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WELCOME BACK

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Welcome back to all returning and new families and staff for the 2017 school year. I am sure that parents are just as excited as the children for school to recommence. Enrolments will be around 455. It was great to see students presented in uniform and ready to begin the year on a positive note. A big thank you to parents for having your children so well prepared. We welcomed 69 Prep children who began their first day at school.

A big thank you also to all staff for preparing the classes and grounds so flawlessly. Our grounds and buildings look great again to start a new year. Our Prep and main toilet blocks have had an internal 'facelift' over the holidays.

Thanks for your patience, particularly during the first week or so. As more parents become confident with bus arrangements, I hope we'll see a reduction in the traffic congestion. Remember to drive with caution around all schools and be patient.

With so much planned for 2017 we call on parents to take an active role in the school community by attending Parent & Citizens (P&C) Meetings once a month on the second Tuesday. Let's all have a great year.

Absence from School

From this week our school along with every other State School in Queensland is implementing same day of absence notification. This means that we need to know about the absence of your child on the day they are away.

If, for any reason, your child is unable to attend school, a number of avenues are available for advising the school on the morning of the absence. Please provide student name, date of absence and reason for absence.

- TEXT 0427 786 319
- phone Student Absence Line 4150 6366 (this number is also in the printed header on page 1 of the Newsletter)
- send notification through the Skoolbag app (this app will be discontinued in 2017 and replaced with QParents)
- absence notes are available in the office foyer
- written note from parent/guardian

When the parent/guardian has prior knowledge of a child being absent, a written note to the teacher beforehand is appreciated. Oral messages from pupils are not acceptable.

If we do not hear from you a text will be sent to a family contact around 10:30am informing you of the absence and seeking a response from you. Please be understanding as we are trialling this new absence program and so we may send you a text when you have already informed us of the absence.

This new policy is all about student protection that is, knowing where every child is!!

WELCOME BACK

JANUARY

WEEK 1

Wed 25 Newsletter
Thur 26 *Australia Day*
public holiday
Fri 27 *Whole school*
Assembly
NO BREAKFAST

FEBRUARY

WEEK 2

Tues 31 Tuckshop begins
Wed 1 Newsletter
Student Banking begins
Thur 2 Tuckshop
Year 4-6 Swimming
P-3 Assembly
Fri 3 Year 4-6 Assembly
NO BREAKFAST

WEEK 3

Tues 7 Tuckshop
Wed 8 Newsletter
Student Banking
Book Club due
Thur 9 Tuckshop
Year 4-6 Swimming
P-3 Assembly
Fri 10 Year 4-6 Assembly
BREAKFAST starts

*SCHOOL NEWS***School Staffing 2017**

To assist parents in maintaining strong parent-teacher relationships at Woongarra, a staff list is provided for your information.

Principal	Jeff Irwin	Prep BK	Sue Brennan and Lynda Knight
Deputy Principal	Linda Oakley	Prep GM	Karen Gahan and Ailis Morgan
Business Services Manager	Christine Scarborough	Prep J	Alex Jurgens
Administration Officers	Leandre Foster Amy Maule / Jessica Severs	1C	Tania Collins
Guidance Officer	Bryan Willetts	1/2 KC	Amanda Condon and Lynda Knight
Head of Special Education	Claire Sheehan	1L	Jo Lapene
Master Teacher	Wendy McKenzie	2L	Rebecca Larkman
Learning Support	Jacqui McLennan Lynda Pappalardo	2V	Cheri Visona
Curriculum Leader	Elissa Wyatt	3B	David Baren
Special Needs Teacher	Gaye McWilliams	3R	Rosemary Birrell
Teacher Librarian	Leesa Rose	3W	Elissa Wyatt and Rochelle Reepsdorff
P.E. Teacher	Jason Shears	4E	Jenny Edwards
Languages (German) Teacher	Alison Kindt	4H	Kerry Haynes
Speech Language Pathologist	Anita Finn	4L	Jacqui Liston
Classroom Music Teachers	Kathy Cavanagh Ailis Morgan	5M	Sean Mullaney
Instrumental Music Teachers	Annette Christensen Lisa Palmer	5PR	Lynda Pappalardo and Marilyn Rekow
I.T.	Joshua Long	5/6 S	Tracey Shears
School Chaplain	Paula Dalrymple	6D	Joanne Driver and Natalie Formosa
Teacher Aides	Lynette Bek Kylie Chapman Bec Cheacker Christie Howden Stacey McGill Debra Morgan Annette Oakley Di Rapley Krystyna Rush Kim Sologinkin	6V	Glenn Vertigan
Groundsperson	Col Fritz Chris Robins		
Cleaners	Linda Banks Glenn Beyer Bernice Hening Kim Wheeler		

Our staffing will be confirmed after this week. At that point, we can finalise the above list of staff.

Collection of Children after School

All children who are being collected by car and whose parents wait in their cars for their child to walk out to them will wait in the grassed area at the end of the administration block or near the Library/Hall.

No child will wait near the single gate at the front of the office. Parents who park outside the school in the car park on Kleins Road will need to walk into the school to collect their children. If you want them to walk out to you, please park in the main car park.

Thanks for your understanding with this matter.

SCHOOL NEWS

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.

Be RESPECTFUL

of yourself, others and property.

Be POSITIVE

Give it your best shot.

Be RESPONSIBLE

Be safe and aware.

Be PROUD

Take pride in yourself, your work and your school.

Be TOLERANT

Understanding of others' ideas, beliefs and feelings.



Please encourage these wonderful expectations at home too!

The Woonie Way



You may have noticed the new sign we added to the front of the school last year. This sign promotes what we like to call 'The Woonie Way'. For new families we love to call ourselves Woonies ... that is students, staff and parents of Woongarra SS. We do have our way about doing things. This definitely includes our 5 B's.

As a staff we wanted to help define *The Woonie Way* a bit more so we came up with three elements of this 'vision': *Making a difference, Valuing Learning, and Together*. These three elements drive our passion and love of this school. As our motto says ... *Onward and Upwards*.

Playground Equipment

All playgrounds, (Year 1 at front of school, Prep in Prep area, the wooden playground on the big oval and the playground on the junior oval) are not to be used before or after school as they are not supervised by school staff at these times. Please remind your children of this.

Insurance Cover for Students

Some school activities, especially sport, involve some inherent risk of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education does not have student accident insurance. If your child is injured at school or at a school activity as the result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs, are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver.

It is up to parents what types and what level of private insurance they wish to arrange to cover their child.

Needs!

Thanks for your support in having your children so well prepared for the school year.

- healthy lunches
- drinks
- school requirements
- school uniforms
- positive attitudes

All are ingredients to a successful school year and I encourage all parents to continue to maintain these high standards throughout the year. I am sure 2017 will be a great year!

Road Safety

Thank you parents for your cooperation on the roads when 'dropping off' or 'collecting' your children. A very high percentage of parents drive their kids to school and, as a result, car parking and road safety are critical.

Thanks for continuing to be aware, to be **patient**, to be **considerate** and to be **understanding** of the delays and the congestion that will occur. It only takes a minority of drivers to NOT 'Do the Right Thing' for the majority to suffer. *As a reminder, move forward in the "drop off" zone and never park or drop off in the bus zone!!*

Also, Elliott Heads Road is not an appropriate place to drop your child off!!

SCHOOL NEWS

Change of Details

Just a reminder to parents, if you have changed address, contact phone numbers, emergency contacts, medical details, custody details or any relevant information about your child, could you please advise the office as soon as possible so we can keep our records up to date.

Quote: *"A lie gets half way around the world before truth gets its pants on!"*

Winston Churchill

Jeff Irwin



Instrumental Music

- Woodwind / Brass / Percussion

Lessons for Woodwind, Brass & Percussion students with Ms Palmer will be on **Mondays** this year with lessons commencing in Week 2. To ensure students can begin lessons immediately, please ensure enrolment forms have been handed in and fees paid by this date.

Ms Palmer



Instrumental Music - Strings

Strings with Mrs C will be on **Tuesdays** this year with lessons commencing in Week 2. To ensure students can begin lessons immediately, please ensure enrolment forms have been handed in and fees paid by this date.

String Orchestra rehearsals (continuing students only, not beginners) will commence Week 3. Rehearsal starts at 8.00 am.

Mrs C

Scholastic Book Club

- closing 3pm Wednesday 8 February -

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 12 March.

A word From Chaplain Paula

Hope smiles from the threshold
of the year to come,
whispering it will be happier ...

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL IN 2017!

A very special welcome
to all our new Woongarra families too.

Student Banking

Don't forget that WEDNESDAY is School Banking day!



Banking for 2017 starts in Week 2.

We encourage a minimum deposit of \$1.00. For every deposit made at school, students will receive a cool Dollarmite token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

School Banking is a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives \$5 when children make their very first deposit at school from a new account opened and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Deposits are also accepted for older and younger siblings of current students.

Simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017 and you'll automatically receive an entry into a competition for a chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland.

Tracy Balto (School Banking Co-ordinator)

Breakfast Club (Friday 8am) commencing Week 3

A donation of 1 carton of long-life milk / 1 box of cereal preferably rice bubbles / corn flakes / weetbix (any brand) would be appreciated at any time during the year. Please leave at the office.

Polo Shirts in House Colours \$20

Polo shirts in House colours with the House name printed on the back are available for purchase through our P&C.

These shirts may be worn on Fridays, Sports Day and other events such as the School Fun Run. However, Years 4 - 6 may not wear this shirt on interschool sport days as these students leave the school grounds and the Woonie uniform is easy to identify amongst a crowd of children!!

To purchase a shirt, please complete the order form (available at the office) and return it to the office with payment in an envelope marked HOUSE SHIRT. Orders will be processed and shirts distributed each Thursday.

P&C Association

The P&C meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the staffroom. The Annual General Meeting is held in March of each year. Our first meeting for 2017 will be held on Tuesday 14 February. We look forward to seeing you there.

Join us on Facebook

Search for *Woongarra State School P&C Association* and click the *join group* tab. We are trialling this as a way to keep up-to-date with P&C meetings and general school information.

SCHOOL NEWS

Girls' Cricket News

Last year, 6DR student Taylor S was selected in the Queensland Schoolgirls' Under 12 cricket team for the second time. This selection was after her outstanding performances representing Wide Bay (and captaining Wide Bay!) at the State Championships here in Bundaberg, playing against girls up to one (1) year older than her.

Over the recent school summer holiday period, Taylor attended a week's training camp in Brisbane (including some time at Cricket Australia's Centre of Excellence – where all of the professional cricketers from around Australia train) in preparation for the School Sport Australia National Schoolgirl Under 12 Cricket Championships, with the Queensland team. They began on Saturday 7 January and concluded on Friday 13 January 2017.

Including Queensland, there was a total of six (6) states and territories at these championships. Taylor's Queensland team defeated NSW, Western Australia, ACT and South Australia. On the last day of the championships, Queensland defeated Victoria in the Grand Final, to be named National Champions for 2016 and were presented with a gold medal.

Taylor can feel very proud of herself as she was still one of the youngest (and smallest!) players at the carnival but competed well against girls much bigger, older, taller and stronger!

Woongarra is also very proud of you Taylor – hopefully you can make the same Queensland team again in 2017 for a third time which would be a very rare occurrence at such high level under age representative sport.

Well done and congratulations!

BUNDABERG & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

2017 JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS COME & TRY NIGHTS

Friday 27 January and 3 February
7.00 - 9.00 pm



It's FREE ... win prizes ...
free drink and iceblock for every player

Bundaberg Table Tennis Centre
Kendalls Road, West Bundaberg (opposite airport)

Term 1 Junior season starts Friday 10 February
4.30 - 6.30pm
- nominations close Thursday 9 February

Junior coaching every Friday 7.00 - 9.00 pm
from 10 February

Contact Dave Delpratt (4155 2388) or
bundytt@bigpond.com
to nominate or for more information

Table Tennis News

During the last week of school in 2016, approximately 65 of our Year 4 – 6 students participated in the Bundaberg Table Tennis Association's 2016 Interschool Table Tennis teams' championships, sponsored by McDonalds. This was held at the Bundaberg and District Table Tennis Centre out near the airport from 9.15am until 2.30pm on the Monday.

Woongarra sent a total of 17 teams. Eight (8) of those teams either won their respective division or were runners-up in their respective division. The following students were in the runners-up teams:-

- Year 6 Girls Division 1: Taylor S, Jasmin B, Dakota F, Abbey S
- Year 4/5 Boys Division 4: Joshua G, Preston W, Riley M, Noah C
- Year 4/5 Girls Division 3: Mia B, Tyerra T, Keiarna S, Bianca L

The following students won their respective divisions:

- Year 6 Boys Division 1: Braydon C, Ethan M, Bill M
- Year 6 Girls Division 2: Grace Z, Holly C, Abbey M, Haylie J
- Year 4/5 Boys Division 2: Ryan S, Taishi Y, Daniel C, Angus R
- Year 4/5 Girls Division 2: Zashella H, Emily H, Sophie O, Hayley S
- Year 4/5 Boys Division 5: Logan M, Izzy G, Dilhan U, Keenan M

Congratulations to all participants on the day for a mighty effort, for behaving so well (in very hot conditions) and for displaying outstanding sportsmanship at all times. They certainly make you proud to be a Woonie!

Many thanks to Mr Colasimone, Mr Mullaney and Mrs Chapman for your supervision and transport of children. Thanks also to any of the parents who helped out with transport. Without these contributions, the children would just miss out altogether. Your help is therefore greatly appreciated.

Finally, to Mr Dave Delpratt, B.T.T.A. Development Officer - a huge THANK YOU for all of your hard work and dedication in devoting many, many hours in organising this annual event, along with the school visits that you conduct. Your enthusiasm for your sport definitely motivates the children into giving your sport a go! Well done!

Jason Shears

(P.E.Teacher)



Meet current Australian Junior champion and Australian Junior representative

Jake Duffy

Friday 3 February 2017
Bundaberg Table Tennis Centre

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 4 - 6 Swimming - Term 1

This term, we will, utilise the Bundaberg Swim Academy's graded certificate program to conduct our school's swimming program as part of the Physical Education program. The basic aim of the program is to provide a broad, balanced program of swimming, water safety and survival skills that is delivered by qualified instructors.

The program focuses on six skill strands: Entries and exits; sculling and body orientation; movement and swimming strokes; survival and personal flotation devices skills, underwater skills and rescue skills. It is hoped the program develops swimming technique, water safety knowledge, water confidence, survival skills and endurance for each child. Groups will have approximately 10 - 12 students per instructor. Students will be grouped according to their ability level.

With the aid of Government and school-based financial assistance, the swimming levy will be approximately \$55 per student for a 9 week program. We are currently waiting on quotes to finalise this amount. This levy covers bus to and from the pool, pool entry fee and the cost of hiring the instructors. This price is very reasonable when you consider that a private swim school charges approximately \$12 - \$15 per half hour lesson. We are looking at half that price for a 40 minute lesson! When you consider that swimming is a life skill that can save a life, this is a more than reasonable cost. Please contact the school ASAP if you need to organise a payment plan.

The Physical Education teacher, classroom teachers and parents are still required to be at the pool for supervisory purposes with individual groups. So to all those parents who are available to assist with Year 4 - 6 swimming this term, please turn up at Norville Pool as you will definitely be required to assist with the program - who knows, you may also learn something yourself that you may utilise in the future. Please check for swim times on your child's swimming note that should be going home this week.

If you have any major concerns, please contact the school at your earliest convenience and we will try to answer any of your questions.

Tennis

Bundaberg Tennis Academy Professional Coach, Kevin Banner, will be commencing Tennis lessons at the school tennis courts on Monday 30 January 2017 from 8am-8.45am for boys and girls in Years 3-6. Loan Rackets are available.

Players must register with Kevin by phoning: 4152 0753 or 0409 520753.

2016 Swimming and Sports money owing

Unfortunately, there is still money owing for 2016 from a number of activities:

- ... Year 1 - 3 Swimming (Term 4, 2016) \$316 (7 students)
- ... Year 4 - 6 Interschool Sport (Term 2, 2016) \$ 45 (3 students)
- ... Year 4 - 6 Interschool Sport (Term 3, 2016) \$ 60 (4 students)
- ... Year 4 - 6 Interschool Sport (Term 4, 2016) \$ 110 (8 students)

Whilst the school has paid the bills relating to these activities, the school money used to cover these costs could have been used elsewhere in the school to benefit your child. Some students in Years 1-6 still haven't received their Swimming Certificate as fees have yet to be paid from 2016.

Prompt payment of any outstanding debts would be greatly appreciated!

A massive THANK YOU to all of those families who have paid up all their fees owing in 2016. We genuinely appreciate your efforts.

Jason Shears (P.E.)

Get in the Game

Get Started Vouchers

Get Started Vouchers is one of the funding programs that comprise the Queensland Government's *Get in the Game* initiative to support sport and active recreation at the grassroots level. *Get Started Vouchers* assists children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from, joining a sport or active recreation club. Eligible children and young people can receive one voucher valued up to \$150 per calendar year, which can be redeemed at a sport or recreation club that is registered for *Get Started Vouchers*.

Eligible applicants are Queensland children and young people aged from 5 to 17 (inclusive) who either:

- hold or whose parent, carer or guardian holds a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card with the child's name on it, or
- are identified by a registered referral agent.

Children and young people who require financial assistance to join a club but do not have access to a suitable card may be eligible for the program if they are recommended by a registered referral agent.

Applications for Round 9 open 25 January 2017.

For further information about *Get Started Vouchers*, telephone 13QGOV, email getstarted@npsr.qld.gov.au or visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/



Tuckshop News

Welcome back everyone.

New 2017 menu is included with this Newsletter.

Tuckshop commences Tuesday 31 January 2017. This term, we are going to trial Tuesday and Thursday as the tuckshop days.

With regard to the menu being in accordance with the 'Smart Choices Healthy Guidelines', there have been some changes. There are restrictions on serve size and salad must be served with some items.

Help is always required in the tuckshop so if there is anyone (parent/grandparent/guardian) who could help in any way, please contact me or leave your name and phone number at the office.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Tuesday 31 January

Kelly Hooper
Juanita Ryan

Thursday 2 February

Tracy Balto
Belinda Loeskow
Kalina French
Leisha Bartholomai

(9.00 - 11.00)

Thank you ladies. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Lyn Dobbs

Convenor

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