**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS:**

My second week at Wondall Heights State School has continued to reinforce the great school that Wondall is. I have been focusing on visiting classrooms, getting to know classes and their routines. The observations that stand out are the engagement of students in their learning and the positive and caring relationships between staff and students. Both essential ingredients for making Wondall Heights SS even greater! Please take the opportunity to introduce yourself when you see me out and about.

On Thursday this week enrolment numbers will be finalised and thus staffing levels. At this point, there may be decisions about class structures.

Next week parents are invited to attend the Meet the Teacher nights. This is an opportunity for all parents/carers to meet their child’s teacher, find out about class routines and expectations, curriculum and upcoming events for your child/ren. Year 1 – 4 will be on Wednesday evening with 5 - 7 on Thursday evening. I encourage all parents/carers to attend. The evening will commence in the hall at 6.00pm.

Please also ensure that your child has on the correct school shoes. All black shoes are required to be worn with the formal uniform. Sports shoes are only to be worn with the Phys. Ed uniform. Slip on shoes are not part of the school uniform.

*Majella Frith*

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS:**

**WONDALL CLASSES STRIVE TO EXCEL**

It’s impressive to see how well our classes have settled in. Our teachers are setting high expectations and our students are trying their best. Well done everyone on a productive start to the school year – keep it up!

**THANK YOU WYNNUM MANLY LEAGUES CLUB**

On Assembly this week, Mr Chris McKenna presented our School Captain Kurt with some new football jerseys. We would like to thank the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club for their generous donation of these jerseys to our school.

**PERMISSION NOTES**

2014 permission notes for swimming, media release and internet access have been sent out. Thank you to those families who have already returned theirs. 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.

**GET INVOLVED WITH OUR P&C**

Getting involved with a Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience, but many people may be unsure of how it works.

If you’ve never been involved in a P&C before, the *Quick Guide for P&C Executive Officers* is a great way to get familiar with what they do, and how you can help out. The guide sets out the roles and responsibilities of members in an easy-to-read format. The *Quick Guide for P&C Executive Officers* has been produced by the Queensland Council of Parents’ and Citizens’ Associations and Education Queensland and is available for download from the Department of Education and Training website at [http://education.qld.gov.au/parents/pdf/quickguide-pc-executiveofficers.pdf](http://education.qld.gov.au/parents/pdf/quickguide-pc-executiveofficers.pdf) Our first P&C Meeting for 2014 is February 18 at 7.00pm in the staff room.

*Sarah Ramsden*

**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](mailto: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
**Uniform Shop**
The Uniform Shop is now open Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 till 9:15am. Unisex shirts Size 6 are in now in stock.

A Big THANK YOU to Peta, Suzette and Ros (our wonderful VOLUNTEERS) who have kept the Uniform Shop up and running in the last few weeks.

**P&C Meeting**
The first Parents and Citizens Association meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday, February 18th, at 7pm in the staffroom. ALL PARENTS AND CARERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. This is your chance to be involved in your child's school.

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**Music News!**

**CHOIR**

Intermediate Choir (Yr 2-3) and Senior Choir (Yr 4-7) notes have gone home to those students who have shown an interest in joining. Please return the slip before or on the first rehearsal. Rehearsals begin in Week 4.

**Junior Choir (Prep and Year One) –** this choir will begin in semester two once the students have settled into school.

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**Dance News!**

Invitations have been issued to students in year 4-7 for the Wakakirri dance team. Please return your form as soon as possible. Money is not due until the end of term one. Dance rehearsals will begin in Week 3.

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**Instrumental Music**

All Lessons (including Beginners) and Senior Band will commence next week: Week 3. Senior Band this year will be on Wednesday morning. Students are to arrive at 7.50am. Junior Band will not commence until Term 2. All students who are loaning a school instrument should bring a copy of their payment receipt to their lesson so that they can take their instrument home.

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**DISTRICT SWIMMING TRIALS FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14**

Students received a note on Tuesday explaining the trials and what they are required to return to the school. Training began on Tuesday and also runs Thursday mornings at the school pool at 7.50am for those involved. Cost of attendance to the carnival 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). 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 swimmer’s 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:
• 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 caps to avoid hair accumulation in the water)
• Towel
• Goggles (if desired) not mandatory.
• Special sunscreen (if desired).

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

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES TERM 1: BOTH DAYS ARE NOW FULL!**
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. Often we have a few that may pull out of the program. In this instance those on the waiting list may get a space. Once again this program runs on a first in, best dressed basis so positions were filled fast. Some have secured two days and some only one. To see if you have secured a space this turn you will need to check the windows of the office doors or ask your classroom teacher.

Monday’s sport will be soccer (TBA), Tuesday’s sport is OZTAG/Rugby League (confirmed by Wynnum Manly).

**Strive to Excel in Sport**
Stephen Bloxsom
Sports Coordinator/HPE Teacher

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**School Banking**

Please be advised that student banking will commence on Tuesday 11th February 2014 for those students who have previously used the student banking system at Wondall Heights State School. Please ensure that all deposit slips are filled in correctly and new class names are written on the front of your Yellow Deposit book. An Assembly will be held (date to be advised) to explain and give out new banking packs to all those new students who wish to start banking.

Thank you from your Banking Co-ordinator
Shelley

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**TUCKSHOP**

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

Thank-you to happy helpers last week: Martha, Dawn and Peta. Warm welcome back to Oriana.

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

**Lunchtime Counter Sales:**
Students must have their own money to purchase over the counter and are not permitted to purchase items for their friends. Counter sales are available at 2nd break (at the play bell) and include: chips, iceblocks, drinks, etc.

**Before school purchases** include: fruit, yoghurt, cheese sticks, water & Up & Go milks. New caramel flavour Up & Go available now $1.50 each.

**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!

New menu out this week – keep an eye out for your copy on yellow paper!

Calling all volunteers! If any of the dates below suit you and you would like to help out at Tuckshop please collect a volunteer form.


**Wed once a month:** 29 Jan, 26 Feb, 26 Mar, 23 Apr, 21 May, 18 Jun, 16 Jul, 10 Sept, 8 Oct, 5 Nov, 3 Dec.

**Wed once a month:** 19 Feb, 19 Mar, 14 May, 11 Jun, 6 Aug, 3 Sept, 29 Oct, 26 Nov.

**Thursday once a month:** 20 Feb, 20 Mar, 15 May, 12 Jun, 7 Aug, 4 Sept, 30 Oct, 27 Nov.

**Helpers are also needed on Fridays.**

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

Suzette Beveridge
3906 6412

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**Gotchas**

| Jeremiah W | 1S | Heath B | 4BH |
| Quinn D   | 3OB | Ashleigh B | 6I |
| Toby J    | 2D | Jai E | 6I |
| Bronte W  | 3OB | Arseny L | 6RH |
| Savannah W | 3M | Stephanie M | 6I |
Wondall Seagulls Swimming Club

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

Come and join the Swim Club!

School aged children are invited to join the Wondall Seagulls Swim Club. We meet weekly on Friday nights at Wondall Heights State School, Gates open 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start.

Join us for a free trial evening, prior to committing for the remainder of season. Costs start at $35 per individual, family discounts available.

For further information, please email us at wondallseagulls@hotmail.com.

Scholarships for 2015

Moreton Bay Boys’ College is offering Academic and General Excellence Scholarships for students entering Year 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11 in 2015. All applicants are required to sit the ACER Scholarship Examination on Saturday 01 March. Registrations and applications for 2015 Scholarships can be made online via the MBBC website http://mbbc.qld.edu.au/enrolment/scholarships by following the links to the ACER registration page. Applications for 2015 Scholarships will close on 11 February. If your son will be in Year 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11 in 2015, he is eligible to apply for a scholarship. No late applications will be accepted after the closing date of 11 February. For further information see our website or contact our Registrar.

Emma Campbell
Registrar
Moreton Bay Boys’ College
302 Manly Road Manly West QLD 4179  PO Box 80 Wynnum QLD 4178
P: 07 3906 9406 | F: 07 3906 9400 | E: registrar@mbbc.qld.edu.au

Give your child the best start in 2014!

Confident Kids is a fun, interactive group program for kids aged 5 – 14 years designed to boost confidence, emotional resilience, social skills and brain power. Kids learn simple strategies to reduce worries, anxiety, self-doubt or negative thinking so they can achieve their full potential. The Confident Kids program provides children with self-esteem tools to keep confidence steady and strong throughout their life! Program includes parent support and workshop. Facilitated by experienced psychologists who are passionate about helping kids be all they can be. Places are limited so hurry. Groups held at our Paddington clinic. Medicare and Private health fund rebates apply. For more details visit www.confidentkidsandteens.com.au or email info@positivefamilies.com.au for an Information pack, or phone us on 3368 1307.

Kind regards,
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