We are leaders.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Student Leaders go to Leaders' Day

Yesterday our school captains Chloe Russell, Dannii Mathee, Jordyn Truloff and Joshua Ward attended The National Young Leaders Day at The Brisbane Convention Centre. The students listened to five speakers who told their inspiring leadership stories. The speakers included:

- Mike Martin (General Manager: Halogen Foundation)
- Karni Liddell (Paralympian)
- Andy Griffiths (author)
- Lorin Nicholson (guitarist & motivational speaker)
- Wes Mannion (Director: Australia Zoo)

All speakers related their stories to over 3000 student leaders from across Queensland and northern NSW. A key component of all speeches was to encourage students to set goals and lead by example.

Another area of similarity between speakers was their description of how they achieved their successes and what it was that encouraged them to achieve. All mentioned their parents as key factors in their accomplishments. All had parents who supported, encouraged and guided them as children. They also said that their parents allowed them to take chances, try new things and build resilience which were all important for them to overcome obstacles.

This is a lesson for all of us. The role we all play as adults in a child’s life is incredibly important. We must find the balance of gentle support and developing strength & resilience. A great lesson for all.

All of the students purchased a Halogen foundation pin. It was an informative day about being a leader.

David Cramb
Principal 4/3/2014

Forthcoming Events

MARCH
3-14 D Block Swimming
12 Bookclub due
12 Mobile Library
12 P&C AGM
13 School photos
21 Harmony Day
24 St. John’s First Aid

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This week’s rule is ‘Be a learner’. For this rule, students should be in the right place, be a good role model for others, follow instructions, line up appropriately and be on time. Students should be prepared for learning with all the required equipment, as well as sleeping and eating well. We are all learners and we all can be role models for our children on how to be a learner.

Cross Country Fun Run!

Our school is holding an addidas School Fun-Run (coinciding with the Cross Country) to raise funds to go towards school resources as well as providing a fun and healthy activity. Information packs have been distributed and prizes are available to students to raise certain amounts. Be part of our fun run by helping your child with sponsorships and then coming along on Monday March 17 to cheer on your child!

Fundraising for our school is so important. Last year we were able to buy iPads for the students and we start the year ready to hear wish lists from our teachers and students to give us something to work towards. Did you know? Last year, a small school of 98 students held a fundraising fun run and raised over $32,000 for their school?!?! This shows what can be achieved when a community comes together to support our kids. So please, when your child comes home with their forms, take it outside of the home, to work, relatives, friends etc and help your child as much as you can!! If you are interested in helping on the day, please advise the office.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy tests will take place in May for students in years 3, 5 and 7. Here are some main messages to parents:

- NAPLAN adds to existing school and classroom assessment practices.
- NAPLAN is about students doing their best, not about ‘getting it all right’.
- It is important for all students who are doing the test to ‘have a go’ at each question.
- Parents can support students by giving them ‘real-life’ experiences at home in reading, writing and numeracy.

If you would like more information please feel free to contact me or go to: www.naplan.edu.au

CLASSROOM MUSIC NEWS!

Best Music Class of the Week: Yr 3
Music Student of the Week: Mackenzie

Music news:

Another week of musical mayhem married with many rhythms and mighty beats! Year 3 deserve a mention this week as they are doing so well with their rhythmic dictation. Next week they move from playing percussion and rhythms I have given them, to writing their own. A great job, very well done. Thank you to everyone who has joined choir. Such dedication by the students at Woongoolba, a joy to be a part of.

Have a rockin’ week, Ms Mann

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.

Helping your child with measurement

Children need to observe how measurement is used in practical situations. First, they need to talk about the things that we can measure and the things that we can use to measure them. Then they will need to learn about the units we use for measuring, such as litres, kilograms and metres. What can you do at home?

- Give your child different sized plastic cups and a larger container to play with in the bath or shower. Encourage your child to guess how many of each cup it will take to fill the container. Talk about how many cups of each ingredient are used in a recipe when you are cooking together.
- Put sand in a large plastic tub so children can fill containers with sand. Sieves, colanders, plastic spoons, old clean margarine tubs, plastic bottles and funnels are useful for playing with sand.

- Have children weigh themselves. Weigh other family members and family pets.
- Use modelling dough to roll out two “snakes” of different length. Talk about one snake being “shorter” and the other “longer”.
- Record your child’s growth on a height chart.
- Talk about events in terms of time. For example, “It’s going to take about three minutes to cook this, so you might have time to butter some bread.”
- Mark special events on a calendar and talk about how many days until the event and which day of the week the event will be on.
- Watch the weather report together and talk about the forecasted temperatures for the following day. Ask your child what they might need to wear or have with them.

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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.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER or SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Finland, Norway and Denmark will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Bookclub News
Issue 2 orders are due back to the office by Wednesday 12th March

**TUCKSHOP TIDBITS 4/3/2014**
Thank you to the volunteers who have put their names down on the roster. If you can NOT get there, can you please ask someone to take your place. We DEFINITELY need 3 helpers each Friday and it is just too hard to find a replacement at short notice.

**ROSTERS:**
Fri 7/3 : Rhonda, Lisa Ritson, Debbie Koglin & Emma Foster
Tues 11/3: Rhonda, Carolyn Dunlop & Lizzie
Fri 14/3: Rhonda, Lisa Ritson & Corinne Clark
Tues 18/3: Need some names please!!!!!

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**
Please get some lunch bags from the Tuckshop (40 bags for $2) so you can fill out your child’s order at home. It is just way too busy before 9am to stop and help your child to fill out their orders.
Please remember to fill out one bag and a SECOND bag for afternoon tea.
Regards,
Rhonda (0419 722 481).

P&C NEWS ‘Annual General Meeting’
Our next P&C meeting will be held in the Library on Wednesday 12th March 2014 at 6.30pm.

This meeting will be the AGM, followed by the General Meeting for March.
AGM agenda items are:
1. Presentation and adoption of 2013 AGM minutes.
2. Presentation of Audited Financial Reports.
3. Presentation of Executive and Committee reports.
4. Election of Office bearers.
5. Scheduled business as per the agenda.
Some of our AGENDA ITEMS for next general meeting are:
2. Report on school ‘drop off’ area.
3. 2014 programme
If you want to be involved, please come to the meeting and help your school by taking on a Committee position in your P&C.

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

Animal Welfare League
If you’re aged 6-10 years old, then come down and join us at the Animal Welfare League for a fun day full of animal related activities. ONE DAY ONLY! April 8th 2014. Get a behind the scenes tour of the animal refuge and vet clinics, cuddle some of our special dogs and cats and learn about how to care responsibly for your best furry friends and more. Book now for Easter Holidays. Hurry as places are limited. Call 5509 9034 or email: education@awlqld.com.au

**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*

**Rule of the Week:**
*Be a Learner*

**Habit of the Week:**
*Seek First to Understand, then to be understood*

**Thought for the Week**
Learning happens everywhere at anytime. Never miss an opportunity to help a child learn.