What a busy start to the term. It is difficult to believe that we are only in Week 4. So far this term we have had:

- Athletics Carnivals – week 1
- Mid-year concert for choir and school bands in week 2
- ‘Grease is the Word’ Fete
- Visiting Japanese school
- Wakakirri Heats (Wondall’s performance was excellent!)
- And this week we:
  - farewell our Japanese visitors
  - have our second Prep 2015 Open Day.

Attendance Superstars
This week on parade the first Attendance Superstar class was announced. Congratulations to Prep Blue. 100% of their students attended for 9 or more of the 10 days in the fortnight. Prep Blue will now have a sausage sizzle to celebrate their great attendance. While Prep Blue had excellent attendance, it’s important that your child attends school every day.

Attendance at school is essential. Every day of attendance counts in a child’s education.

- Every day counts because children achieve better when they attend school all day, every day
- Every day counts because going to school means getting a better chance at life
- Every day counts because school helps children make friends and be happier
- Every day counts because the law says children must go to school

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
School Opinion Survey
Thank you to all families who have responded online to the School Opinion Survey, Originally, the closing date was August 3 however this has now been extended to Friday 8. Any concerns please contact Trish McNeilage on 3906 6444.

District Athletics
Congratulations to all our students who are representing Wondall at District Athletics on Thursday and Friday. We know you will display good sportsmanship and represent your school with pride.

Durrabin Cunnjeil (Owl Dancers) from Bayside State College
Wondall was privileged to have the dancers perform at our assembly on Monday. The dancers performed 5 dances including a traditional welcome and farewell dance for our Japanese visitors.

HEAD OF CURRICULUM
Hello! I am very excited to be at Wondall Heights State School, and I have heard wonderful things about this school and its achievements. I seem to have arrived at a very busy time! Congratulations to all on your very successful fete (I did sneak in on fete day to have a look around!), to the Wakakirri performers and their support team, to those who performed at Athletics Carnivals and Musical Presentations, and to all who were involved with the Japanese visitors.

I look forward to working with all staff to continue to provide exciting and challenging curriculum activities to meet our students’ learning needs. Thanks to all (students, staff and parents) for extending such a warm welcome to me. Please say hello if you see me around!
**Music News!**

New choir members are welcome to join this week as we will be starting new songs. Come along to the next rehearsal if you are interested.

**Intermediate Choir (Yr 2/3)**
— Thursday 8:00am

**Senior Choir (Yr 4/5/6/7)**
— Tuesday 8:00am

Junior Choir will begin this Thursday 7th August. Only students who have returned their choir forms will be able to participate. See Miss Ellis if you need another note.

**Junior Choir (Prep & Yr1) – Thursday at second break**

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**Dance News!**

**Wakakirri**

Congratulations to our Wakakirri team for a fabulous performance at the Brisbane heats last week. Everyone put in 110% and it showed on the night. It was lovely to hear the positive comments from the judges, audience and other competitors after the show. Fabulous!!!

On Monday this week we were awarded the Comedy Story Award. We will now take our Wakakirri team to the finals to see which school will receive ‘The Best Story’ for the series. Fingers crossed!

Dance rehearsals will continue on Thursday afternoons from 3:00 – 4:00pm.

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**Library Borrowing**

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TUCKSHOP
Trading hours: Tuesday – Friday
8.30am – 1.30pm

Current menu is on PINK paper effective MAY 2014

A HUGE thank-you to our fantastic volunteers again last week: Cherie, Karen, Peta and Amanda.

Coloured shading below indicates Tuckshop needs your help! Please let us know if you can assist on a particular day.

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Unable to attend your rostered day? Please text or ring me asap!

BOOKWEEK CELEBRATIONS...

During week 6 and to coincide with Bookweek Tuckshop will be offering some fun non-food items in addition to your standard Tuckshop order for 2nd BREAK on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st of August 2014. More details and an example of how to order will be in next week’s newsletter.

If you have any questions, please see us at the Tuckshop.
Suzette Beveridge 3906 6412

Gotchas

Angelina P 1S  Taya N 1S
William R 1V  Hayley Y 1V
Mia S 1V  Emily M 5KS
Kaiwhiri R 6H  Angel T 6H
Lachlan H 6H  Abbey H 7H

Don’t forget to go to Tuckshop to claim your reward.
Keep up the great work !!!!!
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We learned about the sun, it’s in the right place, not too hot and not too cold. Earth spins around the sun it is called orbiting. Toby 1T

At our Starlab visit we learned about in space and in the sky at night the stars that do not twinkle are planets. Starlab was very echo-y. I wish I could go back to Starlab. Jonathan 1T

My favourite part was when the volcano happened. Ethan 1T

At the Planetarium we met Mr. Ryan outside the hall. He walked us in. We learned lots of cool things. We learned about space and we learned about the sun first. We learned that it takes one year for Earth to get around the sun. We all thought that it looked scary from the outside but it was not so scary from the inside. Lachlan 1T

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Wondall is joining in with the celebration of National Literacy and Numeracy Week from the 18th to the 22nd of August. We have a number of activities planned. Please keep an eye out in the newsletter over the next few weeks for great tips on how to help your child further develop their literacy and numeracy skills. Follow the link below if you are interested in reading more about what you can do at home to help your child to do better at school. http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/news/parent-
WELL DONE TO THE BOYS & GIRL WHO PUT UP A COURAGEOUS EFFORT AGAINST A STRONG OPPOSITION!

DISTRICT ATHLETICS
15 students will compete this Thursday & Friday at the 10 – 13yrs Lytton District Athletics Carnival. Please remember to wear full sports uniform including your hat and bring lunch and drink bottle. A canteen will be operating throughout both days should you wish to purchase food or drink. Good luck to our athletes!

YEAR 4 SPORTS EXPO
On Friday August 15 the year 4 cohort will participate in the Year 4 Sports Development Expo held/conducted by Wynnum Manly Leagues Club. Forms have been handed out by teachers and need to be returned to teachers/office ASAP.

SEMESTER 2 INTERSCHOOL SPORT
This semester’s interschool sport season commences in Week 7 for 4 weeks and continues after the holidays until Week 4. The sports on offer are AFL, Basketball, Softball & Touch. Students chose their sports to trial for on Monday. If they are unsuccessful in making a team they need to try to approach another sport that has space before taking the non-competitive option. Training for sports will commence this week with the allocated teachers. We will have a team run afternoon of games on Friday Week 6 to prepare for the competition. Forms will be handed out by sports teachers in Week 5. If your student receives a form it means they have been selected by their sport’s teacher. If they are not selected they should attempt selection in another sport before choosing our non-competitive mixed sport offering. Payment options, dates etc. will all be explained on the forms and re-iterated here in the coming weeks.

Strive to excel in sport
Stephen Bloxsom
Sports Coordinator/HPE Teacher
Minasan domo arigato gozaimashita! (Everyone, thank you very much)

What an amazing few days we experienced at Wondall with the visit from the students and staff of Shijonawate Elementary School. Wondall and Shijo students shared a wide range of both Aussie and Japanese activities here at School, including cooking (damper, lamingtons and pizza), sport (as well as lunchtime games and dodge ball, we learned two traditional Indigenous games from Deadly Choices and how to play cricket from Queensland Cricket), Japanese traditional craft (paper dyeing and origami) and various other shared class activities. We were also treated to dance performances from the two countries, with the Japanese students performing an upbeat version of the very traditional Soran Bushi dance, and the Bayside Indigenous dancers performing a collection of Welcome and Farewell dances. Wonderful!

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Wondall community for your generous support of this visit. So many people contributed in so many ways – the visit simply couldn’t have happened without you: ARIGATO!! A special mention to the P & C for your donations of food for our Farewell Barbeque and of gifts for the Shijo students: all very much appreciated!

Although the Shijo students were here for less than a week, it seems that strong and lasting relationships were made – students have already asked me when the return trip will be next year. And in our “debrief” meeting, we learned that Shijo would very much like to visit us again as soon as possible too. It will be great to continue building those relationships.

With sincere thanks again, Jenny Ward, LOTE Teacher.
Book Week Celebration

Week 6

Monday 18th August

Come to school dressed as your favourite character from a book!

Guidelines:

- Bring your school uniform if your costume is too bulky or uncomfortable to wear all day.
- No weaponry/unsafe objects.
- Show your creativity by up-cycling or recycling items—no hired costumes please.

This year’s theme is:

Connect to reading ~ Reading to connect
Scholastic Book Club News

Beginning with Issue 6 there will be a few changes to how to order book club. A locked box will be located at the front of the library where all book club orders will need to be placed. Classroom teachers and the office will no longer accept orders.

Students will be directed to take orders to the library and place them directly into the locked box. Please do not give orders to the library staff. Any spare order forms will be placed in the same location. The library is open Monday to Thursday.

Book Club will now be cashless – the school will not accept cash payments for orders. Any orders placed into the box that contain cash will be sent home. Payments for book club can be made in one of three ways:

Online payment – go to www.scholastic.com.au/payment. Once your payment has been accepted you will need to write the receipt number on the bottom of the order form and return this to school (make sure you mark your book selections on the order form as well).

Phone payment – call the automated free phone service (available 24 hours) on 1800 557 908. You will again be given a receipt number to write on the bottom of the order form.

Payment by cheque – cheques need to be made payable to Scholastic Australia Pty Ltd and must be crossed “not negotiable”. Any cheques not made out correctly will be returned home.

The due date for each issue will be published in the newsletter and no orders will be accepted after this date. Any order that is returned late will be sent home.

**Issue 5 orders have now closed.**

If you have any questions regarding book club you can direct these to

Karen Hills or Loralea Travis.

Thank you and happy reading!
2015 Prep Parent Information Sessions

When:
- Friday 8th August 2014
- Saturday 9th August 2014
- Friday 12th September 2014
- Saturday 13th September 2014

Time: 10am

Where: Performing Arts Hall

Come along and see what makes Wondall a great school!