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Dear Parents, Staff and Students:

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Attendance target 94% or better. Last week's attendance was 93.5%. Let's all make every day count!! Thanks to Bundy Bowl and Leisure Complex for giving the school some awards to promote attendance each term this year (www.bundybowl.com.au).

ANZAC Day Ceremony

Thank you firstly to all the children who participated at either march on ANZAC Day. It was so positive seeing Woonies showing the community that we will remember members of the armed services from the past and present.

Remember our Diggers



25th April

Thank you as well to all the students who participated so beautifully at our ANZAC Service last Friday. It is certainly so encouraging to know the future of this wonderful day of remembrance in Australia is in fine hands!!

Congratulations to our school leaders, Ruby, Clay, Bill and Abbey, the poetry readers, Noah, Annalea, Isabella and Holly, our band and our choir. Well done to all who laid wreaths as this was a reflective and moving part of the service. Thanks to mums and dads, other relatives and our special guests who joined us this year.

Well done Woonies... You certainly did us all proud! Lest we forget.

Every Day Counts

Parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school on every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

If children miss 10% of one year this equates to approximately 20 days or 4 weeks of school. Across 12 years of schooling this would be like missing over one year of school... Who can afford that???

Please make every effort to make "Every Day Count". Keep an eye on our attendance percentage each week at the start of the Newsletter.

Silver Savers for Chappies - Term 2

This term we are encouraging students to bring in silver coins each Friday to support Chaplaincy in our school. We realise you cannot send coins every Friday but may be able to save some change from the week.

The P&C has committed \$1000 to Chaplaincy whatever this raises. Please, if you value the Chaplaincy service in our school, send along silver coins on a Friday!! Last year we raised just over \$500.



SCHOOL NEWS

NAPLAN

NAPLAN for students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 will be conducted on Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May.

The schedule for the 2016 NAPLAN tests for all year levels is as follows:

Tuesday 10 Language conventions followed by Writing
Wednesday 11 Reading
Thursday 12 Numeracy

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers.

Quote: "The mark of a good professional is someone who gives more than they get."

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 during lunch.

Lisa Palmer



Thursday 5 May
Prep - Year 6 \$4.00

Healthy Eating + Exercise = Energy

Colourful props, hand puppets, marionettes and heaps of humour are all combined in this very visual comedy to get across the important messages of healthy eating and lifestyle.

As is usual with school performances, the curriculum is supported, and it is expected that all students will attend to learn and enjoy.



P&C News

This term the P & C will be holding two fundraisers - a 'Jake's Candy' fundraiser and Picture Plates.

Jake's Candy, a family owned and operated Bundaberg business, is a premiere chocolate candy store with a delicious range of products. **Order forms are being sent home with today's Newsletter. Orders and money are due back by Friday 13 May.** The goodies will be available for collection on Thursday 2 June from the school hall 2 - 4pm.



Picture Plates (turning your child's drawing into their very own melamine dinner plate) are available for all students at a cost of \$22 per plate. **Order forms will be sent home next week.** Prep students will complete drawings during class time. If you wish to use your child's drawing, please collect it from the classroom and take it to the office together with the order form and payment. Templates are available at the office for any student who wishes to purchase a Picture Plate. Completed pictures and money need to be returned to the office by Friday 20 May. Picture Plates have a 12 week turnaround so will be delivered to school mid-August.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jane Barratt, P&C President



LIFE EDUCATION

4 - 13 May

Harold is back in his van and is visiting Woongarra from 4 - 13 May



Life Education presents important health and drug education modules relevant to early, middle & upper primary years, and forms part of the school's Health curriculum. Drug knowledge focuses on medications, needle safety, caffeine, tobacco and alcohol (relevant to year levels). It is important for your children to attend each year from Prep to Year 6. Children and teachers are also given resources to allow for pre and post work in the classroom.

GREAT NEWS FOR 2016!!! The QLD Health Dept. is paying full attendance costs for a SECOND program for Year 6 students. This is due to a State initiative to encourage young people not to smoke. The module the students will receive is "On The Case" (smoking). This means that all classes attend once, except Year 6 attends TWICE with the second session being free of charge (paid by the Dept. Health).

Life Education receives minimum government funding, therefore your payment of \$5.00 per child helps to ensure the ongoing valuable work of Life Education. Envelopes have been sent home with the oldest child in each family.

A Harold Products order form is being sent home today. Purchasing these products contributes towards maintaining Life Education in the Bundaberg District. Please complete the order form and place it with the correct money securely into an envelope/bag and return it to the school office no later than the last day of the Life Education visit (13 May). *Products will be returned within 2 weeks after the visit.*

Scholastic Book Club

- closing 3pm Thursday 28 April -

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 28 April.

An order was placed last term with no student name. Please check at the office if you are missing your order.



SCHOOL NEWS

A word From Chaplain Paula



ANZAC TRIBUTE AT BARGARA DAWN SERVICE

"Looking around through my 11-year-old eyes, I can see a sense of mateship and pride amongst our returned veterans, both men and women. I thank you for your bravery. I now know you left the safety of your homes and families to fight a war described by many as hell on earth. The tragedy today is that as we speak this morning, war is still ravaging parts of our world," he said. "Civilians are still dying and we are still losing our young soldiers. How do we stop this?"

written by primary student Connor Dwyer

Our freedom today came at a cost, may we never forget the sacrifice made by all our soldiers.

Greater Love has no man that lays down his life for another.

Woonie Wizards Rugby League News

The Woongarra / Oakwood State School Under 12 Wizards Rugby League team will play their next game in the NRL Development Cup interschool rugby league competition tonight (Wednesday 27 April) at the Across the Waves sports grounds on Thabeban Road.

The game will kick off at approximately 6.45pm. It will be against our 'up-the-road' rivals – the Bundaberg Christian College (BCC). This is a Bundaberg District quarter-final game. The winner goes into the semis.

There will also be another three (3) games of schoolboy footy on before our game, starting at 4.15pm.

Entry is free and there will be a very basic canteen operating.

So please come on out and support the Wizards - we loved the cheering and screaming last time - let's get a bigger and louder crowd there this time!

GO WIZARDS!!

Physical Education Parent Notes

Towards the end of last term and the start of this term, I have had a few children come to me at the start of a Physical Education lesson saying that they are either sick or injured and cannot do PE today because 'Mum said so'. Whilst there are some very obvious cases of students who are either very much 'off-colour' or have a genuine injury (eg plaster cast, sling, crutches etc) the expectation will always be that all children will participate in each and every PE lesson as it is part of the school curriculum.

If you as a parent do not wish for your child to participate in a particular PE lesson on any one day, please either write me a small note or call the office and leave a message with the office ladies who will in turn let me know, detailing the issue /injury / illness with your son/daughter. I will then be more than happy and willing for your child to sit out that particular PE lesson. Thank you so very much to the parents out there who have already been doing this. It really is greatly appreciated and ensures that everybody knows what's going on and that it is all up-front and honest. Some parents have even gone to great lengths and organised a medical certificate - whilst this is not always expected, thanks for doing so.

With Year 4 - 6 school sport starting shortly, if your child is unable to participate on any given day, please provide a note/phone call to your child's sports coach so they know not to play them on that particular day.

Thanking you in anticipation of your cooperation on this matter.

Jason Shears, PE Teacher

Basketball News

Congratulations must go to Bill M (6S) and Lachlan S (5PR) for being selected in this year's Wide Bay Schoolboys' Under 12 Basketball team. This selection comes about after both these boys played for Bundaberg at the regional trials in Hervey Bay last week. With approximately 60 boys at the trials, only 10 boys were selected for Wide Bay.

This is the second year in a row that Bill has made this team, making it last year as an 11 year old and now making it again as a 12 year old. Lachlan made the Bundy team last year as a 10 year old but his selection for Wide Bay this year is quite remarkable as he is still only an 11 year old and he had to play against many 12 year old boys.

Both these boys now head up to Mackay in early June as part of the Wide Bay team (with Mr Mullaney as Wide Bay and Queensland coach this year) to play at the Queensland School Sport State Championships. It will be at this carnival where they select the Queensland Under 12 Schoolboys team.

Well done boys, and best of luck!
Go Woonies!!



Mayoral School Chaplaincy SUPPORT BREAKFAST

**Friday 13 May 2016
6.30am to 8.30am**

**BUNDABERG CIVIC CENTRE
190 Bourbong Street**

Cost \$25 per person

*Tickets must be pre-purchased by
2 May at Bundaberg Administration
Centre, 190 Bourbong Street*

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GUEST SPEAKER:

**Mr Andy Gourley, Founder &
Director, Red Frogs Australia**

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 28 April

Tracy Balto
Fiona Ames
Leisha Bartholomai
(9.00 - 11.00)
Leesa Courtice (9.00 - 11.30)

Tuesday 3 May

Shani Paulsen
Mattie Neill

Thursday 5 May

Tracy Balto
Kelly Hooper (9.00 - 2.30)
Leisha Bartholomai
(9.00 - 11.00)
Leesa Courtice (9.00 - 11.30)

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

Specials

Mini Pikelets	\$ 0.30
Blueberry Muffins	\$ 0.50
Pasta Bolognaise	\$4.00

Please note:

Tuckshop will be open Tuesday 3 May after the Labour Day public holiday on Monday.

Lyn Dobbs
Convenor
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