We are leaders.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Parent /teacher interviews
This term we are trialling a new format for parent/teacher interviews. The interviews will be conducted on Wednesday 27 March from 3:15pm – 7:30pm. All interviews will be conducted in the resource centre and specialist staff – (Student with Disabilities teacher and Support teacher Literacy & Numeracy) will also be available for appointments during this time for your convenience.

Interviews will run for no longer than 15 minutes and the teacher will provide you with information about how your child is performing academically and socially. As always, if you have a specific issue that you wish to address with your child’s teacher that may take longer than the allocated time on this evening, we ask that you make an appointment to discuss this at another time. We believe this format will enable working parents and parents with more than one child the best access to teachers.

Letters will be sent home with your children shortly for you to nominate your preferred times. Teachers will converse with each other to ensure parents with multiple students are offered similar interview times.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this format.

Allison McClean
Principal  12/3/2013

MARCH
13  Mobile Library
13  Photo Day
19  Harmony Day
26  Easter Bonnet Parade (9am Prep-2)

Winner
2012 Life Education Children’s Day Awards
Harmony Day - 21 March.

Harmony Day is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship and coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It is a day of cultural respect, widely celebrated across schools, childcare centers, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies.

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. In 2013 the theme is: Many Stories – One Australia.

Our Australian Story is diverse. We come from many countries around the world. We each make up the pages of the bigger Australia story we share today. From the Dreamtime to the Eureka to the Snowy River, from the outback to the city, in wartime and in peace, our stories may be heart wrenching but also inspirational.

To support this theme, each student will be ‘telling their own story’ on a personalized orange silhouette that will be displayed on our stage area.

I ask that all students wear orange for Harmony Day next Tuesday 19th March. Please respect that this is NOT a free dress day and if students are unable to wear orange they are still required to wear full school uniform. We will have a special ‘Harmony on Parade’ assembly that all parents are welcome to attend. At Woongoolba, leaders work in harmony!

Classroom News – A new addition to our weekly newsletter!

Each class will take turns informing you of the wonderful learning and experiences occurring in their classrooms.

WELL DONE “PREP GOOMBA”!

Congratulations to all the prep students for winning the Leading Class Award for February 2013! The prep students have worked very hard to gain points to earn this award! It has not been an easy task for the youngest members of our school as everything is such a new experience.

They have had to learn how to be able to sit and stand in a class line and to walk to and from their classroom quietly. They are trying very hard to follow all the classroom and school rules which can sometimes be a bit demanding! They are settling in well with the class routine and enjoying the many different learning experiences of the prep classroom. Everyone is welcome to come and check out all of their fantastic work on display in the prep room.

This term the prep students have been learning about letters and words; the different aspects of fiction and non-fiction books; numbers 1 to 5; how to look after living things; families and their past; healthy habits and swimming. Their favourite time of the week is Friday afternoon when they enjoy the company and peer learning of their buddies from Year 5/6.

Mrs Halliday.

GERMAN NEWS
The students enthusiastically participated in the ‘Wort der Woche’ competition this week – it was so easy! A ‘Familienkutsche’ is what they refer to as the family car – a Kutsche is a horse-drawn carriage. The class winners were – 3/4 Rhiannon, 4 Noah, 5/6 Connor, Ruby and Mitchell M and year 7 Ellie and Terry. Our new competition word is ‘Packesel’, a friendly nickname I have for some of the students! ‘Ostern’ (Easter) is just around the corner and we will be comparing the celebrations in the two countries of Australien and Deutschland.

MfG
Frau Hay

Classroom Music News
Best Music Class of the Week: Yr 2
Best Music Student of the Week: Matthew Marriott
Most Outstanding Choir Member: Isabella Elferink
Classroom music students have been
a) Continuing to rehearse Easter Bonnett Parade repertoire
b) Further activities and games with a focus on The Treble Clef

Choir News:
Choir members are enthusiastically practicing for ‘Harmony Day’ on Tuesday 19th March. Choir members will be required to meet in the Music Room on this day, in full school uniform at 8:30am, ready to warm up their voices and rehearse. This will be followed by their performance at 9:00am.

Thanks, Mrs S Field (Classroom Music)

BOOKCLUB NEWS
Book club is due back tomorrow, Wednesday 13th March. Money collection days are Mondays and Wednesdays ONLY between 8:30am and 9:15am.
Woongoolba State School Clean Up Day was a huge success. Thank you to all involved!

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 Ideas: We create and compose
Habit of the Week:
Seek first to understand, then to be understood.

P&C NEWS
The AGM will be tomorrow, Wednesday, March 13 at 6.30pm in the Library.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Just a reminder that our school photos are being taken tomorrow. Please ensure that your child/children are in the correct Woongoolba uniform. If you wish to have sibling photos taken, please see Shannon in the Office to get the required forms. Sibling photos will be taken at 8:45am.

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.

MISSING SPORTS FEES
If you paid your fees online on the 7/3/2013 and put the reference as 2013SPORT, could you please contact the office.

TUCKSHOP TIDBITS 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.

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)

SCHOOL/GALA DAY FEES
For students in Years 5, 6 and 7 our Gala Day program will be starting next term. If you have elected to pay fees by the Term, Term 2 fees ($25.00) MUST be paid by 27th March. If you are paying online please be aware that it does take a couple of days to show up in our bank account. Money collection days are Mondays and Wednesdays ONLY between 8:30am and 9:15am. If money has not been received by this time, students will be unable to participate.

GALA DAYS
The Beenleigh District Sports Executive have just received an updated report by the Logan City Council on their grounds and facilities. We have been advised that a number of grounds we have booked for our Gala Day sports competition are currently closed for repair and maintenance due to the recent flooding. The council have advised that if all goes well with the repairs these contaminated grounds will be reopened after the Easter break. Therefore the decision has been made to cancel all Gala Days in Term 1 and we will endeavour to begin our competition in Term 2 on the 19th April and continue on 26th April and the 3rd and 10th May.

MONIES FOR SPORT PREPAYMENT
TERM ONE FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE. 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 4 - $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

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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.