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Attendance target 94% or better. Last week's attendance rate was 97%. What a great week! Thanks to Bundy Bowl and Leisure Complex for giving the school some awards to promote attendance each term this year (www.bundybowl.com.au). Attendance awards for Term 3 have been handed

World Teachers' Day
 Show your appreciation of teachers by celebrating World Teachers' Day.



Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers' Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community. Please recognise your teachers with a word of thanks, a letter or a small gift. I certainly appreciate what they do and I hope you do too!!

World Teachers' Day is Friday October 28!

P&C News
Family Portraits by Laura Jean



Saturday 29 October

Woongarra State School P&C is holding a Family Portrait Fundraiser on Saturday 29 October. You will receive a giant 10"x13" framed portrait for \$15.00 - a fantastic Christmas gift idea. More photos can be purchased for additional cost. CDs, canvases and reorders are also available. Speak to your photographer on the day about a canvas upgrade offer.

Laura Jeans portraiture is of excellent standard and you can check the website www.laurajean.com.au for sample portraiture and great ideas on what to wear.

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

Jane Barratt, P&C

<i>Name:</i>	<i>Year:</i>
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Have Your Say

All of my children have left school now but I do look back over the many teachers who taught my children. I can honestly say my kids have "gained" something from every teacher who has educated them. From some they have learnt the basics very well (Maths and English) and others the arts or science/technology. Some teachers taught my kids to be organised or learn to laugh at themselves. Teachers really do make the difference.

"Have your say week" is a chance for parents to comment *in writing* on your own child's needs. It is not about selecting a teacher but certainly about your kids and their needs. We understand that you know your children well, but please understand that teachers also see the needs of your children too and have thoughts about where they should be placed for classes in 2017.

So please, if you wish, "Have your Say" in writing **but remember it is not "Have your way!"** as we may need to take other issues into account. You may email the school at principal@woongarrass.eq.edu.au **during the week of October 31—November 4.**

Here are some things to consider if you need to discuss your child's class selection with your current teacher or to address in your email:- learning needs, social needs, family circumstances and health issues.

We are hoping to publish class lists in the last week of term as teachers will be organising these class lists with the administration team straight after "Have Your Say Week". We will not be very willing to change classes after they are published so, if you need to, "Have Your Say".

SCHOOL NEWS

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	<i>Cailin R Rebecca Z</i>	Prep J	<i>Pyper McD</i>
1C	<i>Trey P</i>	1GM	<i>Tyler M</i>
1L	<i>Fynn L</i>		
2KC	<i>Georgia G</i>	2L	<i>Katie W</i>
2V	<i>Anna S Connor S</i>		
3B	<i>Hayden L</i>	3R	<i>Gibson O</i>
3W	<i>Addison L</i>		
4E	<i>Taylah M</i>	4H	<i>Zaschella H Sam W</i>
4/5L	<i>Jayden A</i>		
5M	<i>Kayde B</i>	5PR	<i>Lachlan S</i>
6D	<i>Ruby M</i>	6S	<i>Bill M</i>
6V	<i>Thomas D</i>		

Quote: *"A leader knows what is best to do;
a manager knows merely how best to do this."*

Jeff Irwin

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.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC - ENROL NOW FOR 2017

The school band instrumental music program is inviting students **currently in Years 3, 4 & 5** to apply for enrolment for 2017 (Lessons are available on flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bass guitar, drums. Some school instruments are available for loan). Learning an instrument promotes creativity, confidence and improves class learning.

Please ask at the office for an 'Invitation to Apply' letter from Ms Palmer if you haven't received one. Applications close Friday 18 November.

Lisa Palmer



Mad Hatters' Music Concert

(all Woongarra Choir, Strings and Woodwind/Brass/Percussion students)

Tuesday 8 November

3:15pm in the School Hall

Maths Teams' Challenge

Question from last Newsletter:

I think of a positive number. If one less than my number is multiplied by 5 and one more than my number is multiplied by 4, the difference between the two numbers is 1. What is my answer? (Two possible answers)

Answer:

The possible answers are 8 or 10.

Prep 2017

Letters have been sent home for Prep placements for 2017. If you have a child commencing in Prep 2017, please see the office as soon as possible.

We still have a few places left for Prep and other year levels for 2017, so please feel free to let your friends know.

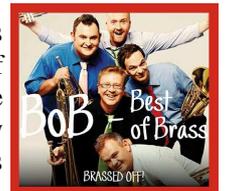
Families Relocating in 2017 School Year

As we approach the end of the year we will be organising class formations for 2017.

If you know for certain that your children will be attending a different primary school to Woongarra in 2017 please pass the information on to the office.

Best of Brass Concert

It was fantastic to see so many students and their parents enjoying the Best of Brass (BoB) Concert last week. The wonderful music showcased the many styles and music genres playable by brass instruments.



A big THANK YOU to the P&C for their contribution towards the cost of this very entertaining and educational event.

School Musical - Man of Steel

This year's school musical is "Man of Steel". Students have been working hard for a number of weeks, learning songs, dances, blocking and acting! "Man of Steel" tells the story of Ken - aka the superhero, The Man of Steel - who goes to work as a reporter for the News-mail so that he can be on hand to ward off danger and fight evil. His love interest, Linda Street, is kidnapped by Olga and her henchmen in a fiendish scheme to get rid of The Man of Steel and rule the world. Will she be successful?

Come along this Friday 21 October at 7:00pm to find out!

GOLD COIN entry fee per person at the door!

An affordable, all-singing and all-dancing night out for the whole family!!

Tracey Shears, Year 6 Teacher

SCHOOL NEWS

Student Banking - Term 4 Competition

Don't forget that WEDNESDAY is School Banking day!



Each time you bank in Term 4, a raffle ticket with your name and class will be put into a box and prizes will be drawn in the last week of school.

- One prize of a \$10 gift card will be drawn for each year level.
- One prize of \$5 cash (sponsored by a Woonie parent) will be drawn for each year level.

So student bankers ... the more times you bank, the better the chance you have of winning. You need to be in it to win it!!

Tracy Balto, Student Banking Coordinator

Secondhand School Uniforms

Last weekend, a number of donated / surplus school uniform items were taken to Lifeline at Bundaberg East. If you are looking for some cheaper options for your school uniform supplies, it might be worth poking your nose into Lifeline over east.



Items included:

- red polo shirts
(with school logo - 27; without school logo - 16)
- green track pants - 13
- green school jumpers - 18
- red school jumpers - 10

There was quite an array of sizes across all items of the above clothing.

Administering Medication in Schools

Please note, school staff will only administer medication that:

- has been prescribed by a qualified health practitioner (eg doctor, dentist)
- is in its original container
- has an attached pharmacy label.



Please note, school staff will not administer medication that you can buy over-the-counter at chemists and supermarkets (eg paracetamol, eye drops, cough syrup) unless it has been prescribed by your child's qualified health practitioner. For example, the school would administer paracetamol to a student only if it has been prescribed by their dentist to be taken for a short time after dental treatment.

It is safer for all students if you can provide medication to the school in person (rather than send medication with the student). Office staff will ask you to complete and sign Section 1 of the Administration of Medication at School record sheet. (NB If your child requires more than one medication you will need to complete a form for each medication.)

When your child's medication is no longer required to be kept at school, please collect all unused medication.

School staff are bound by these regulations and we hope that all parents will acknowledge and cooperate with these rules. Thank you for assisting the school in keeping our students safe and healthy.

Terry Denton Booksigning



Three students represented Woongarra State School at the Terry Denton booksigning and interview on Friday night at Shalom Performing Arts Centre. Isabella C, Tom D and Nathan P made up a panel of 10 students who had an opportunity to interview the illustrator Terry Denton, who is famous for his collaboration with Andy Griffiths on the "Just" series and the "Treehouse" series. There was a great turnout with the auditorium filled and it was great to see lots of Woonie parents and students in the audience!

A word from Chaplain Paula

SELF-ESTEEM IS THE KEY

The greatest gift you can give your child is healthy self-esteem. Children who *feel* valuable, and who *trust themselves* have a positive self-esteem. You can help your child feel valuable by spending quality time with him or her, playing games, reading books, or just listening. You can also help children feel valuable by helping them discover and become the person they want to be. Success follows people who genuinely like who they are.

FEELING KIND

Kindness flows naturally from a child with a healthy self-esteem. Kindness is like sunshine because it makes everybody feel warm and cared about. Kindness is sharing our caring and good feelings with others - especially with those feeling sad or lonely. There are endless opportunities to teach your children about kindness in your everyday activities. If children are treated with kindness, they will value themselves and want to extend kindness to others - including animals. Most importantly, when children act in kind ways they not only like who they are, they also create a better world for those they meet along the way.

An Inspirational message written by Psychologists Bill Hallam and Dr Craig Olsson.



SCHOOL NEWS

Book Fair

Once again our school Library is holding its annual Book Fair. Book Fairs are a great opportunity for students and parents to purchase quality books at affordable prices (maybe a surprise Christmas present). In addition, the school library earns commission from sales to purchase additional resources for our school.

The children are given an opportunity to browse through the collection of books and assorted items to create their own 'Wishlist' with their class and will bring this 'Wishlist' home for your perusal.

Sales: Tuesday 18 - Friday 21 October

Times: Tues, Wed, Thurs

8.15 - 9.00am

1.15 - 1.45pm

3.00 - 3.30pm

Fri 8.15 - 9.00am only



As with last year, we will have EFTPOS and credit card facilities available at the Library.

Hope to see you all there to support another fantastic school activity.

Leesa Rose, Teacher Librarian



Maths for Parents!
Wednesday 26 October 2016
6.30 - 8.00 pm



Open to parents from all primary schools

Location: Woongarra State School library

Presenter: Michael Ymer

Michael is a specialist mathematics consultant from Melbourne, Australia. He is involved in many Professional Development programs in schools across Australia and Asia. Michael is an enthusiastic and entertaining presenter who has a clear and practical approach to the challenges that confront schools and parents in mathematics. On this evening Michael will address the following issues:

- What is my child learning in mathematics?
- How can I help my child become an efficient problem solver?
- How do children best learn mathematics?
- How can parents promote quality thinking and learning?
- How can I help my child in mathematics?

This evening is recommended to all parents as a very worthwhile session that will help you understand the focus of mathematics in schools today and offer strategies and ideas to help you support your young mathematicians.

We look forward to working with you on this evening. Numbers will be capped at 40.

Wendy McKenzie, Master Teacher, Woongarra State School

RSVP: 18.10.16 – Please return this form to Woongarra State School or phone 41506333

Parents Mathematics Evening Reply

Child's Year Level _____

Names for name tags _____

Wish to attend the Mathematics Evening on Wednesday 26 October 2016

Signed _____ Date ____/____/2016

Phone _____



TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 20 October

Tracy Balto

Kelly Hooper

Leisha Bartholomai (9.00 -11.00)

Juanita Ryan

Monday 24 October

Shani Paulsen

Belinda Loeskow

Thursday 27 October

Tracy Balto

Fiona Ames

Leisha Bartholomai (9.00 -11.00)

Jane Howard (9.00 - 10.00)

Thank you all for your support. Please let me know ASAP if you can't attend your rostered day.

Specials

Mini Blueberry Muffins \$ 0.50

Pasta Bolognaise (Homemade) \$ 4.00

Mini Pikelets \$0.30

Pizza Subs (Homemade)

Ham & Cheese; Ham, Cheese

& Pineapple; Chicken Cheese

& BBQ Sauce) \$ 2.00

Lyn Dobbs

Convenor

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