We are leaders.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Surveys are just a matter of opinion!
This week a random sampling of families will receive the 2012 Parent Opinion Survey to complete. Also, all students in years 5 and 7 will have the opportunity to complete the Student Opinion Survey as well as all staff completing a form relevant to their needs.

Each year, Education Queensland undertakes a survey of parents, students and staff to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling. The school will then receive a report outlining the results of the survey for our school. The results will help the school to evaluate and to reflect on how well the school is going, and to identify areas for future development.

The survey results are also an important part of the school’s annual report and this is also an opportunity to inform others how great our school is!

When people visit our school (particularly those who visit many) they always tell me what a wonderful school this is and how lucky we are to work and learn in such a great place.

Our ‘We are leaders’ initiative has placed our school at the heart of current research in quality teaching, learning and leadership.

Celebrate Woongoolba together; and be sure to tell others about the things that make us great!

David Cramb
Principal 14.8.2012

Forthcoming Events

AUGUST
21 Bookweek Parade
28-29 Music Camp

SEPTEMBER
5 Prep Enrolment-Info
5-7 Jacobs Well Environmental Centre Camp Yr 6/7
12 Instrumental Music Showcase afternoon
Woongoolba’s own ‘Olympians’ star at Districts!
Last week, students from our school participated in the Divisional and District Athletics Carnivals achieving outstanding results. Woongoolba received the Beenleigh District Track & Field Division D Outright Winner Award and many students received ribbons for their efforts. Also, Caine Mullen and Dakota Madison (both 13 years old) won the right to compete with other 13 year olds in high school carnivals and two students: Chloe Russell and Josh Madison have been selected to represent the Beenleigh District at the South Coast Regional Carnival. Well done to all students!

New Speech & Leadership Program
Last week, I commenced our Speech and Leadership program for 2012. This is aimed at targeted students in years 5 and 6. The program, using a model adopted from ‘Toastmasters’, involves public speaking, impromptu speaking, formal meeting agendas, confidence, self esteem, listening skills and much more.

Woongoolba Recognised by ‘Jump Rope’
Woongoolba has a long and proud history of supporting this event. Last week, the school achieved a ‘Bronze’ level award for our support for this program over many years, raising approximately $35000 in that time. Great work, Woongoolba!

Classroom Music News
Best Music Class of the Week: Prep/1
Best Music Student of the Week: Matthew
Most Outstanding Choir Member: Shontae
Classroom music students have been
a) Enjoying action songs
b) Revising theory
Choir News:
Choir rehearsals will now take place Tuesday’s at 2nd break at 1.15 in the music room. Instrumental music showcase afternoon 12 September.
Mrs S Field (Classroom Music)

Get involved in our P&C
The next P&C Meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th September at 6.30pm.

Prep/Year 1 Cupcake Fundraiser
This year, the Prep/Year 1 class are participating in the annual RSCPA Cupcake Day fundraiser. Next Thursday, August 16, we will be selling cupcakes at both breaks for $2 each. You can also make a donation at the school’s fundraising website:


2012 Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is well under way. Children have until September 7th to complete the challenge. Congratulations to those Reading Champions who have already read their book quota. Let’s make it 100% for the whole school this year.
“Readers are Leaders"
“Champions Read”
“Everyone Reads at Woongoolba”

Pre-Prep Learning Community
We are now taking names of students seeking to enrol in Prep in 2013. Please contact the school office if you require any further information. Ask about our ‘Pre-Prep’ program. Please pass this on to parents of eligible students who are not already connected to the school. If you are part of a play group kindergarten or child care centre and would be interested in joining an ‘early-years’ learning community, please contact the school. Come and join the school of leaders!

LIBRARY NEWS
This term in the library we will be celebrating “Bookweek 2012”. We will be reading the shortlisted books for the year and having lots of fun doing activities associated with these wonderful books. The theme for Bookweek 2012 is ‘Champions Read” – very apt with the Olympics just around the corner and with this year also being the National Year of Reading. Our annual dress-up parade will be on Tuesday 21st August after parade (9:10am). All children are encouraged to dress up and enjoy the spirit of the day.

BOOKCLUB NEWS
Bookclub is due back on Monday the 27th August.

MUSIC SHOWCASE
On September 12 at 3.15, all students who are part of our music program (choir, woodwind, brass, percussion & strings) will perform for parents and friends in the annual music showcase. All families of these students are welcome to attend. It will take place in the Central Covered Area. Students have started preparing and all students are expected to attend all rehearsals.

UNIFORM SHOP
In the uniform shop we are making a few changes to the bottom half of the schools uniform. We are looking into a local manufacturer and will start stocking their boy’s ruggers, microfiber shorts and 2 new skirt designs for girls including a formal and sports skirt. We have been receiving very positive
feedback on embroidering in gold the school initials on the uniform "bottoms" and will go ahead with stocking this as the school's uniforms as of term four this year. There will be a price increase on the new embroidered stock, but all stock currently in shop will still be available at its current price until the last day of term three or until sold out. Keep an eye out in future newsletter for the new price list. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to visit the uniform shop Tuesday morning 8:30am-9:15am or Friday afternoons 2:45pm-3:15pm. Or email Sarwin at lyf123@hotmail.com or Lizzie Ward on 0423 262 065 or email lizziehobb@yahoo.com.au

TUCKSHOP TIDBITS 14/8/2012
ROSTERS:
Tuesday 14th August – Ida, Vicki
Friday 17th August – Debbie, Catherine Collins
FRIDAY SPECIAL – SPAGHETTI BOG $3.00
Thanks again to Rhonda and all the mums for your continued support in the tuckshop!! We are still looking for mums to help out so if you are interested please call Debbie on 0409644950. Debbie Schippock

Kids Matter News

Why feelings are important
“Let’s go, let’s go. Come on Dad!”
This is the family outing that everyone in the family has been waiting for. Seven-year old Voula has been up since dawn jumping around excitedly. When Voula gets wound up it can be difficult to keep things under control. She doesn’t seem to understand that her baby brother doesn’t like her jumping around and poking at him, or that her Dad is a bit slower in the mornings and needs his space. You don’t want to dampen her enthusiasm, but you’d like her to be able to express it in ways that are less annoying to others!
Learning to manage feelings
Children’s feelings are often intense. They can be quickly taken over by feelings of excitement, frustration, fear or joy. When feelings take over children’s behaviour, they can find it difficult to manage without adult support. This is why learning how to recognise and manage feelings is a very important part of children’s social and emotional development. Understanding that all sorts of feelings are normal, that they can be named, and that there are ways of handling them are the first important steps for learning to manage feelings. More information at: http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/sites/default/files/pub

Monies for Sport Prepayment
FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE FOR T1 & T2/3.
Money collection days are Mondays and Wednesdays ONLY between 8:30am and 9:15am. Please note that due to security reasons, money will not be received on any other day. 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 INVOICE NUMBER and STUDENTS SURNAME, NOT parent surname or family code, and then please e-mail accounts@woongoolbass.eq.edu.au to inform of payment and purpose of funds.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week
National Literacy and Numeracy Week (NLNW) will be held this year from 27 August to 2 September. The NLNW is a collaborative project involving all governments and school communities to highlight the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all children and young people, with a focus on school-aged children. The week aims to recognise locally the achievements of students and the work of teachers, parents and members of the community who support young people to develop stronger literacy and numeracy skills. More information is available from the National Literacy and Numeracy Week website.
www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au

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 Bodies: We move & nurture to be Healthy Citizens

Habit of the Week:
Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood

Thought for the Week
My mother used to tell us in the mornings, ‘Carl put on your shoes, Oscar you put on your prosthetic legs...’ So I grew up not really thinking I had a disability. I grew up thinking I had different shoes. (South African runner Oscar Pistorious, nicknamed ‘Blade Runner’ because he races on carbon fibre prosthetic blades, taking about growing up with brother, Carl)