**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Welcome back to 2015! 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.

Our main focus in 2015 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.

This year we will commence our four-yearly review process. Part of this will be a full school review conducted in the middle of the year. In 2015, learning will be our key. Knowing each learner and engaging each student in learning.

Part of this process will be the introduction of ‘Proficiency Studies’ in each class. Four days a week, teachers will operate group based numeracy and literacy programs targeted at individual levels. Teacher aides will be part of this program in every class to ensure the best possible opportunities for each child to improve basic skills.

In 2015, we continue the Australian Curriculum but now we will focus more on integrated learning approaches to help to engage students more in the curriculum.

We will continue our leadership philosophy and incorporate the Positive Behaviour for Learning program in all classes. We will continue to set high standards for our students in 2015 and I know that they will continue to make us proud. Be a learner with us.

David Cramb  
Principal
Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week all children will be learning all of our SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS:
Be Safe: Be Respectful: Be a Learner

Welcome to new staff
I would like to welcome all new staff to our school in 2015:
Peter Tyne: HPE
Naomi Kircher: Music
Philip Quinn: Guidance Officer
Tess McLennan: Strings

2015 Uniform
Please be aware that the correct school uniform is expected to be worn from the start of the 2015 schooling year. If your child arrives at school in an incorrect item, they may be provided with spare items to wear for the day and will be expected to return them to the office at the completion of the schooling day.

It is much easier for your student to ensure they wear the correct uniform to school.

Before & After School Care/PCYC
I have been advised that federal government sustainability funding of this service have ended as of 31 December 2014. This is because our community has been rezoned as ‘major urban’ by the government and therefore our service is no longer eligible based on this new classification. I have spoken with government officials who visited the school to demonstrate why I believe the funding of this service should continue. The PCYC has advised me that the service will cease on February 20 2015. I have asked if, as a 'stop-gap' measure, the PCYC could provide a shuttle bus to bring our students to school and collect them in the afternoon and take them to a local service. This is a possibility. In the meantime, I have contacted the local federal member, Mr Stuart Robert, to ask for this to be reviewed. I have also contacted our school P&C Association and the Jacobs Well Progress Association for assistance. I believe before and after school care is a vital service required for our families and I want to pursue all options available to ensure its continuation if possible.

Student Dress Code:
This school is a UNIFORM SCHOOL and as such it is expected that the school uniform be worn.

UNIFORM:
- Boys - Yellow stencilled T-Shirt and bottle green shorts.
- Girls - Yellow stencilled T-Shirt and bottle green skirt/shorts.
- Black joggers must be worn daily with white ankle socks.
- Winter Uniform: zip front fleecy jumper (with logo).
- Tank tops, board shorts and other casual attire are not considered suitable school wear.
- A hat is essential in this climate (a stencilled broad brimmed hat is available at the school). Hats must be worn when outside.
- Sun visors and caps are not permitted.
- Accessories such as necklaces, bracelets, piercings, nail polish and makeup are not permitted.
- Hair that is coloured using unnatural colours is not permitted.
CAR PARKING
Please be aware that car parking is only permitted on the main road.
The Staff car park along School Road is for Staff ONLY. This is for the safety of all children whilst on School grounds.

Smoking on or near school sites
From 1 January 2015, smoking is banned at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries.

The law applies at all times—during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. It includes the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes.

The buffer is a 5 metre no-smoking area around the perimeter of the school, beyond the school land boundary; including all structures in this area, such as bus shelters and car parks.

Please support the health of our students by complying with this law.

QSCHOOLS App
The QSchools app is a convenient way to get up-to-the-minute information about Woongoolba State School. The app is beneficial for parents and carers as you can:
- Access the latest school news, newsletters and calendar events,
- Receive emergency announcements and push notifications and,
- Follow multiple schools.

What to do.............
1) Download or update the QSchools app.
2) Search for Woongoolba State School
3) ‘Favourite’ Woongoolba State School to receive updates.
4) Allow notifications from this app in ‘settings’. 

This app has been provided by Queensland State Schools and can be used on mobiles and tablets. It can be downloaded free from the ‘App Store’.

P&C NEWS
Our very first meeting for 2015 will be held on Wednesday 11th February. This meeting will be held in the Leaders’ Centre provided there is room enough.

Remember, all parents and carers are invited to attend. If you have anything to suggest or to ask, please come to the meetings and let everyone know your thoughts and opinions.

Arrival and collection
Please be aware that students should not be at school before 8:30am and certainly not before 8:15 each day. Also, if you are collecting students I ask that you do not wait outside classrooms before 2:45pm as student learning is occurring and this can be distracting to children. Also, sometimes areas outside classes are used for learning purposes.

TUCCSHOP TIDBITS 28/01/15.
Calling all helpers!!!!!
The Tuckshop are always after helpers. If you can spare even just a few hours a month, that would be amazing.
Just contact Rhonda by phone or just pop in.

Full menu available this Friday (30/01/15)
Remember to fill out one bag for lunch and a SECOND bag for afternoon tea.
Bags available at the Tuckshop for purchase.

Regards, Rhonda. (0419 722 481).

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:
School Expectations