Attendance target 94% or better. Last week’s attendance was 92%. (We have had a lot of sickness. Please only allow the kids a day off when they are sick!). Thanks to Bundy Bowl and Leisure Complex for giving the school some awards to promote attendance each term this year (www.bundybowl.com.au).

Prep 2017
It is getting to that time when we look at Prep for the new year. If you know you have a Prep child commencing next year please let the office know. This will really assist with class planning for 2017. We would like to have 3 Prep classes again but this will mean we need a larger enrolment than this year.

Students are eligible for Prep next year if they are born between July 2011 and June 2012. Please let your friends, neighbours and relatives know!!

A Birth Certificate is required for enrolment. Don’t leave it to the last minute - apply for a birth certificate now.

Science Awards from ICAS
We had a number of students sit the annual International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) for Science. Ten students received certificates of higher achievement. One student was awarded a high distinction. This put this student in the top 1% for the state. Absolutely Wonderful!!

The awardees were:

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NAPLAN
Our school has again seen significant improvement in our NAPLAN results. Our school mean was above the Nation in Year 5 reading and numeracy and Year 3 reading, and only 4 points behind the nation in numeracy.

It is in the upper two bands that we have had the greatest improvement. (The upper two bands refers to our students who are performing above average.) Year 3 reading saw 50% of our students in the upper two bands and 37% in numeracy and this compares better than the Nation. Year 5 reading saw 32% of students in the upper two bands and 33% in numeracy. This sees us better than the Nation in numeracy and slightly below the Nation in reading.

Spelling sees our next challenge with need for improvement in the Year 3 area and consolidation in Year 5. The school has already commenced an improvement agenda in this area.

Celebrating our results is great especially how far we have improved in the last 5 years. This could only happen with a great team of professionals here at school. It also is helped by great attitudes and behaviour from our students and a wonderful supportive community.

Well done to all Woonies!!

District Athletics
Congratulations to all our students who competed at the District Athletics Competition in week 4. The children’s performance and behavior were both outstanding. We finished second overall and couldn’t quite defend our win from last year … but a great result anyway!! We won the percentage trophy for ‘A’ schools.
Leaving Early or Arriving Late
It is every parent’s responsibility if you bring your children late to school or have to leave early that you must sign them in/out at the office. This is a requirement so that in case of a fire or lockdown we know the whereabouts of every student. It is not enough just to tell a teacher you are leaving or late … they must be signed in/out!!

Thank you in anticipation that you will continue to follow this requirement in all cases.

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  Ryan B  Prep J  Kayden B
1C  Susannah McN  1GM  Layla C
1L  Huntah C
2KC  Hudson H  2L  Kayden P
2V  Lily T
3B  Koby H  3R  Cooper B
3W  Chloe C
4E  Emily H  4H  Paea F
4/5L  Georgia E
5M  Blake C  5PR  Lilijana C  Melody H
6D  Shanae W  6V  Chenoa S

Quote:  “Opportunities are never lost. Another person just takes the ones you miss!”  
Jeff Irwin

Australia – Story Country!
It’s that time of the year again. Our school is celebrating 2016 Book Week between 22 - 26 August. This year’s theme is Australia – Story Country.

Our teachers will be sharing the shortlisted books with their classes and students will have the opportunity to vote on their favourite book.

During Book Week we will have competitions and events in the library. This will include a ‘COME AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER’ on Thursday 25 August. Colouring competitions have been given out to classes.

Leesa Rose, Librarian

Bundaberg School’s Netball Competition
Last Thursday our Woonettes – Abbey M, Dakoda F, Jasmin B, Holly A, Holly C, Bella G, Hayley J and Ruby M played their first two netball games at the start of a three week competition.

Our first game was a tough one against Norville who were the winner of the Central Queensland Regional Shield Competition in Rockhampton last month. Although we tried our best, we were no match for this winning Division 1 team. The second game saw the Woonettes come together as a team and have a win against Walkervale.

We looked fabulous as always in our new uniforms. The girls are looking forward to round 2 this Thursday where we will be playing another 3 games.

Coaches: Tania Collins and Marilyn Rekow

Scholastic Book Club
- closing 3pm Thursday 25 August -
Book Club catalogues have been distributed to students. All catalogues are available to be viewed on the Scholastic Book Club web site scholastic.com.au. Additional catalogues are available at the Library.

A reminder that payment can be made via the LOOP app (all instructions are on the back of the catalogue) or by credit card over the phone. Alternatively, orders and payment are to be handed in to the school office by 3.00pm Thursday 25 August.

Kepnock State High School …. Important Dates

Tuesday 23 August 2016  Enrolment Evening 1
Friday 2 September 2016  ACE and Bursary applications due
Tuesday 6 September 2016  Enrolment Evening 2
Monday 12 September 2016  Successful ACE applicants and Bursary winners announced
Wednesday 7 December 2016  Year 7 Orientation Day
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**A word from Chaplain Paula**

**WIPEOUT**

‘Surfing involves a lot of focus, balance, and control. If you lose focus, get off balance, or lose control of your board, you’ll wipe out. One minute you’re riding; the next you’re underwater. Life can be very much the same way. Downfalls can happen instantly, and all of a sudden you’re crying for help.’

(Excerpt from Bethany Hamilton’s book, *Soul Surfer*.)

She also quotes ‘Too much pride will destroy you’. I can get up thinking I’m doing great then pride starts to seep into my heart. I use this quote to keep my heart in check so I don’t get prideful.

Bethany Hamilton is a surviving shark attack victim since 2003. She admits her success is the result of the amazing support from family, friends, church and widespread community and an inspiration to all!

**SEAN W SMITH**
in concert at Woongarra!

Thank you, thank you, and thank you to all who attended the Sean W Smith concert last Thursday. You were a fantastic audience!

Special thanks also to Miss Rose for organising a great IT crew from Year 6, Clay H, Tom D and Ryder M. Thanks also to Kathy Cavanagh who took some very nice pictures of the performance and congratulations Bree C who won a signed CD of Sean’s music!

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**P&C News**

**Amart All Sports Community Kick Back Program**

Woongarra School P&C is registered with the Amart AllSports Community Kick Back Program. Join the Team Amart program and nominate Woongarra State School on your account. Every time a purchase is made and the card is swiped, credits are awarded to Woongarra’s account. When members have spent a collective $2000 in any 12 month period, the school receives 5% store credit.

**The Athletes Foot School Rewards Program**

Woongarra State School is registered with The Athletes Foot School Rewards Program in the Hinkler Store. When any shoe is purchased at Hinkler store and you mention Woongarra State School, the school receives a $5 credit. This is not just shoes for students, it applies to anyone making the purchase and mentioning the school.

**Fun Run**

The P&C Major Fundraiser the FUN RUN is taking place on Friday 16 September with funds raised going towards revamping the Year 4, 5, 6 wooden playground. This year we have teamed up with our local Sportspower Bundaberg Store to offer a fantastic selection of top quality prizes. Completed sponsorship forms, money and prize orders are due back by the end of Week 7 (Friday 26 August).

Week 10 – Friday 16 September FUN RUN DAY. All students who participate will receive a certificate and ice block. All students who raise $10 or more will be eligible to select a prize which will be handed out on the day of the Fun Run.

Jane Barratt, P&C President

**1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING for Parents**

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old

A three-session program for parents and carers at **Engaging Early Learners**, Woondooma Street (opposite the Library) on **Monday 22 & 29 August and 5 September** 9.30am-12.00 noon.

This is a free, proactive program being supported by our State Schools to assist in providing additional strategies that arise with the challenges of parenting. With this program, you will receive a workbook and refreshments. Please indicate if childcare is required.

Register for this course by contacting Amanda on 0448 197 075 (between 8.00am -5 .00pm).

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