PRINCIPAL

THANKS

Wow what a community!

Many, many thanks to the parents and community members who came to the aid of the school last Friday. The drains and drainage of the school were not coping with the torrential rain and classrooms were at risk of flooding. Parents and volunteers sand bagged, cleared drains and mopped floors to ensure the safety of classrooms and the school. I was overwhelmed by the generosity and commitment of so many people – thank you. Events of last Friday only reinforce the fantastic and supportive community Wondall is! Many thanks to the parents who responded to the Q-Schools text message during the day, seeking support to collect children early from school due to the weather conditions.

STANDARDISED TESTING - Reading

Students in a number of grades have undergone PAT-R testing. PAT-R is a standardised reading test. At the twilight planning session this Wednesday, teachers analysed the test for their students and worked to develop an understanding of areas of weakness in reading according to the results of the test. Each student receives a stanine – reading level. The test is repeated later in the year and students are able to gauge their rate of improvement. Prep classes have completed an Early Start screener and Year 1 classes focus on the PM benchmarking for reading. Please discuss with your child’s teacher.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance continues to be an ongoing issue across the school. If your child is away it is essential that you contact the school explaining the reason for your child’s absence.

A reasonable explanation for absence includes illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school. Every day at school counts!

STANDALONE TESTING - Reading

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

The week in review…

What a wet Wondall week! It was heartening to see so many parents and volunteers from our community come and help at Wondall last Friday in the wet, wet weather. Thank you. The behaviour of our students was also remarkable. Our teachers and support staff worked so efficiently to ensure students spent the day on worthwhile activities such as undertaking revision, completing unfinished tasks, monitoring the weather radar and doing some wet weather writing. My congratulations to all.

Naming Items of Clothing

Wondall students look so fantastic in their school uniforms and I am so pleased to see the Wondall uniform being worn with pride. The difficulty with everyone wearing the same thing however, is that items can accidently be picked up by the wrong owner! It is highly recommended that parents and caregivers name all items of clothing (including hats) and regularly check that their students are bringing home the items that belong to them. If you notice that your child brings home another’s belongings, could you please return it to the rightful owner, or bring to the office. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

Classroom Visits

I had the great pleasure of visiting Prep D in their classroom last week and spending some quality time with them during group rotations. What a class! The routines and procedures already established by Mr Palmer and Mrs Withers were extremely impressive to say the least. Students participated in independent activities, activities with parent volunteers, activities with lovely Mrs Withers and some focused time with Mr Palmer.
Group work provides children with the opportunity to learn from their peers and teachers the opportunity to adjust learning to cater for the needs of a small group. Today, Mr Palmer was working on teaching students about syllabification (a fancy term meaning the number of beats in words ie table has 2 beats/syllables *ta-ble*). Learning about syllabification is an important part of early literacy development. Knowing about syllables helps students read, write and spell words and provides fantastic metalinguistic (another fancy term meaning knowing about how words work) understanding. Mr Palmer explained to me that he would not be able to cover this concept with the same depth in a whole group activity.

Overall, I was so impressed by the focus shown by the youngest learners in our school, the wonderful support of our teacher-aides and parent volunteers and the organisation and skill of Mr Palmer in putting it all together for the benefit of all students in Prep D.

I hope I get the chance to come and visit again soon. Thanks for having me Prep D!

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**Spoken Words Cannot Be Taken Back**

This week, I would like to share an old proverb relating to gossip. I encourage parents and caregivers to discuss this concept with their children in an attempt to understand how gossip is spread. This is particularly relevant in our digital age. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

_This story is about a person who repeated gossip. Soon the whole village had heard the rumour. Later, the person who spread the gossip found out that it wasn’t true. Upset about this, the person went to an elder in the village and asked for some advice. The elder told the person “Go home and take a feather pillow outside. Rip it open and scatter the feathers, then return to me tomorrow.” The person did as the elder had said. The next day, the person visited the elder. The elder said, “Now go and collect the feathers you scattered yesterday and bring them back to me.” The person went home and searched for the feathers, but the wind had carried them all away. The person returned to the elder and said, “I couldn’t find any of the feathers I scattered yesterday.” “You see,” said the elder, “it’s easy to scatter the feathers but impossible to get them back.” So it is with gossip; it doesn’t take much to spread hurtful words, but once you do, you can never completely undo the damage._

**Thought for the week**

“Strength doesn’t come from what you can do. It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn’t” –Rikki Rogers

*Nicole King*
HEAD OF CURRICULUM

Class News
Classroom Newsletters have been produced, to give you some important information about your child's class. These newsletters include a welcome from your child's teacher, and information about this term’s curriculum focus for each curriculum area, classroom procedures, communication, report cards, behaviour expectations, parade and homework. There is also a newsletter from our specialist teachers.
To view these, please click on the link under 'Quick Links' on the front of our website. The newsletters can also be viewed on your mobile device through the QSchools App. Go to Forms and Documents and then click on Classroom Newsletters.

Enrichment Opportunities
We are often sent information about enrichment opportunities for our students. Following is information about a writing competition organised by write4fun. Prizes are awarded, and selected poems and stories are published (with the student’s permission) into the write4fun anthology each year. If your child would like to participate, please visit the website for further information.

The 2015 School Writing Competition is NOW OPEN to all Australian school students.

Write a poem or short story for your chance to win $1,000 cash ($500 for you & $500 for your school). There is NO theme - you may write about whatever your heart desires!
All it takes is a burst of inspiration, a dash of creativity and a little bit of effort for great poems and stories to appear. We can't wait to read yours.

Entry is FREE. Entries close Sunday March 29, 2015.

Poems no longer than 16 lines. Stories no more than 500 words.
* Entries must be submitted by Sunday 29th March 2015.

Enter online: www.write4fun.net
Email: admin@write4fun.net
Mail to: Po Box 2734, Nerang DC, Qld, 4211
Fax to: (07) 5574 3644

FACILITIES UPDATE

Surface Water: last Friday’s deluge.
I would like to thank the parents and community members who assisted in preventing the possibility of water entering classrooms in Friday’s deluge. A number of members of our school community assisted in getting approx. 300 sand bags from the council as well as a ton of sand, and filling 100 sand bags by hand, then laying them to redirect the water away from the buildings. Also thanks to the dedicated few who returned on Sunday to remove the bags, to allow for normal operation of the school on Monday morning. The soft-fall in the oval play structure was also water-affected and this area is currently closed until the soft-fall is replaced.

Trial Bike Rack at Lewis Place side of school.
There will be a trial use of a bike rack on the Lewis Place side of the school. The racks are at the end of K Block (the demountable near the junior oval). Please ensure, if your children are using this amenity, that their bikes are secured with a bike lock. The trail is for 1st term and will be reviewed then.

Oval Refurbishment
As you can see, with the rain there has been a vast improvement in the coverage of grass across our oval. I would like to thank everybody for continuing to follow the roped off areas, as we still need to give the new grass time to grow! Students will only be able to use the Wondall Road end of the oval. On arrival at the oval, they will be directed to turn left at the gate and walk along the hill to reach the small covered shelter. From there they can head out onto the oval.

Andrew Oliver
Business Services Manager
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THE ARTS:

Music News!
Choir rehearsals are held in the music room.

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

Dance News!
Dance Team - Thursday 3:00 to 4:00pm
Costume money is due by the end of Term 1 - $40.
A test email has been sent out to all dance parents. If you did not receive this email please let Miss Ellis know.

Instrumental Music News!

Beginning Students
Lessons have already commenced and our (over 45) new students are off to a great start; learning how to put their instruments together, how to hold them correctly and how to create their initial sounds!

This week we will be commencing use of our software program "Smart Music". We have been informed that the shop Binary Music has a fresh supply of the program in stock so where possible, please call and arrange your licence code (ph 3488 2230). It is possible to pay over the phone without going into the shop. Students will be learning how to use the program in lessons and will receive set up instructions then also. If you have a built in microphone on your computer then we recommend you try this out first before purchasing the special 'instrument microphone'.

Senior Students
Senior Band practice will be held on Wednesday mornings before school at 7.55am in the music room. Senior lessons are also held on Wednesdays. Students should check the timetable on the music room door to find out their lesson times. All senior students should be working to establish a routine of regular playing (at least 5 days per week) for a minimum of at least 15 minutes per session.

Parents and carers are asked to help find suitable times as this becomes an established part of your child's routine.

Caroline Finlay
Instrumental Music Teacher
SCHOOLS WITH POOLS FRIDAY MARCH 13 (WEEK 7) MORETON BAY GIRLS COLLEGE, WONDALL ROAD

Forms were sent home with participants on Monday.

Please note if you are swimming up on carnival day as this may change your session.

If you are new to school this year and you believe you may be able to contribute to this swim team please see Mr. Bloxsom with your PB times. Swimmer selection is subject to change. Individual swims/divisions/relays have not been finalised.

The carnival will be split into a morning session (8-10s: 9 – 11.30AM) and an afternoon session (11 – 12s: 12 – 2.30PM).

Training sessions for this carnival commenced this week at our pool on Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 7.50 – 8.30am. If you train in a squad outside of school hours these trainings are still available to you. In Weeks 5 & 6 these sessions will focus on the dos & don'ts of each stroke. If you are in the Roar Soccer Program or choir you should attend these instead. Week 7 training sessions are compulsory for the entire squad as these two sessions will focus on relay changeovers and relay team practice.

SCHOOL RUN 4 FUN FUNDRAISER

Coinciding with our senior cross country carnival, the Year 4 – 6 students can raise funds for sports equipment, apparel and gear for the school whilst earning prizes for their efforts. Each year 4 – 6 students will receive a booklet this week from their teacher.

PLEASE NOTE: WE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE ONLINE FUNDRAISING OPTION.

The final due date for all funds raised and completed booklets is the same day as the Senior Cross Country Carnival, Tuesday March 31. There are further prizes on offer for the highest individual fundraiser and the highest cumulative class funds total.

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

### PE SWIMMING

**TIMETABLE TERM 1**

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### MORNING TEA

| 11.30 - 12.00 | YR5B | YR5B | YR4B | YR4B | YR5C | YR5C | PREP1 | PREP1 |
| 12.00 - 12.30 | YR6C | YR6C | YR6B | YR6B | YR6A | YR6A | PREP2 | PREP2 |
| 12.30 - 13.00 | YR4C | YR4C | YR5A | YR5A | YR4A | YR4A | YR4/5 | YR4/5 |

### LUNCH

| 13.40 - 14.00 | YR5B | PREP3 | PREP3 |
| 14.00 - 14.30 | YR3C | YR3A | YR3B | YR2/3 | YR3D | YR6C | PREP3 | PREP3 |
| 14.30 - 15.00 | Assembly | Assembly | Assembly | Assembly | Assembly | Assembly | Assembly | Assembly |

- **YR 1 - 3 1 HOUR SWIMS FORTNIGHTLY**
- **YR 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

- **TUESDAY Morning 9 - 10.50 31/3 (Senior 4 - 6)/WEDNESDAY Morning 9 - 10.50 1/4 (Junior P - 3)**

### YR2C, YR2B, YR1C & YR1D WILL MAKE UP THE PE LESSON MISSED IN WEEK 10 ON FRIDAY WEEK 2. PLEASE WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM NOT SWIM GEAR.

### WEEK 3 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**
**TUCKSHOP**

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

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**Tuckshop Hints and Tips #4:**

Use a separate paper bag for each break

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Sushi is available every Wednesday at 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

**MENU CHANGES:**

Please note due to supplier issue SAKATA CRACKERS will NOT be available – please delete these from your menu.

**NEW** – Paddle Pop Funny Finger $1.30 each.

**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.

The following food and drinks are not sent to the classroom via the basket system: Noodles, ice-blocks / ice-creams, Slusha, Custard and Jelly/Custard. These items are highlighted on each order and all students MUST return to Tuckshop WITH their paper bag to receive them. Please remind your child/ren of this procedure.

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**Thank-you to volunteers last week Shelley, Arna, and Dawn. Welcome to new volunteers Carolyn, Natasha and Nicky.**

**VOLUNTEER ROSTER**

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

The only payment method accepted at Tuckshop is CASH. We do not offer an eftpos facility. Smaller change is appreciated as is correct money. Please no large notes or foreign coins. Orders will be adjusted if pricing or payment is incorrect. Please refer to the menu dated JANUARY 2015 for the current prices and items available.

We have had several orders come through Tuckshop with no name, no class and/or no break listed. Without this information it is impossible to serve the food to the right person at the right time. PLEASE ensure you list NAME, CLASS and either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> BREAK on each bag.

Counter sales are available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for Prep – 6 at second break only. On Fridays years 4 – 6 may also purchase at FIRST break.

If you have any questions, please see us at the Tuckshop.

Suzette Beveridge 3906 6412

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**GOTCHAS**

| Mahalia D | 1A |
| Cooper H  | 2B |
| Cayden R  | 1A |
| Emily K   | 1A |

Don’t forget to go to Tuckshop to claim your reward.

Keep up the great work!

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**SCHOOL BANKERS**

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no banking on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Banking will resume on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

School banking for 2015 has already commenced for this year. 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. Please ensure all deposit slips are filled in otherwise they will not be able to be processed.

There is a great competition in which you can win a trip to Disneyland. In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits during 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

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 or a new handball, so get saving!

We also have a prize backpack for one lucky banker, so make sure you get your banking in. The prize will be drawn in the last week of term at assembly. All prizes that were on backorder from last year are still awaiting delivery.
Cybersmart Parent Information Session

12/02/15

Dear Parent,

Internet safety presentation helps children stay safe online

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, MANLY WEST STATE SCHOOL is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge.

MANLY WEST STATE SCHOOL is committed to helping students develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies, both at school and home. Details for the Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation are:

Time/date: WEDNESDAY MARCH 4th at 6-7PM
Venue: Manly West SS PERFORMING ARTS HALL

To register your attendance, please email admin@manlywestss.eq.edu.au as soon as possible. Enrolments will also be accepted on the night.

Kind regards

Lisa Morrison
Principal

Principal: Lisa Morrison
A/Deputy Principal: Petra Von Richter
Phone: 07 3906 8333 – Fax: 07 3906 8300
The QSchools 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

Encourage your school community to download for free via the Apple iTunes Store, Google Play and Windows Stores.
1. 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.

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

3. ‘Favourite’ your school to receive updates
   By favouriting your school, you will:
   - Have access to school information, newsletters, reports and more
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