PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Readers are Leaders
I am currently speaking to teachers to find out how each child in the school is progressing with their reading.

As you know, my vision is to have every child reading at their age appropriately level or beyond. Conversations around reading, therefore, are very important for me to identify how each and every child is progressing.

Parents, as well as teachers have a vital role in the teaching of reading to children as well as valuing reading.

‘(Author), Mem Fox writes: "I beg you all to read superb books aloud to your children! Begin on the day they are born. I am very serious about this: at least three stories and five nursery rhymes a day, if not more, and not only at bedtime, either.

Read with passion and expressive abandon, maintaining the same variety in your voice at exactly the same place in the story or rhyme every time, keeping the same louds and softs, the same highs and lows, the same fasts and slows.

In this manner your children will begin to remember the words by remembering the ‘tune’ of your reading. Memorizing a rhyme or story and turning the pages at the right time is an important step in learning to read...’ (http://www.bubhub.com.au/info/articles/toddler/the_importance_of_reading_to_children.shtml)

Remember: Everybody reads at Woongoolba!
David Cramb

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

JUNE
6 Mobile Library
11 Queens Birthday Public Holiday
12-14 Emu Gully Camp
20 Mobile Library
22 Last Day of Term

JULY
9 School Resumes
Child Social Development: responding to the ‘bully’ myth.

The word ‘bullying’ has taken on many definitions in today’s society. It is used by social commentators, media, parents, educators and children to describe almost any unwanted word, phrase or action.

It is important, however, to take into account the concept of ‘context’ when discussing incidents or actions that may be viewed under the ‘bullying’ paradigm.

Sometimes, society describes an act of childish name calling using the same language as an act of physical violence or assault.

Many children will use the word ‘bullying’ to describe an incident of play that has gone awry or a problem with communication between students or even when innocent accidents occur.

At Woongoolba, we have two main policies that deal with issues involving bullying, harassment or physical or verbal violence. The first is the Responsible Behaviour Plan and the second is the Woongoolba School Anti-Bullying Policy. Both of these were developed a couple of years ago and have been reviewed since then. Both have also been endorsed by the P&C Association.

Included in this is ‘The High 5’ which provides a framework for students that empowers victims to manage minor incidents.

The majority of incidents described as ‘bullying’ at Woongoolba fall in the category of minor teasing. In most cases, these are resolved by both parties communicating together with a staff member. We teach children to be leaders, to seek to understand others, to collaborate and negotiate. We teach them to work together and think before acting.

Some students require more work than others to achieve our goal of mastering these skills. However we believe that, in order to achieve a positive learning outcome, it is better to encourage students to learn from all experiences in order to improve the social skills required to learn, work and play with others appropriately.

It is important to always understand the context of any interaction between children as well as the intent of those involved. It is easy for these messages to become unclear and confused when searching for truth. This is why the great staff of our school spend time talking to those involved and encouraging them to talk to each other so that all involved understand what happened and why as well as their involvement.

I encourage all parents and community members to be part of this partnership in teaching all children these skills. Children at our school work and play well together. Let’s embrace the goodness in them all.

**2012 PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

We are very proud to be launching the 2012 Premier’s Reading Challenge at Woongoolba. Reading opens up a world of educational opportunities for your people, providing the foundation for learning for the rest of their life. An enjoyment of books not only encourages an active imagination but allows the reader to learn about their world and develop literacy skills. These are benefits that remain long after a book has been completed. The Premier’s Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of literacy among primary school children across the State by challenging them to read often and widely during the reading period. In 2011, more than 110 000 students participated in the Premier’s Reading Challenge and read more than one million books. With 2012 being the National Year of Reading we hope more young people than ever take up the challenge and pick up a book. Students are challenged to read or experience an allocated number of books for their reading level between 22 May and 7 September 2012. Prep to Year 2 students are challenged to read or experience 20 books. Experiencing books can include listening to stories, shared reading or reading picture books. Students in Year 3 and Year 4 are challenged to read 20 books, while students in Year 5-7 are challenged to read 15 books. Every child who meets the challenge will be rewarded with a certificate. So let’s get reading! Readers Are Leaders! Everyone Reads At Woongoolba!

**KIDS MATTER (from Kids Matter Primary)**

KidsMatter Primary has featured our school on its national website. The Woongoolba State School story highlights the Fence Friends project and also the communication in the school community. The school story will be included in the Queensland KidsMatter Primary newsletter which will be sent to a wide range of schools. It will also be used when schools are thinking of introducing KidsMatter Primary.

You can read the story on the KidsMatter website. Just scroll down the page to:


UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform shop will then be open Tuesday 8:30am to 9:00am and Friday 2:45pm to 3:15pm
SALE!!SALE!!SALE!! WE HAVE GIRLS SHORTS FOR $5.00 AND GIRLS PLEATED NETBALL SKIRTS FOR $7.00. REDUCED TO CLEAR!!
For any orders or questions please call Sawan on 0402922215 or email lyf123@hotmail.com Or Carolyn Johnston on 55462706

Nominate a teacher for the NEiTA Teaching Awards 2012
Nominations are open for the NEiTA 2012 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards. The Australian Scholarships Group (ASG) formed NEiTA (National Excellence In Teaching Awards) in 1994 to conduct a program of national awards honouring exemplary teachers in schools and early childhood centres.
Go to www.neita.com to nominate a teacher.
Nominations close: July 31.

Classroom Music News
Best Music Class: 1/2
Best Music Student: Bellarose
Most Outstanding Choir Member: Taryn
Classroom music students have been
a) Responding and listening to forte and piano sounds
b) Investigating structure of verse/chorus form
c) Completing performance assessment items
Choir News:
Choir rehearsals continue every Tuesday, 1st break, at 11:15am, in the music room. All welcome.
The choir ‘Semester One Morning Tea’ will be held on the final Tuesday of this term, being the 19th June and all choir members are invited to participate. The donation of a small plate/drink for this event would be greatly appreciated. Your continued support for this ensemble is much appreciated. A letter will be sent home with further details.
Where: Music Room
When: 1st break
Mrs S Field (Classroom Music)

TUCKSHOP TIDBITS 5/6/2012
ROSTERS:
Tuesday 5th June – Ida, Vicki
Friday 8th June – Debbie, Michelle Marr
FRIDAY SPECIAL – FISH BITES/CHIPS $3.50
Tuesday 12th June – Ida Cheryl
Friday15th June – Debbie, Kelly Sams

Thanks to all the ladies for your continued help in tuckshop!!! Thanks also to Rhonda, we are glad you’re back from Thailand we miss you when you’re gone!!
Debbie Schipplock

SCHOOL REWARDS COMPETITION 2012 RUN AROUND AUSTRALIA
Congratulations Woongoolba, we are currently in 4th position!! Congratulations also go to Ida Daanamz for coming third in the best individual for the week!!

HEALTH SCREENING TESTS
Each year Queensland Health conducts vision and hearing screening tests for school entry level. This is a free service to assist in identifying problems that may affect his/her ability to progress at school. Your school health nurse will be at the school soon and will need your written permission to see your child. The consent form will be sent home with your child, so please check your child’s school bag.
Parents of students in other years who have health concerns and would like their child seen by the school nurse may obtain a consent form from the office. Your nurses this year are Julie Cantrill and Cheryl Hewlett. They can be contacted on 38279811 at the Beenleigh Community Health Cnt.

Monies for Sport Prepayment FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE FOR T1 & 2/3.
Money collection days are Mondays and Wednesdays ONLY between 8:30am and 9:15am. Please note that due to security reasons, money will not be received on any other day. 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 INVOICE NUMBER and STUDENTS SURNAME, NOT parent surname or family code, and then please e-mail accounts@woongoolss.eq.edu.au to inform of payment and purpose of funds.

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 Minds: We learn & share to be Informed Citizens
Habit of the Week:
Put First Things First

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Thought for the Week
Make a difference: plan your journey: Put First Things First.