School Update
Welcome
Welcome back to school!
We welcome you back to our school community and hope you enjoy all that Woolooga S.S has to offer this year.
Throughout 2017 we will be ‘Striving to Improve’ in the classroom and throughout the school.
I encourage you to contact myself or the school directly with any questions, feedback, concerns or ideas.
Our focus is always on your child’s progression and educational outcomes and I look forward to celebrating this progress with you this year.

Attendance
Our attendance target in 2017 is 93%.
Last year we finished at 91%.
I can’t stress enough the importance of attendance for any student. It does matter and it does impact your child’s education. Some of the greatest gains made last year were made by students with 95% + attendance and this was a factor in improved results.
As per state guidelines we must now contact you if your student is absent unexplained and record this data. Please call and advise if your child is sick or unable to attend. Please limit days & time out of school.

Stationery Resources
A note was sent home this week regarding stationery resources and a $20 per student contribution per semester (Jan & July). Please advise if you have any questions relating to this.

Staffing
I am pleased to welcome back Ms Bannister to take our P-2 class group on Mondays & Tuesdays. Having Ms Bannister allows greater focus time on all student’s curriculum delivery at our school and it is great having her back on board. Mrs Bannister will also take the school on Wednesdays covering Principal Administration days.

Grant Success
A big thanks to Marie Jenkins for her work in obtaining a school grant from the Office of Liquor & Gaming for some facility upgrades. Your efforts are greatly appreciated Marie.

P&C BBQ Fundraiser
The P&C has been offered a Bunnings - Saturday BBQ slot for fundraising. This is a great opportunity to raise some funds for upcoming excursions and school resources for your children.
The BBQ is on the 18th of February and volunteers are needed on the day. A note will be sent home outlining the times needed to be filled. If you can help it would be greatly appreciated.
Our P&C are also looking for any new members to join. This year there is a set fundraising calendar, 1 to 2 (30-45min limit) meetings per term and an emphasis as always on providing support to the school where possible.

PE
PE will be delivered by myself and visiting specialists this year. Term 1 & 2 will include Cricket, Hockey, Tennis & Cross Country.

Information evening
In the coming weeks we will have an information session regarding classroom and literacy program settings. Look out for the note sometime over the next week as it will be an opportunity for us to explain how we deliver content which may assist you in helping your child with learning support at home where possible.

Tuckshop
Each Friday from Klassic Café as per last year. Order forms and menus available at school.

Regards,
Joe Barbaro

If there are any questions or concerns please contact me at school on 07 54847171 or email jbarb102@eq.edu.au

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