PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Readers are Leaders
I am currently speaking to teachers to find out how each child in the school is progressing with their reading.

As you know, my vision is to have every child reading at their age appropriately level or beyond. Conversations around reading, therefore, are very important for me to identify how each and every child is progressing.

Parents, as well as teachers have a vital role in the teaching of reading to children as well as valuing reading.

‘(Author), Mem Fox writes: "I beg you all to read superb books aloud to your children! Begin on the day they are born. I am very serious about this: at least three stories and five nursery rhymes a day, if not more, and not only at bedtime, either.

Read with passion and expressive abandon, maintaining the same variety in your voice at exactly the same place in the story or rhyme every time, keeping the same louds and softs, the same highs and lows, the same fasts and slow.

In this manner your children will begin to remember the words by remembering the 'tune' of your reading. Memorizing a rhyme or story and turning the pages at the right time is an important step in learning to read…’

Remember: Everybody reads at Woongoolba!

David Cramb
Principal 25/3/2014
Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week, we want students to focus on moving quietly around the school. Part of our expectations for our classes and students is to be able to move around the school effectively and quietly so as to not disrupt others. We will be looking for this during the week from all students. Also, classes who line up together on time and walk around the school quietly have a higher chance of earning leadership points for their class.

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

Busy Bees: Sharney
Dragons: Katherine
Spy Kids: Caib
Minions: Dylan
Team Splat: Sheridan
Superovas: Jed
Meerkats: Blake
Wise Old Owls: Chloe
German: Ben

Also well done to our Gotcha winners for showing they can ‘Be Prepared’: Lachlan Sonny

Leadership in action

Next week, Woongoolba will host the annual Students Leaders’ Forum for school captains. The student leaders from schools from around the district will visit Woongoolba and join our own student council. Students will participate in activities such as public speaking, team work and goal setting.

WATERMATIONS

The year 6/7 class (under Mrs Mayne’s amazing guidance) has been working on watermations (animation on water) as part of the GCCC water wise competition. We submitted several entries and are very excited to inform you that Chloe Russell has been chosen as a finalist!!! Now we need your help. We need you and everyone you know to click on the link and vote. The only one you need to vote for is the one that says “two-thirds of Queensland”.

The other finalists are from much bigger schools giving them a bigger advantage so please vote for Chloe and get our little school over the line J

http://woobox.com/zxid2b/vote

Congratulations to Mrs Mayne for all her hard work with this. The students absolutely loved it and produced some amazing animations. Thank you all for voting – I know Chloe will appreciate it.

As a result of being chosen as a finalist, Chloe has been invited to visit Alex Gee who is one of Australia’s leading animators at his Brisbane studio. What an honour!

Tracey Pryce

Wear your hat, not a cap!

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.

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 then 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.
CLASSROOM MUSIC NEWS!
Best Music Class of the Week: Class 6/7
Music Student of the Week: Shanna Leeson
Music news:
I would like to start this week firstly by congratulating the school choir. They sang ‘Lean on me’ originally by Don Withers. What a wonderful job they did, so full of enthusiasm and life. They were fantastic. What a way to start the musical year. Well done everyone, I appreciate your hard work and dedication.
This week’s best student award goes to Shanna Leeson for her dedication to the songwriting lesson I gave. She overcame many challenges, the biggest, teamwork. Congratulations also to those girls who performed their song on Harmony Day. It is a very special thing to create something that brings people joy.
Have a block-rockin’ week!
Ms Mann

Building Resilient Children Session
Learn how to help your child deal with situations that can be difficult in:
• Feeling frustrated and unhappy making friends
• Dealing with bullying behaviours
• Dealing with separation, divorce, grief or blended family situations
• Perfectionism
• The learning situation
Help your child how to maximise learning, reach their optimum and be happy in the school situation and within themselves.
HOW: By hearing answers from
WHO: Peta Anne Byrnes (psychologist)
WHERE: Woongoolba State School Leaders’ Centre
WHEN: Wed 26/3
TIME: 2-3pm. Tea, coffee pods and treats provided.

P&C NEWS
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 being involved and informed about current P&C matters. Please note the change of date due to the school holidays: and also note that meeting times are now at 7.00pm each second Wednesday evening unless otherwise advertised!

TUCKSHOP TIDBITS 25/3/2014
We still need a few more helpers in the Tuck Shop.

Fri 28/3: Rhonda, Lisa Ritson & Corinne Clark
Tues 1/4: Rhonda, Lyndell & ? ? ?
Fri 4/4: Rhonda, Lisa Ritson & ? ? ?

TUCKSHOP NEWS
We are selling tickets in the EASTER EGG RAFFLE at the Tuckshop! Tickets are 50 cents each or 5 for $2.00 and there will be three prize draws. The draw will be done at school parade on Tuesday 1st APRIL. So….. get in early and buy those winning tickets. Please remember to fill out one bag for lunch and a SECOND bag for afternoon tea.
Regards,
Rhonda (0419 722 481).

STUDENT ATTENDANCE: A MUST FOR GOOD LEARNING!
Learning is a partnership between home and school. Parents and carers and families play a significant role in the educational development of students. School attendance is a vital cog in this partnership. Our school encourages all parents and members of our community to support initiatives to improve student attendance. While most students attend school consistently, there is a small number of students who are absent from school without an acceptable reason and this may harm their education.
If your child is away, you need to let the school know the reasons beforehand, or within two days of returning to school. Our key purpose is to provide quality education for all students. We all must participate in that goal for the sakes of our children.

EASTER BONNET PARADE
The Easter Bonnet Parade will be Friday 4th April (last day) at 2.30pm in the undercover area. Parents are welcome to come and see their littlies walk around in their magnificent Easter Bonnet.

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:
Move quietly around the school
Habit of the Week:
Be Proactive