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

Happy Fathers’ Day
A happy Fathers’ Day to all our Dads and granddads! Hoping that Sunday is a day where you can do those little things you enjoy and that your kids remember you in a special way. For me it is not about the gift but more just being remembered for that job I did … being a Dad. I am certainly still Dad, especially when they need something.

So have a great day this Sunday Dads … hope it is restful!!

Maths Teams’ Challenge
25 Year 5 and 6 students will compete in the annual Maths Teams’ Challenge. This event has been going for over 20 years now in Bundaberg. The questions are always challenging and require some really complex maths calculations and reasoning.

We wish the students all the best as they compete against students from most primary schools in Bundaberg.

School Fun Run
This year our school fun run to be held the last day of this term, September 16, is again also a fundraiser organised by our dedicated P&C group. Children can earn some wonderful prizes for collecting sponsors for the run.

So support your kids and support the school to raise funds for some needed resourcing. All fundraising books should have been returned by now!!

ICE CUPS
for sale at second break on Wednesdays
$0.50

Disco
Theme: Bright, Colourful and Sparkly
Term 3 disco will be held on the last Wednesday of term, September 14, from 5:30 to 7:30pm. The disco is for children from Woongarra State School only. More information about the disco will come in later Newsletters.

School Uniform
Wearing our school uniform proudly is so important to ensure that our school culture is sustained and developed. How proud I feel when I visit our local shopping centres and I see students still wearing their uniform correctly. By this I really refer to students wearing their shirts tucked in.

Well done Woonie students and well done parents for continuing to ensure students follow the 5B’s outside of the school too!

School Crossing Area
We have had complaints both by parents and our School Crossing Supervisor that parents are dropping off students in ‘No Standing’ zones near the crossing. This is dangerous and illegal. Please stop doing this. I have asked police to drive through in the mornings!!

Prep 2017
It is getting to that time when we look at Prep for the new year. If you know you have a Prep child commencing next year please let the office know. This will really assist with class planning for 2017. We would like to have 3 Prep classes again but this will mean we need a larger enrolment than this year. Students are eligible for Prep next year if they are born between July 2011 and June 2012. Please let your friends, neighbours and relatives know!!

A Birth Certificate is required for enrolment. Don’t leave it to the last minute - apply for a birth certificate now.
Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parents will be offered interviews again at the end of this term. Teachers will send a note home informing parents of how their class interviews will work and what times are offered. Most teachers will interview later this term. Details of what particular week interviews will be offered are below:

Prep B and Prep J  Weeks 9 and 10
1C and 1GM         Week 9
1L                 Week 8
2KC and 2L         Week 9
2V                 Weeks 9 and 10
3B                 Week 9
3R                 Term 4 (more details next term)
3W                 Weeks 9 and 10
4E                 Week 9
5M                 Week 9
5PR                Week 9
6D and 6S         Week 9
6V                 Week 10

NAPLAN
Our school has again seen significant improvement in our NAPLAN results. Our school mean was above the Nation in Year 5 reading and numeracy and Year 3 reading, and only 4 points behind the nation in numeracy.

It is in the upper two bands that we have had the greatest improvement. (The upper two bands refers to our students who are performing above average.) Year 3 reading saw 50% of our students in the upper two bands and 37% in numeracy and this compares better than the Nation. Year 5 reading saw 32% of students in the upper two bands and 33% in numeracy. This sees us better than the Nation in numeracy and slightly below the Nation in reading.

Spelling sees our next challenge with need for improvement in the Year 3 area and consolidation in Year 5. The school has already commenced an improvement agenda in this area.

Celebrating our results is great especially how far we have improved in the last 5 years. This could only happen with a great team of professionals here at school. It also is helped by great attitudes and behaviour from our students and a wonderful supportive community.

Well done to all Woonies!!

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.

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Quote: “Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without the strategy!!”

(General Norman Schwarzkopf)

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 straight after morning tea.

Lisa Palmer

A word from Chaplain Paula

Thank You, Dad
Thank you for the laughter,  
For the good times that we share,  
Thanks for always listening,  
For trying to be fair.

Thank you for your comfort,  
When things are going bad,  
Thank you for the shoulder,  
To cry on when I’m sad.

This poem’s a reminder that  
All my life through,  
I’ll be thanking heaven  
For a special dad like you.

Anonymous

Happy Father’s Day  
to all our special Dads this Sunday!
School News

Girls’ Cricket News
Congratulations must go to the following girls who have been selected in this year’s Bundaberg District Under 12 Schoolgirl representative cricket team: Haylie J (6S), Grace Z (6S), Abbey S (6S), Jasmin B (6S), Lara E (6S), Taylor S (6D), and Emily B (5M).

All of these girls will now travel to Maryborough in September to try out for the Wide Bay team. They will play cricket against other girls from Hervey Bay, Maryborough, Gympie, South Burnett and North Burnett.

Well done girls! Best of luck! We are all very proud of you!

Ava
As part of the Year 4 Geography unit, the students have been examining Sustainable Waste Management at Woongarra school. Last Thursday, the Year 4 students audited the rubbish placed in one of the bins in our school. It was very obvious to us that there was a lot of plastic being placed in our bins. Did you know that plastic takes about 100 years to rot or biodegrade at our dump? We need to do something about the use of plastic and other packaging we are placing in the bins at Woongarra school.

As a result of this rubbish audit, the Year 4 cohort have devised a Waste Free Lunchbox Challenge to be held next Thursday, 1 September. The Year 4 students will be conducting another audit of a bin to collect data to see if we can reduce the amount of rubbish being placed in the bins on this day. We would like to encourage all students within our school to participate, in the hope of reducing the daily waste generated at Woongarra. It is up to us to make a difference when it comes to protecting our environment and sustainability.

What can you do to help us reduce the amount of rubbish at our school?

You could bring your lunch to school (such as sandwiches, yoghurt, muffins, biscuits and salad) in resealable containers rather than disposable packaging. This is a very effective waste reducing strategy. The use of cling wrap, alfoil and zip lock bags should not be used if at all possible. We are not worried about apple cores or banana peels as they biodegrade or rot very quickly.

The four strategies we are using to promote this Waste Free Lunchbox Challenge are Reduce, Recycle, Replace or Reuse.

On behalf of our Year Four Cohort, we would like to thank you in advance for supporting this Waste Free Lunchbox Challenge. We will report back to you in a few weeks with our results from this audit. A note will be placed in the Newsletter next week to remind you about this important environmental event at our school. Thanks for your support!

Year 3 Indigenous Celebration Day
On Friday 19 August, staff and students from Kepnock State High School’s Bush Tucker Program came to our school for the Year 3 Indigenous Day activities. We would like to thank them for their time and effort and for the great job they continue to do with presenting activities for our students at this annual event. Thank you also to Bargara Meats for donating the sausages for our sausage sizzle on this day.

What the students had to say:
“
We had a yummy sausage sizzle and we did some painting. I really enjoyed the fire lighting and the spear and boomerang throwing.”

Lainey B

“Today was a great day. My favourite dance was the goanna dance.”

Nathaniel D

“We learnt about all the weapons and we did dances as different animals, such as the kangaroo, goanna and cassowary.”

Hannah C

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Tuckshop Roster

Thursday 1 September
Tracy Balto
Fiona Ames
Leisha Bartholomai (9.00 -11.00)
Leesa Courtice (9.00 - 11.30)

Monday 5 September
Shani Paulsen
Belinda Loeskow
Juanita Ryan (11.30 - 2.30)

Thursday 8 September
Tracy Balto
Nicole Warnes
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
Mini Blueberry Muffins       $ 0.50
Warm Milo                           $ 1.00
Vanilla Custard                     $ 1.30
Pasta Bolognaise (Homemade) $ 4.00

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