We are leaders.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

HARMONY DAY
On **Tuesday 18th March** we will be celebrating Harmony Day during our whole school Parade from 9-9.30am. The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. Our school Choir will be performing and we encourage all students to show their support by wearing **ORANGE** on the day. All parents are welcome to attend.

Harmony Day celebrates the fact that Australians come from all over the world. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

Today there are over 21 million people living in Australia who all contribute different ideas, religions, languages and customs to our country. The diversity of people who live in Australia make it such an interesting and special place to live. It is celebrated around Australia each year to celebrate our multicultural society.

At Woongoolba, we share in this philosophy. Woongoolba has been celebrating Harmony Day for many years now, and this is an integral part of our leadership philosophy. Great leaders are those who are tolerant of others, encourage all to belong and celebrate difference.

Celebrate Harmony Day with us on March 18.

*David Cramb*
*Principal 11/3/2014*
Positive Behaviour for Learning
This week we are focusing on ‘The High 5’. This is an effective strategy to develop problem-solving strategies for students. It is a 5 step process that students can use in any setting so that they can establish appropriate control of potential bullying situations. The 5 steps are:
1. Ignore
2. Talk Friendly
3. Walk Away
4. Talk Firmly
5. Tell/Report
Students will be learning more about the ‘High 5’ strategy in class this week.

Well done to the following ‘Students of the Week’ this week.
James Lachlan
Ava Lou
Tilly Mikaylah
Alyssa Noah
Maddison Shiann
Lilly
Also well done to our Gotcha winners for showing they can ‘Be a Learner’
Abby
Riley

Cross Country Fun Run!
Our school is holding an adidas School Fun-Run (coinciding with the Cross Country) to raise funds to go towards school resources as well as providing a fun and healthy activity. Information packs have been distributed and prizes are available to students to raise certain amounts. Be part of our fun run by helping your child with sponsorships and then coming along on Monday March 17 to cheer on your child!
Fundraising for our school is so important. Last year we were able to buy iPads for the students and we start the year ready to hear wish lists from our teachers and students to give us something to work towards. Did you know? Last year, a small school of 98 students held a fundraising fun run and raised over $32,000 for their school??!! This shows what can be achieved when a community comes together to support our kids.
So please, when your child comes home with their forms, take it outside of the home, to work, relatives, friends etc and help your child as much as you can!! If you are interested in helping on the day, please advise the office.
BBQ
$2 Sausage Sizzle will be available on the day. It is ideal to order in lunch bags however you may purchase at lunchtime.

ONLINE FUNDRAISING
The online fundraising component of the fun run is now up and running, sorry for the delay. If you are having any trouble, you may like to check the Woongoolba State School Community Facebook page as it will have examples you can follow.
Thank you!

German News
Now that the Karneval season has come to a close, Frau Hay will stop dressing up and settle down for the rest of the term!
Congratulations to the first two students who have been awarded ‘Schüler/in der Woche’ (student of the week) for German – Noah Price and James McCabbin.
Our festival celebrations will round off this term with ‘Ostern’ – Easter. This will be the 7th festival studied just this term – you can’t say that Germans don’t enjoy a good time!!
Frau Hay

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy tests will take place in May for students in years 3, 5 and 7. Here are some main messages to parents:
- NAPLAN adds to existing school and classroom assessment practices.
- NAPLAN is about students doing their best, not about ‘getting it all right’.
- It is important for all students who are doing the test to ‘have a go’ at each question
- Parents can support students by giving them ‘real-life’ experiences at home in reading, writing and numeracy.

If you would like more information please feel free to contact me or go to: www.naplan.edu.au

CLASSROOM MUSIC NEWS!
Best Music Class of the Week: Class 4/5
Music Student of the Week: Jackson Picard
Best Choir Student of the week: Jordan Radke
Music news:
This week in music we passed the cut off date for the song writing competition. Whilst we didn’t have any entries ready, our fabulous students are very close to having three original songs complete. We are aiming to perform one of them for you on ‘Harmony Day’.
I know the students would be thrilled if they can be ready by then. So….. GO TEAM! Good luck.
Many students have told me stories of parent participation and it warms my heart to hear that you have all been getting involved.
We will still sing the final song on October 30th with the rest of the country, over 500,000 students.
MUSIC – COUNT US IN!

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Bookclub News
Issue 2 orders are due back to the office by Wednesday 12th March. TOMORROW

SAY CHEESE
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
13th MARCH
For any enquiries, please feel free to contact grace.monahan@msp.com.au
07 5520 2999

Building Resilient Children Session
Learn how to help your child deal with situations that can be difficult in:
• Feeling frustrated and unhappy making friends
• Dealing with bullying behaviours
• Dealing with separation, divorce, grief or blended family situations
• Perfectionism
• The learning situation
Help your child how to maximise learning, reach their optimum and be happy in the school situation and within themselves.
HOW: By hearing answers from
WHO: Peta Anne Byrnes (psychologist)
WHERE: Woongoolba State School Leaders’ Centre
WHEN: Wed 12/3 (session 1) and, Wed 26/3 (session 2)
TIME: 2-3pm. Tea, coffee pods and treats provided.

TUCKSHOP TIDBITS 11/3/2014
Thank you to the volunteers who have put their names down on the roster. If you can NOT get there, can you please ask someone to take your place. We DEFINITELY need 3 helpers each Friday and it is just too hard to find a replacement at short notice.

ROSTERS:
Fri 14/3 : Rhonda, Lisa Ritson & Corinne Clarke
Tues 18/3: Rhonda, Lyndell & Edith O’Donnell
Fri 21/3: Rhonda, Lisa Ritson & Emma Foster
Tues 25/3: Rhonda, Edith O’Donnell & Lizzie

TUCKSHOP NEWS
We are selling tickets in the EASTER EGG RAFFLE at the Tuck Shop! Tickets are 50 cents each or 5 for $2.00 and there will be three prize draws. The draw will be done at school parade on Tuesday 25th March. So….. get in early and buy those winning tickets.

Please remember to fill out one bag for lunch and a SECOND bag for afternoon tea.
Regards,
Rhonda (0419 722 481).

EARLY DEPARTURES
If you need to pick up your child early from school, for any reason, you MUST see the office first and gain an early departure slip to present to the classroom teacher BEFORE taking a child. This is for the safety of students whilst in our care.

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

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:
Do the ‘High 5’
Habit of the Week:
Synergize

Thought for the Week
We control our minds and our actions. Take responsibility for the choices you make.

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