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 has many benefits to a child’s development. It helps to teach them about the world around them, to develop empathy, increase their vocabulary and understanding, increases their ability to concentrate, develops their imagination and it aids in relaxation. Like many tasks; the more you read, the better you become at it.

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.
- 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 the*

Tracey Pryce
Acting Principal
Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week our rule for the week is:
Be a Learner

WEEK 4
Well done to the following ‘Students of the Week’ for Week 4.

Busy Bees        Levi M
Dragons          Chloe J
Mighty Stars     Kassandra M
Pokemon Battle Kids  Jayden C
Team Epic        Shane G
Ghostbusters     Mason E
Wise Ol’ Owls    Jordan F

Weekly Gotcha Winners
The below students were drawn from the weekly gotcha box and were able to pick their own rewards.
Cassidy C – 1
Cameron W – 4/5

QSchools App
The QSchools app is a convenient way to get up-to-the-minute information about Woongoolba State School.
The app is beneficial for parents and carers as you can:
- Access the latest school news, newsletters and calendar events,
- Receive emergency announcements and push notifications and,
- Follow multiple schools.

What to do…………
1) Download or update the QSchools app.
2) Search for Woongoolba State School
3) ‘Favourite’ Woongoolba State School to receive updates.
4) Allow notifications from this app in ‘settings’.

This app has been provided by Queensland State Schools and can be used on mobiles and tablets. It can be downloaded free from the ‘App Store’.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
The Uniform Shop will be opening on Tuesday afternoons to coincide with Parade from 2 to 2:30.
If this time is not suitable, please email Alanah MacBryde to organise another time on talhmacbryde@hotmail.com

CAR PARKING
Please be aware that car parking is only permitted on the main road. The Staff car park along School Road is for Staff ONLY. This is for the safety of all children whilst on School grounds.

P&C NEWS
Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th March and this meeting will be held in the Library.

THIS WILL BE THE AGM.
Please give some thought to nominating for a Committee position, as this is a great way to help your school.

Following the AGM, there will be a short 5 minute recess, and we will then have our normal monthly meeting for March.

Agenda items for this meeting include:
Mother’s Day Stall.
Committee reports.
Headmaster report.
General Business.

Remember, if you have anything to suggest or to ask, please come to the meetings and let everyone know your thoughts and opinions.

Code of Conduct: Visitors & Volunteers
Please be aware that parents, visitors and volunteers are bound by the Queensland Public Service Code of Conduct as it relates to a school context. Specifically, all parents and visitors must not reprimand students that are not their own at school. Also, you must be aware of confidentiality requirements and be certain not to pass on personal information and images of students.

TUCKSHOP TIDBITS 18/02/15.

FRIDAY SPECIAL
(20/02/15)
Hot Dog
and a
Quench drink
$3.50

A HUGE Thank you goes to the couple of new Mummies who helped out in the Tuckshop last week. Your help is so very appreciated.
Tuckshop is open as usual every Tuesday and Friday. Remember to fill out one bag for 1st break and another for 2nd break.

Regards, Rhonda (0419 722 481)
Woongoolba State School P&C Association will be continuing its Breakfast Club this term. It will now be held each Monday and Thursday mornings in the Leaders’ Centre from 8:30 – 8:50.

A huge thank you goes to the following businesses who are donating goods for the Breakfast Club:
- Jacobs Well Convenience Store
- Beenleigh Brumby’s
- Beenleigh Woolworths

 Helpers are needed for half an hour each morning Breakfast Club is open. Please pop in and see the girls if you can spare some time.

**Arrival and collection**
Please be aware that students should not be at school before 8:30am and certainly not before 8:15 each day. Also, if you are collecting students I ask that you do not wait outside classrooms before 2:45pm as student learning is occurring and this can be distracting to children. Also, sometimes areas outside classes are used for learning purposes.

**Smoking on or near school sites**
From 1 January 2015, smoking is banned at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries.

The law applies at all times—during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. It includes the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes. The buffer is a 5 metre no-smoking area around the perimeter of the school, beyond the school land boundary; including all structures in this area, such as bus shelters and car parks.

Please support the health of our students by complying with this law.

**“Another Wild Pizza Night”**
The Jacobs Well and District Progress Association in conjunction with the Jacobs Well Environmental Education Centre invite you to our second “Wild Pizza Night”

Enjoy freshly cooked Pizza and a hands on experience to learn all about our NATIVE ANIMALS
When: Tuesday 24 February at 5pm (BYO Drinks)
6.15 pm native animal show
Where: Jacobs Well Environmental Education Centre (Cnr Behms and Pimpama Road)

For catering purposes bookings are essential Please contact Steve Rowell on 55462317 or email Steve at srowe19@eq.edu.au

**“Soccer X Pty Ltd Open Day”**
Soccer X Pty Ltd are inviting boys & girls aged 3 – 12 years old to come and enjoy a FREE trial session with our coaches. Throughout the morning we will be running taster sessions for the various age groups and providing information on our upcoming Soccer programmes.

**Date:** Saturday’s 28th February
**Where:** Alabaster Soccer Fields (Opposite Metricon Stadium)

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To register your child for the Open Day please visit [www.soccer-x.com](http://www.soccer-x.com) and fill out the online registration form.