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Dear Parents, Staff and Students:

Attendance target 95% or better. Last week's attendance rate was 95.1%. (So far this year our attendance is 95.5%). Let's together make every day count!!

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!!

Bullying Behaviour... Part 5

Bullying is still the number one enemy at Woongarra State School and, in spite of efforts from all staff, incidents of bullying behaviour may occur.



For the past five (5) weeks I have made every endeavour to outline Woongarra's anti-bullying strategies to parents and hopefully you have appreciated the openness and comprehensiveness of our school program. I hope it has given you confidence.

Our procedures may not be perfect but few things in life are perfect. I'm sure that if you look long and hard enough at anything, you will find shortcomings. For the overwhelmingly majority of children, their years at Woongarra are great experiences but, for some, unhappy times do occur from time to time. When bullying behaviour occurs, school staff will respond to it ... fairly and thoroughly and as best we can....when we know about it.

We all need to focus on the positive behaviours that occur, rather than highlight the isolated negative examples of bullying behaviour and generalise that this is what happens to most kids, most of the time. In your family of 3 – 6 members, how often do you have a hassle free week?

National Action Day Against Bullying

Friday March 16 is the National Action Day against bullying. Our Prime Minister has called on all schools to get behind this National Action Day. Over the past few weeks, we have discussed and defined bullying in our Newsletter. Bullying of any form is not acceptable and, as a school, we must work to eliminate it. Of course bullying and "one-off" incidents may occur but they must be followed up on.

As a school, we are going to have a whole school assembly on the Friday (no Thursday assembly on March 15) and discuss the importance of saying 'No' to bullying. Each class will also focus on this as well, especially on this day. To mark the day, we will hold a **Free Dress Day** for students with the theme "It's black and white – bullying no way!!" We ask students to wear 'black and white' on Friday 16 March and bring a gold coin for the school to donate to anti-bullying support e.g. Kids Help Line.



MARCH

WEEK 8

Tues 13 Special Pizza Day
(No normal Tuckshop)
P&C Meeting
Wed 14 Newsletter
Year 4-6 Swimming
Student Banking
Icy Cups
Book Club due
Thur 15 Breakfast
Tuckshop
NO P-3 Assembly
Fri 16 Easter Raffle \$\$ due
11:30 Whole School Assembly
... 'National Action Day
against Bullying'
FREE DRESS DAY
- Gold Coin Donation

WEEK 9

Tues 20 Tuckshop
Wed 21 Newsletter
Year 4-6 Swimming
Student Banking
Icy Cups
Thur 22 Breakfast
Tuckshop
P-3 Assembly
Fri 23 Year 4-6 Assembly
Beginner Strings Workshop

WEEK 10

Mon 26 Easter Raffle drawn
Tues 27 Tuckshop
Wed 28 Newsletter
FUN DAY Year 4-6 Swimming
Student Banking
Icy Cups
Disco
Thur 29 Breakfast
Tuckshop
9am P - 3 Easter Hat Parade
NO P-3 Assembly
2:30pm Whole School Assembly
Fri 30 GOOD FRIDAY

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Technology and Young People

We are often told at school about possible harmful situations, that don't occur at school but do impact on student behaviour. Cyber Bullying, inappropriate images, harmful messages or comments are all possible but certainly not desirable.

- How often do you talk to your kids about their emotional well-being?
- How often do you monitor their home computer/technology usage?
- Does your child have access to a computer or other device connected to the internet?
- Are you aware of what your child sends or receives on their email/chat/Facebook/Instagram etc.?
- How often do you discuss technology use?

Do you know who your kids are talking to and what is in the discussions? Please talk about this with your kids if they have access to internet enabled devices.

School Disco

It is that time of year again – school disco time!!

We are having our first school disco for the year on Wednesday March 28!

Theme: Beach Party

Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm

(But no leaving until parents/carers come to collect you)



There will be a scrumptious sausage sizzle \$2, chilly cold drinks \$1 plus chocolates 50c available for sale at the Tuckshop. Glow Sticks will be on sale too.

Parents can choose to stay (we have plenty of chairs!!) or leave, but please don't be late to collect your children.

It's a \$2.00 entry fee for Woongarra School children and adults are free. So, if you want to come, join the fun!

Please note this disco is for current Woongarra students only.

Parking in the Staff Car Park

Parents should not be parking or dropping off/collecting students in the clearly marked staff carpark. There is not enough room in this carpark for all of our staff but we need it to fit as many staff as possible in this area. Please do not park in this area.



Anzac Day Ceremony

We will commemorate Anzac Day at a special whole school assembly on Tuesday April 24, run by our school leaders. This assembly will be at 11:30am in the hall. I encourage parents to join us at this service run by our students.



The school will once again march in the annual Anzac Day March held in the Bundaberg CBD. Children in full school uniform together 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. Children can meet at the Liberty Petrol Station at Bargara at 4:50am ready to march at 5:15am.

Parent Teacher Interviews

The school will have parent/teacher interviews later this term. Interviews will be conducted as follows:

First Parent Teacher Interviews will focus on **“Where Your Child Is”**. It will be a short interview of approx. 10 to 15 minutes. It will focus on reading ability, mathematics, writing ability, behaviour, work habits, social interactions and areas of focus/goals. A second interview is available in September, with written reports in June and December. This interview will be very important as it will provide parents with information about critical areas of the curriculum. At these interviews, no written proforma/summary will be presented to parents.

The offering of 2 interviews and 2 written reports will give comprehensive detail of where your child is. These interviews are important and we expect everyone to attend. A note will be sent home with offers for interviews at the following times:

Prep GK , Prep J and Prep KC	Weeks 9 and 10
1C	Weeks 9 and 10
1L	Weeks 8 and 9
1R	Week 9
2R	Weeks 9 and 10
2V	Week 9
2/3B	Weeks 9 and 10
3B	Week 9
3W	Weeks 9 and 10
4E, 4H and 4L	Week 9
5M and 5PR	Week 10
5/6S	Weeks 8 and 9
6D	Week 9
6V	Week 10

Please make every effort to attend this first interview.

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The 5 Bs

The 5 Bs 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 5 - 8 this term, we are concentrating particularly on 'Being Responsible'. Children demonstrating this 5B outside in the playground will be recognised with a "Woonie". All Woonies achieved give the recipients a chance to win an ice block and bookmark at Assembly each week.

Last week's winners were (from Prep to Year 6): Finn T (Prep GK), Maddie McL (1C), Willow Q (2/3B) and Connor S (3W).

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	Annabelle T	Prep KC	Benett I
Prep J	Ebony L		Joseph McN
1C	Imogen B	1L	Jacksen P
1R	Corey M-T		
2R	Scarlett D	2V	Madalyn F
2/3B	Nash C		
3B	Zyla B	3W	Georgina C
4E	Charlie S	4H	Ava M (1/3/18)
4L	April M		Iris de J Amber M
5M	Jade G	5PR	Ashton R-D
	Jake G		Sennan C
6D	Brogan H	6V	Jasmine C

Quote: "We probably wouldn't worry about what people think of us if we could know how seldom they do."

Jeff Irwin



- First day of school in Term 2 - Tuesday 17 April
- ANZAC Day holiday - Wednesday 25 April
- Labour Day holiday - Monday 7 May

Prep - Year 2 Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade for Prep - Year 2 will be held on Thursday 29 March at 9.00 am in the hall. Your child requires an Easter hat for the parade. The hat can be an existing one with decorations pinned or glued on, or you can make a hat with your child.



All parents are welcome to attend. We will be singing a few Easter songs and showing off our lovely 'hat creations'.

The Junior Choir (Years 1 - 3) will also perform at the Easter Hat Parade. Year 3 students who are performing in the choir are invited to wear an Easter hat if they wish.

Band students playing on assembly

Make sure you bring your instrument and music to play on Assembly this Friday and start setting up in the Hall straight after morning tea.

Lisa Palmer



Rebel Sports Bundaberg 100% Attendance 2017

On Thursday 1 March, we had a whole school Assembly to celebrate those students at our school who had 100% attendance throughout the whole of 2017. The following students did not miss any of the 194 scheduled school days of 2017:

- Lachlan W (3W)
- Mia-Grace M (4L)
- Sneha K (5/6S)
- Isaac H (5M)
- Luke C (5PR)
- Hayley S (5/6S)
- Bianca L (6D)
- Maddison H (Yr 6 2017)

All of the abovementioned students received a gift pack from Rebel Sports Bundaberg for such outstanding efforts. The gift packs contained an Under Armour drawstring bag, 2 handballs, a water bottle, a mini soccer ball, a frisbee, a vortex and a grip it / catch it set. Well done to all of those students who received this presentation.

Many thanks to Gavin Harris from Rebel Sports Bundaberg for supporting our annual attendance awards.

How many students this year can make it to 100% perfect attendance in 2018?

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International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

At this time each year we invite parents to consider nominating their children in Years 3-6 to compete in ICAS. The competitions form the largest independent assessment program for schools available in Australia, Asia and the Pacific region.

All competing students receive a certificate and result sheet. These certificates, result sheets and test booklets are distributed to individual students when results are returned to the school. Each competition costs \$9.00.

- Science:** Tuesday 29 May
- English:** Tuesday 31 July
- Mathematics:** Tuesday 14 August

Parents interested in registering students are asked to forward money in an envelope with competitions clearly indicated and your child's name and class. *Nominations will be accepted until Friday 23 March.* We particularly encourage all Year 3 - 6 students in extension Maths or English to 'have a go'.



TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 15 March

- Tracy Balto
- Fay
- Shandi South
- Yasmin Turello
- (9.00 - 11.30)

Tuesday 20 March

- Fay
- Belinda Loeskow

Thursday 22 March

- Tracy Balto
- Fay
- Fiona Ames
- Maria Puckering
- (9.00 - 11.30)

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.

Lyn Dobbs
Convenor
4152 6381
(M) 0418 235 722

2018 Easter Raffle



Tickets - \$1 each

All sold and unsold tickets to be returned to office by this Friday 16 March 2018

Drawn: Monday 26 March 2018

DON'T FORGET ... DONATIONS

Donations of anything Easter (chocolate eggs, bunnies etc) can be left at the school office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

A word from Chaplain Paula



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.



Prep Lift-Out in News-Mail

The Prep photographs will appear in a special lift-out in the News-Mail on Wednesday 21 March. Please, if you are interested, purchase your copy to see our kids!

The Coles Sports for Schools program is on again!



Anyone can help our school earn amazing resources by collecting Coles Sports for Schools vouchers from Coles stores across Australia. When the program ends, our school can exchange those vouchers towards sporting equipment to encourage all kids to get healthy and active at school.

Please leave your vouchers in the Woongarra State School collection box at Coles or in our school office foyer. All vouchers must be returned to the school by 11 May 2018.

Find out more at:
www.coles.com.au/sportsforschools