**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS:**

As we enter week 9 of the term it is important that all stay focused on the main game: learning for students and teaching for teachers. School is a learning environment and at Wondall Heights State School we are constantly ‘striving to excel’ in all areas of the school curriculum.

I have had the pleasure of spending time in classrooms across the school and I am always impressed by the level of student engagement in their learning. I have been particularly interested in the guided reading lessons. Guided reading lessons occur when the class teacher works with a group of students on a selected book and the intent of the lesson is to focus on an identified strategy with the group eg Authors Purpose. The teacher guides the reading.

Continuing on from previous weeks I ask parents and carers again to obey the parking signs outside the school. The street behind the school is a 2 minute zone and please respect the neighbours of the school by refraining from parking in and across driveways. Children’s safety is paramount! Parents are also asked not to walk their children through the staff carparks, as this is a danger to all.

**Majella Frith**

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NEWS:**

**WONDALL LEARNERS TURN UP ON TIME**

I would like to stress how important it is for students to be at school before 8.50am when school starts. The first minutes of class time are important because this is when teachers set up the learning for the day. Students who miss this often feel ‘out of the loop’ for the whole day.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Our Parent Teacher Interviews will take place next Term and will now be on Wednesday 7 May. A letter outlining booking procedures will be sent home next week.

**FUN WITH MATHS**

Last week our students participated in the Fun With Maths workshops. Students enjoyed the fun, hands-on and challenging learning experiences. The workshop gave our students valuable problem solving opportunities.

**RACQ STREETS AHEAD VISIT**

Next week, our students will be involved in the RACQ’s Streets Ahead Program. This program is a road safety education program for Queensland Primary Schools. The Streets Ahead program comprises of four age-appropriate presentations covering road safety themes including passenger, pedestrian and bicycle safety.

**Linda Woodward**

**Business Services Manager**

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**Student Resource Scheme**

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the scheme. The offer is now closed and the resource orders have been placed.

We are hopeful we will receive the goods and have them distributed to classrooms before the end of term.

Should you have elected not to participate please see your class teacher/s for the required resources and timeframes.

Linda Woodward

**Business Services Manager**

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**ICAS**

*(2014 International Competitions and Assessments For Schools)*

There will be a parent information letter and permission slip coming home this week regarding this years ICAS competitions. This is an external testing situation provided at school with the parent’s permission. There is a cost per subject which will be provided with the information coming home with your child. If you would like your child to participate in ICAS please return the permission slip with correct payment amount by Thursday 17th April 2014. Additional information letters will be available from the office.
Fun With Maths by 1N
On Thursday March 20th, 1N and 1S went to the hall to do some activities called Fun With Maths.

Geoff was the teacher who explained the maths activities. There was a game called Snappy the Shark where we had to find his sore tooth. For the pirate activity we had to find the treasure. The ice cream activity was about how many ways you could make a double ice cream.

We all loved the activities and we learned a lot about maths. It was great fun!

Fun With Maths by Savannah 1N
In the hall there were activities and our teacher’s name was Geoff. Year 7’s helped us with the instructions. My team got 12 stickers.

Fun With Maths by Vincent 1N
We went to the hall and we had Fun With Maths. The year 7’s came to help us. First Geoff showed us the Snappy Shark. Second we had a play with all the activities. Third we had to talk about how we did. It was fun!

In English, Year 1’s have been identifying the beginning, middle and end of familiar stories.

Mr Gumpy’s Motor Car by Sophie 1N
Mr Gumpy went out in his car. Then all the animals and two children came out and said “Can we come with you”? Mr Gumpy said “Ok, but it will be a big squash”.

There were dark clouds ahead so Mr Gumpy stopped the car and put the hood on. Then it began to rain. Mr Gumpy’s car got stuck in the mud. Mr Gumpy said “Some of you have to push”, but they all had an excuse. Then they just had to push.

They heaved and the tyres gripped. Mr Gumpy shouted “Don’t stop, keep heaving!” They all heaved and finally they got out of the mud. Mr Gumpy said “Let’s drive across the bridge. There will be time for a swim”.

Music News!

CHOIR
“Singer of the Week”
Senior Choir – Courtney T. 5B
Intermediate Choir – Hannah E 2H

WONDALL PE/SPORTS NEWS
Wakakirri Art Competition
No entries will be accepted after Thursday 27th March.

DID YOU KNOW???
A child’s mouth contains 20 temporary teeth while an adult’s mouth contains 32 permanent teeth.

Dance News!

Dance Parents – just a reminder that your dance money is due by the end of term. Wakakirri students - $35 and Tuesday Performance students $50.

WONDALL PE/SPORTS NEWS
INTERSCHOOL SPORT
Sports teams were selected last Friday. Sports this interschool sport semester are Rugby League, Soccer, Netball & Volleyball. Notes went home on Friday or yesterday for absentees. If you were away and haven’t chosen a sport please approach the coach of your desired sport to see if there are any positions remaining. Admin/Teachers will monitor academics, attitude and behaviour when choosing their teams on top of skill and best team fit. Students need to show that their attitude towards all facets of schooling is positive in order to represent a Wondall team in interschool sport. Please note: No forms are to be returned without payment and nor should they be returned prior to Thursday this week to avoid invoicing issues. Students have until Thursday the 24th of April to pay the levy associated with competitive and non-competitive sports. Failure to pay means you will not be able to play. If there are issues with payment please indicate this to admin and a payment plan may be approved. This is why I have released forms now so that everyone has a full month to cover costs.

SENIOR (YRS 4 – 7) X COUNTRY FUN RUN FUNDRAISER
All money collected is to be returned to the office and not to the teacher by Tuesday April 1 (Race Day). The carnival will run during our regular morning session from 9 – 10.50am. Students will be shown their course over the next fortnight so that all know where they are to go and how they should run a long race.

JUNIOR (YRS P – 3) X COUNTRY
The junior carnival will be on Wednesday April 2 from 9 – 10.50am, weather permitting. Students will be shown their course over the next fortnight so that all know where they are to go and how they should run a long race. Students are reminded that on the day they are to wear the sports house shirt, hat, sports shorts, sunscreen, running shoes and socks and bring a water bottle. If you are unaware of your student’s sports house please ask your student’s teacher or admin.

X COUNTRY TRAINING
The final cross country training session will be held this Thursday. If the weather is wet we will be in the hall at 8am. If the weather is fine students will meet at the oval gate at 8am for stretches.

AASC (Active After School Care)
This was the final week of AASC for term 1. If you wish for your students to be part of the program in term 2 pay attention to the week 1 newsletter as applications for positions will be explained here. If you were in the program in Term 1 and wish to be in the program in Term 2 you will be required to re-apply.

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**BEEP TEST**

Last week our year 4 – 7 students completed their first beep tests of the year. The best test is an endurance fitness test that measures a participant through a course of 20m shuttles and levels associated with these short bursts. This year I have indicated to the students how far they travelled depending on their level achieved. We complete a beep test once a term to gauge students’ fitness levels. Did you know that many of our emergency services personnel complete beep tests as part of their induction/training?

Strive to Excel in Sport

Stephen Bloxsom
Sports Coordinator/HPE Teacher

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**TUCKSHOP**

Trading hours: Tuesday – Friday
8.30am – 1.30pm

Current menu is on YELLOW paper effective October 2013

Grease is the word

July 26th

Uniform Shop

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

**DATE CLAIMERS: Week 9 of 10**

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**MINI BITES** (Gluten Free)
Cheese, Original or Chicken
$1.20 per packet.

**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!

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

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

Suzette Beveridge 3906 6412

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**Does your Child have the Resilience Edge?**

Confident Kids + Teens is a highly successful resiliency group program for 5 -14 year olds to boost confidence, emotional resilience, social skills and brain power.

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It’s still packed with all the same practical strategies to help your child thrive. But now the program is even more convenient and affordable for families. (Medicare & Private health fund rebates apply).

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This year is FETE year so mark in your diaries

"GRease is the Word"

**JULY 26TH**