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The inclusive and caring school where expert staff support students to achieve excellence.

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NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 4

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From the Principal

Dear Woongarra families,

We are now well into the rhythm of Term 2, it's been fantastic to see the energy and engagement across classrooms continue to grow.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible P&C team for organising such a beautiful Mother's Day breakfast and stall last week. The morning was filled with smiles, laughter, and a genuine sense of community. Thank you also to our amazing staff, who helped with setup, supported students during the event, and stepped in so our mums could truly enjoy the morning with their children. It was a special celebration and a true reflection of what makes our school so wonderful.

Attendance

A key focus for us this term is attendance. Every day at school counts, and consistent attendance has a direct impact on student achievement, wellbeing and connection to school life. We understand that there are times when students may need to stay home due to illness, but wherever possible, we ask for your continued support in promoting regular attendance. Being at school every day helps build learning routines, friendships and a sense of belonging. If your child is having difficulties attending, please reach out – we're here to work in partnership with you.

Student Voice – SRC and Parliament

We're excited to see our SRC and Parliament up and running for the term. Our Student Representative Council members have already held their first class meetings for the term, and it's been fantastic to hear students sharing thoughtful ideas around school improvement and creative suggestions for future fundraising events. It's so important that our students know their voices are valued and have opportunities to contribute meaningfully to our school culture.

The Resilience Project

As part of our wellbeing focus this year, students are participating in lessons from The Resilience Project, which builds skills in Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness – known as GEM. These practices are proven to improve mental health and resilience in children and adults alike.

To reinforce this learning across our school community, I'll be sharing a **GEM Chats** in our newsletters and during our school assemblies. These messages are designed to spark conversations at school and home to encourage us all to practise these powerful habits in our everyday lives.

This week's GEM Chat is all about **Empathy** – the ability to understand and share the feelings of others. Students have been learning how small acts of kindness, listening to others, and standing in someone else's shoes can make a big difference. At home, try asking: *"Who did you show empathy to this week?"* or *"How did someone show empathy to you today?"*

We're so proud of the way our students continue to live out these values through their words and actions. These small moments of kindness and understanding create a stronger, more connected school community.

Supporting Our Students: Understanding and Responding to Bullying

At Woongarra Public School, we are committed to creating a safe, inclusive and respectful environment where every student feels supported. Bullying, in any form, is not accepted, and we work proactively to educate students and respond swiftly to concerns. Families play a crucial role in this partnership. You can support your child by:

- Promoting positive narratives at home – Encourage open discussions about friendships and kindness, and help your child navigate conflict using respectful language and problem-solving strategies.
- Reinforcing help-seeking behaviours – Let your child know it's okay to speak up if something doesn't feel right and that adults at school are there to help.
- Communicating concerns early – If your child shares something that worries you, please don't hesitate to contact their classroom teacher. Early conversations help us respond promptly and provide the right support for everyone involved.

Together, we can empower our students to speak with kindness, stand up for one another, and feel confident that their voices matter.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in school life. We look forward to another fantastic week of learning together.



Mrs Tricia Bradney
Relieving Principal

Stage 3 Excursion Ranger Jamie Friday 23 May 2025

All Stage 3 students attending the Ranger Jamie excursion to Darling Harbour on Friday 23 May will need to arrive at school at 7:45am for an 8:00am departure and will return to school at 3:45pm. Students are to wear full school uniform including a hat and to bring recess and lunch as normal as there will be no canteen facilities available on the day.

Upcoming Events

Friday 23 May -Stage 3 Excursion

Friday 23 May - HB14 hosting K-2 Assembly

Monday 26 May - WCS DP visiting Year 6 students

Monday 26 May – Ngara Meeting Wednesday 28 May – CCDF Rehearsal

Friday 30 May – CCCF Rehearsal

Friday 30 May – HB7 hosting 3-6 Assembly

Monday 2 June – New date for Zone Cross Country

P&C News

The P&C held 2 very successful Mother's Day events.

We had a great turn out for our Mother's Day morning tea/breakfast it was lovely to see the mums, nans, aunts and caregivers enjoying the morning. A huge shoutout to our teachers and volunteers for bringing this event together. The teaching staff made the beautiful photo opportunity and staff rallied together to take photos for Mums, make coffee, serve food and sell raffle tickets!!! Thank you to Big Geoff's Landscaping and Fencing and Coastal Berry for their sponsorship.

Thank you to our very kind business who generously donated prizes for our raffle

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The Mother's Day stall was a huge event with lots of happy children shopping for their Mum!

We hope all our Mum's enjoyed these events and had a lovely Mother's Day.

Executive Position Available

If you and your family enjoyed these events the P&C have held we would strongly encourage you to consider joining the P&C.

The position of Secretary is currently available if you are wanting more information on what is involved, please reach out. We have meetings 1-2 per term some of the job description is taking minutes, creating the agenda, looking after the google drive and emails. This position is not hours of work some weeks you have to commit time other times you don't, we would love to have a chat with you to discuss what it looks like.

The more volunteers we have the more events we can hold. More hands make light work! A lot of the P&C members only have this year and next left at the school it would be nice to see some parents and carers help to carry on the work once these members leave the school. The work we do is for your children to give them experiences and be part of a community. We hope to hear from you.

P&C Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday 24th June at 9.15am at the school hall. We would love to see you attend, everyone is welcome parents, grandparents and carers.

Thank you
Michelle