We are leaders.

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WORKING TOWARDS READING AND NUMERACY IMPROVEMENT IN 2014

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Learning is about the learner.

In education, we spend a great deal of expertise, energy and time discussing what children need to learn and how we can assist those that are still to master various concepts.

While this is very important, I think we must also spend this time discussing and analysing how children learn. I believe that if we can identify the ‘how’ in this case, we may be able to better align the learning programs with the learning styles of individuals.

As adults, we usually are aware of our preferred learning style. Some prefer to read about things. Some prefer to pick it up and play with it! Some want to hear from another person. We always lean towards the area of preference when we have to learn something new.

We must become better at this with children as well. It is important to give opportunities for students to experience learning using their own learning style preference as well as those of others.

At Woongoolba, we have been working towards this for some time. We will continue to look at personal learning styles as a way of improving overall student learning.

David Cramb
Principal

SEPTEMBER
12 Gala Sport
13 Beenleigh Show
15 Yr. 6 Camp
16 Principal/Parent Forum 9am Leaders’ Centre
17 Life Education Van
19 Last day of T3

OCTOBER
6 Public Holiday
7 Term 4 Resumes
8 Mobile Library
31 Day for Daniel Wear Red/Donation
Positive Behaviour for Learning
This week our School Rule is:

Be Respectful:
Follow Instructions and Accept Consequences

WEEK 9
Well done to the following ‘Students of the Week’ for Week 9

Busy Bees: Letisha B
Dragons: Olivia S
Spy Kids: Althea F
Minions: Pheobe B
Team Splat: Grace F
Supernovas: Kaleb B
Meerkats: Isabella E
Wise Old Owls: Chloe R

Weekly Gotcha Winners
Chloe J – Prep
Kaleb B – 4/5

MUSIC NEWS
Congratulations to these students who were successful in music classes last week:
Best Student: Tom M
Best Choir Student: Riley A
Best Class: 1/2

A good week of music had by all.
Have a fortissimo week ahead!
Ms Mann

Uniform
I ask parents and students to be aware that Woongoolba has an agreed policy on student dress standards. While this provides information on the correct uniform that is to be worn, it also mentions appropriate accessories and hair style. Students should not be wearing multiple bracelets, bangles or loom bands or have multiple piercings or piercings in areas of the body other than the earlobes. This is chiefly because of health and safety requirements. Also, hair styles should be neat and off the face and not cause undue attention. Students focus must be chiefly on learning and sometimes these other fashion issues can distract from this. I ask for parent’s support in this area.

Water
New filters have been installed in some areas and a new product will be installed during the school holidays which will clean and flush all tanks regularly. This should assist in ensuring regular and acceptable water for all. Thanks to everyone for your assistance during our current water difficulties. Most of these have now been rectified.

Stranger Danger
I ask that our parents and friends always remain vigilant and advise the office if you ever see unknown people or cars around the school. While in most cases these can be explained we can never be too careful. Also, please ensure you have spoken to your children about ‘stranger-danger’ if they are coming or going from school or playing in the afternoon or during holidays etc.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2015
It is now time to enrol for prep in 2015! Do you have a child who is 4 turning 5 before the 30th June 2015? (Born between 01/07/09 & 30/06/10). If so, they are eligible to attend Prep next year. Information is available at the office. Information will be released soon about Prep Information Day and the pre-Prep program for term 4 2014.

Principal/Parent Forums
The next forum will take place on Tuesday 21 October between 9.00 and 10.00 in the Leaders’ centre. I invite parents to visit and bring your discussion topics so that we can talk about Woongoolba and education generally. This is a great opportunity for you to hear about educational issues and programs and more importantly to bring up your questions. I hope to see you there.

TUCKSHOP TIDBITS
10/9/2014.

Friday SPECIAL
12th Sept only
Bacon and Egg Burgers + Quench drink $5.00

All ice-teas are being sold at $1.00 each.

Calling for volunteers...........

We will be doing new rosters for Term 4. PLEASE volunteer as more people are needed. Roster will be on the Tuck Shop counter 25/8.

There may be a small price rise next term due to our stockists having an increase in some items.

Remember to fill out one bag for lunch and a SECOND bag for afternoon tea.
$2.00 for 50 bags

Regards, Rhonda. (0419 722 481).
Payments accepted at school.
As you may appreciate, the effort that goes into ensuring all events run smoothly is incredible. It makes it difficult to compile final numbers and hire buses for example, for the correct amount of children if we receive late payments. As a consequence, no late payments can be accepted. Please find in this newsletter an insert that will explain all methods accepted. The reason for this is so these activities can continue as many are offered by businesses that require payment at or before the event.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN
Your children will be attending the Life Education Van next Wed, Thurs and Friday. This is a wonderful program for all students and is funded collectively by our P&C and from the local state member, Mr Michael Crandon. Parents can find out about what their children are learning by attending a Parent Session which will be held in the van on Wed 17th at 2 pm.

Chicken Pox
There has been a reported case of Chicken Pox in the school. There is a potential for more cases to develop if your child has not been immunised or hasn’t had Chicken Pox before.

Symptoms
Chickenpox usually begins with a slight fever, headache, runny nose and cough. A day or two later a rash begins, starting as small pink blotches but rapidly progressing to blisters which usually last three to four days before drying out and turning into scabs. The chickenpox virus is spread through coughs and sneezes and through direct contact with the fluid in the blisters of the rash. The dry scabs are not infectious. An individual with chickenpox is infectious to about one to two days before the onset of the rash and until the blisters have all scabbed, usually four to five days.

Control
People with chickenpox should be excluded from schools for at least five days after the rash first appears or until dry scabs have replaced all blisters. Good hygiene practices, such as washing hands after blowing or wiping nose, after coughing and before preparing food or eating should be maintained.

Help and Assistance - For further information please contact your local doctor, community health centre or contact the 13HEALTH information line (13 432584).

Beenleigh Show
The Beenleigh Show will be held on the 13th Sep at the Beenleigh Show Grounds. Woongoolba School will have a display of student work at the show.

Shed News
We wish to thank Hanson Concreting for their generous donation of the cement for the new P&C shed. Also we’d like to thank James Morgan, Wayne Collins, Peter Dunlop, Michael Saunders, Michael Elliot and any other helpers who assisted in the laying of concrete last weekend. I appreciate your great support for our school.

Fundraising News
This fortnight will be our second last collection. Don't forget our prizes; the fortnightly winning class receives a free ice block, and an end of term pizza party for the overall winner! Pizza, garlic bread, music, what more could you want? Come on guys, let's get collecting :-)

P&C Notes
Our next meeting will be held TONIGHT 10th September 2014 in the Leaders' Centre.
Agenda items for this meeting include:
- Election of a P&C Secretary.
- Election of a P&C Fundraising Chairperson.
- Progress report on the P&C shed construction.
- End of year functions: Remembrance Day, Year 6/7 Farewell, Student Awards Ceremony & Family BBQ night.

Remember, if you have anything to suggest or to ask, please come to the meetings and let everyone know your thoughts and opinions. Regards, Phil

BREAKFAST CLUB
Woongoolba State School Parents and Citizens’ Association are trialing a Breakfast Club here at school for this term.
It will be held each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings in the Leaders' Centre from 8:30 – 8:50.

A huge thankyou goes to the following businesses who are donating goods for the Breakfast Club
- The Well Food Express
- Beenleigh Brumby’s
- Beenleigh Woolworths

BLUE LIGHT DISCO
Jacobs Well Police Beat would like to invite children to the upcoming Blue Light Disco.
September 27th at the Jacobs Well Community Centre.
Times: 6-9pm. Entry: $5
For more information watch out for the Sweet Sea News or visit the Jacobs Well Facebook page.

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:
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