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 more likely to engage in learning and 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 school initiatives and focuses on the development of social and emotional learning for students.

Another way we commit to a positive school community is through the Positive Behaviour for Learning Program. This week we have our PBL Launch in order to celebrate & recognise the work we have done to implement this great program at Woongoolba.

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 to learn that all problems can be solved.

Woongoolba is lucky to have a gifted and dedicated staff who works tirelessly for the benefit of all students. Woongoolba believes that all in our community can work together, be proactive and cooperate in synergy to maintain a vibrant, safe and high quality learning community.

David Cramb
Principal
**Positive Behaviour for Learning**
This week our rule for the week is:
Be Respectful

**WEEK 3**
Well done to the following ‘Students of the Week’ for Week 3

- **Busy Bees**: Amelia N
- **Dragons**: Schailee A
- **Mighty Stars**: Jett J
- **Pokemon Battle Kids**: Imogen B
- **Team Epic**: Kate M
- **Ghostbusters**: Sara K
- **Wise Ol’ Owls**: Megan K

**Weekly Gotcha Winners**
The below students were drawn from the weekly gotcha box and were able to pick their own rewards.
Ethan J – 2/3
Jackson – 3/4

**Leadership positions announced.**
It is with great excitement that I can announce the following leadership roles and students for 2015

- **School Captain**: Noah P, Monique H
- **Student Council**: Satya J, Isabella E, Billy M, Ben M
- **Band Captain**: To be announced
- **Strings Captain**: To be announced
- **Choir Captain**: To be announced
- **Gold House Captains**: Jack C, Molly N
- **Vice Captains**: Lauren A, Rhiannon G
- **Green House Captain**: Blake B, Emma C
- **Vice Captains**: Tilly B, Luke C

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.

**QSchools App**
The QSchools app is a convenient way to get up-to-the-minute information about Woongoolba State School.
The app is beneficial for parents and carers as you can:
- Access the latest school news, newsletters and calendar events,
- Receive emergency announcements and push notifications and,
- Follow multiple schools.

What to do…………
1) Download or update the QSchools app.
2) Search for Woongoolba State School
3) ‘Favourite’ Woongoolba State School to receive updates.
4) Allow notifications from this app in ‘settings’.

This app has been provided by Queensland State Schools and can be used on mobiles and tablets. It can be downloaded free from the ‘App Store’.

**Save our PCYC**
We need Woongoolba’s Help!!!
**BREAKING NEWS:** Today I have been told that our service will be extended until May to give us more time to gather the numbers we need to keep the service!

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**
The Uniform Shop will be opening on Tuesday afternoons to coincide with Parade from 2 to 2:30.
If this time is not suitable, please email Alanah MacBryde to organise another time on talhmacbryde@hotmail.com

**CAR PARKING**
Please be aware that car parking is only permitted on the main road. The Staff car park along School Road is for Staff ONLY. This is for the safety of all children whilst on School grounds.

**P&C NEWS**
Our very first meeting for 2015 will be held tonight in the Leaders’ Centre.
**School Banking**
Commonwealth Banking has started again today. Banking books will only be received between 8:30 and 9am on Wednesday morning’s. Any questions or queries, see Dani in the office.

**Code of Conduct: Visitors & Volunteers**
Please be aware that parents, visitors and volunteers are bound by the Queensland Public Service Code of Conduct as it relates to a school context. Specifically, all parents and visitors must not reprimand students that are not their own at school. Also, you must be aware of confidentiality requirements and be certain not to pass on personal information and images of students.

**TUCKSHOP TIDBITS 04/02/15.**
Calling all helpers!!
The Tuckshop is always after helpers. If you can spare even just a few hours a month, that would be amazing!
Just contact Rhonda on the phone or pop in. Tuckshop is open as usual every Tuesday and Friday. Remember to fill out one bag for 1st break and another for 2nd break.

Regards, Rhonda (0419 722 481)

**BREAKFAST CLUB**
Woongoolba State School P&C Association will be continuing its Breakfast Club this term. It will now be held each Monday 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
- Jacobs Well Convenience Store
- Beenleigh Brumby’s
- Beenleigh Woolworths

Helpers are needed for half an hour each morning Breakfast Club is open. Please pop in and see the girls if you can spare some time.

**Arrival and collection**
Please be aware that students should not be at school before 8:30am and certainly not before 8:15 each day. Also, if you are collecting students I ask that you do not wait outside classrooms before 2:45pm as student learning is occurring and this can be distracting to children. Also, sometimes areas outside classes are used for learning purposes.

**Smoking on or near school sites**
From 1 January 2015, smoking is banned at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries.

The law applies at all times—during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. It includes the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes.
The buffer is a 5 metre no-smoking area around the perimeter of the school, beyond the school land boundary; including all structures in this area, such as bus shelters and car parks.

Please support the health of our students by complying with this law.

**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/

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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

**Rule of the Week:**
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