Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful staff we have here at Wulguru SS. You only need to walk into the school to get a real feel for the way our staff go about their business. Our grounds are looking fantastic thanks to the hard work and dedication of our School Officer and cleaners. Our Admin staff in the front office are always providing fantastic, friendly assistance to our students, parents and teachers. I know our teaching staff are delivering a quality curriculum to each and every student and promoting a very supportive learning environment for all. Well done Wulguru. When someone asks you what is special about Wulguru SS, you can tell them:

- Teachers know their students very well - they collect all types of student learning data, set targets for every student, and test them regularly to judge improvements (we have students getting A’s…that’s for sure)
- Every staff member in the school focuses on Reading, Maths, Attendance and a supportive environment
- Our hand, mind, body approaches to education improve student learning
- Our student camps, pottery program, dance program, Shining Stars Concert, our sports teams, tournament of the minds team, student choirs, instrumental band, laptop programs, all provide awesome opportunities for our students

In case I have forgot to mention…..

Wulguru has 1 computer for every 4 students that attend the school - and the best library resource centre in town…

But wait, there’s more….. Though you will have to wait till next newsletter because I have some other important messages for you.

School Targets

Setting targets is a great way to help the learning of our students. Wulguru SS will focus school targets, class targets and student targets around reading, student attendance and rewarding positive student behaviour. This is our focus for every child in every room.

Smiles on Faces

I enjoy seeing the smiles on faces when students learn and achieve. Lately I read with Peter from Year 1. He was so proud that he had improved his
Principal’s Pen Continued….

reading level. I also shared a fantastic story written by D’veka from Year 3.
Love the learning.

Student Attendance

All parents and carers please be reminded that if your child is away from
school, that a reason explaining their absence must be given to the school. A
phone call or a short note is fine. Please do not be offended if we phone up or
chase the unexplained absences. Your child’s attendance at school is important
to us.

Student Behaviours

As a school, we are focussing on the positive learning behaviours expected of all
our students. We are, week by week, focussing on teaching positive behaviour
and then rewarding students when they demonstrate these behaviours. I will
put into the newsletter the behaviour we are focussing on.

Over the past week teachers have been focussing on:

• Students using appropriate language in the school grounds and classrooms
• Students sitting quietly at eating time, placing their rubbish in the bins and then, when the bell goes, putting
  their hand up so the teacher on duty can release them

Running around the buildings - can be very unsafe.

Your support in encouraging you children to be ‘number 1’ is appreciated, necessary and valuable.

Uniforms

We expect all students to be in school uniform. This shows that they are a member of the Wulguru team. If you
need new items, uniforms are available at our Outside School Hours Care building in the afternoons. I know there
are some terrific specials. Please come in and have a look and get into a bargain.

NAIDOC Week

A huge thank you goes out Michele Southwell who arranged some wonderful activities for our students last week.
I enjoyed the week, the celebrations, the learning and growth of all of our children.

Wulguru P and C

I attended my first P and C meeting last Monday evening. The students, school and community are fortunate to
have such a motivated, dedicated and effective Parents and Citizens Association. Well done to the P and C
executive and committee. I look forward to playing my role in this team.

Yours In Education

See you at Parade next Wednesday (14th) at 9:00am.

John Kratzmann

REMINDER

Office closes at 3:30pm
Children not collected will be taken to OSHC
4 Way Meet
Next Wednesday, 14th August, from 9.15am - 12.30pm, Wulguru will be holding a 4 Way Meet Athletics Carnival. Ryan, Southern Cross and Good Shepherd will be visiting our school to compete. This carnival will involve all events except for 200m and High Jump. We have hosted this event for a number of years and it has provided great experience for our athletics team. A timetable of events will be sent home with the athletes next week. Parents are more than welcome to come along and spectate. I am also seeking a couple of parent volunteers to help with officiating. If you can assist please see Mr Wilson at school.

Wulguru Athletics Team
Over the past few weeks close to 100 students have been training for the Interschool Athletics Carnival. This year Wulguru will be travelling to the Red Track on Tuesday 27th August. Further information will be sent home after next week’s 4 Way Meet.

U/10 Rugby League Team
As per previous years, Wulguru will be entering a team in the Brothers U/10 Rugby League Competition. There have been more than 30 keen footballers attend team trials. For many players this is their first chance to play Rugby League for Wulguru and this competition is always good fun.

Brook Wilson

Fete Reminders
Our fete is less than four weeks away. Please return your Fete Stall Volunteer form by the end of the week. So few have been returned so far, yet so much help is needed. Don't leave it for somebody else to do your bit.

We appreciate if you could donate a bottle of soft drink (1.25lt) for one of our stalls as well as any items that could be used in the lucky buckets. Your contribution does make a difference!

I'll try to get out the “pre-paid” ride form to parents by Friday. A major attraction at the fete is the kid's rides and entertainment. It is cheaper to purchase an arm band before the night which gives unlimited rides and fun on the night.

Just a reminder that we are having a free dress day on Friday 15 August as a fundraising event for the fete.

Tony Di Giacomo

Friday 8:30am Start

School Fete
Friday 30th August
from 5:30pm - 9:30pm
Food & Drinks Entertainment
Lots of Stalls Cent Sale
Heaps of fun for everyone

Learning Together Opens a World of Opportunities
During Term 2, 3C wrote lots of Procedural (how to) Texts such as ‘How to Rig a Fishing Line’ and ‘How to Choose a Just Right Book’. We decided to write one called ‘How to Drive Mr Collins Crazy’ to show you how clever we really are.

First, arrive late so Mr C. has already started teaching and he has to stop and tell you what to do.

Secondly, make sure you don’t have a pencil so he has to get you one from the ‘Borrow Box’. There won’t be any there so he’ll start mumbling about what the word borrow means.

Next, rule a line with your hand instead of a ruler and make sure it is crooked and wobbly.

After that, cross your mistakes out instead of using a rubber.

When you change lessons, ensure your ‘tidy box’ is so messy that you can’t find what you need. Following that, glue the sheet he has given you into your pad crooked so that it sticks out the side of the pad and don’t glue the corners properly.

When it’s lunch time, get involved in a problem in the playground so he has to spend the first five minutes after the bell sorting it out.

At the same time, get a friend to ask if he/she can go to the toilet even though we have just come in after lunch. This one drives him really crazy!

Now, get your friends together and all go at the same time and ask him about things he’s already told you.

Continue ‘bugging’ him by leaving your homework in your bag so you have to go out and get it during class time.

Wait until Mr C. is in the middle of his lesson and go out to interrupt him with something that could have waited until later.

Then, make sure you do your work in the wrong pad so you can’t find it next time OR open your pad to a random spot and do your work there.

Finally, do something really kind and thoughtful towards your classmates so he feels ‘guilty’ for feeling frustrated. Then give him your cutest smile with ‘puppy’ eyes and ask him if you can go to the lolly jar.

P.S. These ‘steps’ work so well with Mr C. that we’re sure they’ll be useful with other teachers as well.

Contributed by ALL 3C students but special thanks to Chloe Argaet and D’veka Aakjaer.
We won lots of ribbons

Challenge Games 2013

A HUGE thank you to the parents and the staff who attended the Challenge Games. We hope you had a great day with your children, we sure had a lot of fun.
Students of the Week

Mackenzie Reisner—PB
Emily Chang—PS
Khye Burke—1B
Chelsea Rodom—1H
Jacob de Haan—2XO
Monique Wilson—2XO
Eli Lacey—3M
Patrick Oth—3C
Tyson Pratt—3/4T
Gage Cheney—PB
Jaymin Mitchell—PS
Emily Marker—1B
Travis Gosling—1H
Quentin Richards—2XO
Charde Wyles—2XO
Travis Andrews—3M
Daniel McDonald—3C
Jack Roberts—3/4T

Chappy News

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Chappy Phil Stark is from Townsville Central State School and he’s fantastic. He’ll be my replacement for the above time. He’ll be coordinating Pancake Tuesdays and Operation Christmas Child mostly, with a little bit of time to call in on classes and help out too. He’ll be calling in on Tuesday, August 13th to say hello so please make him welcome.

I’ll miss everyone here while I am gone but can’t wait to come back to being at school 3 days a week from Feb-June.

If you would like to talk more about the U.S or how excited I am to come back here when I’m back, come have a chat to me on Mondays and Tuesdays during the next few weeks.

Have a great fortnight,

Chappy Peita

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Townsville Brothers Swimming Club
2013/14 Sign On

Date: 11th August 2013
Venue: Ignatius Park College Pool
Time: 11am - 1pm
Enquiries to: tvlbrothersswimclub@hotmail.com
or phone: 0447 520 425

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OPEN DAY & MARKETS

Round up the family and join us for a fun day of market stalls, free trials and demonstrations of PCYC activities, jumping castle, sausage sizzle, face painting and displays from local emergency services, organisations and sporting groups.

→ Saturday 14th September
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SEE YOU AT THE CLUB!

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**Tuckshop Tales**

On Friday 16th August, the tuckshop will only be open until the end of lunch 1. All orders MUST be in the tuckshop before this day. **The tuckshop will be closed after lunch 1.**

There is another Slush Puppie kite to be won, so please keep checking the rim of the cups.

Annette Winfield

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**Tuckshop Roster**

**Thursday 27 June to Wed 10 July**

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**P&C News**

**Dodgers...**

Dodgers have gone home and are selling well, so keep up the great work, thank you to all the family’s that have sold them... Thank you to the Lovely Ladies in the office for handing out extra dodgers, your support is appreciated. We have fabulous prizes to be won. First prize is $700.00 worth of fuel, and great incentive prizes too.

If you choose not to sell your book of tickets please return them to the school office ASAP.

The following businesses have generously donated toward the dodgers; please support them if you can. Woolworth The Avenue, Cowboys Leagues Club, Hair Jam, Woolcock Auto Repairs, insightcreative and Civil Project Services Pty Ltd.

**Father’s Day Stall...**

The Father’s Day stall will be held on Wed 28th and Thursday 29th of August from 9am to 1:30 pm. Fabulous gifts are available and nothing is over $10.00, don’t forget to bring in some money. Your dad will love these gifts, and you can also pick something up for your granddad (limited stock).

**Fete...**

Well the Fete is almost here and people are busily organising stalls, food, entertainment, and volunteers to work on the night, SO if you can help in anyway, please do so, as many hands make light work. This is a major fundraising event for the school (P&C), and all our children benefit, so lend a HELPING HAND, if you can. At the FETE for the first time, we will have a variety stall, where you can purchase small gifts for mum and dad, also available is lip gloss, alien eggs, bracelets and necklaces.

**Friday Night Raffle...**

Once again John Croft has been running these raffles with very little help, it only takes around 2 hours and its fun. If you would like to help, please call John on 0428 188 624. It would be greatly appreciated.

**School Jackets...**

With the cooler weather here now, don’t forget you can purchase School Jacket from the OSHC for $35.00, uniform are also still available.

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

Kathy Waldon
WSS P&C President

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**Congratulations**

Recently, the Hawkins’ boys rode at the Australian Junior Dirt Track Championships in West Wyalong, NSW, and at the Northern Territory Motocross Titles in Alice Springs. All boys rode very well at both events with numerous trophies being taken home.

Highlight of the trip was Aiden Hawkins success in the 50cc riders competition where he competed against 15 other boys and won. Aiden is now the 2013 50cc Australian Junior Dirt Track Champion.

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