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Dear Parents, Staff and Students:

Attendance target 95% or better. Last week's attendance rate was 97%. 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!! (Our final attendance rate for 2017 was 93.1% - we can do better this year!!)

Term 4 awards for 2017 were handed out last week.

WELCOME BACK

JANUARY

WEEK 2

Tues 30 Tuckshop begins
Wed 31 Newsletter
Year 4-6 Swimming
Student Banking begins
Icy Cups begin
Thur 1 Tuckshop
P-3 Assembly
NO BREAKFAST
Fri 2 Year 4-6 Assembly

FEBRUARY

WEEK 3

Tues 6 Tuckshop
Wed 7 Newsletter
Year 4-6 Swimming
Student Banking
Book Club due
Thur 8 Tuckshop
P-3 Assembly
Look How We've Changed
Performance \$5
NO BREAKFAST
Fri 9 Year 4-6 Assembly

WEEK 4

Tues 13 Tuckshop
Wed 14 Newsletter
Year 4-6 Swimming
Student Banking
Thur 15 Tuckshop
P-3 Assembly
BREAKFAST STARTS
Fri 16 Year 4-6 Assembly

P&C Meeting

Tuesday 13 February
7.30pm in the Staffroom

Woongarra News

The Newsletter is commenced with **Dear Parents, Staff and Students** because the expectation is that **ALL** three groups will read the News. Not necessarily all of it, but the sections where the headline grabs your attention or it's a topic of interest or necessity to you.

For those who have been at Woongarra for several years, you may often take things for granted and believe that other parents and kids **KNOW** about our school's expectations and routines when they don't. Articles are often repeated in the Newsletter but they serve as reminders!

Thanks for taking the time, every Wednesday, to read the Woongarra News. Ask your oldest child for your copy. Spare copies are available from the display stand in the school office foyer and are also uploaded to our webpage www.woongarrass.eq.edu.au and our school app (Skoolbag).

Year 1

Could all parents/guardians of Year 1 students who collect children from their classrooms, please wait in the undercover area near the old tuckshop (Block G).

While the fencing is up during construction of the new covered structure, there is a lack of space so movement in this area is a safety issue if parents are waiting outside classrooms. Thanks for your consideration and understanding of this issue, as our priority is the safety of all.

Making Things Better

With approximately 300 families, 470 students and 60 staff at Woongarra, the chances of a perfect week, or day, or hour are not always possible! Therefore, it is important that each of us takes personal responsibility and plays a part in "making things better".

There are lots of things that we can do to fix things up, just as there are lots of things that we can do to make things worse. Here are some things to avoid ...

- **Talking about a concern to everybody else** ... except the person with whom you have the concern. If you can afford the time to talk to someone else, you can afford the time to talk to the person involved.
- **Talking to others around the school or in the car park** ... The person to whom you are talking ... are they able to fix/clarify the concern? If the answer is NO, go to one person who might be able to.
- **Talking on Facebook or other social media** ... If who you are communicating with can't help solve the issue, why talk with them about it. Please do not use social media to complain or vent about the school or something that may have happened, as that is not the way to fix something.
- While some issues can pass without seeking clarification, **the longer you leave it** the deeper the concern becomes. There is no time like the present to change your frown to a smile.

SCHOOL NEWS

Absence from School

Remember please that it is your responsibility to let the school know if your child will be absent from school. This means that we need to know about the absence of your child on the day they are away or beforehand. 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.

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

- **TEXT 0427 786 661**
- 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
- absence notes are available in the office foyer
- 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.

Car Parking

The car park is a **DANGEROUS** place, particularly in the afternoon pick up time. To ease congestion we invite early arriving Prep parents (without older siblings) to depart at 2:50 pm; hopefully freeing up some parks for the 3:00pm rush.



Some road safety issues are of particular concern.

1. **Escorting children from the car park into admin car park across entering and exiting lanes of traffic.** This reinforces (with children) that this is a safe and acceptable entry point *and it is most definitely not safe*. The **ONLY** safe entry point is across the raised footpath crossing. Adults should model the safe entry and exit procedure.
2. **Parking in no standing areas close to the “lollipop crossing” endangers the lives of children.** Police have been invited to attend the rush hour to see if they can convince drivers of the dangers of parking in this area.
3. **Drop and Go Area** is to for exactly that; *drop and go*. When dropping off or collecting children you may not leave your vehicle if parked in this area defined with a yellow line. If the drop and go parks in front of you are free then move forward so more cars can fit in here.
4. **Parking or dropping off in the bus zone.** There are some vehicles in this area but they are either Childcare minibuses or family day-care vehicles. No other vehicles should drop off or collect in this area besides buses.
5. **Parking in the Administration area and Disability Car Park.** The visitor car park in the administration car park is not there for parents to drop off students. It is for visiting workers/staff etc. Please only park in the marked disabled car parks if you have the appropriate sticker on your car!!
6. **Parking in the Staff car park.** The car park next to the Tennis Courts is a designated staff car park. Please do not drop off or collect children in this area.

Let's all be considerate of others and follow the rules. It certainly makes the area much safer for all our kids! **If you can wait to 3:20pm to collect your kids**, especially if they are older, that will assist the congestion too and the car park is less busy then!!

Student Success at School

Student success at school has a direct relationship to parental interest in school. Success for students occurs when families ...

- + Expect their children to achieve
- + Value education and tell their children this
- + Discuss school positively at home
- + Have routines
- + Encourage children to have a range of interests

At Woongarra, I have observed how teachers are always trying to 'raise the bar' and promote excellence. I know parents support this too. Woongarra children come to school to learn, to be safe, to be supported, to be challenged and we need to do everything we can to support this.

Every Day Counts

Our school encourages all parents and members of our community to support the State Government initiative to improve student attendance. The program – *Every Day Counts* – has four key messages:

- all children should be enrolled and attend school on every school day;
- schools should monitor and create ways to improve attendance in schools;
- attendance is the responsibility of everyone in the community;
- children may find themselves in unsafe situations if they choose not to attend or skip school.

While most students attend school consistently, there are a small number of students who are absent from school without an acceptable reason and this may harm their education. Going shopping, a birthday, visiting family, staying up late and being tired are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

Research shows that, if your child has a record of good attendance, they are more likely to achieve high results in the future.

Think of it this way; if a child's attendance is only 90% they miss approximately 20 days of school in a year ... that is 4 weeks of school. Over 10 years of schooling that is a whole year. No child can afford that much time off!! Support your child and the school ... Every Day Counts!

SCHOOL NEWS

Teachers on leave

- Mrs Sue Brennan is on leave for Term 1
- Ms Leesa Rose will be on leave for the rest of Term 1 and Term 2

Bell Time change

The before school bell now goes at 8.50am so students have more time to get to their classrooms and be ready for classes (including specialist classes) to commence at 9.00am.

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 1 - 4 this term, we are concentrating particularly on 'Being Respectful'. 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.

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.

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.

Instrumental Music

- Woodwind / Brass / Percussion

Band rehearsals for the year will be on **Monday** mornings at 8.10am starting next Monday 5 February for the following students: Katie T (5/6S), Taylah M (6D), Rosalie L (5/6S), Coco S (6D), Grace R (6D), Hannah C (5M), Aylah W (6D), Dakota T (6V), Hamish W (5PR), Isaac H (5M), Joey M (5PR), Nathaniel D (5M), Bailey R (5/6S), Braiden H (5/6S), Declan W (6V).



Ms Palmer

Instrumental Music - Strings

Strings with Mrs C will be on **Tuesdays** this year with lessons commencing this week. 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 7 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 Wednesday 7 February.

Student Banking

Don't forget that WEDNESDAY is School Banking day!



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 completion for a chance to win.

Find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

SCHOOL NEWS



**Thursday 8 February
\$ 5.00**

Look How We've Changed is a funny, lively theatre experience designed to show students the scientific steps taken to get us where we are today and to get them imagining what lies ahead for them. With loads of tools, utensils, clothing, toys and all manner of paraphernalia reaching back to the 1800s, this show is a visual feast. Students see how, with changes and advances, almost everything has been made easier to do, more affordable and our expectations of daily life continue to rise.

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



A word from Chaplain Paula

*“Not all of us can do great things,
but we can do small things
with great LOVE.”*

QUOTE BY MOTHER TERESA

TENNIS HOT SHOTS

Bundaberg Tennis Academy, Tennis Australia Certified Advanced Coach, Kevin Banner, is conducting *Learn n Play Tennis at the school tennis courts* on Mondays - 7.45am to 8.30am. Please contact Kevin to register.

Enquiries Kevin: 4152 0753 or 0409 520 753



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 2018 will be held on Tuesday 13 February. We look forward to seeing you there.

2017 ANZ HOTSHOT OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Poppy L (6D) for being selected as the Australian ANZ Hotshot of the Year. Poppy was chosen after writing why she loves playing ANZ Hotshots and was rewarded with a VIP trip to Melbourne for the Australian Open during the last week of the school holidays.

Poppy is looking forward to Alicia Molik coming to Bundaberg to give her and a few friends a coaching lesson.

Well done Poppy!

Mount Franklin Talent Quest



Congratulations to Keely S (6V) who was a finalist in the Mount Franklin Talent Quest in her very first visit to the Tamworth Country Music Festival.



Tuckshop News

Parents, please note:

Profiles on the Qkr app will need to be amended to change classes for your child/ren.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Thursday 1 February

- Tracy Balto
- Fay
- Haylee Gough
- Yasmin Turello
- (9.00 - 11.30)

Tuesday 6 February

- Fay
- Haylee Gough
- Anthony Williamson
- (9.00 - 11.30)

Thursday 8 February

- Tracy Balto
- Fiona Ames
- Fay

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.

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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.

