Newsletter 24th January 2017

Welcome back to Wowan and I would like to welcome the new families. I hope you had a relaxing holiday and are ready for an exciting year in 2017.

In 2017 our improvement priorities are...

1. School wide curriculum, assessment and reporting plan.
2. School wide writing process.
3. Improve teacher quality through professional practice.

**Staff 2017**

The staff for 2017 is as follows:

Kara Riley (Teaching Principal)
Liz Kane (Classroom Teacher)
Chris Ensby (Classroom Teacher)
Penny Busk (Teacher Aide)
Karen Chadwick (Teacher Aide)
Jo Broekman (Teacher Aide)
Admin Michelle Grange (Tue, Wed, Thurs)
Cleaner Janelle Grange
Groundsman Jason Grange

School Rules

Wowan has 4 main school rules. These are...

1. Be Safe
2. Be Responsible
3. Be Respectful
4. Be a Learner

Attendance

Every Day Counts!

- It is important that your child/children attend school every day. Taking a day off because the fish are biting, or you want to go shopping on your birthday, is not an acceptable reason to miss a day of school.
- If your child is sick you should contact the school as soon as possible with an estimation of how long your child will be away from school.
- If your family has to travel away for family or cultural reasons, and expect to be away for more than 10 days you will have to apply for an exemption from Compulsory Schooling. Exemptions should be applied for and approved by the Principal of your child's school BEFORE you travel away.
- It is not acceptable to take your children out of school for holidays. Families should plan their holidays to coincide with school holidays.
What chance has your child got of being successful?

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but ...  

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