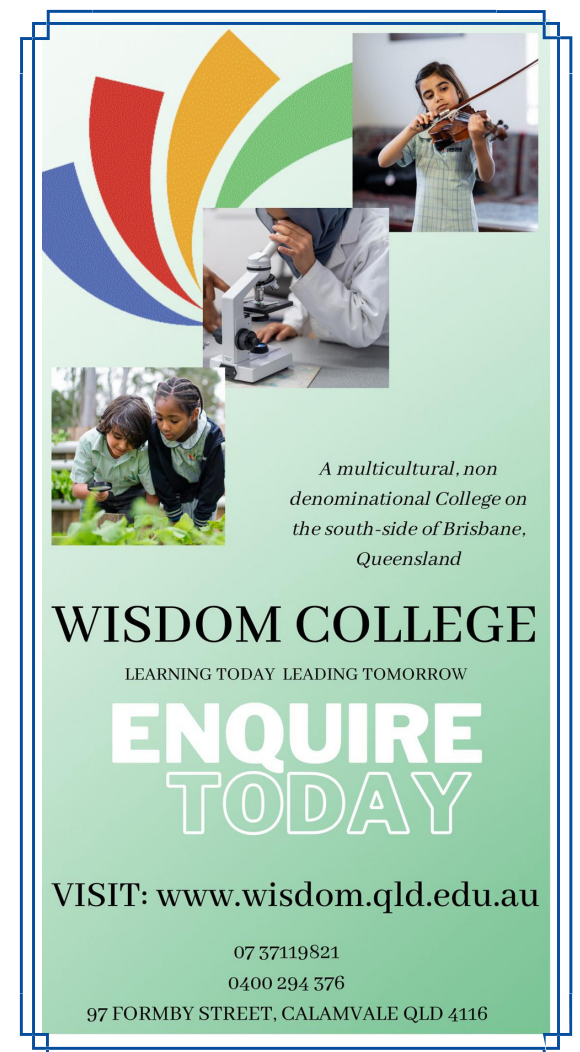


WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

We have conducted a range of parent and community events recently, all of which have served to facilitate conversations amongst parents, staff and the broader community. This has included Iftar dinners, parent teacher academic interviews, Anzac services, and a Mother's Day afternoon tea. I'd like to acknowledge and thank those staff, QECF members, and parents, who have assisted in the organisation of these events. Every one of them have been worthwhile and have built partnerships within and beyond our school gates.

We've also finished our Naplan tests. These tests are completed by students from across the country in every school and in every State, all at the same time of year. They test the literacy and numeracy levels of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Parents as well as teachers will receive these results later in the year, which will then help us to adjust our curriculum, and to provide additional support where needed.

In coming weeks we have the first of our year level outdoor education camps. Our Year 11 and 12 students are next week, and our Year 7 and 8 students the week after. Students will be doing a range of leadership, team work, and problem solving activities. They will be connecting with nature and learning useful bush skills. They will also learn a bit about themselves and their peers. All of which are vital skills that will serve them well in their future.

Finally, we are about to commence subject selection meetings with Year 10 students and parents. Subject choices for Year 11 2023 need to be made in coming weeks so that we can write curriculum, staff new subjects and construct a timetable. We'll explore career paths, vocational certificate courses in everything from personal training through to plumbing, as well as tertiary study options. Exciting stuff!

Wishing everyone a safe week ahead.

HEAD OF PRIMARY

MRS STARKEY

This week I would like to focus on the importance of having a healthy lifestyle and teaching our students how to keep active. Physical activity is not only essential for children's healthy growth and development, it's also important to learning. Physical activity - whether it's team sports, playground games, or actively traveling to and from school - has positive effects on the brain and on academic performance.

During and after exercise, the flow of oxygen to the brain is increased and the number of brain neurotransmitters increases, assisting the ability to concentrate, learn, remember and manage stress. Physical activity also enhances classroom attitudes and behaviours, both of which are important components of improved academic performance.

All of these benefits not only lead to improved academic performance, but also enhanced social skills and higher levels of self-esteem.

JOIN US ON FRIDAY THE 20TH OF MAY AND ACTIVELY TRAVEL TO SCHOOL. YOUR BODY AND BRAIN WILL LOVE IT! WE WILL BE MEETING AT THE CALAMVALE DISTRICT PARK AT 8:30AM.

Parents are able to drop their students off and together with a few local police officers we will walk to school.

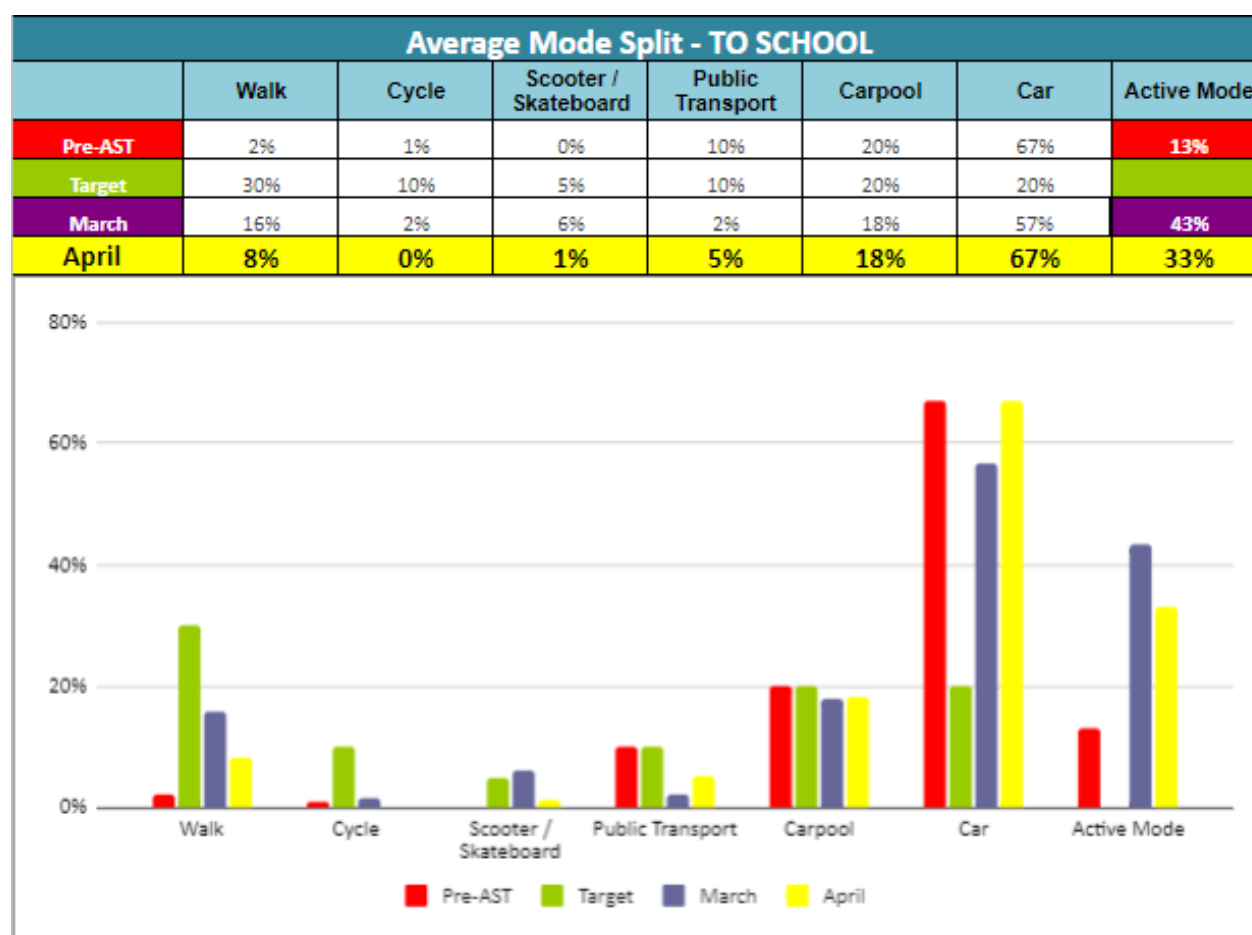


Active School Travel Let's get physical!



This weeks active school traveler winners!

ACTIVE TRAVEL AT WISDOM COLLEGE



HEAD OF SECONDARY

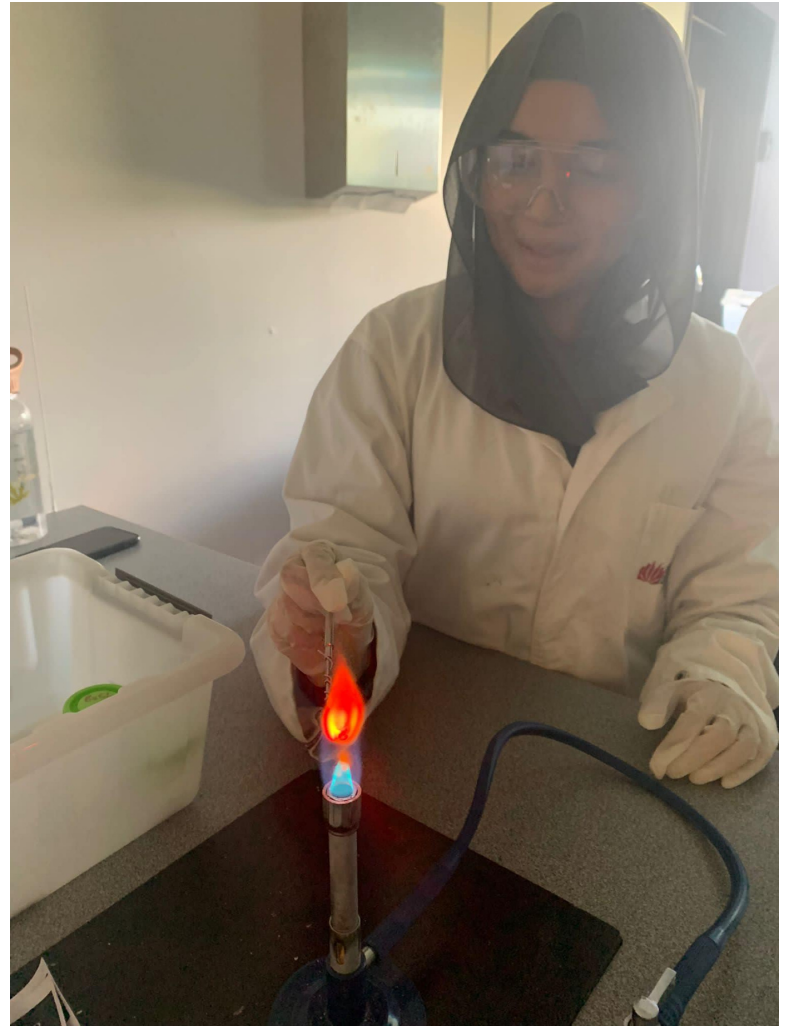
MS. GILLESPIE

As I sit down to write this update, the rain is bucketing down outside, and the thought of spending a day hidden away from this weather seems like the perfect idea. As adults, we understand that to succeed in life we must do things that are not always immediately rewarding or enjoyable. Please help us to echo the importance of delayed gratification in our students by minimising absenteeism, and ensuring that students are not away from school, unless they have a valid reason eg: medical, family emergency etc. We will be sending letters home over the course of this term to those students who have low attendance rates, and monitoring attendance data more closely in the Secondary School.

Over the next 2 weeks we have both the Grade 7/8 and 11/12 grades attending camp. We hope that they enjoy and take full advantage of this valuable learning time, and pray for finer weather. Please contact Mrs Coskun if you have any questions or concerns about these upcoming camps at c.coskun@wisdom.qld.edu.au.

Next Friday, our Grades 10,11 and 12 students will be attending the Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo, where they will have the opportunity to explore available opportunities for their futures. This Expo is also open to the general public and runs from the 20-21st May 2022. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend this event at any time, either with or without their child.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful weekend, and hope that everyone stays safe and dry during what seems like never ending rainfall.



Secondary Science



Secondary Students

Brisbane

careers & EMPLOYMENT expo

TERTIARY ► SKILLS ► TRAINING ► JOBS

HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

MRS. DOGAN

It has certainly been a very disruptive Term 2. Although we have thoroughly enjoyed the long weekends we have had, it is definitely good to be back into routine with a full week of classes running.

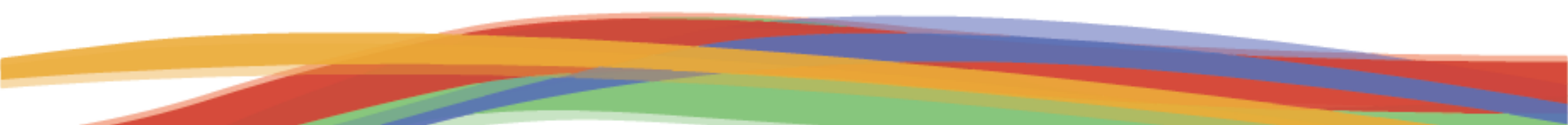
This week has been particularly busy for our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students as NAPLAN testing has commenced for this year. NAPLAN is a point-in-time assessment that allows you to see how your child is progressing in literacy and numeracy against the national standard and compared with their peers throughout Australia. In addition to many other data that we collect around academic performance, NAPLAN data is frequently used by Wisdom Teachers and Senior Leadership to provide additional information about student progress, as well as to support the College in making informed decisions regarding differentiation and targeted teaching in the classroom, to improve future student outcomes. We have no doubt that no matter what the outcome is, our students have tried their best. NAPLAN results will be released later this year.

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My Wisdom is a great platform to stay in touch with what your child is learning and to have those meaningful learning moments at home.

As we approach the middle of Term 2, teachers will begin to assess learning and provide feedback to students. As parents we encourage you to monitor your child's progress, communicate with their teachers around assessment due dates and have conversation with your child/children. My Wisdom is a great platform to stay in touch with what your child is learning and to have those meaningful learning moments at home.

I am certainly looking forward to seeing some great progress from our students over the course of this year.



HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS COSKUN

Hello Wisdom Family

I want to start off by saying a huge thank you to all the mums who joined our Mothers Day Afternoon Tea. It was a most wonderful experience chatting with both new and longstanding mothers and having lovely conversations around what we love about Wisdom College! A big focus for our Co-curricular department is to have more of these opportunities for both our mums and dads so stay tuned for upcoming events.

WE NEED YOU!

The co-curricular department is always in need of help from the community to make it more engaging, connected and deliver meaningful programs for our students. So if you have any skills, expertise, talents or just want to connect and collaborate with us please reach out to me! I love working with our community to ensure we get the best outcomes for our students.

WELL BEING AT WISDOM

A big focus for Wisdom College is the wellbeing of our students. We have a Wellbeing Committee which works hard to establish programs, procedures and take action around our students well being needs. Recently we conducted a workshop to initiate the first step in developing a 'Wellbeing at Wisdom' Framework. This is a project I am very passionate about and with the support of the Wellbeing team will be developing a framework which will encompass a holistic approach in the growth and development of our students.



Eco Garden



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Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS TERM:

- Year 11 and 12 Camp at Kokoda Park- 16th-18th May
- Year 7 and 8 Camp at Camp Cooby- 25-27th May
- Bachar Houli Cup- Thursday 26th May
- Gala Day- Friday 27th May
- Cross Country and Qurban Festival- Friday 17th June

CALENDAR

KEY DATES



MAY

- MONDAY 16TH & TUESDAY 17TH Naplan Catch up Day
- MONDAY 16TH-WEDNESDAY 18TH Yr 11&12 Camp
- FRIDAY 20TH Careers and Employment Expo
- MONDAY 23RD - FRIDAY 27TH Under 8's Week
- WEDNESDAY 25th-Friday 27th Year 7&8 Camp

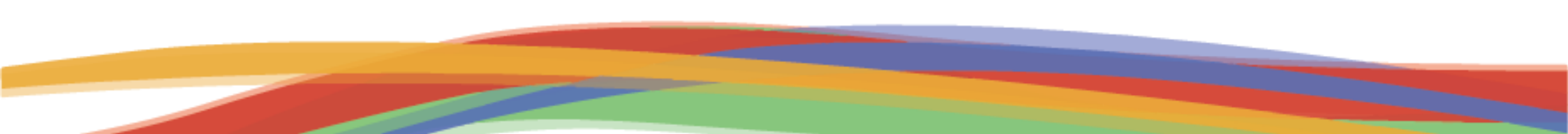


JUNE

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



JULY

- MONDAY 11 First Day of Term 3
 - WEDNESDAY 20TH-FRIDAY 22ND - Year 9/10 Camp
 - MONDAY 25TH-FRIDAY 29TH - Year 10 Work Experience
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Wisdom College is excited to announce that our new lunch order system is ready to go!

WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH BLACKOUT COFFEE AND FLEXISCHOOLS TO BRING YOU THIS EASY ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM.

As of today you can place second lunch break orders for your child/ren.

Please download the Flexischools App and click the link for more information on how to register today.

Parents (flexischools.com.au)

