We are leaders.

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Innovation and creativity are of vital importance in successful modern education. Engaging children by showing passion and excitement in learning is crucial in improving a student’s learning outcomes.

Teachers play a significant role in this. Research has shown that a good teacher can be very powerful in building positive relationships with students and encouraging them to meet and exceed potential.

Parents are important in this teaching process. A parent’s educational role starts before birth and continues throughout a child’s life. Through communication, song, play and example, a parent can give a child a love and thirst for knowledge and assist that child to become lifelong learners.

Our ‘We are Leaders’ initiative, encourages parents to participate in your child’s learning to develop a positive learning culture at home. Education is a partnership as learning occurs both in and out of the classroom, school and home. I support and encourage this partnership between school, parents and community as we work together in the interests of making a difference to our children.

We are all leaders in learning.

*David Cramb*

Principal 4/2/2014

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**Forthcoming Events**

**FEBRUARY**

7  Welcome BBQ
12  Mobile Library
12  P&C Meeting
26  Mobile Library

**MARCH**

3  Year 7 Life Ed
13  School photos

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**Why is numeracy important?**
In 2014, Woongoolba will extend its focus to number and numeracy as well as reading. Numeracy enables you to develop logical thinking and reasoning strategies in your daily life. We need numeracy to solve problems and make sense of time, numbers, patterns and shapes for activities like cooking, reading a map or bill, reading instructions and even playing sport.

Research has shown that children’s motivation and achievement improve when their parents or carers are involved in their education. There are many everyday things you can do to encourage numeracy learning. These include:

- encouraging your child to use mathematical language — how much, how big, how small, how many
- discussing the use of numbers, patterns and shapes in your day-to-day life — numbers found on library books, spatial patterns or shapes in playgrounds, in the home and architecture
- talking about occasions when you are using mathematics in daily jobs and real-life situations — cooking, map reading, building and playing sport
- exploring situations using money such as shopping, budgets and credit cards
- estimating, measuring and comparing lengths and heights, how heavy or light things are and how much containers hold
- talking about different ways to solve a problem
- using everyday tools like tape measures or kitchen scales and discussing the units of measure
- asking ‘does that make sense?’, ‘is the answer reasonable?’ or ‘what other ways could we do this?’
- observing and using timetables, calendars and clocks for different purposes like study periods, holiday planning and catching public transport
- helping your child to work out how much things cost and what change received
- playing number games using magazines, books, newspapers and number plates
- organising, categorising and counting collections of things like toys, books, clothing and shoes.

For more information about how you can help your child with literacy and numeracy visit [www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map) or contact your child’s teacher or school.

The 2014 NAPLAN tests will take place in May. In order to prepare our students to meet and exceed their potential, we will continue our schedule in 2014 that we commenced at the end of 2013. Throughout this term students in years 3, 5 and 7 will complete practice tests as well as participating in targeted tasks and activities focusing on individual needs in literacy and numeracy. If parents would like more information regarding this, feel free to contact your class teacher or see David at the office.

### Morning and Afternoon Rules

When students arrive at school (if not in before school care) they must move to the covered play area with their bags until either their teacher directs them to the classroom or when the morning bell rings. Students must not be around school buildings before school. If students are being dropped at school before 8.15 you may consider using the before school care facility. **STUDENTS MUST NOT BE AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL BEFORE SCHOOL AND MUST NOT PLAY ON THE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND BEFORE SCHOOL OR WHILE TEACHER IS ON DUTY AFTER SCHOOL.**

### Wear your uniform!

All students are required to wear their correct uniform each day. All students at Woongoolba are leaders and therefore should look like school leaders. Board shorts and other accessories are not permitted. Jewellery is to be kept to studs or sleeper style earrings in the lobes only. Multiple piercings are not permitted. Woongoolba State School is a sun safety school and as a result the wearing of caps is not appropriate. Our school dress code requires that all students wear a broad brimmed or bucket style hat when outdoors. Caps should also not be worn to and from school for appearance purposes.

**LATE ARRIVALS & EARLY DEPARTURES**

If your child is late to school on any morning, they MUST come to the cash window at the office for a late slip. This late slip then needs to be taken to the classroom teacher. Similarly, if you need to take your child early from school, you MUST first gain an early slip and sign them out at the office before taking the slip to the classroom teacher. This is for the safety of students whilst in our care.

### Parking/Drop Off

Parents should be aware that parking/driving into the school grounds at any time, particularly School Road into the school, is for staff and buses only. Students use this road when getting on and off the bus and therefore traffic on the road must be kept...
to a minimum. I ask that all parents and carers respect this request.

Before & After School Care
The Woongoolba School Age Care Service is operated by the Beenleigh PCYC. The program offers students supervision from 6.30am before school and until 6.00pm after school. Students also participate in a range of games and activities as well as receiving breakfast and afternoon tea. Contact the school or visit the room to enrol your students and ask about fees and subsidies. We are CCB approved, meaning you could pay as little as $6.84 for before school care and $7.26 for after school care based on 108% CCB rate. Casual bookings are available! Using this service is preferable to having your students arriving at school too early each day.

Southport Yacht Club
On Sunday 30th March, 2014 Southport Yacht Club will hold a Discover Sailing Day, a free “Come and Try Sailing” Day for the public from 9am to 1pm.

Under close supervision, both children and adults will have the opportunity to go for a short sail in the sheltered waters of the Broadwater at our Club’s Hollywell Sail Training Facility, 1 Marina Crescent, Hollywell. Breakfast and Coffees will also be available from our Waterfront Cafe.

Uniform Shop News
The Uniform Shop will be open Tuesday mornings from 8:30-9:15am. If you require any further information, please email Allana on wss_uniforms@gmail.com

TUCKSHOP TIDBITS 4/2/2014
We need some helpers!
There are lots of blank spaces on the roster, please call at the Tuckshop and put your name down for a morning or two this term.
We have lost a couple of regular mums due to work commitments, so new helpers are really welcomed.

ROSTERS:
Please come and put down your name!

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Watch the newsletter for our Special Menu Day later this term.

Regards,
Rhonda (0419 722 481).

Welcome Back Meet & Greet
We are planning on having a welcome back BBQ (Sausage Sizzle) on Friday afternoon February 7 from 4.30 until 6.30 in the central covered area. This will be a nice way for parents and families to start the school year and to welcome new parents to Woongoolba. A letter is attached to this newsletter.

P&C NEWS
The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 12th at 6.30pm in the Leaders Centre (under B Block).

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS
School Dollarmites banking will start again TOMORROW. For our new comers, please see Danielle in the Office for more information on how to set up an account for your child. Don’t forget School Banking day is Wednesday.

SWIMMING NEWS
In 2014, swimming will operate differently to what has occurred in the past. These changes were developed by the school and endorsed by the P&C last year. Students will participate in swimming in a block of 10 days (1 lesson a day) in either term 1 or term 4. Students will be taught by a qualified swimming instructor provided by Woongoolba Pool. This is an exciting improvement to our swimming program and we are delighted to have established this partnership with Woongoolba Pool. In term 1, students from Mrs South’s, Mrs Stuart/Mrs Mann’s, Miss Boyd’s and Mrs Pryce/Mrs Mayne’s classes will participate. Letters will be sent home soon regarding this. The remainder of the school will swim in term 4.

Be on time!
A good leader is one that is well organised. Part of this is punctuality. It is vitally important for all students to arrive at school prior to the schedule start time so that they can be ready for learning straight away.

Our Focus:
Everybody Reads at Woongoolba!
Readers are Leaders

Our Mission:
We develop leaders- every child, every day.

Our Vision:
Innovate, Participate, Excel.

Our Goal:
To improve student performance in Literacy, Numeracy & Science in a Sustainable & Technological World

Our Motto:
Achievement: Our Goal

Value of the Week:
Our School & Community: we participate & represent to be Democratic Citizens

Habit of the Week:
Be Proactive

Thought for the Week
Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing it is stupid. (Albert Einstein)

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