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

Enrolments 2017
We have some places in most year levels for 2017. So if you have some friends who are interested in becoming “Woonies”, even if they live outside of catchment, then please ask them to apply at the office.

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!

Issues!!
No school can ever achieve ‘perfect’ behaviour from every student every day. There will always be examples of non-acceptable / inappropriate behaviour that teachers and parents alike would prefer not to occur, but it happens.

If your child complains about another student, please ask them if they reported it to their teacher or report it for them if they haven’t. Parents, please don’t approach other students to chastise them about something that may or did happen. Leave this to the teachers to investigate and, if appropriate, find behaviour strategies e.g. reflection sheet in reflection room, report to parents, playground withdrawal.

Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Mad Hatters’ Music Concert
(all Woongarra Choir, Strings and Woodwind/Brass/Percussion Students)
The annual music celebration will be Tuesday 8 November commencing at 3:15pm in the Hall. This is always a great afternoon of music, so please put it in your diaries and be at school ready for a 3:15pm start. Everyone is most welcome. It will conclude by about 4:30.

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.

14 Woonie Teachers have been nominated!! Jump online and vote at www.hitz939.com.au.

Maths for Parents! Tonight!
Wednesday 26 October 2016 6.30 - 8.00 pm
Presenter: Michael Ymer
Location: Woongarra State School Library
Open to parents from all primary schools.
We look forward to working with you this evening.
**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  **Summar D**  
Prep J  **Kayden B**  
Pyiper R

1C  **Archer B**  
1L  **Kobey W**  
1GM  **Chloe S**

2KC  **Jarred McC**  
2V  **Sienna M**  
2L  **Steffi M**

3B  **Zane C**  
3W  **Isabelle L**  
3R  **Reanna L**

4E  **Grace R**  
4H  **Scarlett W**  
4L  **Georgia E**

4/5L  **Georgia E**

5M  **Shannay H**  
5PR  **Keenan M**

6D  **Noah K**  
6S  **Nashaya W**

6V  **Amelia W**

**Quote:**

“Don’t wait around for other people to be happy for you. Any happiness you get you’ve got to make yourself.”

Jeff Irwin

**Band students playing on assembly**

Make sure you bring your instrument to play on assembly this Friday and start settling up in the hall straight after morning tea.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC - ENROL NOW FOR 2017**

**Woodwind / Brass / Percussion**

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 Mrs C if you haven’t received one. Applications close Friday 18 November.

**Strings**

The school Strings instrumental music program is inviting students currently in Years 2 - 6 to apply for enrolment for 2017. Lessons are available on violin, viola, cello and double bass. Some school instruments are available for loan.

Application Forms have been sent home with current Year 2 students. Please ask at the office for an Application Form from Mrs C if you require one. Applications close Tuesday 1 November 2016.

Lisa Palmer

**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”.

**Music: Count Us In 2016**

Music: Count Us In (MCUI) is Australia’s biggest school initiative, with more than 500,000 participating students from over 2,100 schools nationwide. Music education has been proven to improve students’ literacy, numeracy, school attendance and confidence. Music: Count Us In brings teachers, parents, students and the music industry together in celebration, as more than half a million people unite to sing the same song on the same day, right across the country.

Woongarra’s performance of this year’s song “Let it Play” will be at a whole school assembly on Friday 4 November at 11:30am, where all students will sing and do the Auslan signing. Parents are very welcome to come along and watch.

**Choir Concert**

– celebrating Music: Count Us In’s 10th Anniversary

**Thursday 27 October, 11:30am at Buss Park**

Choir students in Years 3-5 at Woongarra will be joining with approximately 200 other students from various schools in the Bundaberg region to form a Mass Choir. They will be singing the Music: Count Us In songs from 2016, 2015 and 2104. All welcome to come along and enjoy the beautiful music and support our Choir students.
**A word from Chaplain Paula**

Last week Rebecca Palmer and Chaplain Paula Dalrymple attended the SU Frontline Chaplaincy Fundraising dinner at the Convention Centre at the Brisbane Ekka. It was a wonderful evening where Rebecca shared her journey as a Woongarra parent over the past 6 years.

Let me assure you, we can be very proud of Rebecca's speech and all 1240 guests got to hear how wonderful it is to be part of the Woongarra school family and our special support team including teachers, school staff, families, friends, parents, P & C members, volunteers and others who contribute to the wellbeing of our students! What a blessing it is to be part of this amazing team!!!!!

“Encourage one another and build each other up.”

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Get The Beat National Finals dance competition**

Over the September school holiday’s Coco S (4H) attended the Get The Beat National Finals dance competition. As a member of Unique Dance Studio, Coco competed against the top 30 dancers from around Australia and won “Pre-Junior Australian Champion.” She won a trip to USA and will compete in the American National Dance Finals next year in July.

Coco has also successfully auditioned for Brisbane City Youth Ballet and will be performing in the amazing adaption of Enid Blyton’s “The Magic Faraway Tree” production in January at the Queensland Conservatorium South Bank.

Coco then travelled to Fraser Coast to compete in the Regional Showcase Dance Competition and was crowned the “Showcase Junior Regional Champion.”

Congratulations Coco! Well done.

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**Man of Steel – School Musical**

What a great evening we all had as we watched our extremely talented actors perform in the school musical last Friday. I thoroughly enjoyed the show and was amazed at the kids performances … some had extensive lines to remember!!

Thanks to Mrs Shears and Mrs Cavanagh for your hard work preparing the kids. Thanks Mr Mullaney too for your work behind the scenes and an interesting guest appearance in the show!!

Well done kids! It was such an enjoyable evening.

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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

**Thursday 27 October**
Tracy Balto
Fiona Ames
Leisha Bartholomai (9.00 -11.00)
Jane Howard (9.00 - 10.00)

**Monday 31 October**
Shani Paulsen
Leesa Couritice

**Thursday 3 November**
Tracy Balto
Kelly Hooper
Leisha Bartholomai (9.00 -11.00)
Jane Howard (9.00 - 10.00)
Juanita Ryan

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
- Pizza Subs (Homemade) $ 2.00
- Ham & Cheese; Ham, Cheese & Pineapple; Chicken Cheese & BBQ Sauce
- Pasta Bolognase (Homemade) $ 4.00

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