PRINCIPAL’S NEWS:

Last night’s P and C meeting reinforced the commitment and high level of involvement of parents at Wondall Heights State School. It was pleasing to see so many parents engaged with the school.

Over the past weeks the school leadership team have been working on setting and developing the priority areas for learning in 2014.

The Key Learning Priority areas for 2014 are briefly outlined below:

The three guiding priorities of the school are:
- Implementation of the Australian Curriculum (English, Maths, Science, History and Geography)
- Using data to inform teaching and programs in the school
- Embedding the Pedagogical Framework (Teaching and Learning)

The Implementation of the key priorities is underpinned by a sharp focus on:
- Reading
- Numeracy
- Writing
- Spelling
- Explicit Instruction: Feedback/Coaching

Other key areas of focus include:
- Attendance (Every Day at School Counts)
- Closing the Gap

In 2014 the mantra of “Consistency is Key” will guide continuing implementation and development of school processes, strategies and programs.

Some housekeeping:

- A reminder that all black shoes and navy socks are to be worn with the formal school uniform.

- Attendance at school is essential. For a child not to attend school there must be a reasonable excuse. Illness is a reasonable excuse.

- Parking around the school at drop – off and pick-up times – please obey the parking signs eg the ‘No Standing’ signs at the front of the school and in Bonnibrae Street.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS:

CHAPPY BECK

We are lucky to have Rebecca McIntyre, our school Chaplain, available to offer wellbeing support for our students, parents and staff. Chappy Beck is at Wondall each Monday afternoon, Tuesday and Friday. Chappy Beck can be found in the classroom above P/1 Purple on these days.

WONDALL SWIMMERS REPRESENTING LYTON

Congratulations to Brendan S. and Mitchell T. who have been selected to represent the Lyton District in Swimming. We wish both boys the best of luck for their upcoming carnival.

KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE

Please ensure that you are playing your part in keeping our students safe during pick up and drop off times. The kerbed area on the outside of the drop off zone is a no standing zone, this means that you cannot park there. Students should only be crossing Wondall Road at the crossing at the traffic lights. Please follow the traffic and parking rules around the school to ensure our student’s safety, particularly in Bonnibrae Street and other surrounding streets. Remember that our drop off zone is to be used as the name suggests – it is a two minute, stop, drop (or pick up) zone, parking is not permitted in this zone at both drop off and pick up times.

STUDENT LEADERS BADGE CEREMONY

We will be holding our Badge Ceremony for our student leaders on Friday 28 February. The Ceremony will begin at 10am in our Performing Arts Hall. Parents are most welcome.

Sarah Ramsden

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

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School Photos

Wednesday 12th March 2014

Please ensure all students are dressed in full school uniform on this day. A payment envelope is required for every student. Sibling envelopes are available at the office.

PAYMENT ENVELOPES ARE ONLY TO COME BACK TO SCHOOL ON PHOTO DAY NOT BEFORE.
Library Borrowing

Class borrowing for Prep to Year 3 to begin Monday 17 February.

Students are to remember their library bags and also to bring their pencil case with a pencil, ruler and a rubber.

Years 4-7 will be given notice when library class borrowing commences.

Music News!

CHOIR
Choir begins this week…
Senior Choir (Yr 4-7)
Tuesday morning at 8am

Intermediate Choir (Yr 2-3)
Thursday morning at 8am

All rehearsals are held in the music room.

Dance News!

Our dance group is once again participating in WAKAKIRRI. Our theme for this year is ‘The Dentist’. We are trying to spread the message about having healthy teeth and good dental hygiene. Every week we will provide some helpful dental hints in the newsletter. We hope this helps our school community achieve beautiful smiles.

Instrumental Music

Senior Band 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.

Dental Van

To All Parents
Thank you for the wonderful response to the dental forms sent out for the year 4’s and 5’s!! Please be aware that if any child has a toothache, do not hesitate to contact the Dental Staff asap!! Ph: 0418 155 763 between 8am and 4pm. Thanking You, Judith and Robyn

WONDALL PE/SPORTS NEWS

Week 4 Term 1

Swimming Timetable Term 1, 2014

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PE TEACHER LED LESSONS FOR ALL

SWIMMING LYTTON REPRESENTATION
Congratulations to Brendan S & Mitchell T in gaining selection to the team. They will compete in early March at the Brisbane Aquatic Centre, Chandler and try to make the Met East team. Good work boys!

AQUATHLON MET EAST REPRESENTATION
Great effort to Mitchell T who competed at the QLD State Triathlon and Aquathlon Championships at Hervey Bay over the weekend. Representing both Wondall and the Met East region he did us all proud in the Aquathlon that many of us wouldn’t even contemplate. Huge effort, well done!

OZTAG QLD REPRESENTATION
Congratulations to Kynan B on once again making the QLD Otag team to take on other state teams at the National Championships in Canberra later in the year. Well done!

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is now open Tuesday and Thursday from 8.00am till 9.15am.

DO ✓
Brush your teeth at least twice a day and try to floss daily.

DON’T ❌
Brush too hard! Brush gently because aggressive brushing can do more harm than good.

DO ✓
Brush too hard! Brush gently because aggressive brushing can do more harm than good.
DISTRICT SWIMMING TRIALS
I am happy to report many PBs for our 9 swimmers involved in the district swimming carnival last Friday. All swimmers did the yellow cap proud and gave it their all with some competing in a 50m pool for the first time!

SCHOOLS WITH POOLS FRIDAY MARCH 14
The 2014 Schools with Pools team is now posted outside my room on the board at the Arena. This swim meet will once again be at Moreton Bay Girls College. Training commenced on Tuesday at the school pool at 7.50am. This will continue every Tuesday and Thursday up until the carnival on Friday March 14. If you are on the list and haven’t received your form yet can you please see Mr. Bloxsom ASAP. If you do not intend on competing for our team can you also let Mr. Bloxsom know ASAP.

SWIMMING TERM 1 (Weeks 2 – 7): HELPERS NEEDED!
A quick reminder, should your child be unwell in a capacity that keeps them out of the pool for their lesson but they still are at school, a quick note explaining the reason is required. In past years, this has been a convenient excuse of which I am trying to come down on harder. Please note that if your swimmer does not swim and no reason is provided then their swimming mark will reflect their participation.

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

SAFETY HOUSE NEWS
Important News from the Wynnum North/Bayside Safety House Committee:

Dear Parents

On behalf of the above committee, we would like to regretfully advise the students and parents of the school that due to a lack of community support for the Safety House Association of Qld Inc., the Association will be closing within the next few months. Because of this, our Committee will be closing in the area as of 20/2/2014.

Our Committee feels that they have exhausted all avenues to obtain community support for the Safety House Program in the state and has had to close with dignity after nearly 30 years of operation.

All signs, that includes school, zone and house plates, will be removed in the coming days.

The closure of the Safety House Program means that if the children within our area find themselves in danger or unsafe, they will no longer have a Safety House to seek refuge.

Please talk with your children about the closure of the Safety House Program and perhaps use it as a reminder to Stay Aware and Stay Safe, know what to do when feeling unsure and know who to trust.

We would like to thank all parents for the support you have given us over the years.

Yours sincerely
Cambria Wallace
(Wondall Area Monitor)

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DATE CLAIMERS: Week 4 of 10

**FEB 2014**
Thurs 20th | Program Alive Commences

**MAR 2014**
Mon 3rd | Assembly 2pm
Wed 12th | School Photos
Mon 17th | Assembly 2pm
Fri 21st | Yr 4 – 7 Sport Trials 1.40pm – 3pm
Fri 28th | Yr 4 – 7 Sport Trials 1.40pm – 3pm
Mon 31st | Assembly 2pm

**APRIL 2014**
Tues 1st | 9 – 10.50am Yr 4 – 7 Cross Country
Wed 2nd | 9 – 10.50am P – 3 Cross Country
Fri 4th | Last Day of Term 1
        | Yr 4 – 7 Sport Trials 1.40pm – 3pm
Mon 21st | Public Holiday
Tues 22nd | Term 2 commences
Thurs 24th | 9.30am ANZAC Ceremony
Fri 25th | ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Gundala Community Kindergarten
Taking enrolments for 2014
Ages: 3 1/2 - 4 1/2 years
Email: admin@gundalakindy.com.au
Phone: 3893 2087
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 the season. Costs start at $35 per individual, family discounts available.

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

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

Great teamwork last week from our helpers: Cherie, Karen, Paula, Amanda and Oriana. Thanks ladies!

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

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

What is an ‘Apple Slinke’?
A fresh apple that is peeled, cored and sliced (just like a slinkie)! Great for children with loose teeth or new ones coming through. $1.20 each available 1st and 2nd breaks.

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

Suzette Beveridge 3906 6412

Gotchas

Nikita M P/1 Purple  Nikki Y 2U
Toby J 2D  David S  5B
Matthew J 2H  Eli J  5B
Mataya M 2HW  Jackson M 5W
Seth W 6I  Shania O  6/7S

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

Great Work!!