We are leaders.

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Like all schools nationwide, some of our students are participating in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests this week (15-17 May).

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be assessed in the areas of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. Within the Numeracy test Year 7 and 9 students undertake a calculator-allowed test, followed by a non-calculator test. We expect that the test results will be sent to our school in September this year, and an individual NAPLAN report for each student will be sent home. These confidential reports will show your child’s results against key national information in each year level.

Our school will use the information in a number of ways, primarily to help identify students requiring additional support, and to identify strengths and improvement areas in teaching programs. While the NAPLAN report is an important measure of how all students are performing, it is important to remember that it is only one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process. It does not replace the more extensive and informed judgements made by our highly skilled and experienced teachers.

It is important that students receive ongoing support at home throughout the year in developing literacy and numeracy skills. For tips and information please visit [www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map) For information about NAPLAN tests please visit [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au) and remember: Everybody Reads at Woongoolba!

David Cramb

*Principal 15.05.2012*

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**Forthcoming Events**

**MAY**

- 15-17 NAPLAN YR 3,5 &7
- 16 P&C (AGM)
- 18 Disco from 5:30
- 21-25 Education Week
- 23 Maroon & Blue Day
- 26 Cane Parade

**JUNE**

- 11 Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- 22 Last Day of Term

**JULY**

- 9 School Resumes
Cane parade 2012
The Cane Parade is on Saturday May 26. We are planning to again enter our own float so that our school can have a bigger presence in the parade.

We won a prize as the best school float for the last three years!

This year the theme is ‘Cane Art’ and Woongoolba’s float will link our ‘We are leaders’ philosophy to the theme through copies of our leadership artworks in our school. Students will be encouraged to participate and wear school uniform. Leaders’ Shirts should be worn if a student has been awarded one. Any parents who are able to come along and assist staff in preparing the children would be most welcome. If your child is able to participate, please contact the office or your child’s teacher.

STAR LAB
I would like to thank all staff who contributed to this great event for our students last Wednesday night. In particular, I wish to congratulate Miss Amy Pepper who organized this activity. Below is a recount from some of our students:

On Wednesday night the 9th of May we had Star Lab!! First we split into groups then one group went in the dome while the other went into Miss Pepper’s room and did activities and watched videos.

Firstly, let’s start telling you about the dome. It was dark, fun and it was outstanding. The man told us a story and also lots of information we didn’t know.

Secondly, we are going to tell you about some planets. Now we are going to name the planets in order. So here we go: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto the dwarf planet.

Thirdly, we got to look through telescopes! There were three telescopes. We are telling you now what we saw in each telescope from left to right. So on the left was Saturn, then Mars, then Saturn again. It was freezing cold. We could only see little dots.

Finally, the dome was dark and fun. Miss Pepper’s activities were fun and we got chocolates which were Milky Ways! The telescopes were very delicate and they were unbelievable!

By Chloe-Leigh Zink, Kaitlin Weise and Mitchell Hilaire

PARKING
Some parents have expressed concerns to me about people parking illegally outside the school. Parking a vehicle in such a manner endangers the lives of students. I have contacted local police and they have requested me to pass on information of any vehicle parked illegally. I encourage all to follow the correct procedures, for the benefit of all.

Maroon & Blue Day
On Wednesday May 23 (next week) we will be having a Maroon & Blue Day to celebrate the first State of Origin match this year.

Children are encouraged to wear maroon (but can wear blue if they have to!)

We would love to see everyone participating in this event if possible and ‘Go the Maroons!’

UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform shop will then be open Tuesday 8:30am to 9:00am. Friday 2:45pm to 3:15pm. WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY VOLUNTEERS THAT COULD HELP OUT IN THE UNIFORM SHOP, SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM. For any orders or questions please call Lizzie Ward on 0423 262 065 or email lizziehobb@yahoo.com.au
Or Carolyn Johnston on 55462706

Classroom Music News
Best Music Class: Yr 2/3
Best Music Student: Jack
Most Outstanding Choir Member: Satya
Classroom music students have been
  a) Experiencing and responding to dynamic changes – crescendo and decrescendo
  b) Listening and beginning a study on Haydn-a composer from the Classical Period
Choir News:
Choir rehearsals continue every Tuesday, 1st break, at 11:15am, in the music room. All welcome. See you there!!

Mrs S Field (Classroom Music)

State Education Week 2012
Everyone can get involved in State Education Week from 20–26 May. There is a range of exciting statewide programs such as My Favourite Teacher, Principal for a Day and P&C Day. Check out the State Education Week website www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/edweek for more information.

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MOTHERS DAY STALL
Our Mother’s Day stall went really well, all the kids were very excited to choose something special for their mum. I hope all mums had a great Mother’s Day - we managed to raise over $150 so well done and thank you to Kelly Zipf and Jannine Morgan for helping out with stall.

Get involved in our P&C
The Annual General Meeting of the Woongoolba State School P&C will now take place on May 16 from 6.30pm. All welcome. I encourage all parents to attend the AGM, if possible. Taking on a position in the P&C is a very rewarding experience as you can have a real, proactive say in the direct of your school.

TUCKSHOP TIDBITS 15/5/2012
ROSTERS:
Tuesday 15 May – Cheryl, Janine, Debbie
Friday 18th May – Belinda, Debbie
FRIDAY SPECIAL POTATO BAKE - $3.20
DISCO – ALL LADIES TO HELP OUT PLEASE
Tuesday 22nd May – Ida, Jenny
Friday 25th May – Debbie, Jody Bird
Thanks to all the ladies for your continued help in tuckshop!!!! Also tuckshop menu will change in next couple of weeks due to items not selling well.

Disco - Come as Yourself –
Friday 18th May 5.30 to 8.30 - $6 entry - we will have a DJ and also there will be a sausage sizzle and pizza for sale from the tuckshop and drinks, iceblocks, chips, soft drinks etc. Also we will have face painting $2, showbags $2, tattoos 2 for $1, glowstix 3 for $1. Prizes will be given to the best dancers and dressers - hope you all can come!!! Parents are requested to remain to assist supervision of their children.

HEALTH SCREENING TESTS
Each year Queensland Health conducts vision and hearing screening tests for school entry level. This is a free service to assist in identifying any problems that may affect his/her ability to progress at school. Your school health nurse will be at the school soon and will need your written permission to see your child. The consent form will be sent home with your child, so please check your child’s school bag. Parents of students in other year levels who have health concerns and would like their child seen by the school nurse may obtain a consent form from the office. Your school nurse this year is Julie Cantrill and Cheryl Hewlett. They can be contacted on 38279811 at the Beenleigh Community Health Centre.

Celebrate your teachers!
The most important person in your child’s educational life can be their teacher. We all know as parents what impact a great teacher can have on our children. We encourage all of our students to give their teachers a pat on the back by voting for their 2012 My Favourite Teacher. My Favourite Teacher is a statewide program designed to showcase the achievements of teachers and their important role in inspiring and empowering students. All of our students are encouraged to nominate their favourite teacher by selecting your local newspaper via the My Favourite Teacher website:
www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/edweb/favteacher/

Monies for Sport Prepayment
THESE FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE FOR TERM 1 & 2/3. You may choose to pay these 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, T 2/3 - $25, T 4 - $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)
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. 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@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:

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Our Ideas: We create and compose to be Creative Citizens

Habit of the Week:
Sharpen the Saw

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Thought for the Week
If nothing changes, then nothing changes: don’t keep doing what you’ve always done if you don’t want to keep getting what you’ve always gotten!