**Principal’s Message**

How Can I Help My Child to Read?

Reading is more than saying the words that are written on a page. Reading is concerned with the act of gaining meaning from the printed or written word; we refer to this as comprehending the text.

Reading research has found that there is much more to effective reading instruction than the actual instruction itself. We know that it is extremely important that the physical and emotional climate in which the reading takes place is just as important to a child’s success. What parents, teachers, siblings and peers believe, say and do about reading makes a difference!

Here some strategies that you can use at home to encourage positive reading practices.

- **Create a reading space:** Provide a comfortable place for children to explore books. This might include some pillows, carpet or other soft area.
- **Don’t make it a test:** Enjoy reading together. Sit back and relax while your child reads to you. You do not have to follow along with every word nor do you have to watch over your child’s shoulder.
- **Read Aloud:** As well as listening to your child read, you need to allow them to listen to you read aloud expressively and fluently. Use this time as a special time where you and your child can bond over a book.
- **Show your child that YOU enjoy reading:** Let your child observe you reading. Talk to your child about books that you enjoyed reading when you were their age or books that you are reading now.

*Please be patient with the reading process and remember to congratulate children for all attempts. Part of a child’s success depends on their confidence as well as their development.*

David Cramb  
Principal 18/2/2014
School-wide Positive Behaviour

Woongoolba State School has been accepted to become a School Wide Positive Behaviour Support school in 2014 (SWPBS). This means that our school community will become part of a well-researched and documented support program that is recognized by Education Queensland and is in operation at many schools. The philosophy of SWPBS is not unlike our existing philosophy and links well into the ‘We are Leaders’ strategy. It will mean changes to rules as well as positive reinforcement strategies such as ‘Caught Being Good’ Awards and weekly class awards. The first part of this journey has been to identify new school rules. These are:
Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be a Learner

We will update you on our journey to become a SWPBS school throughout the year.

Badge Presentation

Next Tuesday morning we will hold the badge presentation ceremony for students in all allocated leaders positions. Other positions that have now been filled are:
Band Captain: Ruby
Strings Captain: To be announced
Choir Captain: Ella
Junior Choir Leader: Sonny
Green House Captain: Harry

Congratulations to these students.

Morning and Afternoon Rules

When students arrive at school (if not in before school care) they must move to the covered play area with their bags until either their teacher directs them to the classroom or when the morning bell rings. Students must not be around school buildings before school or in classrooms. If students are being dropped at school before 8.15 you may consider using the before school care facility. When the first bell rings, all students must move calmly and safely to their line up areas.
The morning bell will now ring at 8.50 so that students have more time to move to line up areas.

CLASSROOM MUSIC NEWS!

Best Music Class of the Week: Yr 6/7
Best Music Student of the Week: Jordan Flor

What a wonderful week of music we've had. Year 5/6 have begun working towards a possible submission in the Music Council of Australia’s Song writing Competition. Due to the early close of entries (end of Feb), we will be working solidly to produce songs of quality. However, it is the journey that is the most important and the students are showing creativity, enthusiasm and maturity. So, whatever the outcome, they are all on the winning journey already with those positive attitudes. May the beat be with you, Ms Mann

German news

CONGRATULATIONS to the students in Years 6 and 7 who participated in the Kinderkarneval excursion last Sunday at the Brisbane German Club. My apologies to parents for the short notice – it was an opportunity that suddenly presented itself unexpectedly. It was wonderful to be able to offer this experience for the first time at Woongoolba and may be the start of a new adventure.
Thank you to Mrs Ward and Mrs Barton who bravely joined us for a day of energetic chaos! The students participated in lots of challenges and games and won lots of prizes!!
Well done – from a very proud German teacher!!
Frau Hay

Swimming Information

If your child is in D Block, swimming payment must be made by Wednesday 26 February. Your child/ren will not be able to swim if payment is not received by the due date. Please be reminded that online payments may take a few days to clear. If you are having financial difficulties, please call Danielle in the office from 8.30-11am. All information is treated as confidential.

LATE ARRIVALS & EARLY DEPARTURES

If your child is late to school on any morning, they MUST come to the cash window at the office for a late slip. This late slip then needs to be taken to the classroom teacher.
Similarly, if you need to take your child early from school, you MUST first gain an early slip and sign them out at the office before taking the slip to the classroom teacher.
This is for the safety of students whilst in our care.

TENNIS COACHING FOR 2014

Tennis Coaching & Competitions have commenced and we are still taking enrolments. Please contact All Champs Tennis Academy on 5546 2190 or 0421 795 608 to find a class suitable for your child. To enrol online or to view our current classes please visit www.allchampstennis.com.au.
Michael Parker: Academy Director

Before & After School Care

The Woongoolba School Age Care Service is 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. We are CCB approved, meaning you could pay as little as $6.84 for before school care and $7.26 for after school care based on 108% CCB rate. Casual bookings are available! Using this service is preferable to having your students arriving at school too early each day.

TUCKSHOP TIDBITS 18/2/2014
There are some new Mums on the roster and thank you for volunteering to help out! Fridays are getting really busy again and we DEFINITELY need 3 people in the Tuck Shop each Friday. Names of those helping out will be put in the Tuesday newsletter, but if you find you are unable to make it, PLEASE ask one of your friends to fill in for you or contact Rhonda as soon as you can!

ROSTERS:
Fri 21st: Rhonda, Lisa Ritson & Katrina Differ
Tues 25th: Rhonda, Edith O’Donnell & Lizzie
Fri 28th: Rhonda, Lisa Ritson & Debbie Koglin

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Please get some lunch bags from the Tuckshop (40 bags for $2) so you can fill out your child’s order at home. It is just way too busy before 9am to stop and help your child to fill out their orders. If your child has money to spend, please make sure you teach them to wait for their change. We seem to have a few kiddies who run off before they are given their change. Please remind your kids if this applies to them.

Regards,
Rhonda (0419 722 481).

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS
Danielle will not be at school tomorrow (Wednesday 19th) however you are more than welcome to drop in your banking books as usual and Danielle will bank on Friday and return your bank books to classrooms by Friday lunchtime. Happy banking!!

Questions or Queries
There will always be times when students speak to parents about concerns or issues throughout the day. This is a time to listen and share. It is also important to prompt discussion about the great things in his/her day and ask questions about those positive experiences. If you ever would like further information from our staff about your child’s daily activities, calmly contact the classroom teacher in an appropriate manner. You can also contact me in the office but asking the teacher normally will alleviate your concern. Please don’t make judgments on rumour or hearsay. Our qualified teaching professionals do an outstanding job each day and many situations can be solved once the true facts are known.

P&C NEWS ‘Annual General Meeting’
Our next P&C meeting will be held in the Library on Wednesday 12th March 2014 at 6.30pm. This meeting will be the AGM, followed by the General Meeting for March.

AGM agenda items are:
1. Presentation and adoption of 2013 AGM minutes.
2. Presentation of Audited Financial Reports.
3. Presentation of Executive and Committee reports.
4. Election of Office bearers.
5. Scheduled business as per the agenda.

Some of our AGENDA ITEMS for next general meeting are:
2. Report on school ‘drop off’ area.
3. 2014 programme

If you want to be involved, please come to the meeting and help your school by taking on a Committee position in your P&C.

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:
Be Safe

Habit of the Week:
Put First Things First

Thought for the Week
It is not enough to take steps which may someday lead to a goal; each step must be itself a goal and a step likewise.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe