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Wulguru Wrap-Up

Term 1, Week 4
19 February 2014

Principal’s Pen
After being the new principal for almost a month, I have been constantly impressed with Wulguru. The quality of the staff at Wulguru is amazing, not just for their teaching quality but also for their dedication to this great school. The students I have met so far have been enthusiastic, positive and keen to show the Wulguru Spirit and the parents and community members have all been great to work with. I am really looking forward to the year ahead and know that we can achieve great things together.

Reading at Wulguru
We want every child at Wulguru to learn to read and to read to learn. No matter how well your child reads, we want them to improve.

Learn to Read refers to the process used to teach children the early behaviours required to develop reading skills. This includes self-monitoring, searching for information and self-correcting.

Reading to Learn refers to the process used to teach comprehension. At Wulguru, we are using the proven strategy of Reciprocal Teaching. Reciprocal Teaching teaches children to predict, read, clarify, question and summarise.

Guided Reading is the organisational process used to Learn to Read and Read to Learn. Depending on your child’s year level, your child will either have two, three or four reading lessons each week.

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We thank all those who advertise on this page. Their support enables the school to publish this newsletter at no cost. We hope you may support our sponsors wherever possible.
**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.

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**Principal’s Pen Continued…**

Constable Jaclyn visit our school regularly.

_Sandra Perrett_

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**Deputy News**

**Pub Raffle Coordinator**

The P&C Assoc has been running pub raffles at the Stuart Hotel for many many years… at least 15 years maybe over 20!!

Every year this is only possible through the enormous effort of a coordinator as well as a small group of volunteers. When times were booming the P&C Assoc would make $12000-15000 profit from the activity. Today it still makes a valuable contribution… Money that makes a difference to our school.

This year Kari Markham is coordinating the Pub Raffles and we thank her for taking this role on to ensure the P&C Assoc continues to benefit from this fundraising activity. If you think you can volunteer a Friday night every month or so please contact the school and we’ll pass on your details. We appreciate your help!

**Health Active School Travel (HAST) Program**

Our school is participating in the HAST program together with nine other schools in Townsville. The aim of the program is to increase the physical activity of children in how they get to school. Forty years ago 75% of children walked or rode to school. Today less than 30% do this for many reasons. We hope our participation in the program may change the behaviour of some students and parents and look at ways that may result in improved health and well being. The program is being run through the Townsville City Council and is funded by the Department of Transport. There is a survey they are asking parents to complete on line. Every person who completes the survey will go into the draw to win a family pass (5 tickets) to the Cowboys vs Warrior game on Saturday March 22nd. If you would like to complete the survey go to the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CNS5MG86

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**Student Leadership Conference**

Last Thursday our year six and seven school captains attended a student leadership conference at the Mercure Inn. At the conference they learnt what it takes to be an effective leader and what the characteristics of a leader are. At one session they learnt about being a “Hero” and what that stands for. The Conference included learning about the importance of being a ‘BERRY” which stands for: Be, Encourage, R-Rise, R-Reform, Y-Yell, E-Eat well, S-Stay healthy

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**Classroom Information Sheets**

Next Thursday all teachers will send home an information sheet about their classroom. It may cover their expectations, routines, information about homework and what to expect throughout the year. Please look out for these sheets and take the time to read them.

_Tony Di Giacomo_

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**From Prep B**

**Help! Help! Help!**

If there are any parents or grandparents who have a spare morning or afternoon, please consider coming to our classroom to help the Prep children. Your tasks will involve sitting with several children and giving them guidance with simple activities that may involve cutting, drawing, craft, reading, playing games, writing and gluing. Times we need help are: Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday 9.00 to 11.00 Wednesday 1.45 to 3.00 Friday 11.00 to 12.00.

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**Tuckshop Tales**

_Congratulations to Skye of 3M for winning the Slush Puppie kite “Happy Flying”. Keep checking those cups as there are still heaps of other prizes to be won.

Thanks to CASS for coming and helping out on the Tuesday Roster.

Please make sure when ordering children’s lunches that you are using the “2014” menu. If you require a new menu ask at the office or call past and pick one up from the tuckshop.

_Thankyou.

_Eat well, stay healthy_**

_**Annette Winfield**

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**OSHC News**

As you may be aware, our centre participates in the Active After School Communities Program. This term on Wednesdays, our sport is NRL. Our centre will be participating in a Backyard League Session on Thursday, 27th February. We will be leaving the school at 3.15pm on this day, with collection by parents from the event at Victoria Park before 5:30pm.

Please be aware that we cannot have any last minute bookings for after school care on this day. Final numbers need to be confirmed on Monday, 24th February and no bookings will be taken after this time.

This is a great opportunity for the children and the centre to participate. Parents are also encouraged to join in on the fun! All participants receive a FREE FOOTY and will receive discounts on club fees if they sign up.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and see me or give me a call.

_Caitlin_

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Do you know that you are now able to pay your child's school fees and activities directly from your Centrelink payments. Please contact the office or Miss Michele for further information and a form to commence these payments.

Textbooks & THRASS Cards
Last week textbooks were handed out to Year 1, 2, 3 and 5 students and THRASS cards were handed out to Year 1 students. Parents have been invoiced for the cost of these items. Please be aware that students must pay for these items before they are allowed to participate in elective activities such as life education, swimming, sports, arts council etc. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sports Desk Cont...

Wakara Raithe Dawes Michelle Carter
Rhys Ruddell Brooke Roberts

NORTH QUEENSLAND REPRESENTATIVES

The representative season started early this year with both Ieuan Harker and Bingen Balanzategui (both 6/7) being selected in the Townsville District Cricket Team. Over the weekend these boys travelled to Charters Towers to compete at the North Queensland Trials. With a strong performance at these trials both boys were selected in the North Queensland 12years & under school team. The boys compete in the State Championship. Great result boys!!

P&C News

Thank you to Kari Markham the new Pub Raffle Coordinator. We still need more champions to assist Annandale Falcons Football Club with fundraising, so if you can help, we would greatly appreciate it and we would like to hear from you. The P&C AGM is Monday 24th February at 6:30, refreshments will be provided. All welcome.

Chappy News!

Hi Everyone its good to be back. I hope 2014 has been a great year and is a great way to show off our Wulguru Spirit.

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Wulguru State School Chaplain
Chappy Peita

HOUSE CAPTAIN ELECTIONS

The 2014 Sports House Captain elections were held last Friday. We are fortunate to have such a high quality of students in Year 6 and 7. All the nominees spoke well and all would have done a great job as House Leader. Congratulations to the following people who were nominated as House Captains:

Biari: Nelson Sariman Emma Wood
Jordan Davies Alyssa Anning
Caloola: Hunter Hughes Dani Howe
Jordan Wosomo-Smith Lizz Farlow
Kalinda: Riley Clarke Kylie Macdonald
Michael Mackenzie Monique Weller

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Come every day to learn and play – You miss out if you stay away!!