We are leaders.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome back to another busy term at Woongoolba State School. This term will see our students consolidating previous content learnt, learning new content, attending Year 6 Camp at Jacobs Well Environmental Centre, participating in District sports, visiting the Life Ed Van and many more exciting things. Later this term we will be offering parent teacher interviews in the same format used in Term 1. As usual it promises to be a very busy term.

Sports Day
Well the weather has continued to play havoc with our plans for sports day. Our ovals are still very wet after the rain we received on the holidays. The forecast for this week is more rain so with this in mind we are postponing sports day indefinitely. We will ask the students (10-13 Year olds) to nominate for the events they wish to try out for and run trials for those students so that we can send a team to Districts. The trials will occur during school time and possibly lunchtime over the next few weeks if we get a break in the weather. It is likely that sports day will be held mid-term but again this is weather dependent. Thank you for your patience with regards to this matter.

Welcome to our new families this term, we look forward to working with you.

Allison McClean
Principal  10/07/2013

Forthcoming Events

JULY
8   School resumes

AUGUST
1-5  Life Education Van
21-23 Year 6 Jacobs Well camp
Classroom News

THE FANTASTIC 4’S NEWS

Last term students studied the poetic devices used by poets to create humorous poems. Towards the end of last term, they typed their own limerick on Microsoft PowerPoint and shared it with the class.

Here are a couple of the limericks.
There was a brute with a ute
Who kept his loot in a flute
Two thieves, a pig
A boot and a wig
All found his precious flute.

Written by Jed

There was an old man with a twig
Who put on a wig at a gig
With barks, and meows
Four squeaks and some wows
The wig turned into a twig.

Written by Blake

Additionally, Year 4 students continued competing against each other each week, to see who could recall their multiplication tables the quickest. In the last 4 weeks of the term, the following students were the quickest – Darias, Noah and Emma (twice). Congratulations!

Ms Stuart

10 Tips to help your child with homework

Over the next few weeks I shall share a few tips with you. Homework is an important part of learning. When you support your children’s homework routine, you can help them do better at school. Here are some simple tips to help get the most out of their homework.

1. A routine is good. Homework can be habit forming and that's good news for you and your child. Work out a homework schedule and make sure children adhere to it. It won't be long before homework is complete without your getting involved.

2. Give space for homework. Distractions and homework don't mix. So do your best to create a bright and quiet space where your child can concentrate on schoolwork. Make sure it's away from distractions like TV, music and loud siblings.

3. Practice makes perfect. Repetition reinforces learning. That's why it's helpful to have kids practice reading, writing and math with you every day. Ten to 15 minutes a day can work wonders, whether reading a favourite book together, or helping measure ingredients in the kitchen.

4. "How was your day?" Every school day is an adventure. Kids will do and learn so much they'll be bursting to tell someone all about it. So take a few moments every day to chat about the school day—and be a good listener.

5. Check in occasionally. When kids do their homework all alone, their concentration can often wander. Check in once in a while and see how it's going. Ask if there are any questions. Sometimes kids just need to talk about a homework problem to figure out the answer.

Volunteers at school

I understand that many of you sign a volunteer book in the classroom but we also need that information at the office in the event of an emergency. To make this easy for you we have placed a clipboard with a sign in/out sheet at the bottom of the stairs at the back of the office so that you don't have to come up and down the stairs each time you visit us. I have also placed some relevant policies in the folder such as the schools evacuation procedure and a copy of the Code of Conduct by which we are all bound when working in a school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

LOST PROPERTY

All lost property has been laundered and placed back in the lost property area. Please check this area if your child has misplaced any items.

CHILDREN ARRIVING EARLY

We have had an increasing number of students arriving exceptionally early in the mornings (some as early as 7:30am). If you require your child to be at school early please book them into before school care with PCYC. This is to ensure that your child is supervised and safe.

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!
Visit the education stand at NAIDOC Week's family fun day (Brisbane event)

The department's NAIDOC Week (7-14 July) display at Musgrave Park, South Brisbane, on 12 July, is focussing on parents and care givers of children from pre-Prep to Year 3 with interactive games, teaching tips and information, encouraging them to access early childhood education opportunities.

Visit www.naidoc.org.au/ for information on other NAIDOC Week activities.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop will be open Tuesday mornings from 8:30am to 9:15am and Friday afternoons from 2:30pm to 3:15pm. If you have any enquiries, please email me on talmacbryde@bigpond.com

Thanks, Allana MacBryde

P&C Notes

Thank you to everyone who turned up at our June meeting. It was a very positive meeting and a lot of business was dealt with. Our next P&C meeting will be held in the Library on Wednesday 10th July at 6.30pm.

Fundraising.
Storage shed.
Uniform update.
Committee reports.
Principal's report.
General Business.

If you want to be involved, please come to the meeting and have an input!

FUNDRAISING NEWS

5 Cent Collection Competition

Dear Students,

This term have all your family and friends collect their five cent pieces, bring them to your classroom and put them in your collection tin.

Once a fortnight we (The Fundraising Committee) will do a tally and the class with the highest collection of 5 cent coins will all win an ice block each!! At the end of term, the class that collects the most 5 cent coins will win a pizza party!!!

STARTS MONDAY 15th.

PANCAKES AND PYJAMA DAY was a great success!! I don't have final figures as yet but we raised a great amount for our school! Thank you to all our volunteers for making it happen! Thank you to families who donated honey, jam, butter and even an electric pancake maker!

Students were great and so patient when we ran out and they had to wait. We will definitely be doing this again!!!!

Life Education

Life Education motivates and empowers young people to make smart life choices for a healthy future.

The Life Education Van and HEALTHY HAROLD will be at our school from the 1st-5th of August.

The cost is $6 per student and an invoice will be sent home shortly. Payments must be made by Friday 26 July for your child/ren to participate.

TUCKSHOP TIDBITS 9/7/2013

Thank you to the regular Mums who help out so much in the tuck shop. Thank you also to those who just drop in and help for a short while in the mornings when we are busy: it really DOES take some of the load. We would LOVE to see some new faces, drop in and say hello!

ROSTERS:
Friday 12th July: Rhonda, Karen Weston, Jenny
Tuesday 16th July: WE NEED SOME PEOPLE PLEASE!!

TUCKSHOP NEWS:
This Term we will have Vegetarian Spring Rolls on the menu. Due to suppliers price rises, we will have to adjust some of our pricings, so we will put a REVISED menu in the second newsletter of Term 3. Please do not forget to put CLASS and TEACHER'S names on your kids' lunch bags!

Regards, Rhonda. (0419 722 481).

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:

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Achievement: Our Goal
Value of the Week:
Our Ideas: We create and compose
Habit of the Week:
Think win/win

Winner
2012 Life Education Children's Day Awards