We are leaders.

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

**Badge Ceremony**

The following students will be presented with their badges at next week’s assembly (Tuesday 5 March). Please join us as we welcome them officially into their leadership positions.

**School Captains:**
- Lionel B.
- Ellie-Rose E.

**Gold House Captains:**
- John C.
- Ruby J.

**Student Council:**
- Chloe R.
- Dannii M.
- Bailey A.
- Ellie M.
- Hannah M.

**Vice Captains:**
- Ellie M.
- Callum H.

**Green House Captain:**
- Courtney A.

**Vice Captains:**
- Chloe R.
- Fraser M.

**Band Captain:**
- Bailey A.

**Strings Captain:**
- Chloe R.

**Choir Captain:**
- Jordyn T.

**FEBRUARY 2013**

5  Badge presentation
13  Photo Day
19  Harmony Day

**MARCH**

At the conclusion of assembly our newly badged leaders and their parents are invited to join in a small morning tea to be held in the Leaders Room.

*Allison McClean*
*Principal*
*26/02/13*
HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

Helping your child with counting
Numeracy involves using mathematics efficiently in our day-to-day lives. Every day we use number, measurement and space. Each time we shop or go to the bank we use numbers. Our understanding of space is used to pack a lunchbox or to park a car. We need to understand how to measure things when we sew, cook, build, tell the time or listen to a weather report. One of the earliest skills children have to develop is counting. To “count” we need to match the number words with the correct number of “things”, then we need to remember the numbers in order.

What can you do at home?
• Ask your child to count the number of plates, cups and pieces of cutlery used to set the table.
• Count with your child the number of buttons as you do up a shirt or blouse.
• Encourage your child to count the number of pegs you use to hang out the washing.
• Count the number of eggs in a carton, and again after you remove some.
• Count the number of steps it takes to go from the front door to the footpath.

• Play Dominoes, card games and board games involving one or two dice. This will help your child to recognise number patterns.
• Play a game of Snakes and Ladders. Use two dice and encourage your child to add the two numbers rolled.
• Use dice that have numbers instead of dots to help your child read and recognise numbers.

P&C NEWS
The AGM will be on Wednesday, March 13 at 6.30pm in the Library.

SCHOOL/GALA DAY FEES
For students in Years 5, 6 and 7 our Gala Day program will be starting in the middle of March. If you have elected to pay fees by the Term, Term 2 fees ($25.00) **MUST** be paid by 27th March. If you are paying online please be aware that it does take a couple of days to show up in our bank account. Money collection days are Mondays and Wednesdays ONLY between 8:30am and 9:15am. If money has not been received by this time, students will be unable to participate.

GERMAN NEWS
Another great week of enthusiastic learners and learning. Our word was „Zwiebelmode” - which is literally 'onion fashion' but means the wearing of layers of clothes in winter. Our winners were: 3/4 Tilly (Matilda), 4 Satya, Jesse and Jordan, 5/6 Ellie and Ella and 6/7 Jasmine. This week our Rätselwort ist „Ohrwurm”. Our Karneval art is taking shape and I look forward to the classroom display. **Frau Hay**

Classroom Music News
Best Music Class of the Week: Yr 3/4
Best Music Student of the Week: Braiden D.
Most Outstanding Choir Member: Kelley G.
Classroom music students have been
a) Singing, playing and miming to differing styles of music
b) Recognising musical symbols
c) Practising notation on manuscript

Choir News:
Choir rehearsals continue every Tuesday, 2nd break, 1:15PM, in the Music Room. All welcome!!!
Thanks, Mrs S Field (Classroom Music)

Before & After School Care opens!
The Woongoolba School Age Care Service has commenced again this year. 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!

**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 26/2/2013**

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.

**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.

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**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

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

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

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**Thought for the Week**

Nothing is impossible; the word itself says 'I'm possible'!

Audrey Hepburn