



Woongarra NEWS

Produced fortnightly for the Woongarra State Primary School Community

Parents & Citizens' Association meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm. All parents are invited to attend.

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This term certainly is flying by with week 3 behind us already. We certainly have had a fantastic start to the school year. Our classrooms and students all seem to be quite settled and are busily attacking their learning outcomes. It is pleasing to see so many of our Woonies talking every task to the best of their ability. Well done, Woonies!

2026 Newsletter:

This year, newsletters will be published in weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 of each term. Teachers will inform parents if their child is receiving Student of the Week in weeks when newsletters are not published.

Woonie Focus:

This week, we have been focusing on before and after school expectations with students.

Before School:

Students should not be arriving before 8am unless they are on the bus. A friendly reminder that Helping Hands Before and After School care is available for students who arrive before 8am. We have asked that students who are arriving on the bus wait on the silver seats out the back of the Administration Building until a staff member walks them up at 8am. All other students who arrive after 8am can make their way to the Under Covered Area and will be released at 8.30am to go and play.

End of Day Procedures:

If you are collecting your child from the entry beside the tennis court, you need to be at the gate or inside the school grounds when the bell goes at 3pm. No child is to be waiting at that gate after school. If you are not going to be here until after 3pm, your child/ren must be waiting at the rear of the administration building. If you are unable to collect your child/ren **before 3.30pm** they will need to be enrolled in after school care as staff are only rostered on duty until then.

Due to safety concerns for students, all students are not permitted to play on the playground equipment - this includes the prep playground and swing, tennis court or on the oval areas after school. This is a safety issue as there is no active supervision from staff.

Yours in education,

Narelle Clarke

Principal (A)

BE A WOONIE! – EXPECTATIONS FOR BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Being in the correct place Before school – Jnr Eatting After School – Grassed Area near pathway, hall to office	Sitting quietly listening to the adult on duty	Looking to the carpark and watching out for the person picking you up
Walking safely from the school gate out to the car!!!	Watching for buses/cars when walking out	Use the set school crossing zone when crossing Kleins Rd
Staying off the playgrounds before and after school		

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WHAT'S ON WEEKLY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Parade 2.30pm Fruit and Toast from 8.15am	P&C Meeting 2nd Tuesday of the Month 6.30pm. Next meeting—AGM Tuesday 10 March.	Zooper Doopers for sale at first break Choir 8.15am in the Music Room Breakfast Club with Chappy 8:30am	Little Woonies Play Group with Chappy Weeks 3, 5, 7 and 9 of the school term	Fruit and Toast from 8.15am

DATE CLAIMERS

FEBRUARY

WEEK 4**Monday 16 February**

Extended School Parade to include School Leader Induction Ceremony 2.15pm

Swimming for Years 4-6 starts (7 week program)

Tuesday 17 February

NewsMail visit for Prep Photos

WEEK 5**Monday 23 February**

Swimming for Years 4-6

MARCH

WEEK 6**Monday 2 March**

Swimming for Years 4-6

WEEK 7**Monday 9 March**

Swimming for Years 4-6

Wednesday 11 March

Naplan testing commences Years 3 and 5

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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 C	Belle C	Luca P
Prep G	Arnhem B	Eden K
1C	Owen M	Celeste T
1J	Hendrix C	Leiarna R
2C	Reef P	Poppy L
2H	Liam K	Harper R
3E	Charlotte C	Russell W
3L	Olivia H	
4H	Levi W	Cooper V
4M	Harvey S	
5L	Braxton B	
5P	Ari	Annaleese D
6R	Alexis P	Riley K

**Presented at School Parade
Parents/caregivers welcome to attend.**

Back to school boost



Information for parents and carers

About the Back to school boost

The Queensland Government is introducing the Back to school boost from 2026, which provides \$100 for every primary school student (Prep to Year 6) to assist families with school-related costs.

Parents and carers can choose how the \$100 can be used towards school-related expenses.

For state school students

A \$100 credit will be applied to the student's school account. Parents and carers can choose to use the credit to reduce the school's Student Resource Scheme (SRS) fees. Or they can use it for school-organised camps, excursions, incursions and extracurricular activities, stationery items purchased from the school, uniforms or excellence programs offered by the school.

For students at non-state schools

The non-state school sector will be responsible for administration of the \$100 Back to school boost, including how it can be applied to reduce school fees or other related school costs.

Not a cash payment

Back to school boost will not be issued as a voucher or given to parents and carers as a cash payment to purchase items outside their child's school.

The funds can only be used to reduce fees or costs that schools charge to parents and carers directly. It cannot be used to reimburse families for items they purchase directly from an external or third-party supplier.

Ways to use the Back to school boost

Parents have the choice on how their \$100 Back to school boost credit is applied.

For state schools that have an SRS, the credit can be applied to reduce the cost of your child's SRS fees.

If parents and carers choose not to apply the \$100 to SRS fees, or a school does not have a SRS, the funds can be applied to the cost of other items or activities offered by the school. For example, school-organised camps, excursions, incursions and extracurricular activities, stationery items purchased from the school, uniforms or excellence programs offered by the school.

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Evidence of how funds are used

State schools are required to provide full transparency on how the Back to school boost funds have been applied.

Carry-over of unspent funds

Any unspent Back to school boost funds remain on a student's account and will carry over to the next year while a child remains at the same state school.

Outstanding debts from before 2026

A state school cannot use the Back to school boost to offset debts relating to charges for resources used prior to 2026. Debts related to these charges must be managed in accordance with [debt management procedure](#).

Changing schools during the year or graduating Year 6

The \$100 Back to school boost is provided once per year. If a child changes to another Queensland state or non-state school during the year, they will not receive another \$100.

Parents and carers may request a refund of any remaining funds in their child's account when they leave the school or graduate at the end of Year 6.

State schools will advise parents and carers of any remaining funds on a student's account as part of the departure process. Please contact your child's school to request a refund prior to leaving the school.

Non-state schools: decisions regarding refunds for students who leave a non-state school part way through the year, will be made at the discretion of the school. Parents and carers should contact their child's school directly to discuss refund policies and arrangements.

Special schools

All students in primary school (Prep-Year 6) are eligible for the Back to school boost, including children who attend a special school.

Schools of distance education

All students in primary school (Prep-Year 6) are eligible for the Back to school boost, including children who are enrolled in a school of distance education.

Home education

The Back to school boost is available to children enrolled in home education, in line with current Textbook and resource allowance (TRA) arrangements. Home educating parents and carers receive information from the Department of Education (the department) outlining how they can provide payment details to the department to receive their Back to school boost.

Moving to Queensland after Term 1 of a school year

Students who enrol in a Queensland state school for the first time after Term 1 of the school year, will be eligible for a pro-rata credit to be applied to their account on the following basis:

- students joining in Term 2 will be credited \$75
- students joining in Term 3 will be credited \$50
- students joining in Term 4 will be credited \$25.

Living in NSW and attending a Queensland school

All students enrolled at and attending a Queensland state or non-state school are eligible for the \$100 Back to school boost. Eligibility is based on the school's location, not the student's place of residence.

However, if a family resides in Queensland and their child attends a school in another state, including a boarding school, the student will not be eligible for the payment.

Financial support for secondary school students

All students in Years 7-12 enrolled in a state or non-state school in Queensland are eligible for the Textbook and resource allowance (TRA). This is separate to the Back to school boost and will continue for all students in Year 7-12. The 2026 TRA rates per student per year are:

- Year 7-10: \$164
- Year 11-12: \$357.

Further information

Talk to your school if you have any questions.

HELPING TODAYS CHILDREN NAVIGATE THEIR *Tomorrow*

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HELPING HANDS WOONGARRA

HIGHLIGHTS

THE PAST FEW WEEKS HAVE BEEN PACKED WITH ENERGY, CREATIVITY, LAUGHTER, AND UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS. FROM WATER WARRIORS AND SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS GONE WILD, TO EXCURSIONS, MOVIE DAYS, CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS, AND EPIC IMAGINATIVE PLAY.

THE CHILDREN THREW THEMSELVES INTO EVERY EXPERIENCE WITH CONFIDENCE AND JOY.

WE BUILT, RACED, SPLASHED, CREATED, PERFORMED, EXPLORED, AND CELEBRATED TOGETHER. THERE WERE FRIENDSHIPS STRENGTHENED, CHALLENGES CONQUERED, TALENTS SHOWCASED, AND SO MANY SMILES ALONG THE WAY. WHETHER IT WAS KITE FLYING IN THE WIND, BOUNCING AT HIVE INFLATABLES, CRAFTING MASTERPIECES, OR FINISHING WITH PARTY VIBES AND BALLOON ANIMALS — THIS HOLIDAY PROGRAM WAS ALL ABOUT CONNECTION, CHOICE, AND FUN.



OUR NEXT ADVENTURE.

AS WE STEP INTO THE NEXT CHAPTER, OUR FOCUS WILL SHIFT TO BUILDING STRONG CONNECTIONS, WELCOMING NEW FRIENDS, AND CREATING A SENSE OF BELONGING FOR EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WE'LL BE SUPPORTING CHILDREN THROUGH MINDFUL MOMENTS AND MEDITATION, HELPING CALM BODIES AND READY BRAINS FOR BUSY SCHOOL DAYS. ALONGSIDE THIS, THE CHILDREN WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE AND LEARN THROUGH FOOD FROM AROUND THE WORLD, DIFFERENT ART STYLES, AND CREATIVE EXPERIENCES THAT CELEBRATE DIVERSITY, CURIOSITY, AND SELF-EXPRESSION. WITH A BLEND OF CONNECTION, CALM, CREATIVITY, AND DISCOVERY, WE'RE EXCITED TO GROW TOGETHER.

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

14 FEBRUARY – VALENTINE'S DAY
FRIENDSHIP, KINDNESS, AND CARING CONNECTIONS
17TH LUNAR / CHINESE NEW YEAR

MARCH

8 MARCH – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
CELEBRATING STRONG WOMEN, EQUALITY, AND ROLE MODELS
17 MARCH – ST PATRICK'S DAY
IRISH CULTURE, COLOUR, MUSIC, AND FUN





SUPERVISED EVENT
CANTEEN FACILITIES
SAUSAGE SIZZLE



\$5 ENTRY

BLUELIGHT DISCO

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH

5PM - 7PM PREP TO YR 6
7.30PM - 9.30PM YR 7 TO YR 12

BUNDABERG CIVIC CENTRE
BOURBONG ST, BUNDABERG CENTRAL

THEME: BRIGHT COLOURS



RIPPER
MyGOLF.

Come and Try Day - Sunday 1st of March
9:00am-10:30am
Bundaberg Golf Club

Anxiety Coach

Workshop

Aim: *To help parents develop a greater understanding of the problem of increasing levels of anxiety in children and some strategies to help*

When:
3 Sessions-
Monday
2nd March, 2026
9th March, 2026
16th March, 2026
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Where:
PLC Bundaberg
Gate 6, Woondooma Street
Bundaberg
(back of Central School)
Opposite Town Library

To RSVP please email -
Cathie Heads - chead13@eq.edu.au
Positive Learning Centre - Ed Qld

No Cost




WESTERN SUBURBS JRL COMBINED
COME AND TRY & SIGN ON DAY



21ST OF FEBRUARY 2026 | 9AM TO 12PM
JUBILEE PARK

BOYS & GIRLS AGES U6 - U12 - BOYS U13-16 - GIRLS U13-17

CALLING ALL BOYS & GIRLS!



Changes to bus operator in 2026

Please be advised that from **Tuesday 27 January 2026**, Kinetic Bundaberg will operate the below services for 12 months.

There will be no changes to timetables, routes or ticketing at the start of the school year.

The changes relate to school and Translink public transport services only. Any private or charter services Stewart & Sons Coaches operate are not affected by this change.

School services now provided by Kinetic

Route number	Schools serviced
670	Nolans Pocket to Bundaberg North State High School
671	South Kolan to Woongarra State School
672	Sharon to Bundaberg North State School
673	Tantitha to Bundaberg North State School
674	Booyan to Bundaberg North State School
675	Moore Park Beach to Shalom College
676	Moore Park Beach to Bundaberg North State School
678	Coral Cove to Bundaberg Christian College
679	Innes Park to Elliot Heads State School
680	Calavo to Bundaberg State School
682	Innes Park to St John's Lutheran Primary
677/681	Elliott Heads to St Patrick's Primary (<i>journey planner being updated – please contact Kinetic Bundaberg for details</i>)

School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS)

Applicants must submit STAS travel applications by selecting **TRANSIT AUSTRALIA PTY LTD (KINETIC BUNDABERG)**. We will review all new STAS applications and follow normal processes.

Public transport service changes

Your students may use regular public transport services as well as dedicated school buses. Please note that Kinetic Bundaberg will also operate the following routes:

- 621: Bundaberg to Moore Park
- 622: Bundaberg to Kepnock, Innes Park and Elliott Heads

Need more information?

Contact Kinetic Bundaberg on 1300 383 397 or bundaberg@wearekinetic.com.