PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

A positive school community

Positive relationships at school enable children and families to feel that school is a place where they feel welcome, where they will be listened to and where they can contribute.

A positive school community helps children feel that school is a safe place where their needs can be met. Research has shown that when children and families feel connected to the school, children are less likely to develop mental health problems and they succeed better at school.

At Woongoolba School, we believe strongly in this concept which is evidenced through our commitment to Kids Matter. This program forms part of our We are leaders’ initiative and focuses on the development of social and emotional learning for students.

Parents can help support the school and students in this way. Help teach children resilience: how to calmly and sensibly solve conflict without violence and then how to move forward learning that all problems can be solved.

The use of the 7 habits as well as the connected activities such as Fence Friends, leadership messages, wall art, street names as well as the high 5 against bullying, the safety zones, class names and student leader programs have all contributed to our school culture agenda.

Woongoolba is lucky to have a gifted and dedicated staff who works tirelessly for the benefit of all students. We are leaders’ is about all in our community working together, being proactive and cooperating in synergy to maintain a vibrant, safe and high quality learning community.

David Cramb
Principal 11/2/2014

Forthcoming Events

FEBRUARY
12  Mobile Library
12  P&C Meeting
26  Mobile Library

MARCH
3  Year 7 Life Ed
13  School photos
Leadership positions announced.

It is with great excitement that I can announce the following leadership roles and students for 2014:

School Captain: Chloe
Danni
Joshua
Jordyn

Student Council: Bailey
Shanna
Alex
Kirrily

Band Captain: To be announced
Strings Captain: To be announced
Choir Captain: To be announced

Gold House Captains: William
Ayeisha
Decklan
Kirrily

Green House Captain: Josh
Leslie
Bailey
One more tba

Well done to all students and I am sure they will work hard this year to reach the high standard of a leader at Woongoolba. The badge ceremony will take place soon when all positions are filled and badges made.

How you can help your child with writing

Everyday tasks such as making a shopping list can help improve your child’s writing skills. Our school encourages all parents to help their children with their writing at home. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- ask your child to make a greeting card for a special occasion
- talk about the different ways we use writing (making lists, writing messages or notes)
- make personalised scrap books with your child – glue a photo or picture your child chooses onto a page and ask them to write words or sentences about the picture
- create a special place for your child to write. Providing writing materials, such as an easel or blackboard with scrap paper and pencils, makes a great environment to experiment with writing
- set up some plastic letter tiles or magnets for your child to play with or a keyboard to spell out or type words.

For more information and ideas on how you can support your child’s writing visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

Morning and Afternoon Rules

When students arrive at school (if not in before school care) they must move to the covered play area with their bags until either their teacher directs them to the classroom or when the morning bell rings. Students must not be around school buildings before school. If students are being dropped at school before 8.15 you may consider using the before school care facility. **When the first bell rings, all students must move calmly and safely to their line up areas.**

Wear your uniform!

All students are required to wear their correct uniform each day. All students at Woongoolba are leaders and therefore should look like school leaders. Board shorts and other accessories are not permitted. Jewellery is to be kept to studs or sleeper style earrings in the lobes only. Multiple piercings are not permitted.

Woongoolba State School is a sun safety school and as a result the wearing of caps is not appropriate. Our school dress code requires that all students wear a broad brimmed or bucket style hat when outdoors. Caps should also not be worn to and from school for appearance purposes.

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.

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.

Classroom Music News

Best Music Class of the Week: Yr 6/7
Best Music Student of the Week: Jordan Flor

Choir News:
Choir students will begin rehearsing for 2014 from today at lunch time in the Music Room. A warm welcome to all beginning members…we hope to see more!!

*Thanks, L. Mann (Classroom Music)*
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! Using this service is preferable to having your students arriving at school too early each day.

TUCKSHOP TIDBITS 11/2/2014
Thank you to the people who came to the Tuck Shop and put their name down to help. We look forward to having you with us!
We have lost a couple of our regular Mums due to work commitments, so we will still need some new helpers, especially when someone calls in sick, and we need an urgent replacement!

ROSTERS: Please come and put down your name!

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Please get some lunch bags from the Tuck Shop (40 bags for $2) so you can fill out your child’s order at home. It is just way too busy before 9am for one of us to stop serving/preparing to help the children fill out an order.
If your child has money to spend, please make sure you teach them to wait for their change if applicable. We seem to have 3 or 4 little ones run off each day before collecting their change, and with a number of kids lined up at the window it is almost impossible for us to get the change back to your little one. Whilst the Tuck Shop is making a few cents extra profit, this is NOT how we want to get that profit!!
Regards,
Rhonda (0419 722 481).

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS
Don’t forget School Banking day is Wednesday.

Questions or Queries
There will always be times when students speak to parents about concerns or issues throughout the day. This is a time to listen and share. It is also important to prompt discussion about the great things in his/her day and ask questions about those positive experiences. If you ever would like further information from our staff about your child’s daily activities, calmly contact the classroom teacher in an appropriate manner. You can also contact me in

P&C NEWS
Our next P&C meeting will be held in the Leaders’ Room on Wednesday 12th February 2014 at 6.30pm.
Some of our AGENDA ITEMS for next meeting are:
1. School air conditioning units.
2. Building the P&C Shed: present scope of works.
4. Fundraising report.
5. 2014 programme
6. AGM for 2014; and who is available to be on the Committee.
If you want to be involved, please come to the meeting and have an input!

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

BOOKCLUB
Orders are due back to the office by Wednesday 12th. (TOMORROW)

Our Focus:
Everybody Reads at Woongoolba!
Readers are Leaders

Our Mission:
We develop leaders- every child, every day.

Our Goal:
Innovate, Participate, Excel.

Our Vision:
To improve student performance in Literacy, Numeracy & Science in a Sustainable & Technological World

Our Motto:
Achievement: Our Goal

Value of the Week:
Our School & Community: we participate & represent to be Democratic Citizens

Habit of the Week:
Begin With the End in Mind

Thought for the Week
Look at the word responsibility “response-ability”—the ability to choose your response. Highly proactive people recognize that responsibility. They do not blame circumstances, conditions, or conditioning for their behaviour. Their behaviour is a product of their own conscious choice, based on values, rather than a product of their conditions, based on feeling. Stephen R. Covey

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