Woongoolba Embraces ‘New Learning’

In the history of ideas in Europe, the New Learning was a term for Renaissance humanism, which developed in the later fifteenth century. Newly retrieved classical texts sparked philological study of a refined and classical style in prose and poetry and the discussion of new ideas and concepts.

At Woongoolba, I would like to use the term ‘New Learning’ to describe a new focus on teaching and learning of children. This will be an opportunity to really consider each child learns and to align curriculum and pedagogy (the art of teaching) to this personal learning style.

Everyone is different and everyone has a different way of developing knowledge. I believe it is vital to provide a learning framework that is child-friendly and has the main objective to engage children in learning: to make learning fun, exciting and inspirational.

I encourage parents to join me and our staff in this pursuit for our own ‘New Learning’. Let us encourage and engage children in the love of learning and teach them to embrace knowledge and to seek new ideas and new challenges.

David Cramb
Principal
Positive Behaviour for Learning
This week our rule for the week is:
Be a Learner.

WEEK 4
Well done to the following ‘Students of the Week’ for Week 4

Busy Bees: Connor P & Cassidy C
Dragons: Harmony D
Spy Kids: Lincon M
Minions: Bellarose M
Team Splat: Mason E & Kate M
Supernovas: Darius C
Unstoppable Meerkats: Isabella E & Lou W
Wise Old Owls: Declan D

Weekly Gotcha Winners
The below students were drawn from the weekly gotcha box and were able to pick their own rewards.
Lachlan M – Prep
Chloe R – 6/7

PRE-PREP HAS COMMENCED!
Last week saw our future prep students begin the transition into life at Woongoolba State School and what a fantastic time they all had. The program will run for 6 weeks, every Wednesday morning from 9.00 until 10.00. Woongoolba values education in the early years and provides students the opportunity to participate in learning activities at school before commencing which assists learning and social development. Through communication with child care providers, play groups and with Bethlehem Kindy, we have been able to provide a quality early learning program that will continue to develop and transform. I would like to thank our great Prep staff for their hard work in developing the pre-Prep and Early Learning Programs. Because of these initiatives, we look forward to the continued development of quality teaching and learning programs for students at Woongoolba!

If you plan for your students to attend either of these high schools next year and have not yet enrolled please do so as soon as possible to help the schools coordinate staffing and resources for 2015.

School Uniforms and Accessories
Please be advised that Woongoolba is a ‘Uniform School’ and therefore all students are expected to abide by the student dress code. This includes not wearing accessories such as bands, bangles, bracelets and earrings.

Farewell Dinner
The Grade 6&7 Farewell dinner will be held this year on December 11th at the Beenleigh R.S.L. Invitations have now been sent for this event. Please be aware of the dress requirements for students. It is not a formal event but smart casual attire is recommended. R.S.V.P. to the office by 26/11 please.

Payments can be made by cash or cheque ONLY made out to Woongoolba State School P&C at the cash window on Mondays or Wednesdays between 8:30 and 10:30 only. There are NO online or credit card payment accepted.

Swimming C BLOCK
All students in C Block have been sent an invoice and payment is required by Wed November 5th.

On-line payments
Please be advised that you must identify your student and the activity when paying on-line. Please contact the office if you made one or more payments on 28/10 from Bank of Queensland as we do not have the information needed.

World Teachers’ Day
World Teachers’ Day offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks.

We celebrate World Teachers’ Day in Queensland on Friday 31 October, 2014. The day is a wonderful opportunity to thank teachers for their important role in our local communities.

Attendance
Please ensure your students attend school every day and are ON TIME. This is vital to ensure they have the best opportunity to improve their learning. Our attendance data has improved this term which should be celebrated but please continue to remember our focus so that we can maintain these improved levels.
MUSIC NEWS
This week some classes learnt about jazz music and had a special guest visit the room to explain the history of jazz and to give a demonstration. Music Student of the week: Lyam H - Prep Choir Student of the week: Rhiannon G – 4/5 Music Class of the Week: Yr 4/5

Day for Daniel
Wear Red THIS FRIDAY 25th for “Day for Daniel” We want to see a ‘sea of red’. All gold coin donations will be forwarded to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

ENROLMENT FORMS
Enrolments are open for all year levels for 2015. If you have family or friends enrolling for next year please encourage them to do so ASAP so that we can start planning our classes. There are still vacancies in all year levels including prep. Spread the word about joining the school of leaders to be part of the teaching of ‘new learning’!

Principal/Parent Forums
The next forum will take place on Tuesday 4 November between 9.00 and 10.00 in the Leaders’ centre. I invite parents to visit and bring your discussion topics so that we can talk about Woongoolba and education generally. This is a great opportunity for you to hear about educational issues and programs and more importantly to bring up your questions. I hope to see you there.

TUCKSHOP TIDBITS 29/10/2014.
All ice-teas are being sold at $1.00 each.

Bakers Please – Any baking donations for the Remembrance Day Service would be greatly accepted on the morning at the Tuck Shop. (Tuesday 11/11)

End of year Celebrations – Any helpers who could spare a few hours during this busy time would be welcomed. We have Discos, Family BBQ nights and other events where helpers will be needed. Thanking you in advance.

Regards, Rhonda. (0419 722 481).

Animal Welfare League – SRC Initiative
Thank you to everyone who has already donated to our Animal Welfare League fundraiser, but we need more!
You only have this week until the 31st of October to bring all your goodies to the office. Recently, the AWL has asked for wet kitten food, kitty litter, kitty litter trays, dog and cat toys specifically.
Thanks and can’t wait to see some more animal goodies!

Fundraising
DISCO is coming, save the date! Halloween theme
November 7th.
More details to follow………………
Help and volunteers will be needed. Please let Michelle Jennings know if you are interested.

BREAKFAST CLUB
Woongoolba State School Parents and Citizens’ Association will be continuing its Breakfast Club this term
It will still be held each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings in the Leaders’ Centre from 8:30 – 8:50.

A huge thankyou goes to the following businesses who are donating goods for the Breakfast Club
- The Well Food Express
- Beenleigh Brumby’s
- Beenleigh Woolworths

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:
Be a Learner – Use breaks to access the toilets