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**Welcome!**

The new term has started well, with everyone quickly getting back into the swing of things. I would like to welcome back our staff, students and families, following the Easter Holiday and also like to welcome our new families (and returning families) to Wulguru State School. We are a great school with great spirit and I look forward to seeing students and staff continue to learn and grow this term.

**ANZAC School Service and ANZAC Day Parade**

Last Friday was ANZAC Day and on the Thursday we held our Wulguru School service... I would like to thank Mrs Bangley for organising a lovely service at our school. It was a lovely service, the students running it did a great job and we had two thoughtful speakers. I received many comments about the lovely behaviour of our students during the service which is always wonderful to hear.

I would also like to thank Mr Wilson, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Balanzategui and the students who represented our school in the ANZAC Day Parade. I was very impressed with the behaviour of the students and appreciative of the teacher's attendance.

**Cross Country and Fun Run**

On Wednesday 30 April, the students have been participating in the Cross Country and Fun Run. The year 3 to year 7 students competed in the morning and it was great to see such a high level of participation and so much Wulguru spirit shining through. I am looking forward to watching the Prep to year 3 students complete their fun run this afternoon.

Don’t forget, this is also a fund raising activity for our school and it is not too late to get sponsorship for the run.

**Townsville Triathlon**

Later in the year, the Townsville Triathlon Club is running the Townsville Triathlon weekend. As part of this year, schools are able to enter corporate and non-corporate teams. Non-corporate teams can include parents and friends of the school. If you would like to put a team in, please let me know by email (the.principal@wulguruss.eq.edu.au).

The TP Human Capital Teams Triathlons are team events that consists of 2 events.

- **The distances are challenging but still achievable**
- **For the more serious team mates** 1500m SWIM, 40km bike, and 10km run - the distances are challenging but still achievable - so have a go!
- **Entry Fee:** $245 per team
- **Entry Fee:** $195 per team

Later in the year, the Townsville Triathlon Club is running the Townsville Triathlon.

- **For the fun event** where you set the goal! The event consists of a 400m swim, 2.5km ride and 2km run OR 1500m swim, 40km bike, and 10km run - the distances are challenging but still achievable - so have a go!
- **Entry Fee:** $195 per team
- **Entry Fee:** $425 per team

If you would like more information about the Townsville Triathlon Festival, please go to [http://www.townsvilletrifestival.org.au/](http://www.townsvilletrifestival.org.au/)

**School Sport**

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**P&C Meeting**

- **Monday May 19 - 23**
  - Life Education

- **Monday May 23**
  - School Sport

- **Monday May 30**
  - School Sport

- **Monday May 26**
  - P&C Meeting
  - 6.30pm in Library

**Easter Holiday**

Thankfully we had a very mild Easter weekend, with sunny days and cooler nights. I hope you all had a great time and are ready to get back into the swing of things.

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**Children not collected will be taken to OSHC**

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We hope you may support our sponsors wherever possible.
encouraging all year 6 students to attend the transition day, even if they may be going to a different school as they learn about high school and the different structure of the day are very important. However, if parents choose to not send their child to the high school transition day, I want to assure them that an alternative day will have been organised at school. They may be required to work a little more independently on that day as they may be in a different class, but work is ALWAYS provided from them.

Every day counts and there should never be a time that children think they should not be at school.

NAPLAN
With only 8 school days left to go until NAPLAN, I would like to remind you all that this is a very important assessment and one that provides information, both on individual progress but also on the effectiveness of our school.

As parents, I would ask that you assist us by:

- Ensuring that your child gets a good night sleep, going to bed at an appropriate bed time.
- Providing your child with a healthy lunch and a good breakfast
- Encouraging your child to do their best and valuing their attempts
- Making sure your child attends school every day

While these four points are written specifically for NAPLAN, if you could do this every day, you would be giving your child great access to education.

Transition to school from kindergarten
Starting school is a major life transition for families and children. Managing this change is best done if information is shared between parents, carers, children, principals and early years' teachers in schools and kindergartens. By managing the transition to school in a supportive way, children's continuity of learning is maintained. A positive start to school means children and families have a greater and ongoing connection with the school community.

Have a look at the Step up into education website (http://www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/stepup/) for more information and resources.

Sandra Perrett

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**Principal's Pen Continued...**

**Wulguru Wrap-Up**

**Spirit Awards**

Lilly Johnson—PB
Jordan Dalton—PP
Allison Harris—1B
Malia Binnie—1H
Madison McIntosh—2H
Jay Sherrock—2M
Luke Madden—2/SO
Monique Wilson—3M
Telewini Huxley—3/4C
Ben Mazzin—4G
Ariel Boxall—4/SO
Bailey Parkes-Richards—5H
Annika Brandt—5/6BC
Monique Weller—6M
Dean Tydman—6F
Annijah Willis—6H

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**Chappy News**

Welcome back. I hope the holidays were a great break for you.

This term is a busy one! Pancake Tuesdays will be back from Week 2, before school at the Hall Kitchen. NAPLAN is coming up! We will endeavour to make sure brekkie is accessible for no cost. We are hoping to have free pancakes on Tuesday May 13th, toast on Wednesday the 14th and muffins on Thursday the 15th. This is a joint initiative to make sure students can do their best at school and have full bellies, especially on those days.

If you/your children would like to make use of this service, please be at school before the bell during NAPLAN.

**CHAPPY WEEK** is May 19-23rd (Week 4) and will include a hip hop dance performance by a local group on Monday, free pancakes on Tuesday and a Handball Competition for both junior and senior grades, during the week. Students will also be encouraged to write/illustrate what their biggest goal or dream is for the future. They will be made into class booklets to keep and look at during the year.

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**Term 2, Week 2**

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**New Facebook Page**

Wulguru State School now has it’s 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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**From the Deputy**

Sponsored money has been collected, but no later than Monday May 12th.

Students need to clearly nominate which prize or prizes they wish to receive as a result of their fundraising. (Students need to raise at least $10 to be eligible for a prize).

You can still raise money until May 12 in order to reach a particular money target. If students have not participated in the fundraising activity they still need to return their sponsorship form.

**Fete Committee Meeting**

Our school fete is planned for Friday August 29th (assuming there is no home Cowboy game that night otherwise the Fete will be brought forward one week).

The school fete is an important event for the

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

Uniforms are available from OSHC - E Block

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**School Banking Fridays**

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Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $50 for educational costs including:
- school uniforms and text books
computers, laptops and tablets
- insurance and travel
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Medicare or Pensioner Concession Card (and at least 60 years old), have some regular income from work (yes or yes partners) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Nikki Storey, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(07) 3282 6598 / 0415 201 531
or nikki.storey@thesmithfamily.com.au

Your every minute makes a difference.

Deputy News Cont...

Wulguru Community as it provides a great family night out and many people who attend use this as an opportunity to catch up with each other.

It is important for everyone to be given an opportunity to get involved in organising the fete. There is usually a small group of people that organise the fete so we would like to welcome anyone who wishes to contribute to attend the next meeting even if it is only in a small way.

Our next planning meeting is on Monday May 26 at 5.30pm in the school Library. Please come along if you are interested!!

Tony Di Giacomo

P&C News

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Dodgers. Have a business that could donate a prize to the DOGGER? I would like to hear from you.

Please email me on pandc@wulguruss.eq.edu.au. Your business name will go into the newsletter as a way of promoting your business.

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Year 4/5 witnessed warnings and wonders with the recent visit of some wildlife rangers to inform the class of some relevant local dangers.

We had a visit from Gavin Cooper, our adopt-a-cowboy!

We are learning to count in Chinese.

We built spinning tops and programmed them to spin.

Designing our own computer games.

Our fundraising group raised $50 for a charity.

Making our own music using 'Garage Band'.

Editing a group news video.