We are leaders.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome back to 2014! This promises to be another exciting year for our school as we continue to develop new and innovative ideas and programs. I would also like to welcome the many new families and students to our great school.

As many of you know, last year I spent most of the year being Acting Principal of a large school at the Gold Coast to further develop my professional knowledge and experience. I am delighted to now return to Woongoolba to continue our school’s journey.

Our main focus in 2014 will continue to be reading and now will include number. We support every child to be a reader in our school and we will also support every child to have basic numeracy skills. Last year, our school was listed in the top three schools in Leadership in Queensland according to Showcase Awards of Excellence and 100% of our students achieved at or above the national benchmarks in reading. Results we should be proud of.

In 2014, we continue the Australian Curriculum in the areas of Maths, English, Science and History and we now add Geography. These programs are offered in addition to work in other curriculum areas.

We will continue our leadership journey. All students will participate in learning activities to develop their personal leadership skills in line with the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.

I expect all students and parents to respect the school, its vision and goals and to be a participant in its on-going successes.

We are all leaders. Our rules and values will continue and we will be determined to ensure all students work hard to value and respect our school and our community. All the teachers and I will continue to set high standards for our students in 2014 and I know that they will continue to make us proud.

2014 is going to be great at Woongoolba! I encourage all to participate in the school’s on-going creativity and success. Be a leader with us.

David Cramb, Principal

Forthcoming Events

JANUARY 2014

28 School resumes
29 Mobile Library
Leadership Week
As part of our ‘We are Leaders’ initiative, this week is called: ‘Leadership Week’. During this week, students will participate in activities to set up the leadership theme in each classroom. Some activities include:

- Class names: all classes will adopt a name and logo to identify themselves.
- Goal Setting: students will commence updating and setting new goals, targets and plans for 2014.
- Aus Identities: students will revisit the personal learning style and teachers can use this information to target differentiated learning programs for individuals.
- Update the 7 Habits: students & teachers will renew their knowledge & understanding of the habits and decide how they relate to their classroom standards, expectations and rules.
- Class rules and procedures: students will meet classmates and participate in the development of classroom management processes.

Let us celebrate Leadership Week together!

NAPLAN ‘Plan’ Commences
The 2014 NAPLAN tests will take place in May. In order to prepare our students to meet and exceed their potential, we will continue our schedule in 2014 that we commenced at the end of 2013. Throughout this term students in years 3, 5 and 7 will complete practice tests as well as participating in targeted tasks and activities focusing on individual needs in literacy and numeracy. If parents would like more information regarding this, feel free to contact your class teacher or see David at the office.

Class Structures: Multi-level learning is best!
Catering for every child, every day!
In 2014, classes are structured as either straight year level or multi-grade. Parents should be aware that all students are taught at Woongoolba at individual ability levels (multi-level) whatever the structure. The curriculum is designed that students learn and develop a range of skills, knowledge and processes over a period of time. Students all learn on their own continuum no matter what year level or structure they are in. This ‘multi-level’ process ensures that students access personal learning while striving for age appropriate benchmarks.

Morning Rules
When students arrive at school (if not in before school care) they must move to the covered play area with their bags until either their teacher directs them to the classroom or when the morning bell rings. Students must not be around school buildings before school. If students are being dropped at school before 8.15 you may consider using the before school care facility.

ANIMALS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
Please be advised that pets and other animals are not permitted on school grounds unless approval has been given by the Principal. Teachers are required to complete and submit a Curriculum Risk Assessment before students are involved in any activity relating to animals and therefore, parents are requested to refrain from bringing animals to school unless this is part of an approved curriculum/class activity undertaken by teachers.

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. Jewellery is to be kept to studs or sleeper style earrings in the lobes only. Multiple piercings 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.

Why reading stories matters
Books help to develop your child’s language, knowledge and understanding, as they introduce young readers to a huge variety of new words and topics.

If your child is familiar with books and reading, they will be better prepared to take advantage of all learning.

Taking the time to read to your child, or introducing them to a number of different books will make them more comfortable reading at school.

Reading is also a way for parents to spend quality time with their children and will help to build a stronger relationship between you and your child. Children learn by example, so watching you read and talking together about reading will show your child that reading is a valuable skill and an excellent way to spend free time.

If you would like more information about reading with your child visit: www.education.qld.gov.au/parents-map/

Uniform Shop News
Happy New Year and welcome back. Firstly I’d like to thank all the volunteers on Wednesday 22nd who came in and helped run the Uniform shop during
the holidays. The morning would not have gone ahead so smoothly without all of your amazing help. The Uniform Shop will be open Tuesday mornings from 8:30-9:15am.

**TUCKSHOP TIDBITS 28/01/2014**

Here is our first tuck shop news for 2014!!

Firstly, a really big ‘THANKYOU’ to everyone who has offered to help out in the tuck shop during Term One of 2014.

To give one of the regulars a break now and then, I DO need a few more people, especially a couple of helpers who could be called on as ‘emergency fill-ins’ in case someone calls in sick.

**ROSTERS:**

Friday 31st Jan: Rhonda & 1 more please!

Tuesday 4th Feb: Even more time for someone to volunteer!!

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

From time to time during the school year, we are asked to provide morning or afternoon teas for functions. If you are able to do a little bit of baking, please give us your contact details, so we can ask you to help out occasionally with a plate of goodies. 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 into help? There needs to be two people in the tuck shop every day we are open.

Regards,
Rhonda (0419 722 481).

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**Welcome Back Meet & Greet**

We are planning on having a welcome back BBQ (Sausage Sizzle) on Friday afternoon February 7. This will be a nice way for parents and families to start the school year and to welcome new parents to Woongoolba. More information will follow next newsletter.

**P&C NEWS**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 12th at 6.30pm in the Leaders Centre (under B Block).

**SCHOOL BANKING NEWS**

School Dollarmites banking will start again next week. For our new comers, please see Danielle in the Office for more information on how to set up an account for your child.

Don’t forget School Banking day is Wednesday.

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 PURPOSE OF FUNDS and then please e-mail accounts@woongoolss.eq.edu.au to inform of payment and purpose of funds.

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**Slow down around our school**

With our students returning to classes, parents and carers are being urged to slow down in school zones. Most school areas have 40km/hr speed limits in place.

Some basic tips:

- ensure your child knows the safest route to and from school
- teach your child to always walk on footpaths
- make sure your child crosses at traffic lights, pedestrian crossings or supervised school crossings and ensure they know the safe times to cross
- accompany young children when they are walking or riding to school until they are old enough to understand road safety
- teach your child to be alert for cars going in or out of driveways
- discourage your child from playing with balls or toys while walking to school.
- Speak to your child about the importance of good bus behaviour for both safety and school pride

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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 School & Community: we participate & represent to be Democratic Citizens

**Habit of the Week:**

Be Proactive

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**Thought for the Week**

Be Prepared! (Baden-Powell)