Parents, Carers and our Community,

Over the short time I have spent at Wulguru State School I have very much enjoyed the smiling and enthusiastic students, professional staff, supportive parents and in general, the Wulguru Spirit. It is for these reasons (and plenty more), I am personally sad to deliver this news. This is my last term as the Principal of Wulguru State School. Your newly appointed Principal is Sandra Perrett. Sandra has been a Principal of schools now for a number of years and this appointment to Wulguru is a promotion for her. I know Sandra and she will bring to your learning community a wealth of knowledge, experience and importantly, passion for your students and school. Sandra will be here for the long haul. This is a very good thing for Wulguru.

On a personal note, I feel a little explanation is warranted. In the Education System, to get a promotion all aspiring leaders need to follow a process every year. A lengthy written application is forwarded, then if successful, a demanding interview. All successful applicants are rated. Then when a school comes up for a new principal, a panel will then select suitable applicants and interview them again to see who is the 'best fit' for the job. This year, I did not go through this application process, therefore I am ineligible to win any principal positions. Unless… the school principal position comes up on an ‘Out of Sync’ style application process, which is what we originally thought was going to happen. Without going into things too much, Wulguru might have, but didn’t, therefore it went through the ‘Application’ process.

So it is not a case of me not wanting the job, nor a case of me ‘missing out’, it is a case of the best applicant (who went through the application process), winning the job. Congratulations to Sandra. I met with her yesterday, we walked around the school and I can tell you, she will value your school community and do her best for you and your students for years to come.

So, let’s get to the rest of the year. It is my goal to do my very best for students, teachers and parents in the remaining weeks of Term 4 here at Wulguru. Please read on.

What’s in store….

- Learning each and every day, right up to the last day of school.
- Teachers are currently completing assessments on student learning related to standards. Teachers will moderate student assessments to determine an A - E rating for student report cards. Report will be posted in the last
week of school—are your address details up to date?

- Keep in mind a ‘C’ on a report for Achievement means your child is operating at the year level standard. A rating of ‘C’ here in Wulguru is the same as a ‘C’ at any other school. We have worked hard to make this so. A ‘B’ is very good and above the year level standard.

- Teachers are collecting student learning data including reading levels and maths results so our school can determine what we are doing well and what we need to work on for next year. We know each and every child’s performance here at Wulguru SS.

- We have our new Prep families going through the enrolment process. Very exciting for them.

- A school disco on Friday night.

- Bravehearts performance for students in P - 4 next week (see below).

- School leadership nominations for our students in Years 5 and 6.

- Mr Wilson has his lunchtime T Ball challenge starting this week.

- Student behaviour is very important. We have high expectations and this does not change whether it is the first day or last day of school.

An Invitation to All Parents

Parents are invited to make a time to discuss your child’s class placement and education in 2014. If you would like to discuss your child’s placement in 2014, or any issue that may help them educationally, please contact the office to make a time to talk with me - NOW. Our School will be making 2014 class lists in several weeks. We are already planning for teachers on year levels, classroom placements, resources, etc. to make sure we have a fantastic start to Term 1 next year.

Climbing the Fences

Parents and Carers, please encourage your children to exit the school via the gates. We have seen some children climbing fences to exit the school (an in some cases, the big fence near top exit). This is dangerous – we have not had any falls yet however, one broken arm is one too many.

BraveHearts – Personal Safety Show

Next week all students from P - 4 will be attending a performance titled ‘The Ditto Show’. The show is aimed at providing students the basic principles of personal safety. Topics covered through the show consist of Yes and NO feelings, The Body’s Warning Signs, Private Parts, Secrets and what to do if you feel unsafe or unsure. It is 35 minutes in length and free to all students.

If you do not want your child to participate, please let your child’s teacher know or myself. If you would like to ask any questions around the show, please let me know.

Live the Wulguru Spirit
John Kratzmann

REMINDER
Office closes at 3:30pm
Children not collected will be taken to OSHC
Interschool Sport
This Friday is the final day of Season 3 Interschool Sport. This is also the final day of Interschool Sport for 2013. Throughout the course of the year 130 students (out of 152, 85%) in Years 5-7 participated in one or more sports. Data shows that, for a number of children, the only form of organised sport they play is through school sport. Thank you to our respective sports coaches who provided this opportunity for our students. Thank you to all of our Interschool Sport participants for showing great Wulguru Spirit throughout the year.

There will be a celebration of sporting success at the Annual Sports Awards on December 7th.

Learn to Swim Program Prep-3
This Program starts in Week 9 (Monday 2nd December). The cost of this program is $55 for 7 x lessons. This cost also includes bus fare. Payment of this $55 can be made anytime at the Office. For your child to participate, payment must be received by Wednesday 27th November.

Lunch Time Games
Today was the start of lunch time game activities. House Captains have organised Inter-house Tee-Ball games for our Year 4 & 5 students. There will also be Inter-house Touch and Tee-Ball competitions for Year 6 & 7 students in coming weeks. These activities are a great way to finish the year, with houses winning points towards the House Cup, that will be awarded at the Sports Awards.

Brook Wilson
5H Measurement
We do our best work when we are relaxed and comfortable!
Students of the Week

Lukeah Crisp—PB
Kylissa Clay—PS
Damon Barrie—1B
Sienna Blackman—1H
Jason Wod—2XO
April Major—2XO
Malachi Ireland—3M
Noah Cole—3C
Summer Walters—3/4T
Arielle Leech—PB
Mikaela Booker—PS
Riley Lewis—1B
Kobi Bruhn—1H
Zachary Carroll—2XO
Michayla Lafferty—2XO
Travis Andrews—3M
Faith Voss—3C
Khatli Storey—3/4T

Wulguru Dental Clinic

The Wulguru School Dental Clinic has been treating the students from the Wulguru State School from Prep to Grade 7 throughout 2013. All parents who have returned a Dental Consent form should now have received notification if treatment was required or not.

The current offer of treatment for Wulguru State School students will close in December 2013. We currently aim to give an offer of routine treatment every two years with emergency treatment only being available at the clinic in between these offers.

Any parents that have not yet returned a form and wish their child to receive treatment through this service should call directly to the clinic or Ph. 4778 2360.

We would like to thank those students and parents who have already attended.

Parents of Grade 7 students are reminded that the School dental Program continues to provide services for high school students through to Grade 10, through the Wulguru clinic. During Grade 8, 9 & 10, parents are required to contact the clinic (Phone 47782360) to arrange appointments for their child as no forms or appointments are issued through the high school.

Kind regards
The School Dental Team

WULGURU SCOUT GROUP
CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL

Wulguru Scout Group are seeking donations from the community for their Christmas food appeal

All donations will be passed onto Food Relief NQ who will pass your kind donations onto the communities most needy

WHERE: Wulguru Scout Den, Edison Street Wulguru.
WHEN: Sunday 1st December 2013 9am-12pm
WHAT WE NEED: Donations of food items (except cold items)

COME ALONG AND DONATE
SHOW YOUR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT
EVERY DONATION GETS A FREE SNAG OFF THE BBQ

FOOD RELIEF
Feeding The Needy

Junior Assembly
Friday's
1:15 - 1:45pm

Learning Together Opens a World of Opportunities
Congratulations to Alicia of 3C for winning the kite from Slush Puppie. Keep checking the cups because there is another one to be won. Happy flying Alicia.

Friday 1st November was the 3rd annual “Tuckshop Volunteers Day”. This event happens every year on the 1st Friday in November around the country to show appreciation for the hours of help people contribute to tuckshops. Thank you to Ann, Julie, Gail, Vanessa, Jo, Tammy, Kristy, Amy, Hellen, Narelle, Kimmy, Kelly, Joanne, Erica and Simone.

Eat well, stay healthy,

Annette Winfield

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**Tuckshop Roster**

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**OSHC News**

The end of the school year is fast approaching and we have an exciting Vacation Care program for the December 2013/January 2014 school holidays!

Our excursions include going to the movies, Reef HQ, Riverway, Billabong Sanctuary, Strand Water Park and Pizza Hut, as well as plenty of fun activities to do at the centre.

Our opening days for the school holidays are:
- December 16th - 20th 2013 (1 week)
- We are then closed between December 21st 2013 - January 5th 2014 reopening January 6th - 24th 2014 (3 weeks)

We are open between 7:30am-6:00pm and the daily fee is $45 (before Centrelink subsidy).

If you have a child starting Prep in 2014, they are able to start attending OSHC in January.

Come on in and pick up one of our programs and enrolment forms or email me on wulguruoshc@hotmail.com and I can send one out to you. Any questions, please don’t hesitate to come and see me or give me a call on 4729 1833.

Thanks,

Caitlin

Wulguru SS P&C Outside School Hours Care

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**ABSTUDY**

**Things you should know**

Is your child starting High School in 2014?

It’s important to enrol your child now if they are planning to move to high school, local school or boarding school in 2014.

Leaving it to the last minute may mean missing out on a place and will affect ABSTUDY payments.

ABSTUDY claims for 2014 can be lodged from 1 October 2013 by calling ABSTUDY on Freecall™ 1800 132 317.

For more information visit humanservices.gov.au

Phone ABSTUDY on Freecall™ 1800 132 317 or visit your nearest Service Centre or Agent.

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**Uniforms are available from OSHC - E Block**

**Before & After School**

**School Banking**

**Fridays**

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