

WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

Hello and welcome to Wisdom News!

We have resurrected our newsletter so that we can provide regular updates to families about all of the things we have achieved, and all that we have ahead of us. It is designed to celebrate and acknowledge staff, students, parents and community members, as well as to provide key information. As you are aware, we have had a somewhat disrupted start to the 2022 school year. All schools have in fact. The late start due to Covid and then the severe weather event have presented some challenges however I feel that we have navigated these quite well. I'd like to thank our academic staff for preparing adjusted curriculum plans, and our ground staff for the way in which they have maintained our facilities.

Whilst on the topic of facilities, we have built and upgraded a significant amount over the past few months. We now have lots more seating and shade, we have several new classrooms, a refurbished science lab, a new multi-purpose sports facility, landscaping, and additional fibre optic cabling installed across the campus. We still have a great deal of work ahead of us to ensure that we provide excellent teaching and learning spaces.

We've also been exploring two important projects. The first one is the tuckshop and the second one is a before and after school care program.

In terms of our tuckshop we would ideally one day like to have a purpose built commercial kitchen on site to provide meals for students. In the meantime though, we are exploring an online order system where meals will be delivered in the morning, and distributed to students at break times. Once we get this system in place, with suitable meal options, and a reliable ordering and delivery system, we will share this with parents. At this stage, we are looking at a Term 2 start, for 2 days per week. As we consolidate our ordering and distribution processes we'll expand to 5 days per week. With the before and after school care program, we need to have a minimum amount of students to make this viable, to simply break even. At this stage we are not even close to this number following an expression of interest call out recently. Therefore we can't implement this service at this stage. We will though, explore it again later in the year as we approach the 2023 school year.

Finally, I'd like to showcase or highlight a couple of other new features to our College. Student diaries have been provided to all students from Years 3 to 12. These provide a great deal of information, but more importantly, they are a mechanism for students to organise themselves. Teaching them good habits now will give them the skills they will need for future success. Teachers also check these diaries regularly. Secondly, we have a new website - www.wisdom.qld.edu.au - we are very proud of this as it also showcases our wonderful College.

Wishing everyone all the very best and I hope to see you at an upcoming College event soon.

HEAD OF PRIMARY

MRS STARKEY

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of term one. Like so many things in our life, the school term has come and is quickly going. As it has been for the past couple of years, no one could have predicted the events that have unfolded this term. We have started 2 weeks late, dealt with houses, streets and communities flooding and Covid has been in the background. Despite these trying situations, our Wisdom students, staff and families have shown great resilience and hit the ground running.

This year we have welcomed eight new teachers into the primary school, Ms Tyler Baillie, Ms Cassidy Gifford, Mr Matthew Barclay, Ms Kathryn Brandt, Ms Holly Cox, Ms Elizabeth Floreani, Ms Genevieve Mathews and Mrs Sora Van Der Linden. We are very happy with how these lovely teachers have settled into our Wisdom community and look forward to seeing them grow and develop as professionals whilst at Wisdom.

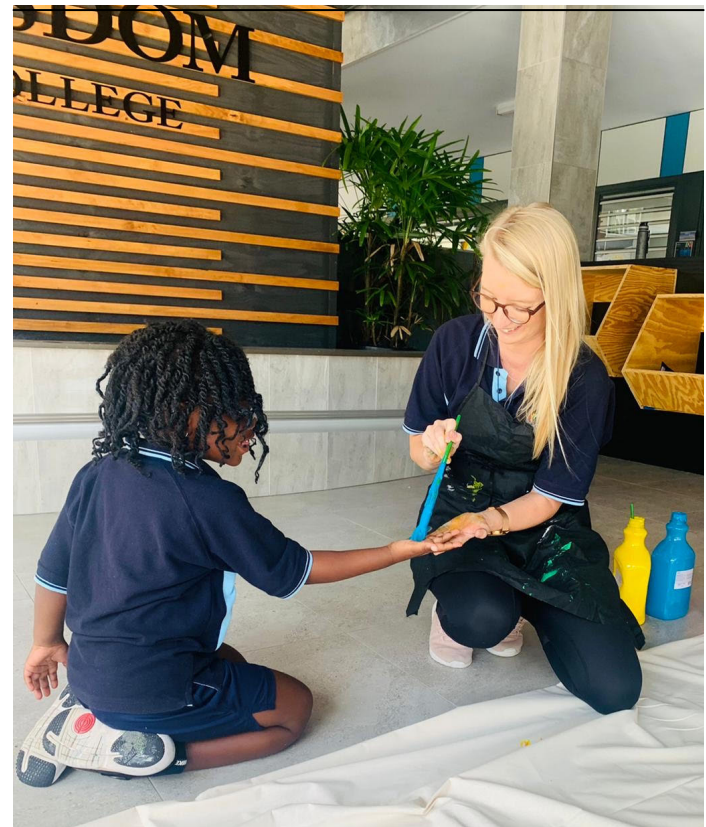
Starting late has not deterred our primary teachers from implementing new and exciting learning journeys for our students. Already we have had a variety of excursions where students were able to learn in authentic situations. The Year 3 students went to Brisbane City Hall and had an incursion exploring Habitats as homes. Our Year 2 students recently went to the Old Parliament House and the Year 1 students visited Reverse Garbage to explore sustainability.



Year 1 students visited Reverse Garbage

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Primary students Stamping out Bullying at Wisdom College

This year is a momentous one for a lot of students, but more so for our Prep's and Year 6 students. We have been delighted to welcome 38 new Prep students. They are working very hard and we are so proud of how much learning they have already acquired. While at the other end of Primary, our Year 6 students are finishing their educational journey and beginning to develop their leadership skills as they step into adolescence. The Year 6 students have done a wonderful job at mentoring the Preps and helping them feel comfortable at school.

I would like to end by thanking everyone who makes up Wisdom College, our Staff, Students and Families. It is together that we are able to help guide and teach our children. We are in a partnership together and it is this partnership that will ensure our students and children will have the skills and knowledge to lead the world tomorrow.

HEAD OF SECONDARY

MS. GILLESPIE

I write this article from quarantine as I have, somewhat expectedly, become a number in the game of Covid and life in 2022. What a tumultuous and eventful term we have had so far. There is a saying that “nothing is consistent but change” which I think speaks volumes about the current climate of the world we live in.

Your students’ have adapted well to the many changes that have been occurring and are managing to show great resilience by staying committed to their academics. If you haven’t yet done so, I employ you to express to your students, how proud you, and the College, are of them for showing up and maintaining focus and determination during difficult times.

So far this term, teachers have been working hard to expedite learning across all subjects and as we near week 9, students will be completing relevant tasks. Every day away from school is valuable time missed learning, so please only allow your student to be absent if it is necessary.

LOCKERS

I have had many queries about lockers and concerns that students are carrying heavy bags. Please be assured that we have worked with students to limit the number of books and time carrying them around that is needed by students. We expect lockers to be delivered during the holidays and apologise for any inconvenience that has caused. Lockers were ordered last year however, like many industries, the company have seen delays and hold ups because of Covid and other events.

UNIFORM

Please support the school in maintaining our high standards by ensuring that your student arrives to school in the correct uniform. Students who present out of uniform will be given a chance to contact their parents to have the correct uniform brought to the College. Failing this, students will be sent home or withdrawn from normal timetabled classes. We are serious about maintaining high standards at Wisdom and appreciate the support from our families.

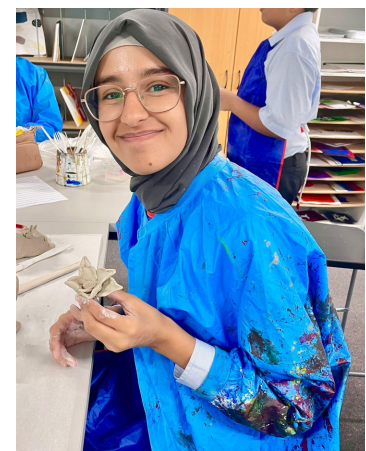
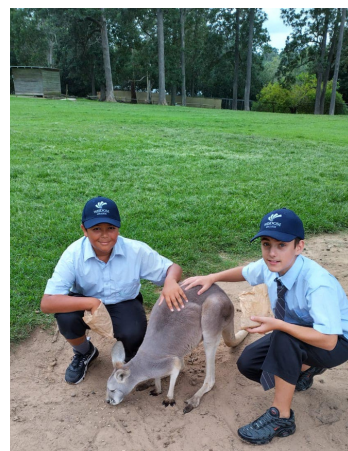
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 1st of April (the last day of term) will see our inaugural swimming carnival take place for Years 4-12. Details have been sent about this event and we expect attendance by all students. If students do not wish to participate in races, they should still attend to cheer their House and be part of the fun. Parents are also welcome to attend so come along and enjoy the day.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

We are always working on improving communication between home and College. Care class teachers are always the first port of call for student matters and students should be very aware of who their care teacher is by now. Please make sure you are receiving emails and have the correct ‘My Wisdom’ logon access if you haven’t been receiving regular communication.

Report cards will be distributed online during the beginning of the holidays and parent teacher interviews will commence in week 2 of term 2. We will be following a similar format from 2021 in the Secondary School where we have 2 drop-in sessions open with all subject teachers present. Please make contact with subject teachers closer to the date if you are unable to attend for a face-to-face meeting and alternative arrangements can be made in most circumstances.



Our secondary students smiling through Term 1

TEACHING AND LEARNING

MRS. DOGAN

Dear Wisdom Family, I am pleased to welcome you back to another exciting school year! It has definitely been a challenging start with school closures and other disruptions, but as always our students and teachers have risen to the challenge and I want to thank them for the extraordinary amount of work they have done over the course of this term.

This school year is already looking to be another incredible and productive year with many exciting new projects launched and in the pipelines. Our skilled and dedicated team have been eagerly planning and preparing for an exciting, challenging and engaging curriculum for your children and every year our curriculum is evolving. My vision, as the Head of Teaching and Learning, is to always put our students first and understand their needs and provide opportunities for them to learn in different ways and to bring our curriculum to life with real life experiences.



Year 7

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As technology continues to become ever prevalent in our lives and has undoubtedly opened new opportunities for teaching and learning it is only expected that we continue to integrate technology into our learning. In Term 4 last year we launched a new learning management system called Schoolbox 'My Wisdom'. Schoolbox connects an array of learning tools to extend experiences beyond the classroom. Already our students and teachers have been experiencing the many benefits this new platform is bringing to learning and teaching. 'My Wisdom' also allows our parents to engage in the learning process through this platform, as they can view what their child is learning and have discussions around assessment. A big thank you to our incredible teachers who have put so much work into developing this fantastic online learning environment.

My hope is that all children will love school and nurture a learning environment that is positive, safe, warm, caring, as well as a fun place to learn and grow. Student success is attributed to the partnership and relationships we build within our community. At Wisdom we value teamwork, collaboration and support from you and our families. I am looking forward to sharing more wonderful news with you around the amazing work that happens in our classrooms! Stay tuned.



Prep

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

MRS COSKUN

Our Co-curricular department has had a dynamic and successful start to its initiation in the College and has proved to be a positive force for the growth and development of Wisdom students. I like to see it as the heart of our College!

Our rich and diverse 'After School' clubs and sporting activities have given our learners a myriad of opportunities to learn and grow and have had a great response from the Wisdom community. These co-curricular activities will be enhanced and improved over the year and it is thanks to the dedication and generosity of our amazing staff that they are able to be offered to our students.



International Women's Day



Clean Up Australia Day



Primary Girls Pastoral Care



Art Club

Throughout the year we endeavor to enact our Service Learning and Student Leadership Programs. These programs aim to have a positive impact on our students' academic learning, interpersonal development, spiritual growth, moral development and build leadership and communication skills.

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" Our Co-curricular program is the heart of Wisdom College"

Over the course of the year, I will be working closely with our Community Engagement Coordinator Mr Ozdemir, our P&F, student leaders, Senior Leadership team and teachers to deliver a Co-curricular program that is robust, engaging, meaningful and one which reflects our College vision, mission and values.



WELLBEING @ WISDOM

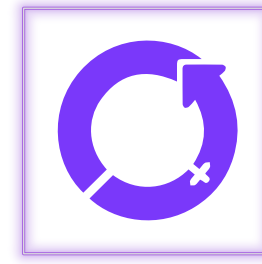
MS CONDRON

UPPER PRIMARY COORDINATOR

So many of us feel like we are constantly adding things to our 'to do list' all of the time but rarely cross as many off and this can feel overwhelming at times. After another crazy start to an academic year with the delay of term due to Covid 19, and then intense weather and flooding we had last week, we all have every right to feel overwhelmed, unsure and stressed out. An invitation this week is to reflect on the achievements that you have had so far in 2022. This could be something as huge as supporting your child in their transition into the next year of school, perhaps slowly getting your family back into a routine for the last 5 weeks or even something as small as you have managed to find the time to vacuum the house this week or you remembered to pack everything for your day today! Reflecting on how far we have come and recognising how much we have achieved is a great way to help us feel re-energised so that we can continue to tackle the tasks that need ticking off. If we are honest with ourselves, we as parents, teachers and students NEVER fully catch up with everything that we need to, so please take some time this week to stop, look back on how far you have come, and then keep going - recognising that you are all doing an amazing job!

If you enjoy unwinding with a guided meditation, here is a great 10 minute reflection meditation that you can listen to, which will help you reflect on your year and achievements so far:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BO9ylK9vFU>



IN CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY

YOU ARE THE HERO OF YOUR OWN STORY

MS ISKANDER

ENGLISH, HUMANITIES, FILM AND TV

Think about it.

You are the main character in your life.
Yet can you remember, being told of your might?

Or can you only recall hearing stories like these:
Stories where women were just as men pleased.
Or stories where women were not even brave.
Or stories where women had to smile and obey.

I for one, remember hearing stories like those.
Nearly all my childhood time.

I remember being taught.
That, these stories, made a woman kind.

Better to be the victim than the hero.
Better to be small in size- perhaps a zero.

But one day, I woke up.
One day, I had enough.
For women- you and I,
Were created for so much more.
Yes, you and I are stronger together,
Braver than ever before.

We no longer, must believe,
That our stories are based on make believe.

We are not damsels in distress.
We are not made to impress.
We do not need a man all the time.
We are wonderful in our own mind.

I hope that the future holds,
A place where women can be bold.

I hope that you too will know,
That you are wonderful,
You are the hero of your own story.
And you are stronger than you know.

CALENDAR

KEY DATES

MARCH

- FRIDAY 18TH National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
- MONDAY 21ST Harmony Day
- WEDNESDAY 30TH Wisdom College Learning Showcase P-12

APRIL

- FRIDAY 1ST Swimming Carnival Year 4-12
- FRIDAY 1ST LAST DAY OF TERM 1
- TUESDAY 19TH TERM 2 START
- FRIDAY 22ND Anzac Day Ceremony P-12 2pm
- MONDAY 25th Anzac Day HOLIDAY
- TUESDAY 26TH-FRIDAY 29TH Parent Teachers Interviews
- THURSDAY 28TH RUOK DAY

MAY

- MONDAY 2ND Labour Day HOLIDAY
- TUESDAY 3RD Eid HOLIDAY
- TUESDAY 10TH-THURSDAY 13TH Yr 3,5,7,9 Naplan
- MONDAY 16TH & TUESDAY 17TH Naplan Catch up Day
- MONDAY 16TH-WEDNESDAY 18TH Yr 11&12 Camp
- MONDAY 23RD - FRIDAY 27TH Under 8's Week
- WEDNESDAY 25th-Friday 27th Year 7&8 Camp

JUNE

- THURSDAY 2ND Wisdom College 10 year Anniversary Event
- TUESDAY 14TH Prep Open Night
- WEDNESDAY 15TH Year 12 Formal
- Thursday 16TH Qurban Festival
- Friday 17TH Cross Country Carnival P-12
- Friday 17th LAST DAY OF TERM 2



Wisdom College Learning Showcase

Wednesday 30th March: 2pm to 5.30pm

When: Wednesday 30th March

When: 2.00pm to 3.30pm

Who: Prep to Year 12



Our classrooms will be open to any current and future parents who would like to:

- Come and visit our classrooms
- See our new facilities
- Talk to teachers
- View our Term 1 learning projects



Wisdom College Swimming Carnival

Year Levels: Year 4 to Year 12

Date: Friday 1st April

Time: 8.45am to 3.00pm

Venue: Parkinson Aquatic Centre

- Drop off and Pick up from the Aquatic Centre
- Remember to pack a lunch, snacks and water bottle
- Wear College sports uniform and swimming gear
- Don't forget towels, caps and goggles



Save The Date

Wisdom College 10 Year Anniversary

Celebration Event: A Mocktail Evening

02.06.2022

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