Attendance target 94% or better. Last week’s attendance was 95%. Thanks to Bundy Bowl and Leisure Complex for giving the school some awards to promote attendance each term this year (www.bundybowl.com.au).

**What Makes a School Great?**

How does this acronym resonate with your thinking about effective schools and why you send your child to a certain school? (I know this has been in our newsletter before but I love it!!)

**S** …. Safe, supportive and challenging school and learning environment.

**P** …. The performance of the school and its staff.

**A** …. The appearance of the school.

**C** …. The comfortability of the school i.e. how you feel when you walk around the school.

**E** …. What will it cost me in time and money to send my child to that school i.e. economy.

**D** …. How long have the key people been at that school and how long do they intend to stay i.e. durability.

In summary, parents send their kids to a school to learn in a safe and supportive environment where beliefs and values are matched by actions. This then is all about relationships especially involving teachers and other adults, relationships between students, students and teachers, teachers and parents and parents to parents. I love the meeting and quiet chat at 3.00pm with parents. Sometimes just a wave or a hello but always a friendly greet.

What do you say is great about our school? What do you say to others? There are no doubts parents and students are our greatest advertisement. It is often said to me by new parents that they heard from “others” what a good school Woongarra is. Let’s together continue to speak positively and supportively of Woongarra and focus on how we together let all our children have that “moment to shine”.

**BIG 3….POSITIVE ATTITUDES ….QUALITY BEHAVIOUR ….QUALITY LEARNING**

**Show Holiday**

This Thursday is the Bundaberg Show Holiday so there is no school on this day. Please if your children go to the show and buy some new “treasures” don’t allow them to bring them to school as this often leads to the “treasures” being loved to death!

There will be one parade only this week on Friday May 27.

**Remember our 5 B’s**

1. Be Responsible
2. Be Respectful
3. Be Proud
4. Be positive
5. Be Tolerant

Thanks for reinforcing these with your children at home and for school!

**Sports House Shirts**

School Sport House shirts can be worn to school on Fridays.

Years 4-6 may not wear this shirt on interschool sport days as these children leave the school grounds and the Woonie uniform is easy to identify amongst a crowd of children!!
**School News**

**Reporting End of this Semester Years 1 - 6**
In the last week of this term, written report cards will be issued for Years Prep – 6.

For children to receive better than a “C” or “working with” they need to be working above the standard for their year level. In other words a “C” or “working with” means **working at year level** and understandably this is most children. So do expect to see “Cs” on report cards! **The standard expected “at year level” is certainly higher with the National Curriculum.**

**Prep Reporting**
Prep children will also receive a report at the end of this term. The following is the way students are rated against the National Curriculum. If the child is at the “working with” level, they are at the expected level for Prep at this time.

**Applying:** The student applies a thorough understanding of the required concepts, facts and procedures. The student demonstrates a high level of skill that can be transferred to new situations.

**Making Connections:** The student makes connections using the curriculum content and demonstrates a clear understanding of the required concepts, facts and procedures. The student applies a high level of skill in situations familiar to them, and is beginning to transfer skills to new situations.

**Working With:** The student can work with the curriculum content and demonstrates understanding of aspects of the required concepts, facts and procedures. The student can apply skills in situations familiar to them.

**Exploring:** The student is exploring the curriculum content and demonstrates understanding of aspects of the required concepts, facts and procedures. The student applies a varying level of skill in situations familiar to them.

**Becoming Aware:** The student is becoming aware of the curriculum content and demonstrates a basic understanding of aspects of required concepts facts and procedures. The student is beginning to apply skills in situations familiar to them.

**Lost Property**
We have reached that time of the year, as it has turned a little cooler, where many items of clothing, particularly jumpers, get misplaced. Last year at the end of the year we gave many jumpers/jackets etc. away to St Vincent de Paul as they were unnamed and had not been collected by owners.

Please, please, please name all items of clothing so we can give them back if lost. Hats are regularly returned because they are normally named … jumpers more often than not are not named. As Mr Phythian use to say to the children at parade…”You put your names all over a pencil and it is worth 50c but you don’t put your name on a jumper worth $50!!”

Encourage your child to be responsible with clothing by placing it in their bag when they remove it!!
A word from Chaplain Paula

Nobel Peace Prize recipient Mother Teresa said, “Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless”. That just means that when you say something nice to another person, you have no idea how it might brighten their life! Using our words for good and not for harm is the key.

SCHOOL NEWS

Table Tennis News

Last Saturday, at the Bundaberg Table Tennis Centre, the Bundaberg tournament of the Queensland Schools Table Tennis Competition was held. Woongarra State School entered five (5) teams in the boys and girls Under 12 Competitions.


Woongarra had some fantastic results from some of these people:

- Ethan M and Luke B—second in the Boys Division 1 Competition (silver medallists)
- Brayden C and Thomas D—third place in the Boys Division 1 Competition (bronze medallists)
- Ryan S and Taishi Y—second in the Boys Division 2 Competition
- Noah T and Daniel C—second in the Boys Division 3 Competition

Congratulations to all of these boys!

With Ethan M and Luke B doing so well in getting the silver medal, they have now been invited to attend the Queensland Schools State Finals to be held in Brisbane on the last day of this term. Great new boys! Well done, best of luck! We are all very proud of you both!!!

Also, many thanks to Mrs Cavanagh, Mrs Visona and Mrs Chapman for giving up part of their weekend to help supervise and manage our ten (10) Woonie students at the competition on Saturday. The Woonie players really appreciate you all going above and beyond your regular duties.

P&C News

Jake’s Candy …

The goodies will be available for collection on Thursday 2 June from the school hall 2 - 4pm.

Polo Shirts in House Colours …

To purchase a shirt, please complete the order form and return it to the office with correct payment in an envelope marked HOUSE SHIRT. Orders will be processed and shirts distributed each Friday. These school HOUSE SHIRTS may be worn EVERY FRIDAY. However, students in Years 4 - 6 may not wear this shirt to interschool sport.

Jane Barratt, P&C President

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 26 May
Bundaberg Show Holiday
NO TUCKSHOP

Monday 30 May
Belinda Loeskow
Mattie Neill
Juanita Ryan (11-2.30)

Thursday 2 June
Tracy Balto
Leisha Bartholomai (9—11.00)
Leesa Courtice (9—11.30)
Kelly Hooper (9—2.30)

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

SPECIALS

Mini Pikelets $ 0.30
Mini Blueberry Muffins $ 0.50
Sultana Packs $ 0.50
Pasta Bolognaise $ 4.00

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KEPNOCK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Subject Expo Evening
Tuesday 31 May 6 - 8 pm

UNDER 8’S DAY FOR PREP, YEAR 1 AND 2

WHEN: Friday 27th May 2016
TIME: 9.00 - 10.45 am
WHERE: Prep playground, front of the school and tennis court.

Parents, toddlers and grandparents are most welcome.

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN.
WE HAVE LOTS OF