Principal’s Pen

Parents, Carers and our Community,

You have heard me say this before, Wulguru State School is a real community asset.

Each and every day, our School strives to give every single student the very best opportunities for learning in a fun and supportive environment. Please celebrate our school with family and friends. You will find lots to talk about in this newsletter.

Recently I had a Principal of another school visit Wulguru. After our meeting we walked around the school and were greeted by smiling, friendly students. The grounds were freshly mown, free of litter and the breeze slid up the hill refreshingly. ‘The School feels fantastic’ was the comment by my colleague. On behalf of every student, teacher, support staff member, the P and C, and every parent I replied with a proud, ‘thank you’.

Stuart State School

I have been advised that our neighbouring school, Stuart State School, will close at the end of 2013.

This decision was made by the Minister for Education, Training and Employment following careful consideration of the school viability assessment and independent consultation reports.

This will be a difficult time for the Stuart School community.

It is expected that some of the students affected by this closure will enrol at our school. We will warmly welcome these students to our school and look forward to supporting them as they transition to Wulguru.

I look forward to your support and co-operation in welcoming new students and parents into our School community.

Support Staff Day

Today in our school we celebrated with a morning tea, the roles and sterling efforts of our ‘Support Staff’ who support our school, students and teachers in
Principal’s Pen Continued....

many and varied ways. From our hard working Schools Officer (Mr Walsh) and our cleaning team who keep the grounds in tip top shape for our students, our Tuckshop staff who provide healthy choices for our students, to our Office staff who keep the school running smoothly each day, to our classroom and general teacher aides supporting the learning, attendance and wellbeing of our students. On behalf of our students, school and community, Thank you. I value and appreciate a great team effort. I look forward to working alongside you next term.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN test results for our Years 3, 5 and 7’s are out for schools to access now. I have had a look at ours and can say we have made improvements in a number of areas. Our writing and reading has shown great signs of improvement. I look forward to sharing the exact areas of improvement with you all in future newsletters. Keep in mind that NAPLAN is only a point in time test and we use the results to ‘stack up’ against the other forms of assessment we use in the school. Stay tune for more.

Enrol for Prep in 2014 NOW

Enrolments for our 2014 Prep Year are coming in thick and fast. Thank you. Please tell your family and friends. Our Prep Year is awesome. We have experienced teachers, fantastic resources, all in a safe and supportive, welcoming environment. Even though your child will not be starting until 2014, it is great for our school to know who is coming so we can plan to make the start of the year as smooth and wonderful as we can for your children.

Positive Behaviour Support

Thank you for your support each and every day to guide our students to be the best they can be in and out of the classroom. With over 400 students actively learning each day we do have to work through some issues from time to time. Please be reassured that if there is an issue, all staff do take things seriously, situations will be thoroughly investigated and reported to parents and consequences will apply (in line with our School Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students). We take a problem solving approach into every day, into every classroom and every child. This is important to us. Thank you

Emergency Evacuation Practice

This week our whole school will be having an emergency evacuation practice. We need to have these so if there is an emergency, our teachers and students are well drilled and things happen smoothly. If your child comes home and says we had a fire at school today, please be reassured that it was a drill. Ask them how they went.

While in Our Uniform

Parents and Carers, please remind your children that while they are in our school uniform they are representing Wulguru SS. We have high expectations of our students. We have had several reports about students in uniform in the park late in the afternoons teasing each other. I ask all parents to make sure they give clear instructions to their children of how and when they are to get home from school.

School Targets

Our school targets for all students are around Reading, Attendance and Student Behaviour. Parents and Carers, please:

- ask your child about their reading level and how they are working towards becoming a better reader (this week I met with lots of students who are improving in their reading)
- Get your child to school every day - We want every child here every day

Expect great behaviour - we do.

Live the Wulguru Spirit

John Kratzmann
Deputy News

School Concert
Our Shining Stars concert is only 6 weeks away! Tickets go on sale on Monday. Get your seats early so you can get the best seats. We've kept costs down to a minimum so it is affordable for as many families as possible. A $50 family price is not far from the cost of going to the movies (without the popcorn) so please budget to get to our school concert. The school is putting on a concert for you! Having the theatre full is important to our young performers so I trust we'll see you there!

Booklists
We hope to send out next years booklist to parents early next term if you want to get your child's requirements through Fairfield Central News. You will get to collect what you ordered by the end of the year so you won't need to worry about booklists over the holidays.

Stuart State School Closure
It is extremely sad for the Stuart community to lose their school. I can understand the anger and disappointment those parents and students must feel as a result of the decision to close their school. Our School and community will welcome parents wishing to enrol their children here at Wulguru SS. This may mean our school will grow significantly in numbers next year. Rest assured we will be prepared for this growth and provide the very best schooling outcomes for all our current students and future students.

Tony Di Giacomo

Missing Teddy!
Could all parents and students keep an eye out for a teddy bear missing since the Teddy Bear Dress Up Competition on Fete night! He is described as:

Light green with a plastic face
Dressed as a Cowboys player (shirt, hat and boots)
About 30cm tall
If you have any information please see Miss Melvin.

From the Sports Desk

Learn to Swim Program
Next Term we will be offering Learn To Swim Lessons to students in Years Prep - 5.
This program involves 7 lessons at Tobruk Pool, The Strand. The program for Yrs 4 & 5 will begin week 3, next Term. The cost of this program is $42. Students in Years 4 & 5 will receive further information about this tomorrow. The Prep - 3 Program will commence later in the Term.

North Queensland Representatives
As mentioned in our last newsletter, Wulguru had an astounding 13 students invited to attend the North Queensland Athletic Trials held last week. From these trials: Kyren Walters (800m, Long Jump & Tetrathlon), Jason Doomadgee (AWD 100m, 200m) and Patricia Starlight-Clumpoint (AWD 100m, 200m) were selected in the North Queensland Regional Team. These athletes will travel to Brisbane to compete at the State Championships in October. In further North Queensland success, Bingen Balanzategui and Jordan Davies have been selected in the North Queensland U/11 Rugby League Team. These boys will play two matches against Peninsula Region after the holidays. Congratulations to all these athletes. It is a credit to our Wulguru Spirit that a school of our size produces a high number of North Queensland Players.

Rugby League Wrap Up
Whilst the season may be over for the Cowboys, the Wulguru Warriors U/11 Rugby League team will be playing in the Annandale Challenge on Friday. This is an U/11 Carnival involving 24 schools from across Northern Region. The Wulguru U/10 Rugby League Team (Junior Warriors) made the quarter finals in the Brothers U/10 Competition. In a see-sawing match they lost to The Willows by a try. Throughout the competition the team showed great spirit and most importantly had lots of fun. Brothers Junior Rugby League donated a tackling tube to all schools that participated in this competition. Thanks goes to Brothers for supporting Primary school Rugby League.

Brook Wilson

Friday 8:30am Start
5/6MM

Pottery Perfection

Group Collaboration

Naidoc Celebrations

We Love Working Outdoors
Students of the Week

Bronte Lawson—PB
Brooklin Miller—PS
Nicholas Bakker—1B
Mikaela O’Keeffe—1H
Jack Prior—2XO
Brodie Browne—2XO
Justin Smith—3M
Chloe Paulsen—3C
Matelia Fuller—PB
Allison Harris—PS
Ethan Stevenson—1B
Seth Paulsen—1H
Jaydan Hills—2XO
Quentin Richards—2XO
Liana Lennox—3M
Alicia Dalton—3C

Headlice

In schools, the management of head lice infestations is a recurring and challenging matter. It requires commitment from the whole school community in a concerted effort to treat outbreaks and minimise transmission. Communication and support within the school community can be conducive to minimising future infestations. The presence of head lice is a very common childhood occurrence in the community. The primary responsibility for the management and treatment of head lice in students belongs with parents.

At Wulguru SS we facilitate a whole-of-school approach to the management of head lice and we have implemented strategies from the Department of Health’s guideline for schools.

Briefly, how you can help:

- read through the ‘How to Manage Head Lice at Home’ booklet;
- for more information:
  andParasites/Parasites/headLice_fs.asp
- notify the school if your child is affected;
- if your child is suspected of having head lice or eggs present in their hair they will not be excluded from class or school. However, the school may request a parent to remove their child from school to administer immediate treatment and return after treatment is complete;

If your child is in year Prep – 3 you would have received a ‘How to Manage Head Lice at Home’ booklet and an Alert Notice which we have asked families to complete and return to the classroom teacher. Thank you to those who have done this. To those that haven’t please take action as requested and return the Reminder Notice.

Please take some time to read through the ‘How to Manage Head Lice at Home’ booklet it gives good practical advice about the treatment and prevention of head lice.

Year 4 - 7 will received this booklet and letter in Term 4.

Any question please don’t hesitate to contact the school office 4799 8777.
**Tuckshop Tales**

Due to the intentional running down of stock for the end of term some items may not be available, (chips are already out of stock). Sorry for any inconvenience.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the people who have volunteered this term on a very regular basis in the tuckshop. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer, please come by and leave your name and number, the roster is looking pretty sad at the moment.

Have a safe and happy holiday,

Annette Winfield

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**Tuckshop Roster
Thursday 19 Sept to Wed 16 Oct**

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**i7 Market Day**

Thursday 19th September

11:45am—1:15pm

In the Hall

Try the Jumping Castle, have a Lucky Dip, get your hair styled, eat, eat, eat!!!!

Choc dipped marshmallows, lolly skewers, ice creams, rocky road, supa soda spiders, jelly cups, icy cups, toffee and much more!

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**P&C News**

**Dodgers...** A very BIG thank you goes to all the children and their families for selling dodgers, Wonderful Effort. Special mention to the following students who sold 15 books or more, Sienna Blackman, Tyrese Street, Mackenzie Reiser, Summer Crawford, Dylan Fisher, Innes Hansen, Jacob Waldon, Elisha Waldon, Joshua Henderson, and Jacob de Haan. A total of 267 books sold, that’s AWESOME.

Congratulations to all the prize winning students.

**Year Level Prize “Surprise Bag” Winners**

Prep (Prep B) Summer Crawford, Yr 1 (1H) Sienna Blackman, Yr 2 (2XO) Rylan Bright, Yr 3 (3M) Katherine Kirkpatrick, Yr 4 (4G) Paige Levis, Yr 5 (5H) Elisha Waldon, Yr 6 (5/6MM) Zekalia Vaeau, Yr 7 (i7) Andrew Christelow.

**Booksellers Prize-** $200 Tyreece Street 1H,

**Child’s Prize -** Jacob de Haan most Dodgers sold.

To Tony, Lyn, Rod, Bonnie, thank you for organizing the fete, approx. $11000 was made and that’s great, well done, to all the helpers/volunteers’ thank you also.

**Fathers Days Stall...** Thank you to the following people for your assistance with working on, pricing or stocktaking, the Father’s day stall, Melissa Crawford, Liz MacKenzie, Carol Waldon, Elisha Waldon, Ann Wilson, Tyne Walters, Kathy Bakker, Rayleen Wood, Bonnie Wilkinson.

**Election Day Sausage Sizzle...** was successful. Over $650.00 profit made, a very busy day for a few of us. A big thank you to Dennis & Daniel Wilson, Cameron & Stella Bull, and especially Carol Waldon, Liz MacKenzie & Elisha Waldon for helping all day.

The P&C would like to thank everyone who volunteered or supported our endeavours this term.

It has been a very busy one, so enjoy the school holidays, I know I am looking forward to a break, and stay safe.

Are you looking to support your child/children without being in the class room, make some new friends, do you have a great idea, join the P&C. Make a difference, not just for your child but for all the children that attend Wulguru.

Hope to see you at the next P&C meeting in October.

Kathy Waldon

WSS P&C President
N.A.I.D.O.C. at Shalom College

Last Thursday a small group of students from Wulguru State School visited Shalom College for their N.A.I.D.O.C. celebrations.

The day was filled with many exciting and unique cultural activities.

The students participated in and observed cultural dancing, stalls, Traditional Kup-Murri, an Art Exhibition and many other activities.

The Students (Cultural Leaders) were enthusiastic, very well behaved and we all learnt from this wonderful cultural experience.

Michele Southwell
Indigenous Education Officer