Welcome to our new families – the Harper and Child families. We hope you enjoy your time at Wooroolin. With these additional numbers it has led to some interesting developments at Wooroolin!

Our enrolment for next year looks promising – as our numbers stand it will mean a third teacher for us. I have been speaking to Staffing and they will make a decision for a third teacher in Week 9 of the school year (week beginning 28 November) but need accurate numbers for this.

If our numbers are above 50 our year will start with three teachers until Day 8. As is their custom, Education Queensland will make a formal decision on staffing after the Day 8 census (2012) and will then decide if a third teacher will remain longer. With this in mind, could I please ask each of you to complete the tear off slip attached. This is very important. As you can understand, having a third teacher will have many ramifications on our classes and resources and decisions will need to be made swiftly to accommodate this change. If you know of any incoming families, please also let us know.

Our weeks are getting busier at school. Please check the Date Claimers regularly. Whilst our focus remains solidly on the curriculum, there are a number of other upcoming events which will impact our timetables. Today we will be hosting the Small Schools Persuasive Speech competition. Good luck to our participants – Rochelle and Tyler.

There will only be one more newsletter this year but if you have any concerns or questions, in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Our Year 7s attend the Small Schools Year 7 Transition Day next Tuesday (22\textsuperscript{nd}). Students should have received a copy of the format for the day and permission slip to walk down to the Hall for this.

Over the past weeks I have been working with a Web developer to create a website for our school. The current site is out-of-date and certainly not very user-friendly. I am hoping the new website will be complete by the end of the year and certainly for the beginning of 2012. The website has been designed as an informative document for our families and the wider community as well as a working site for students and the eCurriculum (internet learning).
Changes to school holidays

After an overwhelming response to its recent survey on proposed holidays, the Queensland Government is introducing changes to make our work-life balance even better.

The Queen’s birthday holiday will be moved from June to the first Monday in October with a one-off Queen’s Diamond Jubilee holiday to be held on the June long weekend in 2012. This means in 2012 the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee holiday is on Monday 11 June and the Queen’s birthday holiday on October 1.

Student free days will be shifted to create a two-week break at Easter — making it easier to plan a break, keeping the length of school terms more consistent and easing disruption for families.

For more information visit www.qld.gov.au/holidays.

State government helps with school travel costs

The Queensland Government understands education is essential for Queensland’s development. Although parents are responsible for making suitable travel arrangements for their children to attend school, the government does provide assistance with transport costs, and in some cases, provides free bus travel to school. The assistance for eligible students, in certain circumstances, is provided under the School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS). For more information on whether you may be eligible for assistance under STAS go to www.tmr.qld.gov.au/schooltransport or contact the Department of Transport and Main Roads in Toowoomba on 4639 0854.
It is that time of year when students get to decorate a German Gingerbread House.

Year 6/7 students are decorating a Gingerbread House and are asked to please bring a container, that is approximately 20 cm² (8 inches square) and is able to have a house that is 18cm tall in it. This activity will be taking place on Tuesday 29 November 2011 during the LOTE lessons. A reminder that everything else is pro-

New additions to the Wooroolin State School have been spotted in our tree recently ... a family of Tawny Frogmouths. Here we see Mum & her 3 babies

Make an offer on this Hisence large analogue TV

Giveaway

Set of World Book Encyclopaedias
First in gets the lot ...
contact the Office
Cinquains … from Years 1 & 2

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Sun 20 Caleb Thomas

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Bugle Band Uniforms

Do you still have your band uniform at home????
Please return it to school by Monday 21 Nov.

"Caught Being Good"

Congratulations to William for great reading with Mrs Nichol-