Interschool Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Interschool Swimming Carnival. After the swimming carnival had finished, a parent rang the school to pass on her congratulations for the behaviour of the Wulguru State School students. The staff here at Wulguru all know how great our students are, but it is nice to hear the same message from parents. Thanks for the call and a really big thank you to the students and staff who represented our great school.

Reading Progress

It has been very exciting to see the children across the school making progress in their reading. Just last week, I had one child assessed and they had moved seven reading levels since we introduced guided reading. It is very exciting to see this progress and I am really looking forward to seeing how well our students are reading by the end of the year.

Parents, you can help by ensuring that you are getting your children to school on time every day. The most effective learning time is between 9:00 and 11:00 and when children are arriving at school at 9:30 or 10:00, they have already missed out on some of the most important learning of the day. I know parents want the best for their children. This is just one way you can make a difference.

Before School Behaviour

A good start to the day can make a huge difference to the learning that happens throughout the day. To further assist with this, we have reviewed what happens before school and would ask that parents assist us in encouraging children to do the right thing.

Prior to 8:00am - Children should not be at school.

8:00 to 8:30 - Children are to sit under the Covered Play Area. If parents are staying with their children, they need to ensure that the children are sitting with their parent.

- If children travel independently to school, identify how long it takes them to travel and subtract this amount from 8:30. Children are better off getting here between 8:30 and 8:40. This gives them time to get organised for the day.

8:30 to 8:40 - This is a time for low level play. When released from the Covered Play Area, children move to the area near their class. They can play...
quiet games (eg hand ball). Children are not allowed to play with larger balls (eg basket balls, footballs) during this time, are not allowed on the playground equipment or out on the ovals/basketball courts.

8:40 to 9:00 - Low level play can continue or children move into their classes (if invited by the teacher). This is a great time to change home readers, do silent reading, learn their spelling words or generally get ready for learning.

There are two reasons why this is in place. The first is that this type of program minimises the likelihood of behaviour incidents occurring and consequently children start the day in a better frame of mind. The second reason is that we do not have the staffing to provide the same level of supervision before school that we do at lunch time. Teachers are asked to do active supervision, if they are moving around the school, but there are only a small number of staff rostered onto playground duty before school. (Active Supervision is the process whereby if a staff member sees inappropriate behaviour occurring they are asked to intervene, however, they are not rostered on to a particular area for duty).

NAPLAN

Teachers and students have been preparing, in a range of different ways, for NAPLAN. NAPLAN equals only 13 hours of the child’s entire education, but it gives us a nation-wide tool for assessing our students. Please mark NAPLAN on your calendars (May 13 to May 15) so that all children are at school during those three days.

Sandra Perrett

Ride to School Day

As a part of our participation in the Healthy Active School Travel Program, we are holding a “Ride to School” day this Thursday. If your child has a bike, knows his/her way to school, will be safe in getting here then Thursday will be a great day for them to ride to school. All children that come to school by bike on Thursday will receive a small snack.

The idea of the program is to encourage students to be more active in travelling to school. Perhaps once a week they may ride their bike or walk to school. With the newsletter is an Active Travel Map for our school. It includes a route that parents may wish to adopt, where they can drop students off at a location along Stuart drive and students walk the rest of the way to school.

Tony Di Giacomo

Friday 8:30am Start  Friday 2:30pm Finish

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From the Office

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

INTER SCHOOL SPORT
Last Friday, more than 100 students played in the opening week of Season 1 of Interschool Sport. This was quite an exciting experience for all our students, especially the Year 5s who are playing sport for the very first time. Thank you to all students involved for the great job done in getting your permission notes returned. Remember payment of $35 sport fees is due by Friday 28th May.

MACKAY MARATHON
On the 30th April we will be holding our annual Fun Run and Cross Country. Over the next few weeks, in PE Lessons, students will be involved in a variety of fitness activities. Starting next Tuesday, 25th March we will be starting the Mackay Marathon. Students (and parents) are invited to walk, run, jog or skip around a 500m course within the school grounds. For every lap of this course students will receive a token that they can deposit into their House container. It will be a competition between the houses to see which house can cover the 434km to Mackay. The Mackay Marathon will be held each Tuesday & Thursday morning from 8.30am.

ADOPT-A-COWBOY
On Monday, Gavin Cooper from the North Queensland Cowboys visited our school. For those of you new to our school, Gavin has been Wulguru’s adopted Cowboy for the past couple of years. On Monday’s visit Gavin spoke with all the Year 5s about the NRL theme of Eat Well, Play Well, Stay Well. Here Gavin spoke about healthy diet, exercise and sleep. Gavin also visited 2H where he read them his favourite story. Gavin will visit our school every few weeks and hopefully he will get around to see every student.

Brook Wilson

Parent Teacher Interviews
This is a reminder that all parent teacher interview forms are due back by tomorrow Thursday 20th. The first 4 time slots on each day are more than likely gone so to guarantee you get the times you wanted to avoid disappointment, please choose times from the middle group down.

EVERY MINUTE, EVERY DAY COUNTS
What sort of start is your child getting? Just a little bit late doesn’t seem much but...if he/she is only missing 10 minutes a day that equals 50 minutes a week. This equals nearly 1.5 weeks per year and over 13 years of schooling that’s nearly half a year. Did you know that your child’s best learning time is the start of the day? That’s when every minute counts the most.

P&C News
Cookie Dough.
All orders have been processed and delivery will be 3rd April. Not a great response, however a very big thank you to all the families and friends that did support this event, especially Andrea Burrows and Copper Brown. Helpers will be needed on the day, if you are available to help please call 0400281733 for more information.

Mother’s Day
We will be having the mother’s day stall in May, more information to follow.

Pub Raffle
We still don’t have anyone to run and organise this event, if you would like to help please give the P&C a call.

P&C
The P&C meeting is next Monday it would be great to see some new active members, come along and meet the people keeping the P&C going, we would love to meet you. If you don’t have any experience don’t worry, we didn’t either. There is ONLY 4 active members now. Not happy with the current arrangement, become an active member and make a difference to your child’s school life.

Kathy Waldon

Ride To School Day 20th March
Ride to school day tomorrow Thursday March 20th.
Ride your bike, scooter or walk to school as part of the National Ride To School Day. Free Treat for all riders and walkers.
Townsville Water Polo Association

Would like to invite children aged from 8-11 years old to Come and Try Flipper Ball (Beginners Water Polo), at Long Tan Aquatic Centre, during the next school holidays. Dates 9th/10th & 15th/16th of April from 10am to 1130am each day.

Pool entry is required to be paid
For further information please phone 0422 276 237
Come and try a great team sport.

SOCCER

- No room in your local team? Or no team in your age group this year? You don’t have to sit out the year!

Brothers Tsv Football Club is looking for players in Under 11 Girls (turning 10 or 11 this year) and Under 12’s (turning 12 this year). Guaranteed places in the teams. Ring Christen 0448 993 685 (outside school hours) or email cdeholla@bigpond.net.au Limited vacancies available in most age groups.

WILLIAM ROSS STATE HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 7 AND 8 2015

Junior Secondary Open Day

William Ross provide an extensive Year 7 and 8 Transition Program. As part of this program we offer an exciting opportunity to visit a working secondary school environment.

When: Thursday 27th March 2014
Time: 10.00 - 11.00am
Where: William Ross State High School Administration Office
Fee: Progressive Guided Tours with Student Council Representatives

ENROL NOW FOR 2015

IN-Room Tours: 11.30am & 12.30pm
Please be on time to the room for the tours.

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

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Tuckshop Roster

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY BASKETBALL IN 2014?

We are looking for players to fill vacancies in the following teams:

U8 Girls and Boys (b 2007-2009 must be 5 to play)
U10 Girls (b 2005-2006)
U14 Boys (b 2001-2002)
U16 Girls (b 1999-2000)
U18 Boys (b 1997-1998)

For more information please check out our web page:
www.giantsbasketball.com

OSHC News

Vacation Care
Our Vacation Care program is now available! We have many fun and exciting excursions planned, such as CSIRO at JCU Uni, Strand Rockpool, Warrina Ice Skating Rink & the Movies to see “The Lego Movie”, as well as lots of cool things organised to do at the centre. Come in and see us for more information and to pick up our program and booking forms.

Active After School Communities Sport
The following children received our “Sportsperson of the week” during the last fortnight: Jaydan H, Lilly and Rania. These people displayed good sportsmanship, tried their best, helped others and participated to the best of their abilities. Well done guys, you should feel proud!

After School Care
We have received many new bookings for After School Care which is awesome! Unfortunately, this means that we can not always take casual bookings. At this stage, we are booked out on Tuesdays for the rest of the term and getting very close on the other days.

Nutrition Australia Workshop
We will be holding a FREE “Food & Behaviour Workshop”, presented by a qualified dietician/nutritionist, this Thursday 20th March, 6-7:30pm. Please see the ad in this newsletter for more information. You don’t need to attend our centre to come along and feel free to share with your friends & family! Contact Caitlin on 4729 1833 or wulguruoshc@hotmail.com to book a place.

Caitlin
Wulguru S.S P&C Outside School Hours Care

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

School Banking
Fridays

Eat Well, stay healthy
Annette Winfield

Thank you and welcome to Kura who has kindly offered to come in and help out in the tuckshop every second week. I’m still looking for someone to come in every Monday morning to help out as Anne is preparing for the arrival of her baby and won’t be returning in Term 2.

Caitlin
Wulguru S.S P&C Outside School Hours Care
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