Parents, Carers and our Community.

This is the first newsletter for 2014 and my first newsletter as principal of Wulguru State School. I am really excited to take up the position as principal and I look forward to working with staff, students, family members and the wider community of Wulguru State School to further build on the great work already happening at Wulguru State School.

I have worked in education for over twenty years now, twelve years as a principal of various schools, eight years as a Reading Recovery Tutor (training teachers to teach kids to read and write) and the remainder as a classroom teacher. I spent a large part of my career in South West Queensland, living in Roma, but working at Muckadilla and Mitchell and supporting schools across the region. In the last five years I returned to North Queensland, as principal at Charters Towers Central, Townsville Central and Proserpine.

I have three adult children, Matthew, Hayden and Lisa. All three are at university this year, studying teaching, nursing and journalism.

Reading at Wulguru

In 2014, a major focus will be on the teaching of reading, with the goal being that all children make significant gains in their literacy levels. We have already started this process. While the students were on holidays, the staff came back on Wednesday of the last week of holidays. During these three days, we look at a range of proven methods of teaching reading. In addition to this, we have already placed an order for over $20 000 worth of additional reading books for the lower school.

Throughout this term, we will be introducing guided reading lessons for all students across the school. We will also be running information sessions for parents on the most effective ways of helping your child learn to read or to further enhance their comprehension.

I am looking forward to this challenge and to working closely with the staff and community to make a difference to the literacy levels of our students.

Enrolment Numbers

If anyone is aware of any children who have not yet enrolled at school, but are primary school aged, please encourage them to come into the school early this
Principal’s Pen Continued....

week. Schools are staffed on the number of students enrolled at school. Every child counts and makes a difference to the way we are staffed.

Every Day Counts

Daily attendance at Wulguru is critical if our students are going to succeed. Students need to be at school every day, on time and ready to learn. Did you know that:

- One day absence a week = 40 days a year = almost one term a year or more than one and a half years in primary school.
- One day absence a fortnight = 20 days a year = almost a year of a child’s primary school.
- One hour late per day = one day per week = one a half years in primary school and a significant part of your child’s literacy or numeracy learning time.

Live the Wulguru Spirit

Sandra Perret

Deputy News

Welcome

The start of another year and I trust it will be most enjoyable and beneficial for everyone. It will be a little bit scary for Yr6 parents as it will be so strange to see these students move into high school next year. This year I will be working 4 days a week at school. On Wednesdays I won’t be at school so please keep that in mind if you wish to see about any issues or concerns.

School Parades

We are holding parades every Tuesday afternoon now from 2:30. Parents are most welcome to attend, so if you normally come to pick up your child from school, come a little earlier. Weekly whole school parades will mean that there will be no junior parades. We know that these junior student enjoy receiving ‘Student of The Week’ awards. So we have decided to introduce ‘Wulguru State School, Spirit Awards’.

One student from each class gets nominated to receive the ‘Spirit Award’ and each week we will present these awards to either Prep to 3 classes or Year 3/4 to Year 7 classes. Students receive a certificate, badge and a free kids meal from Rock Paper Scissors. (Badges won’t be given out until the end of the month and are only worn by the student for two weeks.)

We hope to start giving out these awards next week (with out the badge).

Tony Di Giacomo

Office News

This week statements will be sent home to all families. This year, in an attempt to make it easier for families, we have invoiced students in advance for all levies and activities. (Other things may come up and you will be advised of them as they happen). You don’t have to pay for all of the items on your account now, you are welcome to pay as the activities happen or if you received Centrelink benefits you can set up a payment plan with Centrelink (forms available from the school office).

There are some items that we ask are paid for by the end of February, you will find a copy of those items in year level order as an insert within this newsletter.

Any questions please don’t hesitate to contact the school office. We are happy to help you plan your school financial commitments so that your children can attend all that we have to offer at Wulguru State School.

New Facebook Page

Wulguru State School now has its own Facebook page. Please go onto the Facebook page to like and/or follow it as it will have the most up to date information regarding our school on it!!

Friday 8:30am Start

Friday 2:30pm Finish

Learning Together Opens a World of Opportunities
From the Sports Desk

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The Annual Interhouse swimming carnival will be held at Aitkenvale Pool on Friday 21st February. All students in Years 4-7 have been given a note with details of the carnival. Please have your child return their note (with $3 bus fare and pool entry) as soon as possible. Our swimming carnival is always a great way to start the school year. We use it to select our school swimming team, but its main purpose is for everyone to have a bit of fun and show off our Wulguru Spirit!!

INTERSCHOOL SPORT
The Interschool Sport Season starts on March 14th. Interested students will be able to sign up for their sport this week. Interschool Sport is open to all students in Years 5-7. The sports on offer for Season 1 will be Hockey, Netball and Rugby League. Depending on the weather, trials for these teams will be held this Friday 7th February.

HOUSE CAPTAIN ELECTIONS
The 2014 Sports House Captain elections will be held next Friday, 14th February, after Lunch 2. This year each house will be electing a Year 7 Boy and Girl Captain as well as a Year 6 Boy and Girl Captain. House Captain nominees will be required to give a brief speech to their Sports House.

Brook Wilson

P&C News

A very warm welcome to our new Principal, Ms Sandra Perrett, we hope you enjoy being part of our school community and look forward to working with you.

Welcome back families new and returning, hope you all enjoyed your holidays?

The P&C is seeking a trustworthy person to be the Pub Raffle Co-Ordinator for 2014, this position raisers vital funds, $7000 - $9000 approximately and without it, we could not make the generous contributions back to the school. Training will be provided, maybe you and a friend could do it together. If you would like more information please contact me on the number below.

PH. 0400281733

The AGM will be held on the 24th February 2014 at 6:30 in the School Library Building, members new and returning are encouraged and welcome The P&C has an important roll within the school, providing funds and support for the school and our children. This will be my last year at Wulguru and it would be great to see more NEW members.

Wulguru SS P&C President

Kathy Waldon

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
is now available for
Before School - After School and Vacation Care
Contact Caitlin Ph. - 4729 1833

P&C Meeting
Monday February 24
6:30pm
Library

Whole School Parade
Tuesday's
2:30 - 3:00pm

Learning Together Opens a World of Opportunities
We were very busy during the December/January school holidays having loads of fun!

We had lots of fun playing around with slime, goo, shaving foam & water colour spray paint!

Katie & Shia participating in our thong throwing competition!

"The best day in Vacation Care was when the White Wizard came to do his magic show. I liked all of his tricks. My favourite part was when he pulled his ear." - Alex
Vacation Care

Wet Day

A HUGE thank you to Dave & Simone Robinson for letting us borrow the inflatable soccer pitch & for setting and packing it up!

Strand Water Park

"My favourite day was going to the movies to see Free Birds. I liked when we had the water fight and soccer pitch day." - Brooklin

Making library bags ready to head back to school!

Reef HQ

"My favourite excursion was Pizza Hut because we got to choose our own food and it tasted good." - Taryn

Pizza Hut

Riverway
Community Notices

Corcoran Park Netball Association

Players & Umpires wanted for 2014
Senior games—Monday nights
Junior games—Friday nights

Netball sign on
Saturday 1st February 5—7pm (Seniors)
Friday 7th February 5—7pm (Juniors)

111 Queens Road
Ph: 4775 2474
Hermit Park Q 4812
0438 740 669

Email: cpnai@townsvillenetball.org.au
https://www.facebook.com/CPNAI

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Annandale Falcons Football Club Sign on for 2014.
Come and Try afternoon Sun 9th Feb 3.30-5.30pm
at Cranbrook Park, games, drills, BBQ. Fee
Discounts, Member Packs.
Sign on online or any Tuesday evening at Cranbrook
Park from 5.15pm
For more information visit
www.annandalefalcons.asn.au or
Ph: Sandy 0402 936 155

Cannons Basketball Club will be holding a general
training clinic for all primary school age children, from 5 years and up, at Townsville
Basketball Stadium, Annandale.
All welcome, aimed at new children wishing to
try the sport.
When: Monday 10th February
Time: 3.30 - 5pm
Cost: Nil
What to bring: Size 6 basketball (opt) and a
water bottle
More info: Brenda 0408150365 or
mbusedcars@bigpond.com

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY NETBALL IN 2014!
Saints Netball Club have limited vacancies in all junior age groups.
Mัดdies 8-9 years, 11/12 years & 13/14 years
With the commencement of 2014 Season approaching soon, if you are interested in learning to play for the first time OR have played previously, we would love to hear from you as soon as possible!
For more details please contact Kristina Moore 0400 721118 or Robyn Hamilton on 0438 238394

Try Backyard League and join the United Suburbs Redbacks
Come try our free Backyard league coaching,
learn new skills, meet the Cowboys representatives and receive a free tody.
Open to all primary school students.
Free Footy!
Thursday 27, February 2014
Victoria Park, Tully St, South Townsville
(Next to the United Suburbs Feedmart)
Free Footy
To register please text or email Chris Churchill
Mobile: 0408 541 327
Email: cc6993@cowboys.com.au
3:30–4.30pm

School Shirts
Lowes @ Stockland have quite a few polo shirts with the old Logo on them. We would like to clear them so the store have reduced them $10 making them available for $20.99 until sold out.
Tuckshop Roster
Thursday 6 Feb to Wed 19 Feb

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Welcome back to everyone, I hope you all had a very relaxing break and now are ready for another busy year. By now you would have received the ‘2014’ Menu, if not you can get one from the office or pop by and see me and I’ll give you one.

Congratulations to Chloe Argaet on winning the Kite at the end of last year “Happy Flying”. Slush Puppie is still running the promotion. So there is now another Kite to win along with other things, and free Slush Puppies, so check under the rim of your cup to see if you are a winner.

Welcome to the Monday roster Anne, thankyou For coming into the tuckshop this term to help out. I’m in need of someone to fill in on a Tuesday as one of my regular volunteers on this day is taking a break. If anyone can help out I would very much appreciate it.

Thankyou.

Eat well, stay healthy

Annette Winfield

OSHC News

Vacation Care
We had a very successful Vacation Care over the December/January school holidays. Our numbers were high and we had many new faces which was great! The children’s behaviour was fantastic and it helped everyone to have the best time possible. We are up for suggestions for April school holidays so come in and see us if you have any ideas!

2014 Before & After School Care Bookings
We still have plenty of spaces for Before and After School Care. Bookings can be permanent, weekly/fortnightly or casual. Come in and see me for more information.

BSC - 6:30-8:30am
Prep children are accompanied to their classrooms & assisted with their daily routines
$12 per day (before Centrelink subsidy)

ASC - 3:00-6:00pm
Afternoon tea provided
$18 per day (before Centrelink subsidy)

Active After School Communities Sport Program
This term we are participating in Softball/T-ball on Mondays 3:30-4:30pm and NRL on Wednesday's 3:30-4:30pm, starting in week 3 (10th & 12th Feb) and our last session in week 9 (24th & 26th March). A great way to have your children involved in supervised sports coaching and including afternoon tea for an affordable price!

UNIFORM SHOP
For those of you who are unsure where we are, we are located in Outside School Hours Care, the blue and purple building closest to oval & tennis courts. The most convenient times to purchase uniforms are in the mornings, up until 9am and in the afternoons between 2-3pm. Please feel free to contact Caitlin, on 4729 1833, for any questions or queries.

Highest Regards

Caitlin

Wulguru SS P&C Outside School Hours Care
STUART HOTEL-MOTEL

Phone (07) 4778 1804
Fax (07) 4778 1896
Stuart Drive
Wulguru, 4811

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