

# WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

We are approaching the back end of Term 2 Semester 1. This is a 9 week term and our last day with students is Friday 17th June. On this day we will have 2 important events. The first one is our Cross Country, which will be a first for Wisdom College and will include all year levels from Prep to Year 12. The second event for this day will be our Qurban Festival which will commence at approximately 1pm and finish at 4pm.

Our Cross Country event will be held at the Calamvale District Park which is a 5min short walk along Formby Street. We have already mapped out the course which will be varying distances for the different age groups. Prep to Year 3 will be 750m, Year 4 to 6 will be 1.5km, and Year 7 to 12 will be 3km. Parents and carers are welcome to attend, and to then join us for our Qurban Festival on our College grounds.

Congratulations to all staff and students who have recently attended some outdoor education camps. Our Year 11 and 12 students went for 3 days and 2 nights to a venue near Toowoomba and participated in a range of activities to develop team work, leadership, problem solving and resilience. Our Year 7 and 8 students went on camp this week, to a venue near Ipswich, and did similar activities. Thanks to the staff who attended - Mrs Coskun, Mrs Lopez, Mr Alkin, Ms Gillespie, and Ms Heis. Camps are a great way to connect with nature, to learn to work with others to achieve a common goal, and to simply learn a little about yourself. Our next camp is early Term 3 for Year 9 and 10.

Finally, we are excited to deliver 2 other key events this term. Our 10 Year Anniversary on Thursday 2nd June, and our Year 12 Formal on Wednesday 15th June.

I wish you all a relaxing weekend ahead.

## HEAD OF SECONDARY

MS. GILLESPIE

We are missing the bubbling energy and excitement the grades 7 and 8 students bring to the College this week as they have been away on camp. A steady stream of photos has come through showing the students having a great time and participating in some pretty novel and challenging activities. We look forward to their return today and hope that they have enjoyed their camp experience.

Last Friday, our grades 10,11 and 12 students visited the Careers Expo at the Convention Centre. Our students spent hours touring different exhibits, seeking advice and guidance from industry and university professionals, as well as exploring career and pathways options that they possibly hadn't considered previously. Most students have returned to school this week positive and excited about their futures and keen to get on with their studies.

A reminder to parents that next Tuesday 31st of May is our Parent Information Evening for grade 10 parents. We look forward to welcoming each parent of our grade 10 cohort on this night.



YEAR 11&12 CAMP



Last week we finally received our new lockers in the secondary school. Students have been allocated lockers and locks and were fast to transition back to having a storage solution on campus. During assembly, I spoke to students about the need to always keep their mobile phones in their lockers while at school. I look forward once again having these distractions absent from our learning environment. Please support us in echoing our policy, that phones are not to be used during the school day. If for some reason you need to get an important message to your student, the office phone is attended from 8:00am until 4:00pm for this purpose. Students who fail to keep their phones in their lockers will initially be given a warning, and their mobile will be confiscated for the day. Ongoing failure to comply with these rules will see further consequences for students.

With only 3 weeks of school left for the term, this is also a reminder that Wednesday study club is available for any student needing assistance with assignment or general class work. Thank you to our wonderful staff for giving up their time to run this valuable service in our school.



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STUDENTS FEELING INSPIRED AT THE CAREERS EXPO



## HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

MRS. DOGAN

When children begin their journey as learners, you witness a love for learning and students trying new things and every day seems full of 'ah-ha' moments. You will hear students say they are good at everything from music to art and even maths. It is in these first years of education that we see the most progress and growth. Through focused hard work, persistence, dedication and a love for learning we know that success and growth can be achieved.

One of our biggest challenges as educators is to continue to instill and develop a 'growth mindset' for our students, especially as they progress into their middle and senior years of education, when they begin to doubt their abilities and lose interest in subjects. Quite often we hear our students verbalise ideas about their abilities, "I'm not good at math" or "She's the best reader." These labels, or fixed mindsets, negatively affect their ability to improve and learn.

When I reflect on my own learning journey and the hardships I endured, missing many months of school during my primary years and failing my subjects due to limited English, I can relate to our students and quite often share my own learning journey with them. I remember always doubting my abilities and feeling like I have no chance to be successful in life, until I realised that you don't need to be talented or intelligent to be successful, you just need to work hard and try your best. This is the message that our teachers are actively communicating to our students every single day.

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YEAR 7&8 GIRLS REFLECTING ON THEIR TIME AT CAMP



A FUN FILLED UNDER 8'S DAY

At Wisdom our primary goal is to spark a love for learning and praising students for effort not intelligence or results. Reminding students the power of the word 'yet' as in 'you are not there yet but will be'. Students are always reminded about the importance of making a mistake, explaining how mistakes are an opportunity to learn. Through our You Can Do It program we teach our students how to be persistent and always believe that anything is achievable if you believe in yourself.

We know that a growth mindset fosters more resilience in students and a love for learning. I hope that together we can all continue the growth mindset momentum in our school and see our students reach for the stars and do amazing things!



# HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS COSKUN

Hello Wisdom Family!

I write to you today from the mountains of Toowoomba in Geham QLD. I am on the last night of a 3 day camping trip with the year 7 and 8 students at Camp Cooby. The experiences thus far have been quite remarkable and over the past 2 days I have watched students face their fears, overcome many challenges, build leadership skills and learn the value of resilience and perseverance. All of our camps have been specifically chosen for each year level and their needs, and all of them cater for the varying religious and cultural backgrounds of our students.

I mentioned in my last newsletter that we had launched our Service Learning this term. I am thrilled with the momentum this has gained so far and very excited about the learning that will occur through it. We have students and parents attending our homeless run with Merciful servants again this week and our plastic bottle/cataract project has also begun. I am delighted to see Secondary Students take initiative and approach me about how they can get involved in the various service learning activities within our College!

We are busy planning for our upcoming Cross Country Carnival and Mr Barclay our HPE teacher has started training students. This will take place on the last day of the term and will be followed by our annual Qurban Festival. We look forward to seeing you all at both events, so please note this in your calendars.

As the term draws to a close we will have some very exciting futsal competitions which I look forward to sharing with you in my next newsletter. I will also talk a bit more about our 'Wellbeing@Wisdom Framework which we are very busy working on. Lots of exciting projects are on their way which I will share with you all very soon!

YEAR 11&12 AND YEAR 7&8 CAMPS



MUSIC STUDENTS



HOMELESS RUN VOLUNTEERS



FUNDRAISING FOR WONDERFUL CAUSES



## FROM THE PREP CLASSROOM

MISS GIFFORD AND MISS BAILLIE

The Preps have been working so hard and doing a lot of amazing learning in Term 2. It is wonderful to see how far they have come since the beginning of the year! This term we have placed a big focus on inspiring a love of reading in the students. It is so important they feel excited and motivated about learning to read! Each week the Preps focus on one book and engage in a range of fun activities linked to that story. They have acted the story out, presented it as a puppet show, and created crafts and sentences that link to the story. As well as reading, the students have been learning all about living things, places, and working on their maths skills. They have planted sunflowers and seedlings, explored the importance of caring for places and how Indigenous Australians care for the Country. We have loved watching the Preps grow in confidence and can't wait to see how they continue to thrive at Wisdom College!

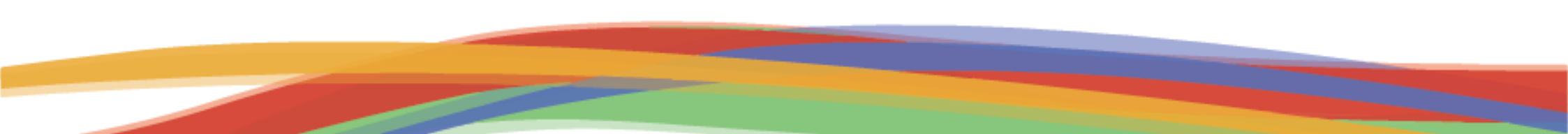


OUR PREP STUDENTS, LEARNING AND GROWING EVERY SINGLE DAY



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# WISDOM COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL



We will be hosting our first Wisdom College Cross Country Carnival on the last day of this Term. Here are the details:

DATE: FRIDAY 17TH JUNE

WHERE: CALAMVALE DISTRICT PARK - 5MINS WALK ALONG FORMBY STREET  
NEAR OUR COLLEGE

TIME: 11AM TO 1PM

GRADES: PREP TO YEAR 12

DISTANCES:

PREP TO YEAR 3 - 750M

YEAR 4 TO YEAR 6 - 1.5KM

YEAR 7 TO YEAR 12 - 3KM

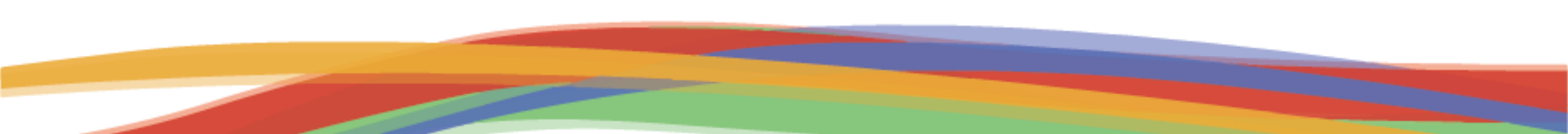


STUDENTS CAN WALK OR RUN THE COURSE.

WHAT TO WEAR: HOUSE SHIRTS AND OLD RUNNING SHOES. THEY WILL GET DIRTY.

COURSE: ALL CONTAINED WITHIN THE PARK ITSELF. NOTHING ON THE ROAD OR FOOTPATH BESIDE ANY ROAD. WILL BE ON EXISTING CONCRETE PATHS WITHIN THE PARK AND ON GRASS. THERE WILL BE STAFF SPREAD ACROSS THE COURSE AT REGULAR INTERVALS.

Spectators: All parents, family and carers are welcome to come and watch this event.





## EVERY DAY COUNTS - ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Did you know that if a student misses one day of school per fortnight, over the course of their school life this will equal more than a whole year of school that they have missed. If they miss one day per week, then this is the equivalent of over two years behind their peers. This will affect every aspect of their academic success, career prospects, and future prosperity.

Believe it or not, we have a number of students where these statistics apply to. They find it very hard to catch up on missed work, and it is affecting their results every Term, Semester and year.

We understand that people get sick, and with Covid, attendance has been especially affected, however there are too many occasions where students are not physically sick, but for some reason are not attending school.

Our goal for every student is 90% attendance over an entire school year. When attendance falls below 60% we will send letters home informing parents and seeking ways that we can support. If it falls below 50% then we need to explore other measures. These other measures may include contact with the relevant government agency if we are concerned about the welfare of a child. This is the last course of action that any school will take, however school and/or educational attendance is a fundamental requirement for the health and wellbeing of a child.

### **EVERY DAY COUNTS....**

**A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...**

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every chance to succeed...*

**Every day counts!**





# CALENDAR

## KEY DATES

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**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

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**JULY**

- MONDAY 11 First Day of Term 3
- WEDNESDAY 20TH-FRIDAY 22ND - Year 9/10 Camp
- MONDAY 25TH-FRIDAY 29TH - Year 10 Work Experience

