We are leaders.

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

**HARMONY DAY**

On **Tuesday 18th March** we will be celebrating Harmony Day during our whole school Parade from 9-9.30am. The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. Our school Choir will be performing and we encourage all students to show their support by wearing **ORANGE** on the day. All parents are welcome to attend.

Harmony Day celebrates the fact that Australians come from all over the world. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

Today there are over 21 million people living in Australia who all contribute different ideas, religions, languages and customs to our country. The diversity of people who live in Australia make it such an interesting and special place to live. It is celebrated around Australia each year to celebrate our multicultural society.

At Woongoolba, we share in this philosophy. Woongoolba has been celebrating Harmony Day for many years now, and this is an integral part of our leadership philosophy. Great leaders are those who are tolerant of others, encourage all to belong and celebrate difference.

Celebrate Harmony Day with us on March 18.

*David Cramb*  
Principal  18/3/2014
Students are the pieces for Harmony Day jigsaw!

This morning on assembly, students, staff and parents joined together to celebrate Harmony Day for 2014. As part of this year’s Harmony display, all students contributed to decorate a class jigsaw piece which came together to make one big design symbolizing harmony, belonging and togetherness. Also, our choir performed, students from the 6/7 Wise Old Owls sang their own composition and student representatives spoke about what Harmony Day means to them.

To conclude, Mr Cramb spoke about the importance of Harmony Day to Woongoolba and its connection to our leadership philosophy. ‘Harmony Day is about finding the good in everyone,’ Mr Cramb said. ‘Make everyone feel special and then everyone will be special.’ Thank you to all staff and students who contributed to our Harmony Day celebration for 2014.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week, we want students to “Be Prepared with the BASICS! The leadership BASICS has been part of Woongoolba for a while and this helps students develop some simple strategies so that they can be ready for learning:

B: Bags: Is your bag placed on the bag racks?
A: Always Uniform: Are you wearing the correct uniform?
S: Sitting: Do you sit in your lines after the bell goes?
I: Items: Do you have all your items and equipment ready for the day?
C: Correct Place: Are you always learning and playing in the correct place?
S: Start Well! Have a great start to your day!

Well done to the following ‘Students of the Week’ this week.

Busy Bees: Chloe
Dragons: Olivia
Spy Kids: Ellie
Minions: Bella
Team Splat: Jackson
Supernovas: Lauren
Meerkats: Isabella
Wise Old Owls: Will
German: Chloe

Also well done to our Gotcha winners for showing they can ‘Use the High 5’
Lakeisha
Lachlan

Cross Country Fun Run!

On Monday, Woongoolba students participated in our ‘Cross Country Fun Run’. This was a great morning with many students participating in the event. Well done to Miss Higgs for organizing this great event and to all staff who assisted. Congratulations to students who ran so well. Amazingly, the final result was a tie between Green and Gold house!

German News

Now that the Karneval season has come to a close, Frau Hay will have to stop dressing up and settle down for the rest of the term! It was appreciated by the students – but I think a few of the teachers got a fright!

Congratulations to the first three students who have been awarded ‘Schüler/in der Woche’ (student of the week) for German – Noah Price, James McCabbin and Chloe Russell. It is a difficult choice each week!

Our festival celebrations will round off this term with ‘Ostern’ – Easter. This will be the 7th festival studied just this term – you can’t say that Germans don’t enjoy a good time!!

The students are working very well on each week’s mystery ‘Wort/Satz der Woche’ which encourages independent discovery of language.

Frau Hay

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy tests will take place in May for students in years 3, 5 and 7. Here are some main messages to parents:

- NAPLAN adds to existing school and classroom assessment practices.
- NAPLAN is about students doing their best, not about ‘getting it all right’.
- It is important for all students who are doing the test to ‘have a go’ at each question.
- Parents can support students by giving them ‘real-life’ experiences at home in reading, writing and numeracy.

If you would like more information please feel free to contact me or go to: www.naplan.edu.au

CLASSROOM MUSIC NEWS!

Best Music Class of the Week: Class 1/2
Music Student of the Week: Ethan

Music news:
A pleasant week of plentiful platitudes and pleasing percussion.
Year 1/2 this week learnt how to sing a ‘Canon’. They worked very hard and will continue to perfect this style of singing.
A Canon is a melody with one or more imitations of the same melody played after a given duration. Sometimes fondly referred to as singing ‘in the round’. We will continue working on this.
Hope your week goes with a ‘POP’
Ms Mann

Please remember to fill out one bag for lunch and a SECOND bag for afternoon tea.
Regards,
Rhonda (0419 722 481).

P&C NEWS
The last meeting was our AGM, and thank you to all those who attended and nominated for positions.
The 2014/2015 P&C Committee is:

Chairman: Phil Saunders.
Minute Secretary: Sawan Hunt
Correspondence Secretary: Debbie Koglin
Treasurer: Amanda Elliot
Fundraising: Lizzie Ward
Uniforms: Alana McBryde
Tuckshop: Rhonda Saunders
Senior Vice President: Jodie Crane
Junior Vice President: Ruth Zipf

Our next general meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd April, at the NEW TIME of 7.00pm.
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 Prepared with the BASICS

Habit of the Week:
Sharpen the Saw

Thought for the Week
If you have a positive attitude and constantly strive to give your best effort, eventually you will overcome your immediate problems and find you are ready for greater challenges.

Pat Riley