Term 4, Week 4

Principal’s Pen

Parents, Carers and our Community,

Every Day Counts... I know you have all heard this before however let me say it again...every day counts. Each and every day here at Wulguru your child is exposed to quality teaching and learning experiences. Our teachers constantly are finding out what your child can do and what he or she needs to be able to do and, through these focused teaching sessions are building your child’s knowledge and skills. Our School targets reading, writing and maths. I encourage all parents and carers to make sure you make the most of the learning opportunities here at Wulguru - each session, each day really does count.

Boys in Mr Collins’ class making the most of a fun learning experience.

NAPLAN Performance

Our teachers are currently analysing our students performance in this year’s 3,5 and 7 NAPLAN tests. We use this information to help understand how our students are going compared to all students in Queensland and Australia. We also use the information to work out strengths and weakness in our whole school, in year levels and even for individual students. Let me share with you some of the important findings from our NAPLAN analysis:

- Our student improvement rate is higher than the state average improvement rate in reading, writing and numeracy. (This means that our teaching is working and kids who attend regularly, improve their results)
- Our Year 3’s show the greatest improvement in all areas. (Our school uses early intervention in literacy to strengthen the skills of students in P-3. It is working)
- Our Year 5’s and 7’s are performing well in numeracy (numeracy is strong at Wulguru)
- Our boys results are stronger in maths than in reading and writing (our School needs to examine our literacy programs for boys)

Winning Awards

Our School has many reasons to be proud. Here are two great examples:

- Wulguru SS received a ‘Certificate of Excellence’ for over 10 students moving into the final round of judging in the 2013 Schools Writing Competition - (Great work)
Principal’s Pen Continued....

Our Phys Ed teacher, Mr Wilson, was recently nominated for an Australia wide award for his outstanding work in Primary School Rugby League (at a school, district, regional and Queensland level). Mr Wilson attended a special ceremony in Sydney and was announced the Runner Up for this award - that's second place.... Well done Mr Wilson, that's the Wulguru Spirit. We are very lucky to have such a qualified, professional and dedicated staff.

Student Behaviour

Please remind your children that we expect the very best behaviour here at Wulguru SS. In class and in the playground we expect our students to be fair, be safe and be their best. This means using the appropriate language, respecting other students and certainly keeping our hands and feet to ourselves. We appreciate your daily support.

Important Information – Focus Schools

Our School receives funding from a variety of sources. All funds are allocated and targeted to meet a specified need within the school - learning, buildings, resources, teacher training, grounds, etc. Early on this year we received targeted funds through the 'Investing in Focus Schools' initiative. This funding is aimed at improving the performance in literacy and numeracy of our indigenous students. Next week our school is delivering our student learning plans to all indigenous families here at Wulguru. This is mandatory part of the funding and I look forward to sharing these learning plans with our indigenous families. We have also used a large part of this funding to improve the teaching of writing and maths to each and every child here at Wulguru.

My door is always open for parents and carers to come in and discuss our school planning and what we are doing for each and every child here at Wulguru. For each and every child, every day counts.

Enrol for Prep in 2014

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.

Shining Stars

I am looking forward to my first Shining Stars concert this Thursday night. Please encourage your friends and family to purchase tickets. I look forward to a full theatre of our Wulguru community sharing and enjoying our student's efforts on stage. See you there.

Live the Wulguru Spirit

John Kratzmann

REMINDER

Office closes at 3:30pm
Children not collected will be taken to OSHC
Learn to Swim Program Prep-3

By now, all students in Years Prep-3 would have received information regarding the Learn To Swim Program. 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.

Queensland Representative

At the recent Queensland Track and Field State Championships, Trisha Starlight Clumpoint won silver medals in the 100m, 200m and 800m AWD Events. As a result of this outstanding performance Trisha has been selected in the Queensland Track and Field Team. Trisha will be competing for Queensland, at the National Track and Field Championships, at the end of November. Trisha is Wulguru’s first QLD Rep, since 2002. Great job Trisha, you showed great Wulguru Spirit.

Brook Wilson

Office News

Student Accounts

As the end of the school year creeps up on us please take the time to check your child’s account. Statements were sent home last week to those who have outstanding accounts. We still have many families who haven’t paid their voluntary contribution and ICT levy, these levies help the school support important programs and technology in the classroom.

2nd Hand Uniforms

If you have any uniforms that you no longer need please consider donating them to the school, they don’t go astray particularly at the beginning of a new school year.

Friday—School Hours

School starts and finishes 30 minutes earlier on Fridays. This has been done to maximise learning time for students that participate in Interschool Sport which includes most students from Years 5-7.

I understand this can create some confusion to parents, however this has now been part of our school routine for quite a while.

Students who do not catch a bus, are expected to leave the school grounds promptly. If you are picking them up, you are expected to be here no later than 2:45pm. Some parents are quite lazy about picking up their children often leaving them unattended for more than an hour.

There is no formal supervision of students after school because it is your responsibility to care for them after school …… please be punctual for your child’s sake!

Tony Di Giacomo

Deputy News

School Concert

The night happens tomorrow night. The children are very excited and what an opportunity they have been given.

Thank you for supporting your child by either attending or getting them there. The teachers have been working hard since the start of the term to get them ready for their performance.

As of yesterday, 461 seats have been sold…. So many seats are available. We really need to sell approximately 700 seats to cover costs so I hope we get lots of people buying their tickets on the night.

The concert starts at 7:00pm sharp …..and should conclude by approximately 9:30pm. A program will be on sale at the theatre for $1.00. Please stay for the entire concert.

There are lots of great performances in the second half of the program and those children would love for you to see them do their thing.

There is even our own super group WABBA, consisting of four staff members performing their latest hit “Wulguru for you”.

It is an enjoyable night and I trust you will feel it was an enjoyable night.

Booklists

If you wish to pre-order your child’s books for next year, through Fairfield Central News, your order form needs to be returned with payment by November 11. If you have misplaced your order form, please call into the school office to pick one up or ask your child to do so.

Deputy News Cont....

From the Sports Desk
The year 6’s recently went to Camp Kanga near Proserpine for our annual school camp. We had an awesome time and were very well behaved. The first day we played games on the oval and had a slip and slide. We spent day 2 at the Airlie Beach Lagoon Pool, where we swam, played cricket on the beach and looked for crabs in the bay.
On day 3 we travelled by ferry to Daydream Island, where we kissed a shark, held a starfish and fed the barramundi and the stingrays. We also enjoyed a game of mini golf, walked through the rainforest and swam in the resort pool.

We returned to school exhausted but a great time was had by all.
Students of the Week

Robert Johnson—PB
Jade Paulsen—PS
Ricky Clay—1B
Mia Sienkowski—1H
Tahleah Sorovaki—2XO
Jarrod Ross—2XO
Leighton Wilmott-Hess—3M
Lilly Pendleton—3C
Favin Just—PB
Jarrod Coleman—PS
Alexa Ireland—1B
Ronald Norris—1H
Quentin Richards—2XO
Summer Van Der Drift—2XO
Leighanna Baird—3M
K.T. Leigh Harris—3C
Joel Brown—3/4T

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Well the end of year is fast approaching and the six active P&C members are looking forward to a well-deserved break, after another busy but successful year.

In 2014 we will be losing a couple of our executive P&C members so we are asking you to please start thinking about joining your P&C.

The meetings start at 6.30pm and are held on the last Monday of every month, excluding those that fall on school holidays. Our next meeting is on Monday 25th November and it’s our last one for the year.

We have members that work fulltime, part time and also retired community members, they are from all walks of life; we are all busy people with families and other commitments, however we still manage to give a little time back to the school community.

The P&C puts approximately $25 000 per year back into the school - this money supports programs the school already runs and much, much more. Please don’t sit back and say, “I don’t have time or I’ll go to the next one” join now and be part of this fantastic hard working group, you might just be surprised.

You may not see or hear about everything they do, but the P&C do a great job...come and join in!

Hope to see you at the next P&C meeting,

Kathy Waldon
WSS P&C President
**Tuckshop Tales**

This Friday is “National Tuckshop Volunteers Day” so to all the wonderful people that help out in the tuckshop, thank you very much for the great work you all do. If you know someone who volunteers in the tuckshop, please show your appreciation and say thanks.

If anyone would like to become a volunteer please come in and introduce yourself. Tea and coffee are supplied and your lunch is provided. Your children enjoy seeing a familiar face and you get to meet people with similar interests and form great friendships, so please consider giving it a go.

Eat well, stay healthy,

Annette Winfield

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**Tuckshop Roster**

**Thursday 31 Sept to Wed 13 Nov**

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**Friday 8:30am Start**

**Student Leaders Badges**

Congratulations to Bingen. He joins Madeleine Wilson, Ebony O’Shea Bremner, Ieuan Harker and Taryn Pressley on achieving their Student Leader badges.

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**Prep Information Evening**

6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. 23rd October

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