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*Dear Parents, Staff and Students:*

**Attendance target 95% or better. Last week's attendance rate was 95%. (So far this year our attendance is 95.5%). Let's together make every day count!!**

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**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 3***

**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 6

Tues 27 Tuckshop  
Wed 28 Newsletter  
Year 4-6 Swimming  
Student Banking  
Icy Cups  
Thur 1 Breakfast  
Tuckshop  
2.15 *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 Breakfast  
Tuckshop  
P-3 Assembly  
Pizza \$\$ due  
Fri 9 Year 4-6 Assembly

WEEK 8

Tues 13 *Special Pizza Day*  
(No normal Tuckshop)  
P&C Meeting  
Wed 14 Newsletter  
Year 4-6 Swimming  
Student Banking  
Icy Cups  
*Book Club due*  
Thur 15 Breakfast  
Tuckshop  
P-3 Assembly  
Fri 16 Year 4-6 Assembly  
  
P&C Meeting  
Tuesday 13 March  
6.30pm in the Staffroom

Some of the factors which hinder our best intentions to reduce bullying incidents occurring are:

- Children not telling teachers of incidents
- Children not telling the complete story. They often only tell their side of the story.
- Often Prep - Year 3 children believe that every bump or accident is an example of bullying behaviour.
- Children not telling a teacher.... but going home and informing parents. Although telling parents is fine, dealing with it immediately is better.
- Children who choose to make matters worse by inflaming a situation.
- Children failing to use strategies e.g. *3-Step Plan* that are taught in class.
- Children who witness bullying and fail to do anything about it.

Teachers are humans too! (We can't be witnesses to all things that occur. We can't be everywhere and see everything).

Bullying is **longstanding** physical or psychological abuse by one or more individuals against another, particularly one who is not able to defend him/herself. Physical bullying includes hitting, punching, kicking, etc. Psychological bullying includes teasing, excluding from groups, taking things. Bullying affects 15 - 25% Australian school students each week.

*Some home factors which contribute to bullying are:*

- inappropriate role modelling
- violence
- lack of supervision
- overly strict parenting
- child abuse
- overly permissive parenting
- inconsistency

*Parents can help their child by:*

- encouraging them to tell you if they are being bullied
- teaching them not to show the bully that they are upset
- encouraging them not to retaliate
- fostering good self-esteem and confidence
- reinforcing the *3-Step Plan* used at school

*Schools can help by:*

- developing a whole school approach to bullying
- raising awareness of the issue
- fostering a supportive school environment
- taking bullying seriously by having responsive strategies e.g. *3-Step Plan*

SCHOOL NEWS

**Parking in the Staff Car Park**

Parents should not be parking or dropping off/collecting students in the clearly marked staff carpark. There is not enough room in this carpark for all of our staff but we need it to fit as many staff as possible in this area. Please do not park in this area.



**How You Can Help Your Child with Writing**

The best way to help your child with writing is to encourage them to use real occasions in family life to practise. This can include writing notes, messages, reminders or even helping to keep a family diary.

Here are some other ways to help your child with their writing:

- If they are unsure of how to spell certain words, encourage them to have a go. Keep a dictionary close by and start a spelling list.
- Read your child’s writing and discuss what you like about it. This makes writing fun and encourages children to keep writing.
- If possible, give examples of your own writing to your child to show how it is important in your daily life and your work.
- Talk to your children about the types of writing they do at school and praise their efforts as well as correcting grammar or spelling.
- Encourage them to use a computer keyboard if there is one available.
- Encourage your child to make greeting cards for special times of the year and suggest they write their own verses or messages.

When reading their draft writing and commenting on what you like about it, remember not to change the writing. Leave all the creative decisions to the writer.

**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.

**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. (We send the Newsletter out as a push notification on the app.)

**Band students playing on assembly - Thursday this week**

Make sure you bring your instrument and music to play at the whole school Assembly this Thursday, and set up in the Hall at big lunch.

Lisa Palmer



**Parent Teacher Interviews**

The school will have parent/teacher interviews later this term. Interviews will be conducted as follows:

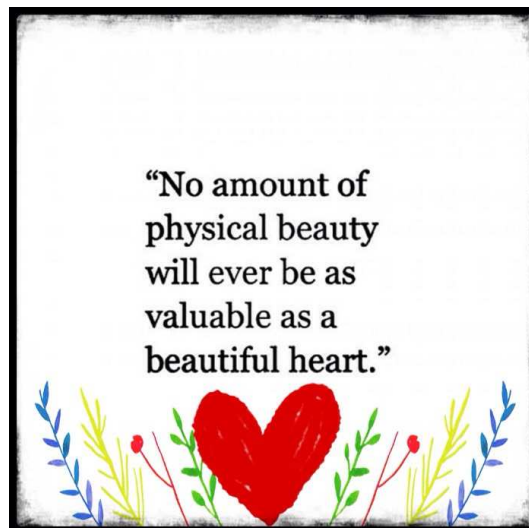
First Parent Teacher Interviews will focus on “**Where Your Child Is**”. It will be a short interview of approx. 10 to 15 minutes. It will focus on reading ability, mathematics, writing ability, behaviour, work habits, social interactions and areas of focus/goals. A second interview is available in September, with written reports in June and December. This interview will be very important as it will provide parents with information about critical areas of the curriculum.

At these interviews, no written proforma/summary will be presented to parents. The offering of 2 interviews and 2 written reports will give comprehensive detail of where your child is. These interviews are important and we expect everyone to attend. A note will come home very soon with offers for interviews at the following times:

Prep GK , Prep J and Prep KC	Weeks 9 and 10
1C and 1L	Weeks 8 and 9
1R	Week 9
2R	Weeks 9 and 10
2V	Week 9
2/3B	Weeks 9 and 10
3B	Week 9
3W	Weeks 9 and 10
4E, 4H and 4L	Week 9
5M and 5PR	Week 10
5/6S	Weeks 8 and 9
6D	Week 9
6V	Week 10

*Please make every effort to attend this first interview.*

**A word from Chaplain Paula**



## 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.

In weeks 5 - 8 this term, we are concentrating particularly on 'Being Responsible'. Children demonstrating this 5B outside in the playground will be recognised with a "Woonie". All Woonies achieved give the recipients a chance to win an ice block and bookmark at Assembly each week.

*Last week's winners were (from Prep to Year 6):*  
 Finn T (Prep GK), Riley J (1L),  
 Willow Q (2/3B), Olivia A (3W),  
 Amber M (4H), Hamish W (5PR)  
 and Riley P (6D).

### 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>Archer D</i>	Prep KC	<i>Isabella G</i>
Prep J	<i>Brydee F</i>		
1C	<i>Maddie McL</i>	1L	<i>Lilly P</i>
1R	<i>Ruby F</i>		<i>Maci R</i>
2R	<i>Ava I</i>	2V	<i>Meredith S</i>
2/3B	<i>Brock W</i>		
3B	<i>Graysen B</i>	3W	<i>Lyla C</i>
4E	<i>Kira W</i>	4H	<i>Imogen J</i>
4L	<i>Avalon W</i>		
5M	<i>Dimiti B</i>	5PR	<i>Caitlyn A</i> <i>Brody L</i>
6D	<i>Hayley A</i>	6V	<i>Riccardo S</i>

Quote: "To accomplish great things,  
we must dream as well as act."

Jeff Irwin

### ICY CUPS

Wednesday  
- second lunch break

\$0.25 ½ cup for Prep students  
\$0.50 full cup

Each student may purchase 1 icy cup for themselves only!

Prep money is collected from class in the morning and icy cups are delivered to class.



### Student Banking

Don't forget that WEDNESDAY is School Banking day!



For every deposit made at school, students will receive a cool Dollarmites 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. Please keep all your silver tokens in your banking wallet. If you have any gold tokens, please remove them from your banking wallet. No gold tokens will be issued this year to avoid confusion.



As part of the Super Savers theme, the following rewards are a great way to keep children motivated and demonstrate the value of saving. The rewards are released throughout the year.

- Twister Power Handball - released Term 1
- Secret Scratch Notepad - released Term 1
- Glow Light - released Term 2
- Sparkle Glitter Pens - released Term 2

### What's new in 2018?

The Commonwealth Bank has introduced a new and improved School Banking Contributions Program that aligns more closely to the values we're teaching children about developing regular savings habits.

*Our school will now receive:*

- An **Annual Contribution** each calendar year based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.
- A **Regular Savers Contribution** of \$5 for every 10 School Banking deposits processed per student, in line with the existing School Banking Rewards Program for students.

We have decided to conduct an in-school competition whereby two tickets will be issued to students for every ten School Banking deposits made. Prizes will be drawn at the end of the year. Further details to be advised.

### Keep saving for a chance to win a family trip to Hawaii

This year, School Banking is running a Super Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker and their family of two adults and up to three children to Hawaii.

#### The trip includes:

- Return economy flights to Honolulu, Hawaii plus airport transfers
- 7 nights accommodation at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel & Resort staying in a Luxury Ocean Room, with beach views and breakfast included
- AU\$2000 spending money.

#### How to enter

Simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3 2018 to automatically receive an entry into the competition for a chance to win.

*Find out more at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)*

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**P&C Easter Raffle**

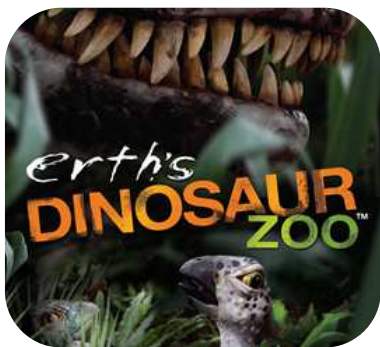
The annual P&C Easter Raffle is on again this year. Donations of anything Easter (chocolate eggs, bunnies etc) can be left at the school office.



Tickets will be sent home today with the eldest child in the family. Please return all tickets and donations by Friday 16 March. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 26 March and winners will be contacted and advertised in the Newsletter.

The Easter raffle is our first fundraiser for the year so we encourage everyone to get involved. Thank you.

Jane Barratt  
P&C President



**FRIDAY 16 MARCH**

2 SHOWS 10AM & 4PM  
Fairymead House Rotunda  
Bundaberg Botanic Gardens  
via Thornhill Street entrance

**FREE EVENT**

Bookings essential Ph 4130 4100  
www.moncrieff-bundaberg.qld.gov.au

Presented by First 5 Forever and  
1 Book One Bundy

*Please note: Outdoor event: bring a hat, sunscreen, water & picnic rug (optional)*

**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'.

**Girls' Softball News**

Congratulations must go to Taya H (5M) for being selected in this year's Bundaberg District Under 12 Schoolgirls' representative softball team.



Taya's selection is even more remarkable as she is only an eleven (11) year old this year and she had to trial against twelve (12) year old girls.

Taya will now travel to Maryborough at the end of March to attend the Wide Bay Schoolgirls' softball trials.

Well done Taya and best of luck!

Jason Shears  
P E Teacher



**Players Wanted**

For the follow age groups  
U11's - Players born 2007  
U12's - Players Born 2006

Please contact  
Kelly - 0428247979



**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

**Thursday 1 March**

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

**Tuesday 6 March**

Fay  
Belinda Loeskow

**Thursday 8 March**

Tracy Balto  
Fay  
Fiona Ames  
Maria Puckering  
(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.

**Reminder:** Sushi is available commencing this Thursday 1 March

- Honey Chicken
  - Teriyaki Chicken & Avo
  - Tuna, Cucumber & Mayo
  - Mixed Pack (2 of each)
- } \$6.50
- Sushi Meal Deal +  
Bottle Water \$7

**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.

**Tuckshop Survey**

Please return the Tuckshop Survey by Wednesday 7 March. Thank you.

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