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*Dear Parents, Staff and Students:*

**Attendance target 95% or better. Last week's attendance rate was 95.7%. Let's together make every day count!!**

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**Thanks to Bundy Bowl and Leisure Complex for giving the school some awards each term to promote attendance. Thanks also to Rebel Sports Bundaberg for supplying our annual awards!! (Our final attendance rate for 2017 was 93.1% - we can do better this year!!).**

***Our School Image***

Whenever our students are wearing their Woongarra school uniform, they are "walking advertisements" of our school's values and expectations.

Participating in school excursions, being with mum at the shopping centre after school, public performances, inter-school sport, and simply walking or riding a bicycle to school are just a few of the ways that people not associated with our school gain perceptions and make judgements. (Yes Mr Irwin does insist on students having their shirts tucked in!!!) How Woongarra kids speak to their parents in public, how they walk/ride home, what they do while waiting for mum/dad to pick them up after school, and their personal appearance, are just as influential as our choirs/orchestras performing at Eisteddfods or the behaviour of our students at interschool sport.

I look forward to receiving positive phone calls about great choices our students make in and out of school. It is great to hear from our bus drivers who take students to swimming how wonderful it is to take Woonies on their buses!! (Please ensure you see the "Leaders Feature" in the News-Mail this Saturday as it expands on this theme.)

*We all have a role to play in enhancing Woongarra State School's Values And Expectations ...* The "team approach" (home and school) ensures our children get the same message.



***Bullying Behaviour ... Part 1***



**Bullying behaviour is unacceptable at Woongarra State School.**

There will always be some minor and major instances of bullying behaviour which occur at schools, and any Principal who says, "... Bullying does not occur at his/her school", is not telling the truth.

It is the manner in which bullying behaviour is highlighted and responded to, that is the hallmark of an effective anti-bullying program. It is the quality of prevention and the speed, certainty and appropriateness of the reaction that is critical.

Bullying is not a taboo topic at Woongarra. It is spoken about openly and often with parents, staff and kids. There is no doubt society is much less tolerant of bullying than it used to be. This is the definition in our school behaviour policy:

**Definition of Bullying: Bullying is the 'repeated and targeted' psychological or physical oppression of a less powerful person by a more powerful person or group of persons.**

I will discuss in the Newsletter over the next few weeks in more detail, some strategies used to reduce incidents of bullying.

**WELCOME BACK**

**FEBRUARY**

**WEEK 4**

- Tues 13 Tuckshop
- Wed 14 Newsletter  
Year 4-6 Swimming  
Student Banking  
Icy Cups
- Thur 15 Tuckshop  
*Subway \$\$ due*  
**BREAKFAST STARTS**
- Fri 16  
11.30 *Whole School Assembly (Badge Ceremony)*

**WEEK 5**

- Tues 20 *Special Subway Day (No normal Tuckshop) Prep Photos*
- Wed 21 Newsletter  
Year 4-6 Swimming  
Student Banking  
Icy Cups
- Thur 22 Tuckshop  
Breakfast  
P-3 Assembly
- Fri 23 Year 4-6 Assembly

**WEEK 6**

- Tues 27 Tuckshop
- Wed 28 Newsletter  
Year 4-6 Swimming  
Student Banking  
Icy Cups
- Thur 1 Tuckshop  
Breakfast  
*Whole School Assembly (100% attendance in 2017)*

*SCHOOL NEWS*

**Absence from School**

Remember please that it is your responsibility to let the school know if your child will be absent from school. This means that we need to know about the absence of your child on the day they are away or beforehand. If we do not hear from you a text will be sent to a family contact around 10:30am informing you of the absence and seeking a response from you.

If, for any reason, your child is unable to attend school, a number of avenues are available for advising the school of the absence. Please provide student name, date of absence and reason for absence.

- **TEXT 0427 786 661**
- phone Student Absence Line 4150 6366  
(this number is also in the printed header on page 1 of the Newsletter)
- send notification through the Skoolbag app
- absence notes are available in the office foyer
- when the parent/guardian has prior knowledge of a child being absent, a written note to the teacher beforehand is appreciated. Oral messages from pupils are not acceptable.

**School Leaders**

Congratulations to all our School Leaders, House Captains and Student Council Representatives for 2018. This is never an easy decision to make and some great kids will not be leaders with badges this year. These children below, I am sure will be worthy representatives of our school but remember all students in Year 6 are leaders.

- School Leaders:** Coco S, Poppy L, Jayden A and Alexander C
- Burnett House Leaders:** Bianca L, Preston W, Indianah F and Bree L
- Endeavour House Leaders:** Jordan H, Emma M, Riley M and Ayla W
- Hinkler House Leaders:** Ava H, Asher M, Tyerra T and Declan W
- Tallon House Leaders:** Mia B, Josh G, Keiana S and Riley P
- Student Council Representatives:** Georgia E, Hayley S, Kai S, Scarlett W, Bailey R, Rosalie I, Amelia S, Braiden H, Sophie O and Noah C

Our School Leaders attended a Leadership Conference at Bundaberg Brothers Club this week. Student leaders from all over the Bundaberg District participated.

*Our Badge Ceremony is this Friday at Assembly 11:30am – all welcome.*

**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.

**The 5 B's**

The 5 B's 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.

In Weeks 1 - 4 this term, we are concentrating particularly on 'Being Respectful'. Children demonstrating this 5B outside in the playground will be recognised with a "Woonie". All Woonies achieved gives the recipient a chance to win an ice block and bookmark at assembly each week.

**Last week's winners were (from Prep to Year 6):**

*Nikita G (Prep KC), Braxton S (1L), Calix E (2/3B), Annabel W (2/3B), Caleb H (4L).*

**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 GK	<i>Cohen S</i>	Prep KC	<i>Bethany S-C</i>
Prep J	<i>Sophia T</i>		
1C	<i>Jack T</i>	1L	<i>Tahlia B</i>
1R	<i>Riley R</i>		
2R	<i>Pyiper R</i>	2V	<i>Pyper McD</i>
2/3R	<i>Dominic W</i>		
3B	<i>Tyler P</i>	3W	<i>Susannah McN</i>
4E	<i>Serryna K</i>	4H	<i>Lily T</i>
4L	<i>Ada B</i>		
5M	<i>Otis K</i>	5PR	<i>Braxton W</i>
6D	<i>Grace R</i>	6V	<i>Kai S</i>

Quote: *"The best vision is insight."*

Jeff Irwin

SCHOOL NEWS

Prep photos for News-Mail



The News-Mail will be coming to school on Tuesday 20 February to take photos of all Prep children to put in a special feature in a few week's time. Permission is required for student photos and names to appear in the paper. Permission forms have been sent home for completion and return to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Year 4 - 6 Swimming Parent Volunteers

To all our wonderful volunteer parents who help out at swimming on a Wednesday for Years 4 - 6, please be aware that Bundaberg Regional Council now needs you to 'sign in' on their parent / volunteer / visitor register at the pool canteen as you walk in. You also have to 'sign out' as you leave. This is a new policy for 2018.

You then have to also 'sign in/out' on the Woongarra State School Volunteer Register in its usual place.

Parents attending swimming are requested to wear a hat at all times when you are not in the pool to model the SUNSMART - SUNSTATE policy that our school actively promotes. This is also good practice to protect your own skin under our hot sunny climatic conditions here in Bundaberg.

Thanks very much in anticipation of your cooperation regarding these very reasonable requests.

Jason Shears  
P E Teacher

Tennis Family Fun Day

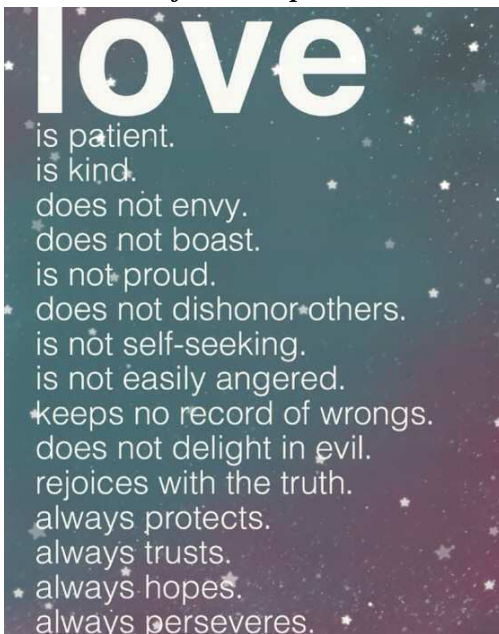
18 February 2-5pm.

Rotary Park Tennis Courts are having a free family tennis day! Come along for a fun afternoon of tennis, raffles, ball machine, cardio tennis, giveaways and much more.

Dress as your favourite tennis player to win a prize!



A word from Chaplain Paula



Website: [www.allowayfc.asn.au](http://www.allowayfc.asn.au)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/AllowayFootballClubInc](http://www.facebook.com/AllowayFootballClubInc)



Tuckshop News

Reminder:

Tuesday 20 February is a SPECIAL SUBWAY DAY ONLY. There is no normal Tuckshop.

All Subway orders are to be handed in at the office by 3pm Thursday 15 February.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 15 February

Tracy Balto  
Fay  
Haylee Gough  
Yasmin Turello  
(9.00 - 11.30)

Tuesday 20 February  
Special Day - SUBWAY  
No normal Tuckshop

Thursday 22 February

Tracy Balto  
Fay  
Fiona Ames

Thank you everyone for your support. Your help is very much appreciated. Please let me know ASAP if you can't attend your rostered day so a replacement can be arranged.

Order Tuckshop online  
- fast and easy -

Download the **Qkr App** and follow the instructions. Flyers are available at the Tuckshop or from the office foyer.

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