PRINCIPAL'S NEWS:

Thank you Wondall Heights State School for the many welcomes from staff, students and parents. My first impressions of Wondall are very positive – a great school, with great staff, great students and great parents. Before Wondall I was Principal at Chinchilla State School in Western Queensland for a number of years, previous to that I was at Kelvin Grove State College (Principal – Middle School), Caboolture and Blackwater. The move back to Brisbane has allowed my family and me to move back into our home at Balmoral and re-connect with many friends in the area. I am married to Stephen and have one son, Harry.

As Principal, I have a strong focus on positive student outcomes and have high expectations of all. I believe every student can learn and the work of schools is to progress each student academically, socially and emotionally. Most importantly schools are learning organisations. I look forward to getting to know the Wondall Heights community over the coming weeks. Please come and introduce yourself when you see me out and about.

Majella Frith

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS:

WELCOME TO 2014

Welcome back to Wondall Heights State School for 2014. Once again we have a year ahead of us that is designed so that our students can enjoy success in their schooling. Please encourage your child to try their best in every activity that they are a part of. We continue to have high expectations of all our students in all areas and we trust that it will be a rewarding year for them as they Strive to Excel. Thank you to our staff who prepared our school for day one and beyond, it certainly made for a comfortable start for our students. We welcome the following new staff to our school:

Majella Frith – Principal
Janette Eutick – PB
Olivia Whiting – 2HW
Christine Bryant – 4BH
Russell Robinson – 6RH
Jennifer Ward – LOTE
Anna Burgess – STLAN
Jo Nehmer – Guidance Officer.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Thank you to our parents for the support given to our School Uniform Policy. It was great to see so many students in the correct uniform on day 1. We will continue to work with our students to look their best at all times.

http://www.wondallheightsss.eq.edu.au

Edition 1/2014 Week 1 Wednesday, 29th January

BEFORE SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

When students arrive at school (after 8am) they need to wait in the Arena, where they will be supervised by a member of our staff. When weather permits, students will be taken down to our oval for morning fitness from 8:15am. At 8:45am, students will be sent to their lining up areas where they wait for their teacher, sitting in 2 quiet lines. The lining up areas for each class are:

Prep Classes & P/1P – undercover area between the Prep buildings
All Year 1 Classes – undercover area outside 1T classroom
All Year 2 Classes – undercover area outside the Library
All Year 3 Classes – undercover area next to P-2 Toilets
All Year 4 Classes – shelter next to Library
5KS & 5W – undercover area outside Arts Classroom
All Year 6 Classes – Arena
5B, 5/7S & 7H – Arena

Parents waiting with their children are asked to wait at the lining up areas, not outside their child’s classroom.

NUT MINIMALISATION

Some students at Wondall Heights have severe allergic reactions to nuts and nut products (NOT just peanuts). As this reaction is life-threatening, we ask that children do not bring nuts or items containing nut products into the school (including in their lunches).

PERMISSION NOTES

Permission notes for swimming, media and internet will be sent out this week. 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. Students in Prep and newly enrolled students have already returned these to school during their enrolment process.

Sarah Ramsden

On 20 January 2014, major changes were made to TransLink bus and rail services across south-east Queensland. Students who catch an urban bus route or Queensland Rail train to school may be impacted by these recent public transport changes. Students and parents are encouraged to visit translink.com.au to plan their journeys to and from school and to find out if their service has changed. If you have any questions regarding the SEQ Bus Network Review please contact TransLink External Affairs by email at external.affairs@translink.com.au or phone 07 3338 4438.
**Guidance Officer**

Joanne Nehmer

Hello,

I would like to introduce myself: I am the new Guidance Officer, Joanne Nehmer, replacing Donna Riches. Donna was very sad to be leaving Wondall Heights State School. She has passed on to me the high regard she has for staff, parents and students at Wondall and the strong commitments to care and support of all the Community members that exists at this school. I am really looking forward to working with parents, staff and students here.

I have been a Guidance Officer since 1990, and I have worked across P-12, Secondary and Primary guidance settings. I have been in Brisbane for the past 12 years, most recently working at Coorparoo State School and Wynnum West State School.

If you are a parent and want to come and discuss any concerns you have about your students; please let the office know and I will phone you and arrange a time to meet. I am at Wondall Heights on Monday, Tuesday, and every second Wednesday. Thank you for the warm welcome. I am looking forward to working with all of you in 2014.

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### P&C News

**Welcome Sausage Sizzle for all Preppies and their Parents / Carers.**

**When:** Friday January 31st @ lunchtime

**Where:** Undercover area between the Prep Classrooms

Please join us to meet other Wondall families and find out what exciting events are planned for the school this year.

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**Position Vacant:**

**Uniform Shop Convenor**

A vacancy exists for a casual Uniform Shop Convenor at Wondall Heights State School. The position is for up to 10 hours per week, and duties will also include assisting in the school canteen. Key selection criteria will be available at either the school office from Thursday January 30, or by email request (carolynahills@optusnet.com.au).

Applications: Applicants should submit their resume and any relevant details by close of business, February 14, 2014 and should be addressed to:

Uniform Shop Convenor Position
Wondall Heights State School P&C Committee
PO Box 9010
Wynnum Plaza Q 4178

Alternatively, applications may be left at the school office in a sealed envelope addressed as above, or emailed to carolynahills@optusnet.com.au

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### WONDALL PE/SPORTS NEWS

**Week 1 Term 1**

**DISTRICT SWIMMING TRIALS FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14**

A list of selected students is located on the whiteboard outside Mr.Bloxsom’s room.

Training will commence in week 2 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the school pool at 7.50am.

Cost of attendance is $4 paid to the office and returned with permissions prior to the day.

**SWIMMING TERM 1 (Weeks 2 – 7): HELPERS NEEDED!**

This term swimming lessons will be taken by the PE Teacher only across a 6 week period. Students in grades 4 -7 will have a half hour lesson every week and students in grades 1 – 3 will have an hour lesson every second week (ODD/EVEN style). The swimming timetable will be available on the school website later this week. It is imperative that we have adult helpers for all swim lessons. Ideally I would like at least 3 prepared to get in the water for grades 1 – 3, 2 for grades 4 – 5 and 1 for grades 6 – 7. The more the merrier and the safer it becomes. Classroom teachers are not obligated to be the extra person particularly in the older grades. If there is not enough adult supervision than the swim lesson for that week is forfeited. So it is in your swimmers best interest to discuss with your classroom teacher your availability to assist. Assistance can also come from older siblings and grandparents, aunts/uncles etc.

As it is a shorter instalment of swimming this term it is of extreme importance that your student remembers their gear and is swimming on their allocated days and times.

Gear required will be:

- Togs (ideally one piece for girls and jammers or regular style for boys). Board shorts at or beyond the knee are too big to swim effectively in and create more drag in the water.
- Sun Shirts (slim fitting preferred)
- Swimming Caps (we swim in a caps on pool to avoid hair accumulation in the water)
- Towel
- Goggles (if desired) not mandatory.
- Special sunscreen (if desired).

Teachers may book the pool in times where it is not being used, however, they still require helper ratios so keep this in mind.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES TERM 1:**

Active after school communities will commence Week 3 and run through to Week 9 on every Monday and Tuesday afternoon from school end to 4.15pm. Parents are reminded that they are required to collect their students from the sport delivery area (i.e. oval, arena, hall, courts) at 4.15pm. Students will not be sent to wait in the pick-up zone or anywhere else unless communications have been made to the office that the student is to walk/ride home. Students will require their own water bottle. An afternoon tea of fruit will be provided to them.

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Strive to excel in sport

Stephen Bloxsom

Sports Coordinator/HPE Teacher
Wynnum Manly Seagulls Sign On Day
Date – Sunday 02/02/2014
Time – 10.00am – 2.00pm
Where – Kitchener Park, Stradbroke Avenue Wynnum
Grades from U6 to U18yrs
Fees - $270.00 per child
$400 for 2 children
$100 for each additional child thereafter
If fees are paid in full on Sign On Day your child will receive a training shirt on the day.

Cheers
Chris McKenna
Development Manager
Wynnum Manly Seagulls RLFC
PO Box 9276
Wynnum Plaza Q 4178
Ph - (07) 3393 3482
Mobile – 0401 220 242

‘Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis (GBJT) conducts weekly Tennis Fixtures at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson and The University of Queensland for children up to 18 years of age. Grading day for new players is to be held on Saturday 9 February at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson from 3pm to 5pm. Further information is available at www.gbjt.org.au or by phoning Mrs Peta Davis on 3374 0516.’

TUCKSHOP
Trading hours: Tuesday – Friday
8.30am – 1.30pm
Current menu is on YELLOW paper effective October 2013

Welcome back to all our dedicated volunteers from 2013!

A few volunteers are needed to complete our 2014 roster. Dates available are listed below. Please collect a volunteer form from the Tuckshop if you are able to help.


Helpers are also needed on Fridays.

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

About WHSS Tuckshop: Our menu follows the State Government Smart Choices Program which encourages healthy foods to improve the nutritional quality for our children. Foods listed on the menu fall into the green (have plenty) and amber (select carefully) categories. Red foods (have occasionally) are not listed on the menu and are only offered on special occasions throughout the year. All foods may be ordered at both 1st and 2nd breaks.

All orders must be written on a PAPER bag (available from Tuckshop or your local supermarket) and include Name, Class, 1st or 2nd break, items required & total price. Orders may be handed in at Tuckshop from 8.30am or placed in classroom baskets. Baskets are then delivered to Tuckshop by 9.15am. All orders must be at Tuckshop by 9.15am to allow sufficient time for preparation. Please use the example below when ordering - this will help volunteers when sorting through orders. Remember: you need one bag for 1st break and one bag for 2nd break!

Correct money is preferred. Credit is NOT offered.

Before school purchases include: yoghurt, cheese sticks, fruit, water & Up & Go milks.
Over the counter sales are available at 2nd break (at the play bell) ONLY and include: chips, iceblocks, drinks, etc.

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!

Any questions, please see us at the Tuckshop.

Suzette Beveridge  Tuckshop Convenor  3906 6412