PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

As I informed the community late last year, it is with mixed feelings that I announce that I will leave Woongoolba at the end of the week, for until at least November this year to take up an opportunity to be Principal of Gilston State School: a school of some 620 students in the Gold Coast hinterland.

While I’m excited and honoured to be given this opportunity, I will certainly miss Woongoolba, its staff, students and community. In the five years that I have been at this school I have been so proud to lead a group of staff and students that have achieved so much. I thank you all for that.

Ms Allison McClean has been appointed to the role of Principal in my absence. I ask that we welcome Allison and show her how great our school is.

I would like to thank our great staff for everything they have done during my time as Principal, thanks to our parents and volunteers for all their hard work and well done to our students for their constant participation and achievements.

Together we have achieved great things at Woongoolba. It has been a pleasure to be your Principal and I am proud of this school’s wonderful achievements. Woongoolba is now known for our programs and initiatives in leadership, student support and quality differentiated learning.

This is a credit to the outstanding work of our staff and the ongoing support of our P&C Association.

Remember the leadership message and continue to work together for the benefit of Woongoolba and its students.

David Cramb
Principal

Forthcoming Events

JANUARY 2013
12 Mobile Library
13 Swimming fees due
14 Swimming

Winner
2012 Life Education
Children’s Day Awards

Leadership positions 2013.

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It is with great excitement that I can announce the following leadership roles and students for 2013:

School Captain: Lionel
Ellie-Rose

Student Council: Chloe
Dannii
Bailey
Ellie
Hannah

Band Captain: To be announced
Strings Captain: To be announced
Choir Captain: To be announced
Gold House Captains: John
Ruby
Vice Captains: Ellie
Callum
Green House Captain: Courtney
Fraser
Vice Captain: Chloe
Joshua

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/

BOOKCLUB NEWS
Bookclub is due back tomorrow, Wednesday 13th February. Please bring money and order forms to the Office.

SCHOOL/SWIMMING FEES
To ensure your child/children are able to continue to participate in our swimming program, fees MUST be paid by 13th February.

P&C NEWS
The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 13 at 6.30pm in the new Leaders Centre.

GERMAN NEWS
Well done to all the classes for a great start to the year. Our quiz answer was: Let’s go or let’s get started!

Winners were: Yr 3/4 Lauren and Ben; Year 4 Jordan and Jesse and Year 5/6 Bailey J. This week’s quiz question - „Zwiebelmode”.

This week marks the celebrations in Germany of Karneval, a winter festival of fun.

Woongoolba Alaaaf!
Frau Hay

Classroom Music News
Best Music Class of the Week: Yr 6/7
Best Music Student of the Week: Madiline

Classroom music students have been
a) singing, moving and keeping a steady beat, using different body parts
b) exploring and sharing their own personal interests, within the music field

Choir News:
Choir students have begun rehearsing for 2013 on Tuesday, 2nd break, 1:15pm, in the Music Room. A warm welcome to all beginning members…we hope to see more!!

Thanks, Mrs S Field (Classroom Music)

Before & After School Care opens!
The Woongoolba School Age Care Service has commenced again this year. 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. Casual bookings available!

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.

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.

TUCKSHOP TIDBITS 12/2/2013
Thank you to all the Mums who have come in and offered to help out at the Tuckshop, your support is MUCH appreciated, and very welcome.

ROSTERS:

Tuesday 12th Feb: Rhonda, Jenny, Ida
Friday 15th Feb: Jenny, Karen Shaw-Weston, plus we need ONE more please!!
Tuesday 19th Feb: Ida, Lyndell, Jenny
Friday 22nd Feb: Jenny, Edith O’Donnell, Karen Shaw-Weston

TUCKSHOP NEWS

The Tuckshop will be selling raffle tickets in an EASTER HAMPER to be drawn on Tuesday 26th March. These tickets will be available from today and anyone who wants to take a book home to sell, just see Vicki or Rhonda. If anyone can help out with a donation for the prizes, please drop off some Easter goodies to the Tuckshop or the Office ASAP. If you are on the roster and something comes up, can you please try to organize a fill in, or ring me ASAP so I can get someone in to help. There needs to be TWO people in the Tuckshop every day we are open.

Regards,
Rhonda (0419 722 481).

Uniform Shop News

Girls’ sports skorts are now in stock, so come in and check them out. They look great! We sold out of size 4 Polos during the holidays. An order has been placed but this will take a few weeks to arrive. Please keep an eye on newsletters as I will post it here 1st when they arrive. The Uniform Shop will be open Tuesday mornings from 8:30-9:15am. If you need any uniforms at any other time, please email on lyf123@hotmail.com

Thanks, Sarwin Hunt

Reminder to be SunSmart

Summer means hours of outdoor fun and activities for our kids, and the need to provide sun protection is more important than ever. With Queensland having among the highest rates of skin cancer in the world, the Cancer Council Queensland has a number of resources to help parents encourage their children to adopt SunSmart behaviours.

This summer, don’t sizzle like a sausage - take the five precautions to protect your child from sun damage:

- slip on clothing
- slop on sunscreen
- slap on a hat
- seek shade
- slide on sunglasses

Monies for Sport Prepayment

You may choose to pay these fees up front in one lump sum, pay by the term or arrange a payment plan to suit your individual needs. All information will be treated as confidential. Our Sport, Swimming and Transport Prepayment Scheme is $85.00 per child per year for children in PREP to Year 4 and $110 per child per year for children in years 5 to 7. Contributions to this scheme are payable by the term.

Prep – Yr 4: Term 1 - $45; Term 2 - $40
Yr 5 – Yr 7: Term 1 - $45, T2 - $25, T4 - $40

Entry to the Pool in Terms One and Four, Bus travel to and from the Pool in Terms One and Four, Travel to Sports (including District Sports and Gala Days) Students will not be able to participate in these activities unless payments for these have been provided. Money collection days are Mondays and Wednesdays ONLY between 8:30am and 9:15am. If your children bring in money on any other day, they will be asked to return it to their bags. The school will not take any responsibility for money lost if children bring it in on non-money collection days. So please ensure your children bring money in on the correct days and that it is taken to the Office immediately on their arrival at school. Also, if you are paying online please be aware that it does take a couple of days to show up in our bank account. Payments can be made via internet banking or at the Cash Window. Our banking details are as follows:

BSB Number: 064-401 Account Number: 00901385

If paying online, please quote STUDENTS SURNAME and INVOICE NUMBER and then please e-mail accounts@woongoolss.eq.edu.au to inform of payment and purpose of funds.

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

Value of the Week:
Our Minds: We learn & share to be Informed Citizens

Habit of the Week:
Begin with the End in Mind: THINK

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