We are leaders.

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Firstly I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for welcoming me into your school community. For those of you I have not yet met my name is Allison McClean and I am replacing David Cramb in the role of Acting Principal in his absence.

I have enjoyed my first few days at Woongoolba State School, the students and staff have all been extremely accommodating and have made me feel very comfortable. I also had the opportunity to meet several parents and community members at the P&C meeting held last Wednesday evening.

Over the next few weeks I intend to spend a lot of time visiting classrooms and getting to know your children both in the classroom and also in the playground.

I also look forward to meeting as many parents as I can. If I can assist you with anything please don’t hesitate to contact me.

*Allison McClean*

*Principal*

19/2/2013

12/2/2013

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**FEBRUARY 2013**

**MARCH**

13 Photo Day

19 Harmony Day

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**Regional winner**

**showcase2012**

**Winners**

**2012 Life Education Children’s Day Awards**

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**Leadership positions 2013.**
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.
school care and $7.26 for after school care based on 108% CCB rate. Casual bookings are available!

Wear your uniform!

All students are required to wear their correct uniform each day. All students at Woongoolba are leaders and therefore should look like school leaders. Board shorts and other accessories are not permitted.

Woongoolba State School is a sun safety school and as a result the wearing of caps is not appropriate. Our school dress code requires that all students wear a broad brimmed or bucket style hat when outdoors. Caps should also not be worn to and from school for appearance purposes.

**TUCKSHOP TIDBITS 19/2/2013**
Thank you to all the Mums who have come in and offered to help out at the Tuckshop, your support is MUCH appreciated, and very welcome.

**ROSTERS:**
Tuesday 19th Feb: Ida, Lyndell, Jenny
Friday 22nd Feb: Jenny, Edith O'Donnell, Karen Shaw-Weston

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**
The Tuckshop will be selling raffle tickets in an EASTER HAMPER to be drawn on Tuesday 26th March. These tickets will be available from today and anyone who wants to take a book home to sell, just see Vicki or Rhonda. If anyone can help out with a donation for the prizes, please drop off some Easter goodies to the Tuckshop or the Office ASAP. If you are on the roster and something comes up, can you please try to organize a fill in, or ring me ASAP so I can get someone in to help. There needs to be TWO people in the Tuckshop every day we are open.

Regards,
Rhonda (0419 722 481).

Uniform Shop News

Girls’ sports skorts are now in stock, so come in and check them out. They look great! We sold out of size 4 Polos during the holidays. An order has been placed but this will take a few weeks to arrive. Please keep an eye on newsletters as I will post it here 1st when they arrive. The Uniform Shop will be open Tuesday mornings from 8:30-9:15am. If you need any uniforms at any other time, please email on lyf123@hotmail.com

Thanks
Sarwin Hunt

**MONIES FOR SPORT PREPAYMENT**
TERM ONE FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE. You may choose to pay these fees 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, T2 - $25, T4 - $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 and Gala Days) 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. If your children bring in money on any other day, they will be asked to return it to their bags. The school will not take any responsibility for money lost if children bring it in on non-money collection days. So please ensure your children bring money in on the correct days and that it is taken to the Office immediately on their arrival at school. Also, if you are paying online please be aware that it does take a couple of days to show up in our bank account. 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 STUDENTS SURNAME and INVOICE NUMBER and then please e-mail accounts@woongoolss.eq.edu.au to inform of payment and purpose of funds.

**Our Focus:**
Everybody Reads at Woongoolba!

**Our Mission:**
Readers are Leaders

**Our Vision:**
We develop leaders- every child, every day.

**Our Goal:**
Innovate, Participate, Excel.

**Our Motto:**
Achievement: Our Goal

**Value of the Week:**
Our Bodies: We move and nurture

**Habit of the Week:**
Put first things first! - Plan

**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

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