Attendance target 94% or better. Last week’s attendance was 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).

Spring Vacation
Term 3 ends this Friday and then we have two weeks Spring Vacation. School recommences on Tuesday October 4 as the Monday is the Queen’s Birthday Holiday. To all students, staff and those of you who are taking a vacation, enjoy the time off!!

School Watch – Keep Your Eyes Open This Holiday
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our schools.

Keep the number handy and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Maths Teams’ Challenge
Our students competed last Thursday. Well done to the 25 Year 5 and 6 students for great work completing many mathematical problems. Here is one for you to try!!

I form a sequence of numbers by always adding the same number to produce the next number in the sequence. The tenth number in the sequence is 67 and the fifteenth is 82. What is the sum of the first and twentieth numbers in the sequence?

Answer next Newsletter.

Prep 2017
Letters have been sent home for Prep placements for 2017. Please return the Enrolment Application together with copy Birth Certificate, Survey and Fee Allocation form no later than Friday 7 October.

If you have not 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!!

It’s that time of term again!

# DISCO #

Our second school disco for the year will be held tonight. Parents are most welcome to attend and only students from Woongarra School are invited.

Theme: Bright, Colourful and Sparkly!!
When: Wednesday September 14
Time: 5:30 - 7:30pm
Cost: $2 entry

Food available: Scrumptious sausages $2 each
Chilly cold drinks: $1 Chocolates: 50c
Living with Magpies

During magpie nesting season (August to October) some birds certainly cause difficulties for communities. Generally, it is only the male magpie that swoops and this will occur in the area surrounding the nest tree.

- Throwing sticks or stones at magpies and yelling at them are not effective strategies.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Know where a magpie is swooping and, if possible, avoid the area.
2. Move through the area quietly, without running.
3. Be magpie smart and wear a hat.
4. Cyclists should get off their bikes and walk, and fit a safety flag to their bikes.
5. Please be patient … they are only trying to be good parents.

Dental Van

The Dental Van is currently visiting our school and is expected to stay until early in Term 4. Parental Consent forms have been given to all students and spare forms are available at the school office. Please complete and return forms to the school office at your earliest convenience.

A word from Chaplain Paula

MY WISH FOR YOU

This is my wish for you:
Comfort on difficult days,
Smiles when sadness intrudes,
Rainbows to follow the clouds,
Laughter to kiss your lips,
Sunsets to warm your heart,
Hugs when spirits sag,
Beauty instead of ashes,
Friendships to brighten your way,
Faith so that you can believe,
Confidence for when you doubt,
Courage to face the future,
Patience to accept the truth,
Love to carry you through.

Author unknown

WISHING ALL A HAPPY, SAFE & REFRESHING HOLIDAY!

Mad Hatters’ Music Concert
(all Woongarra Choir, Strings and Woodwind/Brass/Percussion students)

Tuesday 8 November
3:15pm in the School Hall

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.

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Quote: “A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while they know something!”

Jeff Irwin

No Strings in first week of Term 4 as Mrs C is away on LSL.

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

- 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.
Boys’ Milo T20 Blast Cricket
Last Wednesday, the Woongarra Boys’ T20 Blast cricket team had their finals day at Kendalls Flat. Woongarra had gone through the preliminary rounds undefeated, having won 4 out of 4 games. This placed them on top of the points table in first position.

Woongarra drew Bundaberg North State School in their semi-final. They had played them earlier in the competition and had defeated them convincingly. Once again, in the semi-final, Woongarra were victorious over North State School. This win put Woongarra straight into the grand final. Woongarra’s opponents in the grand final were St Patrick’s Primary School. Woongarra batted first and, off their 8 overs, scored 71 runs for the loss of 7 wickets. St Patrick’s then batted and, at the completion of their 8 overs, they had scored 102 runs for the loss of only 2 wickets. St Patrick’s had beaten Woongarra by 31 runs. Congratulations to St Patrick’s!

A very well done to all of our players – they all tried very hard to do their best in each and every game. Plenty of skill improvement also occurred with all players. There was great team spirit and lots of fun had by all.

The players were Scott B, Ryder M, Trent B, Keiren S, Jordan B, Bill M, Caleb T, Luke B, Ethan M, Logan T, Shivesh K and Angus R.

Many thanks to all the parents who helped out with transporting the boys to/from the grounds and also for staying on and supporting the boys whilst they played. Thank you!

Term 3 Interschool Sport
Last Friday saw the last day of interschool sport for Term 3. Thank you so much to all of the families who have paid their $15 levy by the due date of Friday 2 September.

Obviously, if you haven’t paid your child’s fees yet they are now overdue and we do have bills to pay! Please attend to payment as soon as possible. Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be selecting their Term 4 interschool sport this week and we don’t want to have to leave students back at school who haven’t paid up for Term 3 interschool sport.

Term 4 interschool sport will start on Friday 14 October, the second Friday back at school after the September school holidays, and will run for 5 weeks. It finishes on Friday 11 November.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Year 1 – 3 Swimming
Swimming for Year 1 - 3 students will begin on Monday 10 October (Week 2 Term 4).

This unit of work will form a large part of your child’s Physical Education rating on their Semester 2 Report Card. Cost for the 8 week program (1 x 40 minute lesson / week) will be $48. Payment for swimming is due by Monday 14 November. Your child will bring home a detailed note about this shortly.

Interhouse X-Country Fun Run
The annual Interhouse X-Country Fun Run for Years P - 6 will be held on Friday 16 September (last day of term) from 9:00 - 11:00am.

Students are encouraged to wear their House colours on this day.

Thongs, sandals and slip-ons are not appropriate footwear for running. All runners must wear covered shoes.

Children must go to class at the first bell for Rolls to be marked and then move straight to their House area on the oval.

Any parent who can assist as a course supervisor (ie. stand and point the way!), please contact Jason Shears (PE teacher) either prior to, or on the day - we definitely need the help.

All spectators are welcome. Approximate race times:
Year 6: 9.20am Year 5: 9.30am
Year 4: 9.40am Year 3: 9.50am
Year 2: 10.00am Year 1: 10.10am
Prep: 10.20am

Presentation of trophy to the winning House at 10:45 am.

All students who complete the course will receive a free iceblock.

TENNIS HOT SHOTS
Bundaberg Tennis Academy, Tennis Australia Certified Advanced Coach, Kevin Banner is inviting children in Years 3-6 who would like to experience the fun environment and social side to Learn n Play Tennis at the school tennis court.

Term 4 tennis commences Monday 10 October 2016 8.00am to 8.45am. Numbers are limited, so register now with Kevin: 4152 0753 or 0409 520753 or email: kevbanner@gmail.com.

Terry Denton LIVE
Friday 14 October 6:30pm - 8:00 pm
Shalom Performing Arts Centre

If you love the Treehouse series, this is an event not to be missed. Be at Shalom Performing Arts Centre on Friday 14 October for a once in a lifetime evening as the amazing Terry Denton visits Bundaberg. This will be an evening packed with fun as kids take centre stage, asking Terry all the questions they’ve ever wanted answered. Terry will be drawing throughout the evening, as well as autographing your copies of the Treehouse books.

Bookings are essential. Cost : $5 (adults and children)

Book seats in person at Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery, 1 Barolin Street Bundaberg. For more information call 4130 4750 or email bragadmin@bundaberg.qld.gov.au
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Year 3 Geography and History Excursion**
On Tuesday 6 September, Year 3 went on a history and geography excursion around Bundaberg. First we checked out the Base Hospital and looked at how its architecture has changed over the years. You can still see a little section of the old part. Next we explored the main street. We walked past the post office and counted the arches (10). We looked at the very old buildings and the dates they were built. We were looking at the School of Arts building and a lady who runs tours of it said we could have a look inside. There was lots of lovely artwork inside.

We drove past the East Water Tower, the Rum Distillery, the Bundy Barrel and Bundaberg Brewed Drinks. We noticed a lot of sugarcane on the drive to The Hummock. We learned that The Hummock is an extinct volcano. On top of The Hummock we noticed a big compass which told us which direction special places around Bundaberg are.

At Mon Repos we were lucky enough to be there at the same time as some special dogs were there with their trainers. The dogs are trained to sniff out foxes so that the turtle hatchlings stay safe. After this we went on a bush walk along the Turtle Trail. Ranger Shane told us that Bert Hinkler used his glider to practise flying from the dunes near where we were standing! Finally, Ranger Nikki showed us turtle skulls and shells and told us lots of information about turtles: Did you know that around 350 turtles nest at Mon Repos every year? Or how about that in one clutch there's around 130 eggs! Whoa! Also, we were reminded to cut the glow and reduce, re-use and recycle to help as many baby turtles make into adulthood as possible.

Authors: Zephyr, Freddie, Brody, Emma, Jack, Lainey, Hannah, Caitlyn, Matt, Nathaniel, Isabelle.

"I loved The Soldier's Memorial in the main street". - Nait

"The artwork inside The School of Arts building was absolutely astonishing!" - Lara

"Mon Repos was fun because the sniffer dog came up and kissed me". - Joey

"I fell asleep on the bus trip back to school. I was exhausted!" - Dimiti

**P&C News**

**Date Claimer…**

**Family Portraits by Laura Jean**
Saturday 29 October

Only $15 for professional family photos which includes 15 minute sitting and a framed 10” x 13” portrait.

Fantastic Christmas gift idea.

More photos can be purchased for additional cost.

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

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. Perhaps the coming school holidays will be a good opportunity.

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