We are leaders.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Innovation and creativity are of vital importance in successful modern education. Engaging children by showing passion and excitement in learning is crucial in improving a student’s learning outcomes.

Teachers play a significant role in this. Research has shown that a good teacher can be very powerful in building positive relationships with students and encouraging them to meet and exceed potential.

Parents are important in this teaching process. A parent’s educational role starts before birth and continues throughout a child’s life. Through communication, song, play and through example, a parent can give a child a love and thirst for knowledge and assist that child to become lifelong learners.

Our ‘We are Leaders’ initiative, encourages parents to participate in your child’s learning to develop a positive learning culture at home. Education is a partnership as learning occurs both in and out of the classroom, school and home. I support and encourage this partnership between school, parents and community as we work together in the interests of making a difference to our children.

We are all leaders in learning.

David Cramb
Principal
5/2/2013

Forthcoming Events

JANUARY 2013
29 School resumes
31 Swimming starts
30 Mobile Library

Classes begin to be ‘named’!
As mentioned last week, all classes in 2013 will again adopt special names as a fun way to identify themselves and to develop belonging and ownership to their room. The names this year are:

Prep: The Goombas
P/1: The Angels
Year 1/2: The Dragons
Year 2: Super Cool Kids
Year 3/4: The Avengers
Year 4: The Fantastic Fours
Year 5/6: Lord of the Classes
Year 6/7: The Teepees

These names will also be used for the Leading Class Award chart each month.

Why reading stories matters
Everybody Reads at Woongoolba!

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.

Why is numeracy important?
In 2013, Woongoolba will extend its focus to number and numeracy as well as reading. Numeracy enables you to develop logical thinking and reasoning strategies in your daily life. We need numeracy to solve problems and make sense of time, numbers, patterns and shapes for activities like cooking, reading a map or bill, reading instructions and even playing sport.

Research has shown that children’s motivation and achievement improve when their parents or carers are involved in their education. There are many everyday things you can do to encourage numeracy learning. These include:

- encouraging your child to use mathematical language — how much, how big, how small, how many
- discussing the use of numbers, patterns and shapes in your day-to-day life — numbers found on library books, spatial patterns or shapes in playgrounds, in the home and architecture
- talking about occasions when you are using mathematics in daily jobs and real-life situations — cooking, map reading, building and playing sport
- exploring situations using money such as shopping, budgets and credit cards
- estimating, measuring and comparing lengths and heights, how heavy or light things are and how much containers hold
- talking about different ways to solve a problem
- using everyday tools like tape measures or kitchen scales and discussing the units of measure
- asking ‘does that make sense?’; ‘is the answer reasonable?’ or ‘what other ways could we do this?’
- observing and using timetables, calendars and clocks for different purposes like study periods, holiday planning and catching public transport
- helping your child to work out how much things cost and what change received
- playing number games using magazines, books, newspapers and number plates
- organising, categorising and counting collections of things like toys, books, clothing and shoes.

For more information about how you can help your child with literacy and numeracy visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map or contact your child’s teacher or school.

Morning and Afternoon 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. STUDENTS MUST NOT BE AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL BEFORE SCHOOL AND MUST NOT PLAY ON THE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND BEFORE SCHOOL OR WHILE TEACHER IS ON DUTY AFTER SCHOOL.

P&C NEWS
The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 13 at 6.30pm in the new Leaders Centre (under B Block).

Wear your uniform!
Our school dress code requires that all students wear correct uniform including a broad brimmed or bucket style hat when outdoors. Caps should not be worn at, to and from school.

Classroom Music News
Best Music Class of the Week: Yr 5/6
Best Music Student of the Week: Shanna
Classroom music students have been
a) Listening to differing styles of music
b) Participating in an introductory session for
the term, involving both class, small group
and individual activities.

Choir News:
Choir rehearsals for 2013 have begun, at a
cracking pace! Nominees and a voting process
have started in order to select a 'choir captain'.
Rehearsals will again take place every Tuesday,
2nd break, in the Music Room. All welcome!!
Thanks, Mrs S Field (Classroom Music

TUCKSHOP TIDBITS 5/2/2013
Tuckshop is off and running, the new menu seems
to be well received, and overall we have
encountered no problems. Just keep in mind that 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 8th Feb: Rhonda, Jenny plus one new lady
said she is coming
Tuesday 12th Feb: Rhonda, Jenny, Ida
Friday 15th Feb: Rhonda is away, and I will ring
some mums!!

TUCKSHOP NEWS
The 2013 TUCKSHOP MENU started off last
Friday, and all the children seemed quite happy.
Lyndell Rowlands is the Tuckshop dietary advisor
and her input has been of great benefit. Jenny
Engleberger is the Food handling supervisor, as
she has completed the approved course in food
handling. The Tuckshop will be selling raffle tickets
in an EASTER HAMPER to be drawn on Tuesday
26th March. These tickets will be available by next
Tuesday, to allow Vicki and Rhonda to organize
some donations!! If anyone can help out, please
drop off some Easter goodies to the Tuckshop or
the Office ASAP. 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 in to help. There needs to be TWO
people in the Tuckshop every day we are open.
Regards, Rhonda (0419 722 481).

GERMAN NEWS
Welcome to a new year of Languages – German –
learning. This year all years 3 – 7 are learning
German. Each week we will have a ‘Wort der
Woche’ – Word of the Week – Competition. This
week the puzzle phrase is: Jetzt geht’s los!”  There
is a prize for someone in each class if they can
research the write translation. I look forward to
another year of enthusiastic learners of German at
Woongoolba.
Frau Hay

Uniform Shop News

Monies for Sport Prepayment
Invoices for fees will be issued this week. You may
choose to pay these 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 PREP to Year 4 and $110 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 4 - $40
Yr 5 – Yr 7: Term 1 - $45, T2 - $25, T4 - $40
Entry to the Pool in Terms One and Four, Bus
to 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
plus fees 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.

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 Natural World: We connect & act to be Eco-Citizens

Habit of the Week:
Thought for the Week
Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing it is stupid. (Albert Einstein)