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Dear Parents, Staff and Students:

Attendance target 95% or better. Last week's attendance rate was 94.9%. (So far this year our attendance is 95.6%). 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. Thanks also to Rebel Sports Bundaberg for supplying our annual awards!!

Bullying Behaviour... Part 2

Kids come to school to learn in a safe, supportive and challenging school environment and no one has the right to make others frightened, uncomfortable or unhappy.



WELCOME BACK

FEBRUARY

WEEK 5

Tues 20 Special Subway Day
(No normal Tuckshop)
Prep Photos
Wed 21 Newsletter
Year 4-6 Swimming
Swimming \$\$ due
Student Banking
Icy Cups
Thur 22 Tuckshop
Breakfast
P-3 Assembly
Fri 23 Year 4-6 Assembly

WEEK 6

Tues 27 Tuckshop
Wed 28 Newsletter
Year 4-6 Swimming
Student Banking
Icy Cups
Thur 1 Tuckshop
Breakfast
2.30 Whole School Assembly
(100% attendance in 2017)

MARCH

WEEK 7

Tues 6 Tuckshop
Wed 7 Newsletter
Year 4-6 Swimming
Student Banking
Icy Cups
Thur 8 Tuckshop
P-3 Assembly
Breakfast
Fri 9 Year 4-6 Assembly

These are some of the strategies used to combat bullying behaviour at Woongarra State School.

- "Bullying" is defined so that kids and parents know what it is that we are trying to prevent. Not all incidents are bullying. Most are "one-offs" but still need to be dealt with!
- "Bullying" is a topic of conversation at assemblies.
- Kids inform us of poor behaviour.
- Kids are encouraged to be assertive and to have a positive and robust self-esteem.
- Teachers are responsive and follow-up "bullying" and other poor behaviour instances that are known.
- Consequences occur for students who exhibit bullying behaviour (e.g. Student Reflection sheet).
- Kids are taught a range of strategies (3 step plan) e.g. confront and tell them to stop ... move away ... tell an adult .
- Parents are informed of significant incidents or repeat incidents through phone calls to parents.
- Staff are always "out and about", observing.
- School Chaplain is available.

Please encourage your children to make positive choices, as we encourage them too!

At assembly we will discuss the "Cool and Right Way" to solve incidents in the playground. Please reinforce this at home. The "Agro Way" doesn't solve your problems. It often only inflames the problem or as I often speak to kids about 'it is like pouring petrol on a fire'.

The cool and right way is to:

- Ignore their behaviour.
- Tell them to stop annoying you.
- Speak in a firm, not angry voice and stand tall.
- Look in their eyes firmly (but not in a threatening way).
- Stay in control of yourself.
- Walk away from them.
- See an adult.
- If it continues see the same adult.
(Tell your class teacher).

The agro way is to:

- Push, punch, trip or kick another person.
- Speak discourteously.
- Use insults and put-downs.
- Call people names, make blaming comments.
- Shout or swear.
- Stand too close to the person and act in a threatening manner.
- Lose control of yourself.

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Drop and Go Area in our Car Park

The Drop and Go area in our car park is to be for exactly that: drop and go. When dropping off or collecting children *you may not leave your vehicle if parked in this area* defined with a yellow line. If the drop and go parks in front of you are free then *move forward* so more cars can fit in here. *Please do not park in this area if you wish to have a chat with friends, before or after school, as this area is only to drop off or pick up!!!* So please, do the right thing in this area, as it helps everyone and moves traffic along especially at 3pm, the busiest time!!!!



P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting for our school will be March 13 at 6:30pm in the staffroom (please note the earlier time). Looking forward to seeing many faces! This meeting will also be the Annual General Meeting.



Flashing School Zone Lights on Elliott Heads Road

We have received word from Main Roads that flashing school zone lights will be installed on Elliott Heads Road. This is a great move to remind us all to travel at 40km/h during school zone times!!

Electronic Newsletter

From the beginning of Term 3 our school Newsletter will no longer be provided on paper. All parents will be able to access our Newsletter via our school app *Skoolbag* or our website. At present, we provide the Newsletter electronically using both of these ways. So please, to prepare, download the *Skoolbag* app for easy access to the Newsletter. For your information, please find installation instructions attached. (We send the Newsletter out as a push notification on the app.)

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 \$9.00.

- Science:** Tuesday 29 May
- English:** Tuesday 31 July
- Mathematics:** Tuesday 14 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 23 March.* We particularly encourage all Year 3 - 6 students in extension Maths or English to ‘have a go’.

Helping with Reading

To get your child interested in reading, its important to vary the books you read together and to talk about the types of material you read each day.

Our school encourages parents to work with us to develop children’s reading skills. Here are a few tips to get you started:

- ✦ Play number-plate games in the car by making sentences starting with the same letters as on different number-plates.
- ✦ Encourage children to re-tell stories they have read and to share these stories with other family members.
- ✦ When reading to your child, stop and ask, “What do you think will happen next?” and occasionally ask, “Why do you think the author included that part in the story?” This will be a check to ensure they understand what they are reading.
- ✦ If your child makes a mistake when they are reading aloud, give them time to correct the mistake themselves. Encourage your child to read every day and ensure they see you read as well.

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 GK	<i>Maddison M</i>	Prep KC	<i>Jordie G</i>
Prep J	<i>Xavier S</i>		
1C	<i>Hayden H</i>	1L	<i>Jude McD</i>
1R	<i>Rylan P</i>		<i>Harry W</i>
2R	<i>Mackenzie W</i>	2V	<i>Indie G</i>
2/3B	<i>Kobey W</i>		
3B	<i>Huntah C</i>	3W	<i>Shiloh L</i>
4E	<i>Zedd P</i>	4H	<i>Bridget M</i>
4L	<i>Thomas E</i>		
5M	<i>Angus L</i>	5PR	<i>Lainey B</i>
6D	<i>Coco S</i>	6V	<i>Sophie L</i>

Quote: *“Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face.”*

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.

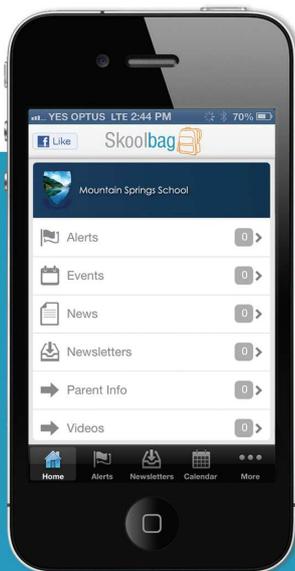


Lisa Palmer

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Skoolbag

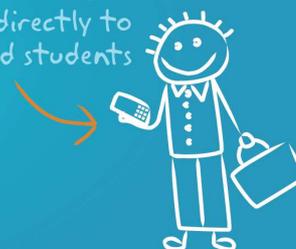
Smartphone school to parent communication



Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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Queensland Bulls Masters Cricket Visit

Last Friday, to coincide with the Queensland Bulls Masters' cricket match against the Bundaberg team at Salter Oval on Saturday night, our school received a visit from three of the Bulls Masters players.

A number of students from Years 4, 5 and 6 got to do a "Q&A" session with former Queensland and Australian players Andrew Symonds, Nathan Hauritz and Nathan Reardon. The boys and girls were also able to get plenty of autographs as well.

Prior to this, Wide Bay Cricket Officer, Daniel Drew, did a skills session with the students with plenty of throwing and catching as the Bulls Masters players gave some tips and advice.

All students behaved themselves very well and asked some very curly questions.

Thanks very much to both the Queensland Bulls Masters and Queensland Cricket for visiting our school.

AFL News

Congratulations must go to Josh G (6V) and Mitchell W (5/6S) for being selected in this year's Bundaberg District Under 12 Schoolboys' representative Aussie Rules team.

Both of these boys will now travel to Maryborough in late March to attend the Wide Bay trials.

Well done boys and best of luck!

Jason Shears
P E Teacher



Have a howling good time at the Bundaberg Chinese New Year celebrations! Unleash the fun on Saturday February 24 and welcome in the Year of the Dog from 3pm in the Bundaberg CBD.

Children's activities include a Chinese Animal Zodiac Trail located between Buss Park and BRAG Park, where children complete activities for each sign of the Chinese zodiac and collect stamps in their passport as they go.

The lantern parade will light up the night from approx 8.15pm followed by the evening's grand finale - a fireworks display!

A word from Chaplain Paula

Two men who shared a hospital room ended up becoming friends. One was allowed to sit up for an hour every day. His bed was beside the only window. The other man spent his life flat on his back. Each day the man at the window would describe the activity and colour of the outside world: the park overlooking the lake, ducks swimming, children playing, couples walking hand-in-hand, the skyline in the distance. His friend, who could see none of this, smiled and imagined it all in his mind's eye.

One day the man by the window died and his roommate moved into his place. He propped himself up to look outside and was amazed to see a drab brick wall! Confused, he asked the nurse how come his friend had described the scenery in such glowing terms. She replied, "Actually, he was blind and he couldn't even see the wall. He just wanted to encourage you".

Paul said, "Each of us should please our neighbours ... to build them up". There's great satisfaction in encouraging people, especially when your own situation is less than ideal. One author writes: "When you tell someone they're beautiful, you change how they see themselves. A girl in love thinks she's the most beautiful girl in the world because her young man said so. When a parent tells a child they are loved they have confidence to reach for the stars. On the other hand, a doctor who point-blank tells a patient that he's "terminal" can speed up the death process.

Words are powerful; use yours to build people up.

Excerpt from The Word for Today
(Vision Christian Media 2018)



Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 22 February

Tracy Balto
Fiona Ames
Fay

Tuesday 27 February

Fay
Belinda Loeskow
Nora Goggi
(9.00 - 11.30)

Thursday 1 March

Tracy Balto
Fay
Shandi South
Yasmin Turello
(9.00 - 11.30)

Thank you everyone for your support. Your help is very much appreciated. Please let me know ASAP if you can't attend your rostered day so a replacement can be arranged.

Order Tuckshop online - fast and easy -

Download the **Qkr App** and follow the instructions. Flyers are available at the Tuckshop or from the office foyer.

Subway Special Day

Thanks to everyone who supported the Tuckshop for this special day. Monies raised through the Tuckshop go to various projects around the school.

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