**PRINCIPAL**

2015 is shaping up to be another great year at Wondall. As a staff we are focussed on the mantra of 'Consistency moving the school from Good to Great'.

Priorities continue to be Reading, Writing and Numeracy (problem solving).

Enrolment numbers at Wondall continue be strong with a final enrolment at Day 8 of 684 students. This gives the school 27 classrooms and some flexibility in supporting programs across the school. In 2015 an additional 0.5 of a teacher will be working with Amy Ellis on the Performing Arts program in the school. Olivia Whiting will teach dance to students in the lower school continuing to strengthen Performing Arts at our school.

Wondall Strives to Excel in all areas of school life. To support Striving to Excel the school has received funding once again under the Great Results Guarantee. Funding in 2015 will be utilised to improve further the literacy and numeracy in the Prep – 2 and provide ongoing support for students in Years 3 - 6. Karen Hills will work 3 days a week in Prep – Year 2 with class teachers to analyse data and differentiate the curriculum to meet the learning needs of students. Sharon Squires will work with class teachers in years 3 – 6 supporting them to meet the learning needs of all students. Sharon will work closely with our Master Teacher, Annette Foster, coaching and mentoring teachers. Anna Burgess will continue in her role of STLaN overseeing support programs in our school. The team of Karen, Sharon, Annette and Anna will provide Wondall with the support and tools to continue to ensure that our students ‘Strive to Excel’.

**LEADERS INDUCTION**

This Friday at 9.30am a special assembly will be held to induct the school leaders for 2015. Student Leaders will take a pledge of office and will receive their badges of office. All are welcome.

**PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS**

Next Wednesday and Thursday evening Parent Information Nights will be held. These evenings are an opportunity for parents to come along to the school, meet their child’s class teacher and gain knowledge of school and class expectations and the work their child will be completing. Please take this opportunity to get involved.

Prep – Year 2 – Wednesday 11 February at 6.00pm in the hall
Year 3 – 6 – Thursday 12 February at 6.00pm in the hall.

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

**WONDALL CLASSES STRIVE TO EXCEL**

The students of Wondall continue to amaze me. It is impressive to see how well our classes have settled in. Our teachers are setting high expectations and our students are trying their best. Congratulations to all students and teachers on your outstanding start to 2015!

**STAFF CARPARKS**

Since returning to school we have had a number of students entering and leaving the school grounds via the carpark near the pool. A number of staff members at Wondall have expressed concerns about the visibility of pedestrians in this area. Please ensure that when you are entering and exiting our school you do not walk through the carparks.

**PERMISSION NOTES**

2015 Permission notes for Swimming, Media Release, Religious Instruction and Internet Access have been sent home. Thank you to those families who have already returned these forms. Please sign and return these to the school as soon as possible. Students cannot participate in these activities and lessons until these forms are returned.

**ALLERGIES / MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

If your child’s medical conditions have changed please ensure that the office is aware of these changes. Please call the office on 3906 6444.

**STAFF CARPARKS**

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**Strive to Excel**
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Senior Cross-Country | 1 April  
Junior Cross-Country | 2 April  
3 April  
Good Friday: Public Holiday |
Music News!

MUSIC NEWS!
Intermediate Choir and Senior Choir will begin in Week 3. Information notes will be handed out this week to those students who are interested.

Intermediate Choir - Thursday at 8:00am
Senior Choir - Tuesday at 8:00am

Dance News!

DANCE NEWS!
The Dance Team forms will be handed out this week. Students must be invited to participate in this program. Rehearsals will begin in Week 3.

Dance Team - Thursday 3:00 - 4:00pm

Scholastic Book Club News

ISSUE 1 IS OUT NOW – DUE DATE 18 FEBRUARY

At Wondall, Book club operates on a cashless system – this means that no cash payments will be accepted at school for orders. Any cash received will be sent home. You have the following options for payment:

1. Online payment – go to www.scholastic.com.au and click on the Parent Payments option on the top right hand side of the screen. This is an extremely easy and hassle free way to order from book club as once you have completed this process you do not need to do anything else. Please DO NOT send an order form in to school as this will lead to double ordering.

2. Phone payment – call the automated free phone service (available 24 hours) on 1800 557 908. You will then need to fill in an order form with your receipt number and return it to school. If we don’t receive it we can’t place your order.

3. 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.

There is a locked box located at the front of the library where all book club orders will need to be placed.

The library is open Monday to Thursday.
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 submitted after the due date will be sent home.

If you have any questions regarding book club you can direct these to Karen Hills or Loralie Travis.

Thank you and happy reading!
**THE WONDALL WAY 42.2K**

We have had a positive start to our “Wondall Way, 42.2k” run with many students eager to get involved either running, jogging or walking. When students arrive they need to collect their sheet from the staff member on duty and run with their sheet to collect lap stamps. At the completion of each morning students return their sheet to the staff member on duty who will place it in their class section. This will ensure that student sheets don’t disappear and will also make life easier when totalling metres completed. My hope is that this running will translate to more comfortable runners and better results in our annual cross country carnival.

I have had a few queries about when students are able to complete laps towards their 42.2km. Currently, we can only allow the completion of this run in the morning before school (8.20 – 8.40). This is for a number of reasons:

1. It is generally cooler at this time of day
2. Year 1s & 2s don’t go to the oval in lunchtimes so they would be disadvantaged if we ran it then
3. We need to ensure adequate staffing—this is only available before school.

Unfortunately, this will mean some students will be unable to participate due to travel arrangements in the morning but for this term’s installation this is the time that the run has to be completed. Please note that Preps are not currently invited to participate in this challenge.

Are you able to help? If you would like to join us on the oval any time from 8:20am each morning, your help to stamp runners’ lap cards would be appreciated!

**PE SWIMMING TERM 1**

Swimming commences this week and students need to bring the right equipment with them to participate. Togs, Sun Shirt, Cap, Towel, Wet Bag & Goggles/Ear Plugs (if desired) are required. Yes, we swim with caps! This keeps hair out of the pool and filter. Caps also protect our scalp from the sun and create less drag in the water. It is the student’s responsibility to bring their equipment on their swim days. Failure to bring appropriate equipment may result in exclusion and consequences. If your student is unwell or has an injury on their swim day please send a note to me explaining, as many students cry wolf when there is nothing wrong. It is expected that each student swims as it counts towards their PE marks.

**BRISBANE ROAR SOCCER PROGRAM**

This will run for 4 weeks. All relevant information is on forms that went home with our YR 3 – 6 classes on Monday. P-3 students will receive information at next week’s assembly. Extra forms are available at the school office. For YRS 4 – 6 this program would be a good lead in to our interschool sport soccer trials towards the end of term.

Strive to excel in sport
Stephen Bloxsom
Sports Coordinator/HPE Teacher
# Swimming Timetable for Term 1

## PE SWIMMING TIMETABLE

**TERM 1**

(Weeks 2 - 7)

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**YRS 1 - 3 1 HOUR SWIMS FORTNIGHTLY**

**YRS 4 - 6 30 MIN SWIMS WEEKLY**

**PREP IS NORMAL PE, NO SWIM IN TERM 1**

**WEEKS 8/9 BEEP TESTS/CROSS COUNTRY ORIENTATION AND PRACTICE**

**WEEK 10 CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVALS**

**YR3C, YR1B, YR1C & YR1D WILL MAKE UP THE PE LESSON MISSED IN WEEK 10 ON FRIDAY WEEK 2. PLEASE WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM NOT SWIM GEAR.**

**WEEK 1 PE MAKEUPS FOR MONDAY FEBRUARY 9 CAN BE SEEN IN THE FRIDAY COLUMN FOR THE SAME WEEK.**

**PLEASE NOTE THESE CLASSES WILL NEED THEIR SWIM GEAR ON THIS FRIDAY 13/2.**
TUCKSHOP

Normal Trading hours: Tuesday – Friday
8.30am – 1.30pm
Current menu is on GOLD paper effective JANUARY 2015

Paper bags are available to purchase in bulk - 20 for $1.

Thank-you to volunteers last week Dawn and Amanda!

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

Sushi is available every Wednesday at 1st break only. $2.50 per roll, flavours include: Chicken Teriyaki, Tuna, Avocado, Vegetarian and Crispy Chicken. Limited quantities available so get your orders in early!

The new menu was distributed last week. If you missed out please collect a copy from the Tuckshop. Please note due to supplier issue SAKATA CRACKERS will NOT be available – please delete these from your menu.

CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES: If your child has allergies and you wish to place a Tuckshop order for him/her you as the parent/guardian are required to write on each bag each time you order the allergy that they have. For example “DAIRY ALLERGY” or “EGG ALLERGY” or “COELIAC/GLUTEN ALLERGY” etc. This must be written CLEARLY at the top of each bag each time you order.

For all students/staff: each bag must include name, class and either 1st or 2nd break. Without this information your lunch order will be delayed. All orders are required at Tuckshop no later than 9.15am. If you have any questions, please see us at the Tuckshop.

Suzette Beveridge 3906 6412

SCHOOL BANKERS

School banking for 2015 will commence on Tuesday 10th February. Please make sure that you put your child’s new class on the front of your bank books, to enable quick return of the books.

There is a new series of rewards to collect. It’s called Outer Space. Remember to collect your silver tokens - when you have 10, you can claim your prize! The first term prize is an ET DVD and a new handball, so get saving!

On Monday, Tina from the Commonwealth Bank will visit assembly to talk with our P-2 students about school banking. An information pack will be sent home. She will also visit our school on Monday, 18 February at 8:15 for parents wanting to open a new account for their child to operate from school.

Thank you from your banking co-ordinator Shelley

LOT PROPERTY

All lost property has been displayed in the arena. If you have misplaced any items, please take a moment to have a look.

Any items not collected will be donated.

Thank you!

GOTCHAS

Chelsea H 5A
Harrison F 6A
Emily D 5B
Eden D 3A

Don’t forget to go to Tuckshop to claim your reward.
Keep up the great work !!
Scaffolding Children’s Learning

Helping to build children’s learning
In just the same way that scaffolding provides temporary support to a building, parents and carers can also ‘scaffold’ children’s learning. For some things, children may need lots of support. This is especially the case when they are learning new things. As children’s abilities develop, they gradually become more independent in their learning and parents and carers can start to reduce their ‘scaffolding’.

Helping children think through tasks supports their learning. Teaching them skills for thinking helps children learn to think for themselves.

How parents and carers can help
Parents and carers scaffold children’s learning by leading and coaching them towards coming up with their own answers. This shows children how to learn, and makes it more likely that they will succeed. The next time your child asks for help, you might try some of the following ways to scaffold thinking and learning.

Prompt children to extend their thinking
• Ask them to think about something relevant: “Why do you think…?”
• Ask them to think through alternatives: “That would be one way, what’s another way we could try?”
• Provide support for thinking through difficult tasks: “Let’s have a think about this together.”

Ask them to explain the steps
• Help children to plan their approach: “What is it that we need to do?”
• Ask them to review their steps so far: “Tell me more about what you have already tried?”

Demonstrate
• Show an example and talk it through: “First, I will…, and then I will…, and then I can…”

Break it into steps
• Help children who are stuck by breaking the task into smaller steps.
• It’s a good idea to ensure the first step involves something that children can already do. This way they will experience success early which helps their confidence.
• Be sure to provide praise for completing each step as they work through a task.
• Guide children step-by-step to build their skills so they can eventually complete the whole task on their own.

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff.
View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Thank you!

Wondall Heights State School P&C would like to give a special thanks to Nova Hunter and IGA Cleveland for their very generous donations supporting our recent BBQ fundraisers. These events would not have been a success without their kind support.

The P&C are pleased to report we raised approximately $2,400 from our sausage sizzles and cake stall in January. We are off to a great start for 2015! It would not have been possible to raise these funds without the support from our parent helpers and the school community both on the day and preparing beforehand.

To all our families who kindly donated baked goods for our cake stall, your cakes were eagerly sought after and we sold out by 10.30am Saturday!

Don’t forget the first P & C meeting for 2015 is on 17th February at 7pm in the school staff room. We’d love to see lots of people join us as we prepare for an exciting year!

Mark Graubner
P&C President
M: 0404 889 243
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
The QSchools mobile app is a convenient way to share up-to-the-minute information with the school community.

The app is designed to integrate with Websites for Schools websites. When a school publishes content to their website, the app is automatically updated with the latest news, events and newsletters.

Emergency announcements and push notifications, such as information about natural disasters and school closures, can be published by the department.

All Queensland state schools are searchable via the app, however only schools who have upgraded their school website with Websites for Schools will benefit from all the features of the app.

Parent and Community Engagement Framework alignment

The QSchools app is a useful tool for schools implementing the Parent and Community Engagement Framework to facilitate:

- Better communication with the school community
- Community collaboration
- Encourage participation in the school community.

Benefits for parents, carers and families:

- Access the latest school news, newsletters and calendar events
- Receive emergency announcements and push notifications
- Follow multiple schools
- Search for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburb.

Compatible with the following devices:

- Android
- Apple
- Windows
Download or update the QSchools app
Compatible with the following devices:
- Android
- Apple
- Windows 8

To receive automatic updates, you will need to ensure that QSchools push notifications are enabled in your phone settings.

Search for your school
The QSchools app allows you to search by:
- School name search
- Map search
- Schools near your current location

‘Favourite’ your school to receive updates
By favouriting your school, you will:
- Have access to school information, newsletters, reports and more
- Automatically receive important updates and push notifications from your school