Dear Parents and Carers,

Wulguru State School is a real community asset. I see this every day as our students are surrounded by quality opportunities at school both in and out of the classroom. It is very clear that our parents, carers and wider community really value the school and all that happens within. Please celebrate our fantastic school with family and friends. It is also important to remember that with 400 students here each and every day, that there will be the odd problem we need to sort through and solve. Our Admin team, teachers and all staff are committed to helping each and every student. Sometimes we have to face some tough situations. This is life. After all, we do see our students as ‘young adults in training’. Please contact myself, Tony, the Admin team or our teachers if you or your children have any concerns. Our students and school are important to all of us. Please read on, celebrate and share with your children.

Wonderful Writing

“In a remote village, the snow burned the landscape with intensity. It is an icy cold winter in Japan.” This is how a Year 3 student (a boy) started a paragraph of writing during the week. I visited the classroom and saw the writing process in action. During last week we had a writing and teaching specialist visit our school and work with all teachers, in classrooms, on our professional learning. She focussed on the process of teaching writing. All teachers appreciated the opportunity for this professional development and as you can see, the results across the year levels were impressive. As a staff, we will continue to work hard to offer your students the very best.

Y.U.M.I. Maths

This week we have a specialist on YUMI maths in our school. As a staff we are exploring strengthening every child’s understanding of maths through hands on approach called YUMI Math. Strategies we are learning are proving quite successful. Can’t wait to see the results in the future.

Enrol for Prep in 2014 NOW

Enrolments for our 2014 Prep Year are open NOW. Please tell your family and friends. Our Prep Year is awesome. We have experienced teachers, fantastic...
Wulguru Wrap-Up

Term 3, Week 9

The whole school behaviour plan went out in the last newsletter. I hope it is on the fridge. Please discuss with your child.

If your child does not follow our rules and does not respond to the support plans in place, we will phone and seek your assistance. Your support to encourage your child to stick to our rules is appreciated.

Wonderful Fete

This was my first Wulguru Fete. I had heard fantastic things about the fete and saw first hand last Friday, the support from the teachers, P and C, students, parents, carers and community. It was great to talk to some ex students who always come to the fete year after year. Again, Wulguru is a real community asset. It was a wonderful night. Thank you to all for supporting your community school. I enjoyed Mr D’s work on the microphone.

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. This includes coming to school, going home and while visiting the shops across from the school. Any misbehaviour in uniform will have consequences at school.

Great Feedback

This week I read a letter to the staff, written by a relief teacher that worked in our school for several weeks. It was a glowing letter about our school. It is wonderful to hear the many positives that happen in our school every day. Some snippets from the letter for you include: ‘...the most well behaved, respectful and just lovely kids...’ (talking about our students), ‘saw how great the teachers are with their students’, ‘woke up every day and looked forward to coming to school’, ‘fantastic school’. Sometimes it is easy to get hung up on a few of the negatives that may happen each day. It is great to hear the positives.

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

Tuckshop Tales

As the term draw to a close, some items may intentionally be run out. However I will try to make these as minimal as possible.

Annette Winfield

Tuckshop Roster

Thursday 5 Sept to Wed 18 Sept

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DSC News

Dodgers

The dodgers sold very well, however I don’t think we reached our target, I will let you know once we get all the books back. Thank you to all the children and their families for selling them, you did an awesome job.

Congratulations to Jacob de Haan, for winning the Book sellers prize, with 46 books sold.

Year Level “Surprise Bag” will be drawn next week.

Father’s Day Stall

Great patronage at the Father’s Day stall once again. Thank you all for your support, hope your Dads enjoyed their gifts and had a wonderful day.

Urgent Help Needed

We will be running a Sausage Sizzle on Election Day, from 9:30 set up to 1:30 finish. If you are available to help in anyway, please call Kathy on 0400 281 733.

Friday Night Raffle

Once again John has been running these raffles with very little help, it only takes around 2 hours and its a wonderful night. Thank you to all for supporting your community school. I enjoyed Mr D’s work on the microphone.

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**OSHC News**

Hi Everyone,

Our Vacation Care program is now out for the September/October school holidays!

Excursions include Hogs Breath Cafe, Movies, 4fun and Kirwan Aquatic Centre, as well as in-centre activities including art and crafts, science experiences and plenty more!

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

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.

Also, another reminder that we are unable to take any last minute bookings this Tuesday, 5th September as we are attending a cricket gala afternoon. Sorry for any inconvenience. Thanks.

*Callin OSHC Co-ordinator*

**Uniform Shop News**

Uniforms are available to purchase in the OSHC building every day between 6:30-9:30am and 2:00-6:00pm. There are many discounted items available so come on in and check them out! You will also be able to purchase uniforms on Fete night until 6:30pm. We now also have EFTPOS available for payment.

**Our specials include:**
- Wide brim hats - $5
- Head lice spray - $5
- Skirts (sizes 4-12) - $10
- Size 12 dresses - $10
- Pleated skirts (sizes 14-16) - $5
- Formal skirts (sizes 4-14) - $8.50
- Microfibre shorts (sizes 12-14) - $5

*(Available until sold out)*

*Callin OSHC Coordinator*

**School Fete**

School fete last Friday night was a successful event with a good crowd attending and lots of children having fun. I wish I knew how many fetes have been held over the years, but it is definitely a community event that people look out for and I trust it will continue to be held for many years to come.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed a little or a lot. I know some families contributed heaps towards lucky bucket donations or their time on the night helping out at a stall. Everyone’s bit towards the fete makes all the difference and I trust your support will continue in the future.

A special mention to some special people who without the fete would be so much harder to have. Lyn Wight for her organising skills (and partner John), Rodney and Bonnie Wilkinson for their enormous contribution and of course John Walsh who does so much in his own time. I also want to thank our school staff for organising and running stalls on the night and Stella and her Bendigo Bank Crew for taking care of the money!!

**Haunted House**

John Beningfield has over the years set up our “Haunted House” for the fete. John originally put together many wooden panels that he screws together to make a maze that he erects in one of our school rooms. He has been helping us out for years and the children really enjoy the Haunted House experience (thanks to Mitchell and his mates who provide the scare factor). John has hinted retiring from his role soon which I hope he never does! Until then please acknowledge his contribution if ever you cross paths with him.

**Dodgers**

Many thanks to everyone who sold dodgers. Some students / families made a great effort selling hundreds of dollars’ worth of dodgers. We appreciate everyone’s contribution and I understand fundraising activities can really put a drain on family finances….so thank you for your support.

Many thanks to Kathy Walden for putting so much effort into the dodgers and ensuring it was a success.

*Tony Di Giacomo*

**From the Sports Desk**

Red Track Team

Congratulations to all the athletes and cheer squad that attended the Interschool Athletics (Red Track) last Tuesday. The Wulguru Spirit was on display for all to see with all the Wulguru athletes giving their best. At the end of the day Wulguru had won all four trophies - Boys Trophy, Girls Trophy, Averages Trophy and Overall Winner by a massive 200 points.

This success was the result of solid training by our athletes. Thanks goes to the teachers who gave up their time to train our squad.

Special mention goes to our record breakers; Kyah Macdonald who broke a 27 year old record by jumping 1.38m in the 11yr girls high jump. Mia Foster set new records in the 11yr girls 100m, running 14.1 and the 200m running 29.18.

**North Queensland Trials**

As a result of their strong performance at the Red Track 10 students were invited to compete at the QLD Track & Field Trials - Zawai Murray (100m, Long Jump); Jordan Davies (Long Jump); Hunter Hughes (High Jump); Kyren Walters (800m); Kyah Macdonald (200m, shot put, high jump); Jessica Carter (100m, high jump); Summer Walters (100m); Mia Foster (100m, 200m), Amynah Willis (100m, Long Jump); Madeleine Wilson (100m, 200m). These athletes will compete at the North Queensland trials next Tuesday afternoon.

**Interschool Sport**

Season 3 of Interschool Sport starts next Friday, 13th September. Wulguru is competing in AFL, Boys T20 Ball, Girls T20 Ball and Basketball. Students that have been selected in these teams should have their permission note as well as invoice for $35 sport fees. It is important the permission note is returned by next Wednesday 11th September. Payment can be made anytime at the office.

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**Students of the Week**

Oliver Schneider— PB
Felicity Voss — PS
Jasper Penningson — 1B
Cameron Bull — 1H
Rylan Bright— 2XO
Rayvenna Coolwell — 2XO
Amber Skerrock — 3M
Travis Figg— 3C
Tanara O’Grady— 3/4T

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**Community Notices**

**WHAT -** SAINTS SIGN ON DAY

**WHEN -** FRIDAY 13TH SEPT 2013

**TIME -** 4:00PM – 5:30PM

**WHERE -** AT OONOOMBA PARK

COME AND TRY OUT AT SAINTS CRICKET CLUB

SIGN ON DAY!

There will be games and a free sausage sizzle. Bring your friends and have a go with milo!!

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