We are now just completing our fourth week of 2017 and settling in to a routine for the year. Now that we have settled in, I would like to reinforce the importance of Parents and School Staff working together in a supportive manner. It is important that parents and teachers work together in providing the best possible education that we are able to for every child at our school. To assist with this process, I have provided a list of ten ways created by Michael Gross that parents may use to maximise the child’s chances of school success.

1. Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.
2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive. Keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Be realistic about what the school is able to deliver as there may be limitations to the schools’ resources.
3. Support your teacher’s expectations and activities at home. Take a genuine interest in the home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines provided by the teacher.
4. Send children to school ready to learn and on time. A good frame of mind with plenty of sleep, a good breakfast and getting the child to school on time is a great way to start each day.
5. Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes. Family circumstances may change, friends move away, illness or other issues may occur that effects your child. Please inform your teacher of any issues so that they may accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.
6. Skill children to work with others. Teaching manners to children, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help children with their social skills. Talk through any challenges and assist with strategies to help them get along with others.
7. Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties. Resist the temptation to solve your child’s problems for them but work with them to find answers.
8. Participate in class and school activities. If you want your child to improve their learning then take an interest in their learning and attend as many school functions that you can.
9. Trust your child’s knowledge, professionalism and experience. Your child’s teachers are great allies. Their training, experience around children and their objective professionalism places them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.
10. Talk up what happens at school. If you want your child to value learning and enjoy their time at school then you need to support the school and make sure they hear positive messages about learning, teachers and the school.

This ten point plan may be easy to read but is hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child experiences significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas at a time to focus on and then move on when ready.

For further ideas, check out ‘parentingideas.com.au’.

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There are two kinds of people in the world. Those who walk into a room and say, ‘There you are’ and those who say, ‘Here I am’.

– Pauline Phillips

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Woombye Whispers

Principal: Paul Lowik Deputy Principal: Tina Brosnan Student Absence Line: 5451 3260
Phone: 5451 3222 Fax: 5451 3200 P & C: 5451 3229 OSHC: 5442 1023 School Watch: 131 788
Website: www.woombyess.eq.edu.au Email: admin@woombyess.eq.edu.au Volume 1 – Issue 2 – 16th February 2017
Tina’s Business

Attendance
Congratulations Preppies for having the best attendance so far this year 96.4%
  Year 3 95.4%
  Year 5 95.1%

School Resource Scheme
A quick reminder to parents. We still have a number of parents who need to return the School Resource Scheme forms to the school office if parents wish to take advantage of the significantly subsidised scheme. Invoices have been sent home and a number of families have returned these, many thanks to those families who have followed this through. We have had some families who have paid to participate in the School Resource Scheme without filling in the appropriate paperwork; in this case we still need the signed forms at school.

Keeping Us Safe
We are so very fortunate to have Constable Cameron, our Adopt-a-Cop, whose regular visits to school regularly making connections with our students but also doing everything in his power to keep our students safe. We regularly see him or his colleagues patrolling our school and monitoring traffic speed around our school. At a recent visit to our Junior Parade Constable Cameron shared with students, staff and parents some great tips in the event that a child should become lost. I personally was interested in the information that is required so that Police Officers can successfully locate a parent should a younger child become separated. His golden tips include

1. The child knowing their own name
2. Knowing the names of the parents/caregivers
3. The child knowing the correct spelling of their surname.

The above information will enable Police Officers to quickly identify and reunite a lost child with their parents. Thank you Constable Cameron for all that you do around our school.

Extreme Heat Conditions:- Recently (last Sunday), record temperatures were experienced across much of Queensland. At Woombye State School, if these extreme temperatures were experienced on a school day, our school programs would be adjusted to suit the conditions. This includes keeping classrooms open during the lunchbreaks to allow students to remain in the cool of the air-conditioned rooms, PE lessons moved to undercover areas and monitoring any other outdoor activities. Hydration is always a focus at Woombye thus all students should have water bottles at school as well.

Staff Car Park at Front of School:- The dirt car park beside the school entry is now to be enforced as a “Staff Car Park” only. This follows recent visits from Constable Cameron Hill who witnessed the chaotic traffic conditions at the front of the school. Constable Cameron has recommended that to take some of the danger away from the situation, no parents should be parking in this car park. Most staff arrive by 8:15am and stay beyond 3:30pm thus merging traffic from that car park will be eased considerably both in the mornings and afternoons.

Parking On School Ovals:- Parking on our School Ovals is not permitted. This was tolerated on the first day of the year to allow parents the opportunity to settle children in on their first day but not after that. Our ovals are not designed for vehicle traffic and they are to be looked after.

Car Door Courtesy:- Parents dropping children off and collecting them at school are requested to monitor the opening of your car doors. It has been reported that some children have opened their car
doors and hitting the cars next to them, leaving dents. Please try and avoid this and if it does occur (accidents do happen), approach the other car owner and explain what happened.

“World’s Greatest Shave”:- A number of Woombye State School Staff Members including Mr Lowik, Mr Hamilton, Mr Ford and Mr McGlusky (more to come) have volunteered to have their head shaved to support “World’s Greatest Shave” in March. This is a great fundraiser to support research into various forms of cancer including Leukaemia. If you wish to support this quest, please drop donations into the Office. Receipts are available upon request for tax deduction purposes. The “Big Shave” will take place on Friday afternoon (after second lunchbreak), 17th March in the School Hall. All donations would be greatly appreciated.

Dental Van at Woombye:- The Dental Van is back at Woombye State School. Families are asked to return any forms to the School Office as soon as possible. If you attend to your own personal family dentist, please return the forms with that message.

IGA Fundraiser:- To assist with our fundraising, Woombye State School has been included in the Community Benefits Program with the Woombye Supa IGA Store that began in 2014. This is a great program as it benefits the customer with discounts and specials as well as earns bonus points for our school. If you wish to join the program, simply ask at the checkout for a MYIGA Card and register it on line, nominating Woombye State School as the beneficiary of your reward points. If you shop at Woombye or Palmwoods IGA with your Loyalty Card, you receive 1 point for your nominated organisation for every dollar spent in the store (excludes tobacco, cigarettes and Epay). Members also receive additional discounts on selected specials and also receive members’ only store promotions. With this system comes the bonus of being able to share your reward points between two community groups. If you would like to support the school as well as the local soccer club or other organisation that you are keen to support, you are able to do this on line by nominating the second beneficiary organisation after logging in and then nominating a percentage for each organisation such as 50/50, 60/40, 70/30. This way you are able to support two groups and not feel guilty about only supporting one.

We would like to encourage all families of the Woombye School and District to enrol now into the MYIGA Card Program to benefit both yourself and the school.

P & C AGM Meeting:- The P&C AGM Meeting for 2017 will be Wednesday morning, 8th March 2017 at 9:15am in the Hall Conference Room. Everyone is invited to attend.

WOOMBYE RHEE TAEKWON-DO BRANCH - OPENING MONDAY 6TH MARCH

Something fantastic is coming to Woombye State School. Rhee TaeKwon-do has been operating on the Sunshine Coast for over 30 years and opens here soon. I’ve been instructing in Nambour for the last 9 years and have seen this traditional martial art make a difference to the lives of so many people. I have attached the Flyer that we have at the office and a Membership Application Form that needs to be filled before anyone is allowed on the floor. This form can be handed to me or filled out on the first day.

To help me plan the opening day please send a text of the students you are wishing to attend to 0403021749. This has been one of the best things I have done for my family. Will it be the same for yours?

Woombye Branch Instructor

Sabum Nim David Ford
ICAS is the most comprehensive educational assessment program available and it will allow our students to be the best they can be.

Amongst the many assessments available, we have chosen ICAS because it offers:

- Assessments covering the largest number of skill areas—English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Digital Technologies
- A reliable external benchmark backed by over 30 years’ assessment expertise, gained in delivering assessments in over 20 countries
- Detailed reports that allow us to target our teaching to address student weaknesses
- Longitudinal data that allows us to track year-on-year progression and drive our school forward.

**ICAS will provide our school with powerful insights into:**

- Where individual students are succeeding and where they may need extra focus
- Performance across year levels, classes and other subgroups
- Strengths and areas for improvement at whole school, grade and class levels
- Student performance in comparison to peers nationally and internationally
- Student development over time.

**Participating in ICAS helps students:**

- Identify which skills are their strongest
- Be aware of the skills they could work on in order to improve
- Track progress over time
- Understand how they compare with other students within their school and region
- Gain valuable experience in taking international assessments
- Understand why their teachers might be suggesting changes in the classroom to help everyone reach their full potential.

To find out more, see videos and download information and resources about ICAS visit: [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)

- **STUDENTS CAN COLLECT THE ICAS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM FROM THEIR CLASS TEACHER.**
- **PARENTS CAN COLLECT THE ICAS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 3RD MARCH.**
- **INVOICES WILL BE ISSUED AND THE REQUIRED PAYMENT NEEDS TO BE RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 20TH MARCH.**

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**HELP WANTED!!**

**WOOMBYE SCHOOL GRANDPARENTS**

Or GARDEN ENTHUSIASTS 😊

We need 6 enthusiastic volunteers to spend one hour a week with 2 students each in the Woombye school kitchen garden commencing next term.

The goal is to allow Year 3 students to experience planting, growing and harvesting REAL FOOD (some simple veges) in the raised garden beds under the guidance of our local Men’s Shed.

No hard work involved, just a liking for gardening (and CHILDREN 😊)

Please call ANNE (School Chaplain) at school or on 0431 293156 for more info.
Absences

Is your child running late for school?

- Ring the absence hotline 5451 3260.
- Ring the direct line 5451 3222.
- Send a note in with your child.

Is your child absent from school today?

- Ring the absence hotline 5451 3260.
- Send a note in the same day with a sibling.

The office needs to be advised of every absence your child has.

If you know your child has some unexplained absences please call the office ASAP to clear them.

Unexplained absence letters will be sent home with students this week.

EFT Payment Details

BSB: 064 424
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0009 0538
NAME: Woombye State School
REFERENCE: 1. Student’s EQ ID (found on invoice)
Or 2. Student’s surname and initial

It would be greatly appreciated if you would email details of your payment to accounts@woombyess.eq.edu.au

Cash/Credit Card Payments

1. School Office (8am to 3:30pm Mon – Fri)
2. In sealed envelope with Student Name, Class & payment details (can be dropped into the Payment box situated in the office foyer)
3. CREDIT CARD – Please phone 5451 3222 and payment will be processed over the phone.
## Student of the Week

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<td>PA</td>
<td>Absent</td>
<td>Hunter</td>
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<td>Champion worker always considerate and kind to preppers</td>
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<td>PB</td>
<td>Absent</td>
<td>Ryker</td>
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<td>For making a terrific start to prep-always organised, kind, caring and interested in everything.</td>
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<td>PC</td>
<td>Absent</td>
<td>Oliver</td>
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<td>A positive start to his prep year. Well done Oliver!</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Kira</td>
<td>For a great transition into a new school.</td>
<td>Emily</td>
<td>For being an independent student who shows a responsible manner and helpfulness to class members.</td>
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<td>1B</td>
<td>Jackson</td>
<td>For being organised each day and showing confidence when answering question. Well done.</td>
<td>Bryce</td>
<td>For being an organised learner and a great classroom role model.</td>
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<td>1C</td>
<td>Fraser</td>
<td>Following directions straight away and attempting all tasks with enthusiasm.</td>
<td>Isabel</td>
<td>Staying focused and completing all her tasks.</td>
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<td>2A</td>
<td>Cooper</td>
<td>For excellent effort and attitude.</td>
<td>Dakota</td>
<td>For great improvement at listening and working hard to complete tasks.</td>
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<td>2B</td>
<td>Toby</td>
<td>For always putting his best effort into his learning and equally important always showing respect and consideration to his peers and teacher. Well done Toby!</td>
<td>Jazmyn</td>
<td>For being a great role model in class. Always being respectful, organised and persistent in all areas of her learning.</td>
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<td>2C</td>
<td>Jayden</td>
<td>For great focus and effort every day. Great start to the year!</td>
<td>Maksz</td>
<td>For great improvements in focus, effort and persistence. Great work Maksz.</td>
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<td>3A</td>
<td>Johann</td>
<td>For showing a great interest in using his reading strategies and trying his best.</td>
<td>Mirrah</td>
<td>For such excellent effort and achievement in all her work.</td>
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<td>3B</td>
<td>Dylan</td>
<td>Excellent results in his maths activities. Also very enthusiastic and loves a challenge.</td>
<td>Isabella</td>
<td>Super attitude towards all class activities.</td>
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<td>3C</td>
<td>Joe</td>
<td>For his consistent efforts in all areas of his work.</td>
<td>Cooper</td>
<td>Welcome to Woombye. Congratulations on a great start.</td>
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<td>4A</td>
<td>Laila</td>
<td>For showing great confidence in writing a detailed recount.</td>
<td>Jett</td>
<td>Shows the keys of resilience by staying focused on his work.</td>
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<td>4B</td>
<td>Ruth</td>
<td>For being a kind and caring person and so welcoming to new friends at school.</td>
<td>Noah</td>
<td>Thank you for always being so enthusiastic when participating in all activities. Well done!</td>
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<td>4C</td>
<td>Ellie</td>
<td>For always being an enthusiastic and hardworking student. Great job Ellie. Keep up the great work.</td>
<td>Mya</td>
<td>For always being enthusiastic with her learning. Mya always gives 100% effort in all of her work.</td>
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<td>5A</td>
<td>Scott</td>
<td>Making an excellent start to the year showing an enthusiastic, hardworking approach.</td>
<td>Riley</td>
<td>His enthusiasm and persistence using his device in the classroom is wonderful well done Riley!</td>
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<td>5B</td>
<td>Bonnie</td>
<td>A positive, happy and confident student Well done Bonni!</td>
<td>Chloe</td>
<td>Great efforts at being organised with her BYOD work.</td>
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<td>5/6D</td>
<td>Lilja</td>
<td>For a confident start to the year.</td>
<td>Dean</td>
<td>For working tough to complete all tasks.</td>
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<td>6A</td>
<td>Leyna</td>
<td>A true hero – a Guardian, Champion and Warrior.</td>
<td>Claire</td>
<td>Motivated and independent student using all the keys to success.</td>
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<td>6B</td>
<td>Teagan</td>
<td>A true hero – using all keys to participate in camp</td>
<td>Kyla</td>
<td>Great start at her new school.</td>
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<td>6C</td>
<td>Alex</td>
<td>For an excellent, helpful and kind attitude during camp.</td>
<td>Tommy</td>
<td>A great effort and attitude to settling into a new school.</td>
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NAB AFL Auskick is running at your local club now

Where: Hinterland Blues AFC
When: First session is on Thursday 23rd February 2017
Time: 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Length of program: 8 weeks (6 weeks before holidays, 2 weeks after)
Cost: $75

Term 1 NAB AFL Auskickers who register & pay online will be eligible to access 2 Complimentary Brisbane Lions tickets* (1 adult, 1 child, Extra Reserved Seat Tickets can be purchased at 30% off). *Selected matches only, subject to availability.

(Register & Pay online by Sunday February 26 to receive the first round of offers, see www.aflq.com.au for full T’s and C’s)