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Dear Parents, Staff and Students:

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Attendance target 95% or better. Last week's attendance rate was 95%. (So far this year our attendance is 96%). 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.

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?

Disco

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

Theme: The job you would like in the future!

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 - 50c and \$1.

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.

P&C Easter Raffle



Tickets - \$1 each

All sold and unsold tickets are to be returned to the office by 24 March 2017.

Donations of anything Easter (chocolate eggs, bunnies etc) can be left at the school office by Friday 24 March 2017.

The raffle will be drawn on Monday 27 March and winners will be contacted and advertised in the Newsletter.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MARCH

WEEK 8

- Tues 14 Tuckshop P&C Meeting
Wed 15 Newsletter Student Banking
Thur 16 Tuckshop Year 4-6 Swimming P-3 Assembly
Fri 17 Breakfast Year 4-6 Assembly

WEEK 9

- Tues 21 Tuckshop Free Dress Day
Wed 22 Newsletter Student Banking
Thur 23 Tuckshop Year 4-6 Swimming P-3 Assembly
Fri 24 Breakfast Year 4-6 Assembly ICAS \$\$ due Easter Raffle tickets and \$\$ due

WEEK 10

- Mon 27 Easter Raffle drawn
Tues 28 Tuckshop Disco
Wed 29 Newsletter Student Banking
Thur 30 Tuckshop FUN DAY Year 4-6 Swimming P-3 Assembly
Fri 31 Breakfast Year 4-6 Assembly

SCHOOL NEWS

Anzac Day Ceremony

Remember our Diggers We will commemorate Anzac Day at a special whole school assembly on Monday 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, broad-brimmed hat and water bottle can meet Mr Irwin and some teachers on *Bourbong 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.

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 abled devices.

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	Xavier C	Prep GM	Summer K
Prep J	Summar D		
1C	Sophie E	1L	Pyiper R
1/2KC	Dana G		
2L	Zyla B	2V	Charli T
3B	Mason D	3R	Sienna M
3W	Amber M		
4E	Phoebe H	4H	Koby H
4L	Ava M		
5M	Emma M	5PR	Mystique M
6D	Chloe H	6V	Melody H

Prep Lift-Out in News-Mail

The Prep photographs will appear in a special lift-out in the News-Mail on Wednesday 22 March. Please, if you are interested, purchase your copy to see our kids!!

Parent Teacher Interviews – some start next week!!

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. Offers for interviews will be at the following times:

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

Please make every effort to attend this first interview, as we are seeking 100% of parents at interviews.

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.

This is the last week 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.

Week 7 winners were (from Prep to Year 6):

Yusuf K, Indie G, Layla C, Georgia G, Braxton W, Hayley A and Lily M.



SCHOOL NEWS

FREE DRESS DAY

The Student Council is holding a Free Dress Day on **Tuesday 21 March** in aid of the Leukaemia Foundation.

Theme: *Come dressed in your favourite sporting outfit or as your favourite sports star.*

Gold coin donation.

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

Quote: *"If you wouldn't write it and sign it, don't say it!"*

(This is a great one especially for kids and the use of chat rooms, texting etc.)

Jeff Irwin

Help to refill sandpit

The level of sand in the Prep sandpit is getting quite low so the school is organising for a truck load of sand to be delivered on the afternoon of Thursday 23 March.



Due to the fence and covered pathways all around the Prep area, the sand cannot be delivered directly to the sandpit and will be deposited inside the school fence near the pathway into the Prep BK room. If you can give half an hour of your time either on Thursday 23 March from 2.30 - 5.30pm or on Friday 24 March from 6.00 - 10.30am, we would appreciate any assistance to barrow the sand to the sandpit.

If possible, please bring a wheelbarrow and a shovel as we only have one wheelbarrow at school. Please let your teachers know if you can assist and at what time.

Overdue Swimming Money

All Year 4 - 6 swimming fees (\$50) for this term are now overdue. We did ask for all fees to be paid up by Thursday 23 February 2017.

Please be aware that, for your child/ren to participate in the FUN DAY at swimming in the last week of term (Thursday 30 March 2017), **FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL.**

NO PAYMENT IN FULL

= **NO FUN DAY** for your child/ren.



Bundy Schoolgirls'

Touch Footy News

Congratulations to School Leader Ella B (5/6S) for being selected in this year's Bundaberg District Under 12 Schoolgirls' representative touch footy team.



Ella will now travel with this Bundy team to Maryborough in the first week back to school after the Easter school holidays to try out at the Wide Bay Schoolgirls' touch footy team trials.

Well done Ella - best of luck! We here at Woongarra are all very proud of you and your efforts!

A word From Chaplain Paula

"Encouragement is like performance unleaded. It helps take the knocks out of life."

COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE FOR SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

Sunday March 26

at Bundaberg Christian College commencing @ 6.30pm.

ALL WELCOME!

TENNIS Fun Day

Tennis ... you're gonna love it!

You and your family are invited to come along and join in our exciting tennis fun day. All standards and ages welcome. We guarantee you and your family a fantastic day - even if you've never hit a ball before! Come as you are - any gear will do!

WHERE: Bundaberg & District Junior Tennis Assoc Inc, Rotary Park Tennis Complex, 69B George Street, South Bundaberg (opposite the Melbourne Hotel)

TIME: 1.00 - 5.00 pm



TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 16 March

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

Tuesday 21 March

Jane Howard
Natalie Miller

Thursday 23 March

Tracy Balto
Fiona Ames
Leesa Courtice
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

Please contact me if you can spare any time.

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BARGARA LITTLE ATHLETICS
Winter Season starts Sun 19 March 2017
Come 'n' Try Day: Sun 12th March from 9am
Bargara Sports Complex, Fred Courtice Ave
(past Neilson's Beach Caravan Park)
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Sign up online: www.laq.org.au
Info: www.bargaraathletics.org.au

