We are leaders.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Attendance and punctuality
Attendance every day at school is of vital importance and can be directly attributed to academic achievement. But attendance is more than just coming to school every day, punctuality is also a huge contributing factor to school success for students. Even arriving 10 minutes late can put a student at risk both academically and affect their social/emotional wellbeing. Students can often feel anxious walking into a classroom that is already settled with students working on their first task of the day. The teacher often then has to ‘catch’ the student up with instructions which may stem the flow of a lesson. While we understand that sometimes events of a morning are beyond your control – car with a flat tyre, cat having kittens etc, we do ask that where possible you endeavour to have your children at school, on time and ready to learn. If there are incidents before school that may have upset your child can you please notify us just so that we can be aware and ensure that they are supported as necessary.

Woongoolba SS Clean up day this Friday
This event was initiated by Student Council and Years 3 to 5 Class Captains. Detailed information can be found further on in this edition of our newsletter. I would like to thank these students (and the staff involved) for their dedication and initiative.

Allison McClean
Principal 5/3/2013
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.

BOOKCLUB NEWS
Book club is due back on Wednesday 13th March. Money collection days are Mondays and Wednesdays ONLY between 8:30am and 9:15am.

P&C NEWS
The AGM will be on Wednesday, March 13 at 6.30pm in the Library.

SCHOOL/GALA DAY FEES
For students in Years 5, 6 and 7 our Gala Day program will be starting in the middle of March. If you have elected to pay fees by the Term, Term 2 fees ($25.00) MUST be paid by 27th March. If you are paying online please be aware that it does take a couple of days to show up in our bank account. Money collection days are Mondays and Wednesdays ONLY between 8:30am and 9:15am. If money has not been received by this time, students will be unable to participate.

GERMAN NEWS
Apologies for missing last week – but to catch up on the news … our mystery word previously was ‘Ohrwurm’. This is not literally a ‘worm in the ear’, but rather means a catchy tune/song/saying that in English ‘sticks in your head’ but in German ‘wriggles in your ear’. Our class winners were 3/4 Braiden, 4 Jesse and Jordan, 5/6 Mitchell H and 6/7 Ruby. The next riddle word was ‘sauszwer’, which means not just difficult or hard, but extremely difficult or hard (therefore ‘saunaβ’ would be our extremely wet weather!). Our class winners were 3/4 Braiden (again!), 4 Satya and Emma, Bailey and 7 Courtney and Hannah. All students are excited with our new challenge ‘Familienkutsche’, as they already have guessed the first half of the word as I wrote it!

The German classroom is looking very festive with our art display now presented. With the end of February, we have completed our unit on Karneval. During this unit we have learnt or revised the German language for days of the week, months of the year, colours, numbers, as well as practising our daily greetings and introductions.

Soon we will be preparing for our next celebration ‘Ostern’ – Easter.

Frau Hay

Classroom Music News
Best Music Class of the Week: Yr 1/2
Best Music Student of the Week: Keiley Gumley
Most Outstanding Choir Member: Lauren Appleton
Classroom music students have been
  a) Beginning practice on Easter repertoire
  b) Further work on The Staff and The Treble Clef lines and spaces

Choir News:
Choir rehearsals continue every Tuesday, 2nd break, 1:15PM, in the Music Room. All welcome!!!
Thanks, Mrs S Field (Classroom Music)

Woongoolba State School Clean Up Day
As you may know ‘Schools Clean Up Day 2013’ was held last Friday across Australia. On this day children participated in a clean-up of their local area. Due to the poor weather we decided to postpone our school event. Woongoolba State School Clean Up Day will now be held this Friday 8th March 2013. Inspiring children to care for the environment is a vital part of Clean Up Australia. It provides many benefits including a cleaner environment, a great way for your child to learn about the impact that litter has on our environment as well as participating in a beneficial cause. This event was initiated by Student Council and Years 3 to 5 Class Captains who decided it was an important event for all students of Woongoolba
State School to participate in. If you do not wish for your child to participate in this event please notify your classroom teacher before Friday. All students will be provided with gloves on the day.

**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](http://www.naplan.edu.au)

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**TUCKSHOP TIDBITS 05/03/2013**

Thank you to all the Mums who help out on a regular basis. We always have room for an extra one or two, so drop in for a chat and let us know when you can help out.

**ROSTERS:**
- Friday 8th March: Rhonda, Edith & Allana McBride
- Tuesday 12th March: Ida, Jacky & Rhonda.
- Friday 15th March: Karen, Jenny & Rhonda.
- Tuesday 19th March: Edith, Janine & Kerry Logan

**TUCKSHOP NEWS:**
The tuck shop will be selling raffle tickets in an EASTER HAMPER to be drawn on Tuesday 26th March. These tickets will be available from this Tuesday, and anyone who wants to take a book home to sell, just see Vicki or Rhonda.

If anyone can help out with a donation for the prizes, please drop off some Easter Goodies to the Tuck shop or the Office ASAP.

If you are on the roster, and something comes up, can you please try to organize a fill in., or ring me asap so I can get someone in to help. There needs to be at least TWO people in the tuck shop every day we are open.

Regards, Rhonda. (0419 722 481).

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**Uniform Shop News**
Girls’ sports skorts are now in stock, so come in and check them out. They look great! We sold out of size 4 Polos during the holidays. An order has been placed but this will take a few weeks to arrive.

Please keep an eye on newsletters as I will post it here 1st when they arrive. The Uniform Shop will be open Tuesday mornings from 8:30-9:15am. If you need any uniforms at any other time, please email on lyf123@hotmail.com

Thanks, Sarwin Hunt

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**Monies for Sport Prepayment**
**TERM ONE FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE.** You may choose to pay these fees up front in one lump sum, pay by the term or arrange a payment plan to suit your individual needs. All information will be treated as confidential. Our Sport, Swimming and Transport Prepayment Scheme is $85.00 per child per year for children in PREP to Year 4 and $110 per child per year for children in years 5 to 7. Contributions to this scheme are payable by the term.

Prep – Yr 4: Term 1 - $45; Term 4 - $40
Yr 5 – Yr 7: Term 1 - $45, T2 - $25, T4 - $40

Entry to the Pool in Terms One and Four, Bus travel to and from the Pool in Terms One and Four, Travel to Sports (including District Sports and Gala Days) Students will not be able to participate in these activities unless payments for these have been provided. **Money collection days are Mondays and Wednesdays ONLY between 8:30am and 9:15am.** If your children bring in money on any other day, they will be asked to return it to their bags. The school will not take any responsibility for money lost if children bring it in on non-money collection days. So please ensure your children bring money in on the correct days and that it is taken to the Office immediately on their arrival at school. Also, if you are paying online please be aware that it does take a couple of days to show up in our bank account. Payments can be made via internet banking or at the Cash Window. Our banking details are as follows:

BSB Number: 064-401 Account Number: 00901385

If paying online, please quote STUDENTS SURNAME and INVOICE NUMBER and then please e-mail accounts@woongoolss.eq.edu.au to inform of payment and purpose of funds.

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**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 Bodies: We create and compose

**Habit of the Week:**
Think win-win!
Thought for the Week

School is a building that has four walls—with tomorrow inside.

Lon Watters