We are leaders.

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

School Community give school ‘thumbs up’ in Opinion Survey!

This week, the preliminary data from the 2012 parent, student and staff opinion survey was released to Principals.

I am excited by the data, which is again evidence of the support for Woongoolba’s award winning initiatives and programs.

Parents gave responses of 100% agreement in many areas including:

- My child feels safe at school
- My child likes going to this school
- My child is getting a good education at this school
- Teachers at this school are interested in my child’s wellbeing
- This school is well organised
- I would recommend this school to others
- This is a good school

Woongoolba has experienced an outstanding year in 2012 and it is with great pride that I read these opinion survey results. I congratulate the teachers for the amazing job they do and thank parents for their support.

*David Cramb*

Principal

27.11.2012

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**Forthcoming Events**

**DECEMBER**

- 5 Mobile Library
- 7 Xmas Family Night
- 7 Volunteer Helpers
- 11 Celebration Ceremony 9:00am on Parade
- 11 Report cards handed out
- 12 Swimming Carnival Prep – 3 (9:20 – 11) 4 – 7 (12 – 2.30)
- 13 Break-Up Day (bring swimming gear)
- 13 Farewell Evening Yr 7
- 14 Last day of school
- 14 Tuckshop closed

**JANUARY 2013**

- 25 Uniform shop open 9:00am to 11:00am
- 29 School resumes
- 31 Swimming starts
The Weekly Challenge

Each week, I ask students to focus on particular school programs, values or leadership statements. This week, I have issued a challenge. Positive environments (schools, workplaces, even communities) need positive people. We all need people who see the brighter side of life; the 'glass is half full' type of person. This week, I have encouraged each student to smile, to say hello and to positively participate in what is happening. I ask parents to issue the same challenge. Encourage your students to smile, say hello and get involved. Whatever happens can be sorted. A problem is merely something needing a solution. Focus on solutions, not problems. Life is much more fun, when we work together and move in the same direction. Remember to ‘synergize’!

Parent/Student Communication

Parents are advised that reprimanding students other than your own at school is against school and Education Queensland policy. Issues involving students are and will be dealt with effectively by school staff. Parent involvement in these issues can only confuse the situation. The Department of Education and Training is committed to taking all reasonable steps to provide a safe environment for staff, volunteers, students, parents and visitors at State educational institutions. The Principal may request a person engaged in such conduct to leave the grounds.

The Leaders’ Rule

I have asked all students to remember our ‘Leaders’ Rule’: Keep hands, feet and mean words to yourself’. Please emphasise this with your children

YEAR 7 FAREWELL EVENING

As the year moves to an end, it is time for year 7 students to consider the Farewell Evening. Parents of year 7 students are reminded that this is an ‘Invitation Only’ event. Students invited to participate in this event are allowed to invite up to two parent/care givers to attend with them. Students must not attend on their own and family members other than those on the invitation (siblings etc) are not allowed to attend. The venue requires final numbers soon so it is important to observe appropriate protocols and respond to your invitation by the RSVP date. The P&C have again agreed to fund the cost of dinner for all students and we thank them for this. Parents and carers should provide their payment for this event to the office via the due date or please contact Sharon to organise alternative payment options.

Prep 2013

We are now taking names of students seeking to enrol in Prep in 2013. There has been a great response from our community and beyond to bring their students to Woongoolba in 2013! Please continue to contact the school office to add your child’s name to the enrolment list.

Classroom Music News

Best Music Class of the Week: Prep/1
Best Music Student of the Week: Tehya
Most Outstanding Choir Member: Elly
Classroom music students have been
a) Rehearsing Christmas Concert repertoire
b) Enjoying orchestra bingo
c) Undergoing guitar performance assessment

Choir News:
Rehearsals continue every Tuesday, 2nd break, 1:15pm.
Thanks, Mrs S Field (Classroom Music)

L O S T P R O P E R T Y

Could I please ask all parents to double check your children’s clothing to make sure that you have your own child’s and not someone else’s? If you do find you accidently have another child’s clothing simply bring the item up to the office and we will ensure it finds its rightful owner.

Social Media

In today’s society, more and more people are using versions of social media such as Face book and Twitter to discuss issues, send information etc. While there are benefits of such technology, its use requires everyone to think and act responsibly before publicly broadcasting information: particularly regarding individuals or giving misleading and out-of context information without relevant facts. Community members should be aware that the publishing of information or photos
about other children or families is against privacy regulations. Also, the use of social media to publish out-of-context accounts of student interaction at school without relevant facts can only be of detriment to the school and the children. As always, the best and most effective way to manage any issue is to speak directly to the relevant teacher or the office. We will deal with the facts and come to a positive outcome quickly.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE
Xmas family night is on the 7th December – from 6pm. We would greatly appreciate donations of non-perishable items towards Xmas hamper. If you can help, please bring items to the Office. Don’t forget Christmas performances from all the students. Don’t miss out!

MONEY COLLECTION DAYS
IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ
Parents/Caregivers please be aware that our money collection days are MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS ONLY between 8:30am and 9:15am. As directed from Education Queensland, this is an area we are required to adhere to. 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.

Uniform Shop News
Boys size 2 ruggers and microfiber shorts are in. There is only a few pairs left, but there are more on order. Hopefully they will arrive on time for our opening early next year. The uniform shop will be opened tomorrow morning Wednesday the 21st November from 8:30am-9:30am to compliment the pre-prep morning tea. The shop will be open during the Christmas holiday break next year on Friday the 25th January from 9:00am-11:00am. We are looking for volunteers to help on this morning as it can be quite busy, and the extra hands can help it run a lot more smoothly. Please see us in the shop Tuesday mornings 8:30-9:15 am or Friday afternoons 2:45-3:15pm for details

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