Classes for 2015

One of the very important jobs that we do in term 4 each year is organise classes for the following year. This involves identifying the most likely number of classes based on the expected number of students; organising the best possible class composition (single year level groups or composites); assigning teachers to classes and then assigning students to classes. When we assign students to classes, we look at a number of factors including:

- Academic achievement and behaviour – it is important to have an even spread
- Students who do and don’t work well with other students (and this sometimes means friendship groups)
- Family members
- Other individual considerations.

As parents, there are sometimes factors that you would like the school to consider, when we are allocating students to classes. If this is the case, please put it in writing and hand to the office, marked confidential or email me (sperr33@eq.edu.au). These will need to be received NO LATER THAN Friday 5 December.

Master Teacher Position

Earlier this term, Wulguru SS was allocated an additional leadership position in the school. This is a Master Teacher position, and this person will work with our class teachers, looking at the teaching and learning that is happening in classes. It is a very exciting position and one that we hope will help us to make our great school even better.

I am very pleased to announce, following a state wide recruitment and selection process, that our very own Mrs Sherryl Thomson has been appointed as Master Teacher at Wulguru SS. On behalf of the staff at our school I would like to congratulate her. Mrs Thomson will do a great job next term.

Focus Behaviours

This week: Keep your cool
Next Week: Be in your own area

Make sure your address is up to date. Report cards will go out to the address on our system.
Principal’s Pen Continued…

year and I look forward to continuing to work with her.

Teaching and Learning is still happening
Make sure your child is here every day until the end of the year. Lessons are still happening and learning is still important. Remember: every day counts.

Prep Enrolments and Interviews
We are still taking Prep enrolments. If you have not yet enrolled your child, or if you know someone who is prep age, please collect an enrolment package from the school office. We are currently doing prep interviews and we have one more prep open day this week. Please don’t miss out!

Attendance
Each month, in my report to the P&C, I share our attendance data. I was very excited to be able to share our term four attendance data as we have hit the highest figure for the last two years (at least). For term four, so far, we are sitting on 91%. I extend my huge thanks to Mr Di Giacomo for the fabulous work he has done in turning this around. For term four, so far, we are sitting on 91%. I extend my huge thanks to Mr Di Giacomo for the fabulous work he has done in turning this around.

Outside School Hours Care building facing the oval will provide additional storage for OSHC and students waiting to be picked up by car. We will also have a shade sail cover over the playgrounds that will provide additional storage for OSHC and students waiting to be picked up by car.

Shade Covers & Storage
The school was successful in attaining funds to erect some shade covers and a storage shed. The project will cost approximately $70,000 (incl GST). The P&C is contributing over $20,000 towards this cost. The work will commence early next year and we will have a shade sail cover over the playgrounds at Prep and next to the library. We will also have a cover near the shed next to the car park for students waiting to be picked up by car.

Chappy Peita
My chaplaincy days remain as Monday, Tuesday and Thursday until the end of the year, so if there is anything you need to chat to me about, extra support you need, or if you have any questions about the Chaplaincy program, you are welcome to catch up with me at school on those days. Next year I will only be at school on Mondays and Tuesdays at this stage.

The last free pancake morning of the year will be before school on Monday December 9th. Riverside Christian Family Church will be here super early, cooking for us and bringing those yummy pancakes to our tummies one more time for FREE! See you there!

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**Mayor’s Christmas Tree Appeal**

The Mayor’s Christmas Tree Appeal is an important charity event that continues to assist thousands of local families and individuals in need during the festive season. As a supporter of the Appeal, Wulguru State School’s contribution will go directly to local families in need - local donations helping local people.

It is the generosity of the Townsville community that makes each appeal so successful by providing much needed assistance to local people. This year, we aim to raise $100,000 in cash, gifts and food donations, to be distributed by 30 local non-profit organisations.

So how can the Wulguru State School help this year? The Mayor’s Christmas Tree Appeal has provided your school with a Red Appeal Bin for the organisations.

We aim to raise $100,000 in cash, gifts and food to local families in need during the festive season. As a supporter of the Appeal, it is your child you are making a difference to by making everyday count!

**FREE Pressure Checks Rotations, Tyre and Wheel inspection also $10 off Wheel Alignments, Batteries and Discounts on Tyres, we also offer a FREE Pick up and Delivery Service, please make sure when you ring Barrs Tyres on 47 282 185 you advise us that you are from are from Wulguru State School to receive your discounts.**

Barrs Tyre Store is at 103 Bowen Road

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**Cartooning Program**

*Monday 12th – Friday 16th January, 2015.*

**TOWNSVILLE**

Riverside Convention Centre
59 Leopold Street
Attewalla, QLD

**CAIRNS**

Freemasons Hall
Cnr. Minnie & Grafton Sts
Cairns, QLD

Please see school if you require more details

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**Get your family active and eating well!**

The healthy lifestyle program for families called PEACH™- Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health – is taking registrations now for 2015 with a new group commencing in Townsville in February.

The free program is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight for their age.

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every day life.

It runs for 6 months and consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each. The first 9 sessions are held weekly within the school term. Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session.

Some of the topics covered include nutrition skills, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours and making healthy eating affordable. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered by the Queensland University of Technology in partnership with Townsville-Mackay Medicare Local.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au

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**2014 Sports Awards**

Next Friday, 5th December, we will be holding the annual Wulguru State School Sports Awards. These awards will be held in the hall, commencing at 11.30am. The purpose of these awards is to recognise and celebrate the sporting achievements, in 2014, of Wulguru State School.

At these awards the 2014 Sports Girl and Sports Boy of the year will be announced. We will also be announcing the winner of the House Cup.

One of the main objectives of Interschool Sport is to provide students with a variety of sporting experiences. Data shows, that for many students, the only form of organised sport they experience is at Primary School.

In the last newsletter I shared the team success throughout the year. From an individual perspective we had 16 students gain selection in a Townsville District team, and a staggering 7 students compete for North Queensland at a State Championship. This is an outstanding achievement for a school of our size.

**Learn to Swim Program Prep - 3**

This Program starts on Monday, 1st December. The cost of this program is $58 for 7 x Lessons. This cost also includes bus fare. TODAY is the final day for payment to be made.

Brooke Wilson

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**2015 Enrolments**

If your child/ren are not returning to Wulguru next year could you please advise the office as soon as possible. Also if you know of anyone who is thinking of enrolling in Wulguru in 2015 could you please advise the office at your earliest convenience.

**Student Accounts**

We would appreciate all student accounts being brought up to date by Friday 28th November. For all year 6 & 7 students all outstanding accounts must be finalised before students will be permitted to attend the end of year activities in the last week of term.

**Email Address**

From next year we will be changing to E-newsletters (online newsletters). In order to do this successfully, and if you have not already done so, please supply an email address for your family. You can advise us via admin@wulguruss.eq.edu.au or calling the office.

**2015 Stationery Orders**

If you have placed your children stationery order through the school these packs will be available for collection in the school hall on Tuesday 9th & Wed 10th between 8.30am-9.30am & 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

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**From the Office**

**From the Sports Desk**

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**PREP ENROLMENTS**

We are now taking prep enrolments for 2015 ! Please come to our friendly office to collect your enrolment forms!!

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**Townsville Sunbus**

Dear parents you are able to pick up your children’s bus passes from the 19th January 2015 from Sunbus at 451-459 Woolcock Street in Garbutt. Our opening hours are 8am to 4:30 pm.

We will not be mailing out the passes for next year, as we had so many go missing this year.

Regards
Michaela Hemken
Bird, Rat, Bat or Brat?

Drama in 3M!
This semester 3M have been working hard on writing, practising and presenting a play!

Drama in 3M!
This is the story of Bat’s downward spiral, from fly by night to fly by light...

We made 3 different backdrops and painted them all ourselves. -Briggem

I enjoyed making my colourful wings. -Ngoc

We liked being able to make our own tails, masks and wings. -Zac & Bella

Book Rewards

By Ariel Boxall, Mariah Ross and Hien Luong 4/5O

We are so excited about presenting our play to our friends, families and teachers next week!

-3M Students

Be Fair
Come To School On Time...
Or Else You Will Miss Your Learning

By Ariel Boxall, Mariah Ross and Hien Luong 4/5O