PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe that we are in September already! This is week 8 of a term that is characterised by many students and staff with illnesses such as the flu and stomach bugs. Every Day at School does count but if your child is unwell please give them the time to recover. Illness is the most valid reason for not attending school.

Happy Father’s Day to all our Dads for Sunday. I trust that your children will spoil you and re-enforce that being a parent is the best job in the world but as all parents know it is also the most difficult job in the world but the rewards of parenting are many and immeasurable. Thanks once again to our hard-working P and C for organising the Father’s Day stall for children to purchase gifts. Hope you enjoy your gifts Dads.

Over the past two weeks teaching staff have been engaging in the Watching Others Work program. The focus for this term has been modelled on reading and giving feedback to each other. Teachers have been visiting classrooms watching specific elements of a modelled reading lesson and then giving the teacher feedback on their lesson. Feedback given is based on very specific characteristics of the lesson and includes three positive and a polisher. Teachers in the upper school have been visiting other local schools watching teachers in these schools deliver reading lessons. Professional learning communities are an essential element needed for teachers to grow and learn professionally. Often the best learning for teachers comes from other teachers.

Over the past week I have visited a number of classrooms to engage with the students in their learning environment. I am always impressed at Wondall at the high level of engagement of our students in their learning.

Majella Frith

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Under 8s Day
Last Friday our junior playground had a carnival-like appearance as we celebrated Under 8s Day. Thanks to the organisation by staff there was an amazing array of activities for all students. It was wonderful to see the community involved in the day and feedback from everyone was positive including an announcement from a Prep student that “this was the best day of my life!”

Teacher Aide Day
This Friday, September 5, we celebrate Teacher Aide Day acknowledging the valuable contributions made by teacher aides each day of the school year around the state. The support they provide to teachers, classes and individual students adds up to make a big difference. At Wondall Heights State School we will host a morning tea on Friday for our teacher aides and our amazing office staff.
Interschool Sport
Students from Years 5 to 7 began interschool sport last week. It was wonderful to hear feedback from the staff who accompanied them on their appropriate behaviour, team approach to the game and the sportsmanship they and other school teams displayed. Definitely the Wondall Way!

Animals in schools
It has come to my notice that family members are dropping off and picking up their child accompanied by a dog. This is a reminder that school is not an appropriate place to bring a dog, even though it may be on a leash. Please consider that a school has students and staff who may have an allergy or a phobia of dogs.

Before school procedures
Students are supervised at school in the Arena from 8:00am. At 8:20 the teacher on duty takes ALL students down to the oval until 8:40. The only exception to this would be a child sitting with a parent or family member. Students are not to be playing around buildings or on other playgrounds at this time. At 8:40, students return from the oval to line up as a class.

Late Arrivals – Late Slips
Please ensure that your child is not arriving after the first bell. It is extremely important that students are arriving on time to school every morning. We understand that, at times, there will be circumstances where your child will be arriving late and we would request that parents advise the office if this occurs. Classes begin at 8.50am. Students who arrive after 9.00am will need to go to the office to collect a late slip. Likewise, if you leave early students will need to be signed out at the office before leaving.

CONGRATULATIONS! Yesterday, eight of our students spent the day at Brisbane Bayside State College, participating in a Day of Excellence: the inaugural Dare to be Wise Academic Team Challenge. Abbey, Piper, Tiarna, Billy, William, Clayton, Dariush and Laine had a fabulous day working together, supported by students from BBSC’s Yr 8 Academic Extension program. They participated in a Maths Masters Challenge, a SOSE Trivia Challenge, a Poetry Slam, a Science Inquiry and a Technology Think Tank activity, competing against teams from seven other local primary schools. At the end of the day, our Wondall team was awarded third place. Congratulations to our students, not only for achieving third place but more importantly for representing our school in such an enthusiastic, friendly and respectful way. Wondall students are wonderful!

We wish Aaron, Mitchell, Lizzie, Scott and Ashleigh all the best for tomorrow as they head off on their own Day of Excellence. They are visiting the Translational Research Institute at Woolloongabba, to work with scientists to investigate cells, cellular function and DNA.

We hope you have a wonderful adventure!
**Dance News!**

**Wakakirri**

Wakakirri bus permission forms and money need to be paid as soon as possible. The final rehearsal is Thursday 4th September from 3:00 – 4:00pm. Everyone is expected to attend.

**Wakakirri Performance Day – Tuesday 9th September**

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**“Singer of the Week”**

Intermediate Choir – Keani L. 3O  
Senior Choir – Mitchell G. 5KS

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

**ALL STUDENTS:**

All band students are being given homework each week to extend their skills. Please help them with this by making sure they have a place to play without interruption and that they make at least 4 sessions of 15 minutes per week.

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**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS:**

**COULD ALL PARENTS PLEASE CHECK STUDENT BELONGINGS THAT ARE COMING HOME EG. HATS, JUMPERS, BAGS ETC. IF THERE ARE ANY ITEMS THAT DON’T BELONG TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD, COULD YOU PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE SCHOOL.**

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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

Remember to write your child’s name, class and specify 1st or 2nd break.
Without this information it is impossible for us to deliver the order to the right person!

Please

Thank-you to volunteers last week:
Cherie, Karen Ina, Brett, Amanda and Dawn.

VOLUNTEER ROSTER
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!

Lick-a-prize is back!
NEW! PADDLEPOP:
Dragon Popper
Popping Candy $1.50 each

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

SCHOOL BANKERS
EVERYONE IS DOING A GREAT JOB OF SAVING.
MAKE SURE YOU SEND IN YOUR 10 TOKENS TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE.
UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE NO MORE PENGUIN KEYRINGS AVAILABLE.
THANKS
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!

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SEPTEMBER 2014

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Dylan N  P1/P  Alethia E  6I
Connor H  1V  Reyelle T  6I
Callum M  1V  Allison B  6I

Don’t forget to go to Tuckshop to claim your reward.
Great work !!!!
MET EAST ATHLETICS
Good luck to Latisha A., Anastacia-Sky C., Shannyn H. & Mekayla J. who compete as members of the Lytton District team this Thursday & Friday at QSAC for a chance to represent Metropolitan East in Athletics. Good luck & strive for PBs!

SEMESTER 2 INTERSCHOOL SPORT
This semester’s interschool sport season commenced last week.
The sports this semester are AFL, Basketball, Softball & Touch. Venues for sports at this stage are:

AFL - Wynnum Bugs Sports Fields (Elanora Park) – Granada St, Wynnum
Basketball - Wynnum West S.S. (Wks 1,2,6,7 & 8) – School Rd, Wynnum West & Wynnum S.S. (Wks 3,4 & 5) – Boxgrove Ave, Wynnum
Softball/TBall - Elanora Park Softball Fields – Granada St, Wynnum
Touch - Memorial Park – Buderim St, Wynnum
Non-Competitive - Action Arena Indoor Sports(Wks 1 – 4)– Preston Rd, Wynnum West(Wks 5-8)@ School

This semester of sport does not have canteen food/drink available so students will need normal packed lunches & water bottles or are to collect suitable tuckshop in first break for lunch out at sport.

TERM 4 SWIMMING
From Week 2 to Week 9 of next term all students from Prep – 7 will partake in swimming lessons. For new students to the school, swimming classes are run in arranged PE times (either half an hour each week or an hour each fortnight) by me to prepare you for your carnivals at the end of term and also expose you to the joy of safely enjoying swimming and building your skills in floatation and movement across the competitive swimming strokes. In order for these lessons to run smoothly students need to bring with them each and every lesson: their toggs, a sun shirt, a swimming cap, a towel, goggles/ear plugs (if desired) and a plastic bag to put all the wet gear in afterwards. It is of extreme importance that, apart from serious injury or illness, students do not miss their swimming lessons. This is a life skill and in our country and climate encounters of swimming pools, lakes, rivers and surf are overwhelming.

I am not hiding my love of the water from anyone as I have been swimming since I was four years old. Furthermore, I have taught learn to swim and squad training from before our oldest current students were born! I look forward to all students impressing me with their skills and learning new/different approaches and/or how to promote themselves correctly, quickly and competently through the water.

We have had new flags and track blocks installed in the off season and track starts will be taught to students from YR4 – YR7. Please make sure that your student has what they need to participate. Furthermore to this, Aquatic Education & Wondall Seagulls run swimming lessons/training sessions & Friday club race nights at our pool around school hours for any students that would like to get further involved.

Strive to excel in sport

Stephen Bloxsom
Sports Coordinator/HPE Teacher
### **THIS WEEK’S FIXTURES (FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5):**

**AFL**  
WONDALL WHITE V WYNNUM 1  FIELD 1  12.30PM  
WONDALL BLUE V GUMDALE 2  FIELD 2  1.10PM

**BASKETBALL**  
- YEAR 5 1: Wynnum West 1 @ 1.45PM indoor court  
- YEAR 5 2: Wynnum West 2 @ 2PM indoor court  
- YEAR 6/7 BOYS: Wynnum West 2 @ 1PM & Wynnum West 1 @1.45PM outdoor court  
- YEAR 6/7 GIRLS 1: Wondall 2 @12.30PM & Gumdale @2.15PM indoor court  
- YEAR 6/7 GIRLS 2: Wondall 1 @12.30PM & Wynnum West 2 @1.15PM indoor court

**TOUCH**  
- YEAR 5 BOYS: Gumdale 2 @ 12.45PM FIELD 2 & Lota @ 2PM FIELD 1  
- YEAR 5 GIRLS: Manly 2 @ 12.30PM FIELD 4 & Wynnum 2 @ 1PM FIELD 4 &  
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- YEAR 6 BOYS: Manly West @ 12.30PM FIELD 6 & Manly 2 @ 1.15PM FIELD 6 &  
  Manly 2 @ 1.45PM FIELD 6 & Gumdale 3 @ 2.15PM FIELD 6  
- YEAR 6 GIRLS: Manly West 1 @ 12.45PM FIELD 8 & Manly 2 @ 2PM FIELD 7  
- YEAR 7 BOYS: Wynnum 1 @12.30PM FIELD 9 & Manly 1 @ 1.15PM FIELD 9 &  
  Gumdale 1 @ 1.30PM FIELD 10 & Wynnum West 1 @ 2.15PM FIELD 10  
- YEAR 7 GIRLS: Wynnum 1 @12.30PM FIELD 11 & Manly 1 @1.15PM FIELD 11 &  
  Gumdale 1 @1.30PM FIELD 12 & Manly West 1@2.15PM FIELD 12

**SOFTBALL/TBALL**  
- SOFTBALL:  WONDALL VS MANLY 3  DIAMOND 3  1.15PM  
- TBALL:  WONDALL 1 VS WYNNUM  DIAMOND 6  1.15PM  
  WONDALL 2 VS MANLY 1  DIAMOND 5  1.15PM  
  WONDALL/LOTA VS LOTA  DIAMOND 7  1.15PM

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**VACATION RUGBY LEAGUE SKILLS CAMP**

**WHO:**  Children between 6 and 10 years of age  
**WHEN:**  September 22nd to 24th  9.00am—12 noon each day  
**WHERE:**  Kougari Oval (92 Wondall Rd, Manly West)  
**COST:**  $40 for the three days  

Sessions conducted by Local Trainees. Numbers will be limited to the first 120 players to book and pay.  
All interested students can pick up a flier from the School Office.
Wondall Seagulls Swimming Club

- Do your children enjoy swimming?
- Are they interested in improving their swimming style and times?
- Would you like a fun and relaxing activity for the whole family?

Come and join our club.

School aged children are invited to join the Wondall Seagulls Swimming Club. Students swim a variety of races according to their ability eg 15m, 25m, 50m, 100m and 200 metres. We meet weekly on Friday nights at Wondall Heights State School, 6.15pm.

Sign up, general information and free swim is available on Friday 19 September, 3.30 - 5.30pm.

The season commences on Friday 10 October. Join us for a free trial evening, prior to committing for the season.

Membership starts at $35 per child, or $50 (includes swimming cap and club shirt)

Membership is open to students of all schools.

For further information, please email us at wondallseagulls@hotmail.com or phone on 0412 570 275.

Melinda Lawrence
President
Wondall Seagulls Swimming Club
FATHER’S DAY STALL

Wednesday 3rd & Friday 5th September
9am till 11am outside the
Uniform Shop

Gifts priced from 50c to $10

Please send money and a plastic bag with your child so that they can choose a gift for their Dad / Grandad
(Children will be brought down to the stall during class time to choose a gift to surprise you with on Sunday!)

IF PARENTS ARE AVAILABLE, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR BOTH DAYS AT THE STAFF PLEASE
(ROSTER AT TUCKSHOP TUES—THURS)

THANK YOU
UNIFORM SHOP

ATTENTION PARENTS:

Prep Enrolments 2015:
The Uniform Shop will be taking appointments during the month of August for all 2015 Prep children to be measured for their school uniforms.

Please contact Nikki on 3906 6474 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 8.00am to 9.30am to arrange a time that suits.

Sports Short Update:
Due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the P&C and the Uniform Shop Convenor, there is a delay in the Sport Shorts sizes 4-6, 8-10, 8-10.

We apologise for the inconvenience! Nikki shall contact all parents that have the shorts on back order once stock becomes available.

Kind Regards
Uniform Shop

Operation Christmas Child

Each year Samaritan’s Purse asks the public to pack a box to gift to a vulnerable child at Christmas time. Last year, Wondall participated in this worthy program and we managed to donate a fantastic 55 boxes!! We have decided to participate again this year and we hope that you will be interested in getting involved. If your child’s class decides to pack a box, you will receive a letter home asking whether you are interested in contributing a small, inexpensive gift to include in the box. Please make sure that you fill in the attached return slip and send it back to the classroom teacher asap. They will then send home further information regarding the process. If your child’s class does not participate or if you would like to pack a box gifted from your family as well, please come and see me and I will give you all the information you need. All donations must be returned to school by Friday the 17th of October (week 2 of term 4). If you would like to know more about Operation Christmas Child you can visit the website at http://operationchristmaschild.org.au/

Please note – any donations made for these boxes will need to be small in size as they need to be packed into a small shoe box. The charity has asked that all packaging be removed for postage so only the size of the item needs to be considered.

Thank you,
Loralea Travis
Classroom teacher
Majella Frith
Principal

Scholastic Book Club News

Back Orders: The Frozen book that was on back order from issue 5 has now been delivered. If you are waiting on one of these books please bring the letter that was sent home with the rest of your order to my classroom to collect your book.

Issue 6 Orders: Issue 6 is now closed and the orders have been placed so you should be receiving your books over the next few weeks.
Thank you to everyone who has placed an order.

Loralea Travis
Classroom Teacher
Ants...

A cat has some rats and some ants,
They had some hats and some pants.
They went to the sheep,
And the sheep went to sleep!

By Cooper - Prep

One day I saw ants,
They had purple pants.
The old fluffy sheep
Saw them in his sleep

By Maia and Sharnai - Prep
...and more... Ants ...

One day I saw some ants
And they were hanging up their pants.
They were crawling up the sheep
And the sheep was fast asleep.
By Joseph and Phoenix - Prep

One day I saw some ants,
They were wearing pink pants.
They tiptoed to the sheep,
And they all went to sleep.
By Ella and Tyra - Prep
2015 Prep Parent Information Sessions

When:  Friday 12th September 2014
       Saturday 13th September 2014

Time:  10am

Where: Performing Arts Hall

Come along and see what makes Wondall a great school!
Changes to the School Dental Program

Good dental health begins at home. That’s why we’re making changes to our school dental program to give all parents the opportunity to be involved in their children’s dental care.

What’s changing?

We now ask that a parent or legal guardian attends every dental appointment with their child. To fit in with busy families, we’re offering free treatment at any of Metro South Health’s public clinics across the region.

That means you will now need to book an appointment for you and your child; we will no longer arrange appointments through your child’s school.

When you attend the appointment, you will have the opportunity to discuss any concerns and receive expert advice from our oral health professionals about your child’s dental care. Research shows that children have better long-term dental health if their parents understand their unique dental needs.

How can I make an appointment?

Simply call our new telephone line – 1300 300 850 – to arrange an appointment at a time and location convenient for you.

Who is eligible?

- All children 4 years old through to year 10 students
- Students in years 11 and 12 who have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- 0-3 year olds whose parents have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

For more information, visit health.qld.gov.au/metrosouth/oralhealth
Find out if your child is on track with:

- Speech and communication
- Social competence
- General health and wellbeing
- Reading and writing
- Emotional maturity
- Getting Ready for Prep
- Physical growth and ability
- Progressing through school

Discover family and educator support networks and avenues for:

- identifying developmental milestones from birth through to school
- local, inexpensive parenting programs
- knowing the "Red Flag" early intervention referral guide
- family welfare & community support groups
- food, allergy and behaviour

Birth to School & Beyond - Are your Children on Track?

Child and Family EXPO

Stalls, Lucky Door Prizes, Take-home info

Date: Wednesday 10th September
Venue: Manly West State School, 226 Manly Road, Manly West
Time: 6.30pm - 8pm
FREE FAMILY FUN
School holidays in paradise
Saturday 20 – Friday 26 September
Surfers Paradise Beach & Foreshore

Weekend Features
Peppa Pig weekend performances
Barbie and Peppa Pig meet & greets
Foreshore attractions & beach activities
Fireworks 7pm Saturday 20 Sept

Weekday fun for all ages
Daily feature show in Cavill Mall
LEGO day, craft day, animal day, music day,
and superheroes & fairytales day
Fireworks 7pm Friday 26 Sept

for full schedule of events visit surfersparadise.com