent volunteers are required for the School Banking system to operate. If you have any time available to assist on a Wednesday morning, please see me in A Block from 9am.

Tracy Balto (School Banking Co-ordinator)

School Hats



A reminder that all Prep - Year 6 students must be wearing their broad-brimmed hats at school every day. They must wear their hats before school, at morning tea and lunch breaks and preferably after school if they are going to be in the sun. During break times at school, even if students are playing under cover or going to the library, hall etc, the expectation is that they must have their hat with them at all times. We are a SUNSMART - SUNSAFE school.

Queensland still has the highest rate of sun cancer in the world and, even though we are moving into the cooler months of the year, the UV ratings are still quite high. Application of sunscreen before school will also be helpful and beneficial to your child/ren.

Also, a number of students across all year levels were, towards the end of last term, 'forgetting' to bring their hats to school. A number of these students are continually relying on borrowing a hat from the school office on a regular basis - this is not a good habit to get into. Leave your hat at school if you are going to forget it!

Remember, NO HAT - NO PLAY!

Parents, could you please reinforce this policy at home with your children.

Thanks for your cooperation on this matter.

NRL DEVELOPMENT CUP RUGBY LEAGUE

Tonight, Wednesday 13 April at 6.10pm, sees the Woongarra State School Wizards Under 12 rugby league team play their first game in the state-wide NRL Development Cup rugby league competition for primary schools. The team plays at Salter Oval. They will be up against the Bargara State School Bullets.

There will be two (2) games on before ours, with the first game kicking off at 4.30pm. Entry is free and there should be a canteen operating.

The team would love as many supporters in attendance as possible, so please get out there tonight and cheer madly and wildly for the Wizards!!!

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Rugby League News

Congratulations to Bill M (6S) and Riley M (4H) for being selected in this year's Bundaberg Schoolboys representative rugby league teams.

Bill has been selected in the Under 12 team for 2016 after having made the Under 10 and Under 11 teams over the past 2 years.



Riley has been selected in the Under 10 team for 2016. This is a mighty achievement as Riley is still only a 9 year old and he had to trial against bigger 10 year old boys.



Both these boys will now play a series of games against Gladstone, Rockhampton and Mackay.

Bill will also head to Hervey Bay in early May to try out for the Wide Bay regional team.

Well done boys and best of luck!

Soccer (Football) News

Congratulations to Ryder M (6V) for being selected in this year's Bundaberg District Schoolboys' Under 12 representative soccer team.

With only a total of 14 boys being chosen, Ryder's efforts are quite remarkable because there were approximately 80 boys at the trials.



Ryder will now attend the Wide Bay trials in Hervey Bay in early May.

Well done Ryder and best of luck!

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AFL News

In the last week of school before the Easter holidays, Trent B (6V) attended the Wide Bay Aussie Rules football trials as a member of the Bundaberg Under 12 Schoolboys' team.



These trials were held in Gympie. As a result of Trent's outstanding performances at these regional trials, Trent has been selected in this year's Wide Bay Schoolboys' Under 12 representative AFL team. This is the second year in a row that Trent has made this team as he made the team last year as an 11 year old. Trent will now attend the Queensland team trials in Hervey Bay in early June.

Congratulations Trent on a job well done and best of luck at the State Championships!

Term 1 Swimming

All Year 4 - 6 students have now completed their Term 1 swimming. This will form a large 'chunk' of their Semester 1 report card rating for Physical Education. Well done to all students for your excellent efforts, behaviours and attitudes. The pool manager Norm and all of the instructors love having Woonie students at the pool because they are so well behaved!



A huge THANK YOU to all of the parents who helped out at any time at the pool throughout Term 1. The instructors, teachers and children love having you there and, without your attendance, the boys and girls just wouldn't be as safe. Thanks!

To all of those families that have finalised their swimming fees for the just completed term, thank you so much for doing this. The school now has bills to pay and we would appreciate it if anyone still owes their \$55 per student fee that it gets promptly paid to the office ASAP. At the moment there is still \$492.50 owing across all Year 4 - 6 classes.

Please cooperate with us on this matter ASAP so such debts are not hanging over people's heads for the rest of the school year. Thank you!

Jason Shears
P E Teacher

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 14 April

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

Monday 18 April

Tracy Balto
Natalie Miller
Juanita Ryan (11.30 - 2.30)

Thursday 21 April

Tracy Balto
Leisha Bartholomai (9.00 - 11.00)
Leesa Courtice (9.00 - 11.30)

Thank you all for your help.

Please let me know ASAP if you can't attend your rostered day.

Specials

Mini Pikelets	\$ 0.30
Sultanas	\$ 0.50
Fruit Snacks	\$0.50
Pasta Bolognaise (Home Made)	\$4.00

Lyn Dobbs
Convenor
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ATW 'Eagles' AFL Club

Clayton Road, Thabeban
(behind Softball Club)

Looking for new members for the 2016 Season starting April

- **Under 9, 11, 13 (mixed)**
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