This Monday morning we saw our year six and year seven students eagerly board the buses to head to Tinaroo Active Recreation Camp. I am sure the students are having a great time away and I hope the parents are not missing their children too much. School camps are an important part of the school culture and a great memory from childhood that we carry into adulthood. I hope the rest of their week goes well and we look forward to welcoming them back to school on Friday.

Quality Schools: Inclusive Leadership

Last week, Mr DiGiacomo, Mrs Groves and myself attended a two day training session on the importance of ensuring we have an inclusive school. The main focus of this training was to reflect on our current practices in relation to students with disabilities, and to look at how we are going and what we could do better. One area that I have particularly noticed since being here is how well the staff make adjustments to the learning needs of all the students and how well the students with disabilities are included in the school and particularly in classrooms. This is a credit to the school and a credit to the community.

Yumi Deadly Maths and Writing PD

Not only did the leadership team attend training last week, but we also had two sets of visitors to our school working with classroom teachers and specialist staff to further improve our practice.

Yumi Deadly Maths is a great initiative that Wulguru SS is part of that looks at how many children, especially Indigenous children, need to learn maths. While maths can sometimes have quite abstract concepts, Yumi Deadly Maths teaches teachers how to make the concepts more relevant and real to children. The teachers who worked with the Yumi team all benefitted greatly from the program and we are keen to see how this continues to be implemented in our classrooms.

We also had Ann Morrice visit our school last week and work with teachers and in classrooms to look at how we teach writing. The teachers have identified with me how they were able to benefit from this time. While Ann won't be returning to our school, we will continue to focus on how we explicitly teach writing.
Safety in Cars Around Our School
Earlier this week, a concern was raised regarding vehicles around the school and driving safely. It seemed a good time to put out a reminder to everyone who drives near or into our school. As we know, children do not always move safely around cars and many of our children cannot be seen if they are walking between cars. If you are driving past our school, even if not in the peak hour times, please drive with caution. If you are driving into any of the car parks in the school, do not exceed 10kms per hour (and in fact 5kms would be better) and do not accelerate quickly from a stationary position.

Sándra Perrett

Reading
Recently our school spent $20,000 on new reading books for the lower school. Reading is very important and it is a main focus for our school this year. Throughout the year, the younger students will have lots of opportunities to engage with these beautiful books. I am sure that during the year we will purchase reading materials for the older students, but we are also looking at different forms of texts. We want young people to be able to access the meaning in a wide variety of reading materials, including fiction and non-fiction texts, magazines, newspapers, flyers and information brochures.

Spirits Awards
Paige Hinds—PB
Ava Shewlowski—PP
Stevie Mendezona—1B
Innes Hansen—1H
Kobi Bruhn—2H
Rhiana Wosomo-Smith—2M
Jacob Hansen—2/3C
April Major—3M
Faith Voss—3/4C
Lilli Pendleton—4G
Brenton Dickson—4/5G
Alexis Abbott—5H
Brandon Dold—5/6BC
Trey Dalton—6M
Emma Wood—6/7
Lachlan Buckman —6/7

From The Office
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
School photo day will be Thursday April 3rd, that is the second last day of this term. Please send your children in full school uniform and come to school on time so your child/ren don’t miss out on their photo. Please remember to put the right change in your envelope as the Office and Tuckshop DO NOT have change to give you, we DON’T keep lots of change on our premises. You can also order online at www.advancedlife.com.au. We appreciate your assistance with this.
Term 1, Week 6

From the Office Cont...

Centrepay
Do you know that you are now able to pay your child’s school fees and activities directly from your Centrelink- Family Tax Benefit, Pension or Newstart Allowance payments. Please contact the office or Miss Michele for further information and a form to commence these payments.

From the Sports Desk

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to all of the students who attended the Interhouse Swimming Carnival last Friday week. In a great display of Wulguru Spirit, more than 190 students got involved and had a go. Special congratulations to Biari who, after winning 7 of the last 8 carnivals, continue to dominate in the pool. Kalinda pushed Biari all the way and as a result were awarded the Spirit Award.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
From the Swimming Carnival, the Wulguru Swimming Team have been selected. These students will compete at the C Schools Carnival on March 18th. Students will receive permission notes early next week. Congratulations to the following students: Jessica Hunter, Ebony Oshaa-Brenner, Emma Wood, Michelle Carter, Kyanael Coleman, Kiesha Ward, Monique Weller, Madeleine Wilson, Lasee Long, Mackie Gorry, Paige Levis, Tottie Yock, Liana Lennox, Chloe Reddam, Brittany Mitchell, Danica MacDougall, Dayna Bruhn, Kaitlin West, April Major, Bella Jones, Palsley Kirkpatrick, Bingen Balanzategui, Bradley Doyle, Raithe Dawes, Ieuan Harker, Hunter Hughes, Michael Mackenzie, Broden Pretheroe, Jordan Davies, Dylan Lennox, Angus Hawkins, Shawn Clarke, Jordan Wosomo-Smith, Aiden Hawkins, Joel Hall, Hayden Jones, Bailey-James Parker-Richards, Tolawha Huxley, Cameron Huston, Thomas Woolcock, Zac Carroll, Jason Wood.

HOUSE CAPTAINS
Last newsletter, I listed the 2014 House Captains. These Captains did a fantastic job at the recent swimming carnival. They will be presented with their badges on assembly next week.

Brooke Wilson

P&C News

Well 2014 and back into it again...
The P&C held its first meeting for the year last week and unfortunately, I must say it was rather disappointing to see the turn out. No new members, just the same old 3 out of the 4 that were involved last year. WE NEED NEW MEMBERS....

As you are all aware, we have a great school with fantastic staff and of course, AWESOME children. This why we do what we do!
The P&C support a variety of programs that your children benefit from. To name a few; Reading support to classrooms; Ceramics and dance programs; Eisteddfod bus transport; Sport uniforms; Sport affiliation fees & levies; Yr 7 Graduation bus; Reading Eggs program; Financial commitment towards grants for playgrounds, irrigation system and playground shade structures.

Without new active members it all falls back onto a few to keep things going. After all of these years that we have been involved we are simply running out of energy - we need your support.

I understand that we all have lives, but this is our children we are talking about and if things don’t change the P&C could potentially FOLD. If this is the case then it will not be just the loss of another committee but also other things that the P&C are responsible for will have to close down – Outside School Care & Tuckshop.

The P&C is also the body that runs the School Fete – can you imagine NO FETE?

We have approximately 280 families here at Wulguru, but sadly only 3 of them are represented on the P&C. Please guys, put your hand up and get involved in your children school - “Many hands make light work.”

We have a GREAT SCHOOL; let’s keep it that way...

Roles to be filled urgently:
Due to unforeseen circumstances, Kari Markham is unable to Co-ordinate the Pub raffle. We do however thank her for considering this role. Unfortunately though, this still leaves us needing someone to fill the role of Vice President - Pub Raffle co-ordinator.

We also need someone to assume the role of Vice President - Fundraising

Kathy Walden

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

Learning Together Opens a World of Opportunities
**Wulguru Wrap-Up**

Learning Together Opens a World of Opportunities

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secretary@annandalefalcons.asn.au Ph
0402936155

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**Remember when you believed in anything and everything?**

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children's ability to detect and avoid potentially harmful social interactions, such as being easily fooled or tricked into doing something. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this vulnerability.

We are looking for parents of Kindergarten - Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 - 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to:

http://tinyurl.com/childsquiv
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### Tuckshop Roster

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### Tuckshop Tales

**Active After School Communities Sport**

We participate in the AASC program on Mondays (Softball) and Wednesdays (Rugby) 3:30-4:30pm. Each session, staff select a “Sportsperson of the week”. This person displays good sportsmanship, tries their best, helps others and participates for the whole session. The following students have been selected so far: Lloyd, Jye, Jason & Katherine. We’ll see you there!

**Nutrition Australia Workshop**

We will be holding a FREE ‘Food & Behaviour Workshop’, presented by a qualified dietitian/nutritionist, on Thursday 20th March, 6-7:30pm. Please see the ad in this newsletter for more information. Contact Caitlin on 4729 1833 or wulguruoshc@hotmail.com to book a place.

**Vacation Care**

Our Vacation Care program for the April school holidays will be out soon. Watch this space!

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### Chappy News

**Cookie Dough… Delicious and Easy**, sell to your family, friends, your next door neighbour. Order forms have gone home and need to be returned on or before the 17th **March 2014**, any order’s returned after this date will not be included. Approximately delivery date, **3rd April 2014**, in time for the holidays. Great incentive prize, the more you sell the more prizes your child or children can get…

**DODGERS…** if you have a business and are willing to donate a gift / prize (that is suitable) please call Kathy on 0400281733 to discuss… The dodgers are another important fundraising event for the P&C and School.

**The Mother Day Stall**… will be held on the Wed 6th and Thurs 7th of May, more information to follow...

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### OSHC News

**Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?**

- **Student A** reads 20 minutes each day
- **Student B** reads 5 minutes each day
- **Student C** reads 1 minute each day

3600 minutes in a school year = 1,800,000 words
900 minutes in a school year = 282,000 words
180 minutes in a school year = 8,000 words

By the end of 6th grade, **Student A** should have read the equivalent of 60 Whole school days. **Student B** will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school?...and why?

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### P&C Fundraising

**Prep Lift Out Publication Date**

Townsville Bulletin Prep Lift out will be published in the Townsville Bulletin Saturday March 29th.

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### School Banking

**Fridays**
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