Welcome
What an amazing start to the year we have had. The staff at Wowan are so lucky to have terrific students who are excited about learning and always wanting to improve.
I also believe that our students are lucky to have such dedicated teachers and aides helping them at school. All of our staff always strive to ensure every student’s needs are being met and that school is both a safe and supportive learning environment.

Camp
Thank you to all the parents who have returned the permission note and deposit for school camp. Families are more than welcome to begin making weekly payments for camp. We will then send a bill with what is owing once camp costs have been finalised.

Meet the Teachers
Don’t forget this afternoon each of our classroom teachers will be holding an information session. All parents are welcome.

3:30pm– Prep-1
4:00pm– Year 2-3
4:30pm– Year 4-6

We have a lot books which we no longer require at school and welcome families to take some home. They can be found in the BER building at 3pm.

P&C Meeting
Tonight is our P&C Meeting, all families are welcome to attend. The meeting is held in the BER building and will begin at 5:00pm.

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FREE DRESS—FRIDAY
Bring a gold coin the help fundraise for school camp.

CALENDAR
February
18th– Parent Information afternoon
18th– P&C Meeting
19th– free dress (gold coin)
24th– Icy cups
26th– Milk Shakes & sausages
26th– School leaders ceremony

March
4th– Cross country & Icy cups
9th– Icy Cups
11th– Milk shake & sausage sizzle
14th– Soccer Gala day
17th– Little Aussie Animals
17th– Camp Meeting Jambin
18th– Small schools cross country
Comprehension:

**Finding Word Meaning in Context:**

When reading students often decode a word but still don’t know it’s meaning. This fortnight students will learn the skills required to make a guess about the meaning of the more challenging words they are reading.

**Home tips:**

- Always encourage your child to stop and ask what a word means and not to simply keep reading
- Ensure you stop your child while they are reading and ask what a word means
- When your child gives you a definition for a word, try to encourage them not to use the original word in the definition
- Encourage your child to use a dictionary if they still can not work out the meaning of a word
Preps have been practising daily their counting and writing of numbers. They have also been practising their Ants on the Apple with the actions followed by some handwriting and phonics activities.

In Science over the past two weeks, the Preps, Years 1, 2 and 3 have investigated different ways to delay the melting of ice blocks as well as watch how quickly water evaporates from a puddle and from a larger surface area.

In our Year 4, 5 and 6 Science lessons we have been conducting investigations of water temperatures in insulated containers and from coloured containers in the sun.

In Technology we have all been using the code.org site to learn the basic steps of programming. The Year 1, 2 and 3 children have been learning about mapping, clicking and dragging and moving program steps to complete a maze sequence. The Year 4, 5 and 6 class have been programming, sequencing to complete a maze and looping programming steps to make it a smaller step program.

In Art, the Prep, Year 1, 2 & 3’s have been revising the colour wheel, and looking at warm and cool colours. Last week we drew a cool picture with our green, purple and blue chalk pieces, which will be fin-

### Reading & Comprehension:
- Finding the Main Idea
- Skim and Scan

### Grammar & Punctuation

- **Grammar:** Verbs
- **Punctuation:** Full Stops, Question Marks and Exclamation Marks

### Spelling Focus

- Busk - Ants on the Apple and Alphabet
- Miss Jo - short and long 'i' and 'u'
- Kane - 'ou' and 'ow' & 'ir', 'ire' and 'ier'

### Maths Focus

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Please remember - Parents are always welcome in our room. We may even have a job for you!

**Student Achievement Awards**

- **Bryson, Harry, Ava, Zaide**
- **Behaviour Awards**
  - Gypsy and Maggie
What a great couple of weeks! I am so happy with how the students have settled into their new routines. The 4/5/6 English group are working industriously on their short stories and are ready to complete their first monitoring task on “Good Dog”. The art work being completed by this group of students is fantastic. The 2/3 English group have just completed their work on “Charlie Pasta” and are writing an imaginative narrative titled “Friendship”. We will then begin work on “George’s Marvellous Medicine”.

Students of the fortnight!!!!!!
Zaide, Barry, Roxy, Charles and Lindley

ENGLISH Years 2 and 3
Investigating Characters—C2C Unit of Work
♦ Nouns groups
♦ Verb groups
♦ Write an imaginative narrative
♦ Friendship
♦ George’s Marvellous Medicine

ENGLISH Years 4, 5 and 6
Short Stories—C2C Unit of Work
♦ Reflection on a short story
♦ Monitoring task: Good Dog
♦ Short Story 3: The Loaded Dog
♦ Extended noun groups; adverbial phrases

Geography Years P, 1 2 and 3
C2C Unit 1— What is Place?
♦ Aerial maps
♦ Pictorial maps
♦ Different maps for different purposes.

Geography Years 4, 5 and 6
C2C Unit 1— Exploring People and Places
♦ Continents of the world
♦ Relative location to Australia
♦ How people and places interact

Just a Thought
Friendship is the comfort that comes with knowing you are never alone.

THE POWER TO WIN MUST COME FROM WITHIN
Welcome to week 4. We are quickly reaching the half way mark for term 1 and like always students are very busy with their work. Over the next few weeks students will begin the sit some NAPLAN tests which we will use to provide them with learning support. We also use these tests to track student improvement over the terms and years. All students will be taking their tests and results home once completed so please sit down with your child and have a look at how they are progressing at school.

Next Friday we will be having our School Leaders Induction. Invitations have been sent home for families of successful leaders to attend. All parents are welcome to attend. The parade will begin at 9am and be followed by a morning tea.

**Students of the fortnight:**

Lindley- For being an active and responsible leader within our school.

Zaylah- For always answering questions and having a go in Maths.

Gearad- For being an independent learner who strives to improve in every lesson.

Jai- Behaviour award.

Kaelan- For an outstanding attitude towards learning especially in maths.
FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

As per the note which was sent home last Wednesday, students will have homework to complete weekly. Prep -3 will usually have colouring in of an instrument, please make sure this homework is completed and returned to school and not thrown away. Year 4-6 will also have homework to complete and returned to school.

Don’t forget the music room rule “NO HOMEWORK HANDED IN, NO PLAYING OF INSTRUMENTS FOR THE DAY”

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is every Thursday. If you would like to deposit money into your child’s account please send it in on Thursday. If your child would like to participate, forms are available from the office.

PAYING ACCOUNTS

Please remember that as a small school we do not have the ability to give out change. This also applies to uniform sales paid to the P&C. The correct money is much appreciated.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library visits the school every second Tuesday. The next mobile library visit will be Tuesday 1st March.

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop is held every second Thursday. The next tuckshop will be held on Thursday 3rd March.

TENNIS COURTS

Tennis courts are available for use by the community. If you wish to use these facility please contact the school.