We are leaders.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

This Thursday will be the last day of school for term 1 2013. It has been a very short but busy term. Term 2 commences on Monday 15 April. Please be aware there is no longer a pupil Free Day at the start of Term 2. Term 2 is 10 weeks long and will finish on Friday 21 June. Term 2 is always an exceptionally busy term with our Year 3, 5 and 7 students sitting NAPLAN, it is also a reporting term for all of our students.

During the holidays it is important that we all look out for after-hours crime in schools. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. The School Watch Program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call 13 17 88 and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Thank you for your continued support of Woongoolba State School and its students. Working in collaboration and partnership is the key to ensuring each child is achieving to their greatest potential. If you are travelling over the Easter holidays please do so safely. I look forward to working with you all next term.

Allison McClean
Principal 26/3/2013

Forthcoming Events

MARCH
27 Parent/Teacher Interview evening From 3:15pm
27 Mobile Library

APRIL
17 Leaders’ Day
19 Gala Day Sport
24 Mobile Library
26 Gala Day Sport

MAY
3 Gala Day Sport
8 Mobile Library
10 Gala Day Sport

REGIONAL WINNER
Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools

Winner
2012 Life Education Children’s Day Awards

KIDS MATTER

EMAIL: the.principal@woongoolbass.eq.edu.au
WEB: www.woongoolbass.eq.edu.au
Thank you to all the parents whom attended our second Kids Matter session. Peta and Lauren from Child Youth and Mental Health Services spoke to us about anxiety and depression in children. Peta made us aware of some triggers, the signs of anxiety and depression and then where and how to seek help. I am very sure all whom attended are now better prepared to look out for their child’s mental health. The next session from our Kids Matter Team will be held on the 17th April 2013 in the Leaders’ Centre and is about Change your mind-change your life.

More sessions coming up:
- Normal and abnormal behaviours at different ages
- Puberty and what to expect
- Nutrition for your child

From term 2 the Leaders’ Centre will be open for parents and carers from 8:30am to 10:30am each weekday morning and 2:30pm to 3:00pm in the afternoon (except Friday afternoon). Parents and carers are invited to peruse brochures, books and information in the Leaders’ Centre during these times over a cup of tea or coffee. If you would like any further information please call Danielle Barton on 0413 304 427 or catch up with me at school.

Classroom News – A new addition to our weekly newsletter!

Each class will take turns informing you of the wonderful learning and experiences occurring in their classrooms.

THE DRAGONS

With Easter nearly upon us, the year one and two “Dragons” class have hardly had a chance to reflect on our first term and to see how much we have learned. But in this space we will try to recall some of the important learning moments so far:
- We had our first attempts at speaking formally in front of our friends with a Book Review.
- We became authors and wrote our own version of a favourite story.
- We learned to count up to and beyond one hundred
- We had lots of practice with adding and subtracting
- We are getting better at logging on to the computers and using them to help us learn
- We tried creating and reading maps
- We made lots of beautiful art works
- We have learned songs and dances

What a busy term! We’ve had a great time but we are definitely looking forward to a rest!

Happy Easter everyone,

From the Dragons (year one and two) and Mrs Low

Classroom Music News

Best Music Class of the Week: Prep
Best Music Student of the Week: Jarvis P
Most Outstanding Choir Member: Grace F

Classroom music students have been

a) Enjoying singing and participating in music games

Congratulations and well done to all Prep to Year 2 students, for their participation and enthusiasm displayed at the year’s annual Easter Bonnet Parade. A big thankyou also to all parents, carers and teachers, who supported the event.

Choir News:

Well-deserved praise is also due to the choir, for their energetic performance at the Easter Bonnet Parade. I look forward to continuing rehearsals in Term 2.

Thanks, Mrs S Field (Classroom Music)

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 School and Community: We participate and represent

Habit of the Week:
- Sharpen the Saw

WOOLWORTHS AND COLES EQUIPMENT

The following items were ordered through Woolworth Earn and Learn Program in 2012 (23 055 points).
- 3 sets of ‘Skyrider Double Takes’ Readers
- ‘Dragonflies’ (60 titles)
- ‘Watching the Night Sky’ Big book
- A Raised Garden Bed
- Games (Draughts, Battleships etc)
- 18 Logical thinking games
- Skeleton Floor Puzzle
- Broken Bones X-rays
- 400 sheets of various coloured cardboard
- Cardboard boomerangs
- Christmas Star Stickers

The following equipment was purchased through the Coles Sports for Schools Program (21 402 points).
- 2 sets of bases (softball)
- 2 chest plates (protective gear)
- 2 catcher’s helmets
- 2 batter’s helmets
- 3 bats
- Volleyball net
- Stopwatches
- A box of softballs
- Skipping ropes (small)
- Variety of balls

Thanks to everyone who supported us with these two initiatives.
After Easter, we are going to offer a NEW dessert. Fruit & custard will be available at 70c per serve. Fully approved and encouraged by QAST, we will offer either diced peaches or diced pears with custard, in the same sized container as the current ‘jelly’ and ‘jelly and custard’. Just make sure you mark your orders on the lunch bag! The old favourites ‘jelly’ and ‘jelly and custard’ will also still be available.

We are also looking at offering a small selection of Gluten Free items. If you have any suggestions around Gluten free products can you please talk to someone at the tuckshop early next term or call Rhonda.

If you are on the roster, and something comes up, can you try to organize a fill in, or ring me ASAP so I can get someone in to help. There needs to be at least TWO people in the tuckshop every day we are open. Lunch bags are available at the counter, 50 printed bags for $2.00. Please check that class, teacher and the child’s name are always written on lunch bags!! Have a safe and happy Easter break, and we will see you on Tuesday 16 April. The tuckshop will be open for normal trading hours on this Tuesday.

Regards,
Rhonda (0419 722 481)

SCHOOL FEES
For students in Years 5, 6 and 7 our Gala Day program will be starting next term. If you have elected to pay fees by the Term, Term 2 fees ($25.00) MUST be paid by tomorrow 27 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.

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 years 5 to 7. Contributions to this scheme are payable by the term.

Prep – Yr 4: Term 1 - $45; Term 2 - $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.