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Dear Parents, Staff and Students:

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Attendance target 95% or better. Last week's attendance rate was 97.5%. 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.

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 inter-school 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!!

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.

ICY CUPS

Wednesday - second lunch break

\$0.25 1/2 cup for Prep students
\$.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.



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.

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. (This is the definition in our school behaviour policy.)

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

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

FEBRUARY

WEEK 4

- Tues 14 Tuckshop P&C Meeting
Wed 15 Newsletter Student Banking
Thur 16 Tuckshop Year 4-6 Swimming (ANZAC Pool) P-3 Assembly
Fri 17 Breakfast Year 4-6 Assembly 11.30 am Leaders' Badge Ceremony

WEEK 5

- Tues 21 Tuckshop
Wed 22 Newsletter Student Banking
Thur 23 Tuckshop Year 4-6 Swimming P-3 Assembly
Fri 24 Breakfast Year 4-6 Assembly

WEEK 6

- Tues 28 Tuckshop Synth City Performances
Wed 1 Newsletter Student Banking
Thur 2 Tuckshop Year 4-6 Swimming P-3 Assembly
Fri 3 Breakfast Year 4-6 Assembly

SCHOOL NEWS

School Leaders

Congratulations to all our school leaders, house captains and student council representatives for 2017. 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.

School Leaders:	<i>Jessica H, Keenan M, Elissa S, Ella B.</i>
Burnett House Captains:	<i>Kylie B, Angus R, Chloe H, Wil T.</i>
Endeavour House Captains:	<i>Mikaela D, Lachlan S, Cooper L, Melissa H.</i>
Hinkler House Captains:	<i>Izzi G, Elise D, Erica M, Shannay H.</i>
Tallon House Captains:	<i>Maddison H, Lily M, Daniel C, Taishi Y.</i>
Student Council Representatives:	<i>Ryland G, Melody H, Hella S, Amelie E, Keely R, Ella W, Olivia W, Emily B.</i>

Our school leaders attended a Leadership Conference at Bundaberg Brothers Club this week. Students leaders from all over the Bundaberg District participated.

Our badge ceremony will be held this Friday at Assembly 11:30am.

The 5 Bs

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.

This month 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.

Week 3 winners were (from Prep to Year 6): Tahlia B, Pyiper R, Zeb R, Avalon W, Caitlyn A, Bianca L and Melody H.

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 \$8.00.

Science:	Tuesday 30 May
English:	Tuesday 1 August
Mathematics:	Tuesday 15 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 24 March.* We particularly encourage all Year 3 - 6 students in extension Maths or English to 'have a go'.

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.

Week 2

Prep BK	<i>Hayden H</i>	Prep GM	<i>Lilly P</i>
Prep J	<i>Jack T</i>		
1C	<i>Lydia J</i>	1L	<i>Pyper McD</i>
1/2KC	<i>Sam L</i>		
2L	<i>Kobey W</i>	2V	<i>Lyla C</i>
3B	<i>Josie G</i>	3R	<i>Erika E</i>
3W	<i>Jamieson M</i>		<i>Caleb H</i>
4E	<i>Lilly D</i>	4H	<i>Mitchell W</i>
4L	<i>Emma R</i>		
	<i>Luke C</i>		
5M	<i>Bree L</i>	5PR	<i>Kai S</i>
5/6S	<i>Ava H</i>		
6D	<i>Olivia W</i>	6V	<i>Ryland G</i>

Week 3

Prep BK	<i>Jimmie H</i>	Prep GM	<i>Riley R</i>
Prep J	<i>Skye W</i>		
1C	<i>Benjamin L</i>	1L	<i>Kobie L</i>
1/2KC	<i>Marley W</i>		
2L	<i>Mackenzie W</i>	2V	<i>Kasey H</i>
3B	<i>Wyatt N</i>	3R	<i>Edmund D</i>
3W	<i>Emily McN</i>		
4E	<i>Lucas C</i>	4H	<i>Isabelle H</i>
4L	<i>Sneha K</i>		
5M	<i>Rosalie L</i>	5PR	<i>Angus R</i>
5/6S	<i>Alex C</i>		
6D	<i>Elissa S</i>	6V	<i>Hella S</i>

Quote: "Nobody who ever gave their best regretted it".

Jeff Irwin

SCHOOL NEWS

A word From Chaplain Paula

UNDERSTANDING AND COPING WITH TRAUMA

What helps?

If you are suffering from the effects of trauma, you may want to consider a range of steps to better care for yourself. For some, the simple process of journaling helps to give expression to the pain and feelings that are troublesome. It helps to look back later and see where progress is indeed being achieved. Becoming involved in meaningful and trusted social relationships is a supportive and important step for many. Finding connections with friends in and/or outside of your community, where you can develop trust, begin to share our hearts and experiences and to support each other is especially important. This often also involves being supportive and helpful to others. Often our burden can become the beginning of effective support and interaction with others.

For some, finding professional help is the best step to take. A professional counsellor can provide understanding and insight into difficult circumstances and make the proper recommendations for care and treatment. There are professional counsellors specially trained to understand and address the issues that trauma victims experience.

Gail R Schra

Focus on the Family Australia has useful written and downloadable materials available and can help you make an informed decision about what may be the best course of action for your situation.

Contact their counselling department for confidential assistance on 1300 300 361.

Synth City ~ The Evolution of the Keyboard ~

Tuesday 28 February \$5.00



Travel through time to trace the origins of the amazing keyboard synthesizer! Teleporting back to the dawn of classical sounds and instruments and swinging through to the 60s to hear the birth of the

electronic keyboards and its coming of age in the 21st Century, Synth City revels in the boundless possibilities of playing those black and white notes!

Lionel Robinson introduces members of the synth's family tree with plenty of humour, fun facts and impressive demonstration, showing off the clavichord, harpsichord, grand piano, Hammond organ, electric piano, Moog synthesizer and digital sampler. As educational as it is entertaining, Synth City stimulates an interest in music by showing the incredible potential offered by keyboards today.

As is usual with school performances, the curriculum is supported, and it is expected that all students will attend to learn and enjoy.



TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 16 February

- Tracy Balto
Leesa Courtice
Belinda Loeskow
Leisha Bartholomai (9.00 - 11.00)

Tuesday 21 February

- Jane Howard
Natalie Miller

Thursday 23 February

- Tracy Balto
Leesa Courtice
Fiona Ames
Leisha Bartholomai (9.00 - 11.00)

Thank you ladies for your continued support. Your help is very much appreciated. Please let me know ASAP if you can't attend your rostered day.

HELP WANTED IN TUCKSHOP

If you have any spare time, please consider helping in Tuckshop, even if only for a couple of hours. Your time is appreciated and would help the Tuckshop to operate efficiently.

Thanking you.

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Thabeban State School Centenary Celebrations Saturday 29 April. Fete (10am - 2pm) Thabeban State School. Dinner (6pm) The Waves Sports Club. Includes details of performances, food, and ticket information.

