Important Dates to Remember...

- 14/02/17 - Bravehearts performance for years Prep to 2
- 24/03/17 – Cross Country Fun Run @ Wonga School
- 14/3/17 – Arts Council show for the whole school
- 28/03/17 Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:15pm

The office will be closed from 9am – 1pm on Fridays this year. Staff will listen to phone messages during break times.

At Wonga Bch School student learning is our first priority and as such the principal and teachers may not always be immediately available to talk to. Please make an appointment with the teacher or through the office if you want to discuss or check anything. Thank you for your understanding.

Week 3 Term 2 Thursday 9th February 2017

Next P & C meeting: AGM 22/03/17 6.30pm in the Resource Centre followed by the General meeting.

 Behaviour Focus this week: Parade behaviours

 Social Skills focus this week (ask your child about this): How to be a good loser

School improvement focus: Maths-Problem Solving, Writing-Vocabulary, Reading-Inferential Comprehension, Teacher Capability development

Principal News: Our four Student Captains/Leaders went on their 3 day leadership camp on Wednesday to the Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre. They will be learning leadership skills and designing their plan for the year. Mr Weimar will join them on Friday when they will present their plan to the leaders from other schools. The presentation of the Leaders Badges will be on parade on the 20th of February at 8.50am. This is due to the fact that the badges have been held up in transit.

Parents please remind your children (high school age also) that the school and especially the school oval is out of bounds after school hours particularly when it is flooded due to safety concerns.

The students will have a crocodile safety and awareness talk on Monday by Wildlife Officers from the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) starting at 9.10am – parents are welcome to join them.

Mel and Tracy will be going to a budget and HR meeting on Monday at Mossman High School for the day.

Same day notification (Attendance and absence follow up). As of the start of 2017 all Queensland State Schools MUST follow up on unexplained student absences each and every school morning. Please notify us by a phone message, a phone call or a note sent in with a sibling if your child is away. If we don’t hear from you by 9.15am we will attempt to call you and make contact notes in our system. Please assist us by notifying us immediately of absences.

We are inviting parents of the school captains and leaders to a morning tea with their students and the Principal straight after the badge presentation parade.

Wonga Beach State School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians, the Kuku Yalanji, of the country in which this school is located and pays respect to their Elders past and present.
DENTAL VAN NEWS

A warm and friendly welcome to 2017 from the school dental staff at Mossman Van.

Please be advised that this is a Reminder for all parents and caregivers to book your FREE dental check-up for your children aged 4-17.

Dental examinations can be completed in the dental van based at the Mossman Hospital. Parents MUST be in attendance at this visit.

All students will receive a FREE dental show bag full of great tooth friendly goodies to take home.

Call 1300 300 850 or pop into the van and see Sue to arrange your appointment time.

Best Wishes... Keep smiling!

DONATIONS:

The P&C are asking for any donations for future raffles and in particular the Easter raffle which will be happening soon.

RED DAYS this term:

- 17th February
- 24 March – Fun run day

A red day means that we can serve “sometimes” foods at the tuckshop. Eg: chips, lollies, softdrink etc.

Student of the Week

PREP - Jake for being so helpful all the time
Huey for participating in group discussions
Abbie for putting lots of thought and effort into her sentences

1/2/3/4 – Tasia for consistently working hard in all areas and for being an excellent role model

3/4/5 – Joel for always being a respectful learner and putting 100% into everything he does
Deklen for his great sizzling start during English writing

5/6 – Kiara for her helpfulness and enthusiasm
Jesse F for his confident approach to his work
CHILDREN’S AFTER SCHOOL ART

DAB (Mossman Art Gallery; opposite the Library) Wednesdays 3;00-5;00 $15 (includes the cost of the project) dream catchers, friendship bangles, wall hangings, collage on canvas, pastels on paper, paintings, Printmaking, Beading, T-shirt art, Mobiles & nature art. (Artwork can be displayed in the gallery also for the exhibition)

Please Ring Connie on 0423 962996 for more info.
At Wonga Beach State School, the skill of Problem Solving is explicitly taught. Students are encouraged to develop and discover their own problem-solving strategies and become adept at using them for problem-solving. This will help them with their confidence in tackling problem-solving tasks in any situation, and enhance their reasoning skills. Students develop flexibility to choose from the variety of strategies they have learned.

**Problem Solving Strategies explicitly taught at Wonga Beach:**
- Act it out or use concrete materials to help you (p-1 only)
- Draw a picture or diagram
- Write a number sentence or an algorithm
- Look for a pattern
- Look for important words, numbers & symbols in the question
- Create a graph
- Guess & check
- Build it, draw it or make it
- Draw a table
- Make a list
- Make the problem simpler
- Work backwards
- Use inverse operations
- Use logical reasoning

George Polya (1887 – 1985) was one of the most famous mathematics educators of the 20th century. Dr Polya identifies four stages that form the basis for any serious attempt at problem solving:
1. Understand the problem
2. Devise a plan
3. Carry out the plan
4. Look back (reflect)

FNQ State Schools have adapted this framework to encourage flexible thinking throughout the problem solving process. It is frequently the case that students move backwards and forwards between and across the phases. Wonga Beach has adopted this framework.

Wonga Beach ‘Think Board’: