

WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE



Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

We have almost completed another Term at Wisdom. We've packed so much into this Term that it's almost impossible to summarise everything in this short newsletter piece, so instead I will share some of my highlights. The first highlight that comes to my mind are the two outdoor education style camps held for Yr 11 and 12, and Yr 7 and 8 respectively. For many students it was their first camp experience. The second highlight was the celebration of our 10 Year Anniversary of Wisdom College. It was wonderful to meet so many past staff, students and community members who have been part of our journey. Another highlight were our Iftar dinners and we hosted three of these in total. These were brilliant opportunities to build relationships and partnerships across all sectors of our community.

During the first week of the school holidays, Semester Two academic reports will be released to parents and carers. Please access the results and the teacher feedback and if there are any concerns, contact the relevant teacher or teachers.

During the holiday break we will continue to carry out facility improvements and upgrades across our campus. This will include painting, repairs, and landscaping. Thank you in advance to our grounds staff who use these weeks to get some valuable work done in preparation for the new Term ahead.

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Finally, I'd like to acknowledge the work and commitment from all Wisdom College staff. The care and time that each member of staff puts into lesson design and delivery, learning support, administration, planning events, coaching teams, leading pastoral care programs, conducting parent evenings, initiative activities, overseeing excursions, the list goes on, all of it is impressive and greatly appreciated.

We have our very first Inter-House Cross Country for Prep to Year 12 on Friday 17th June, the last day of Term. We welcome all parents to attend this event which will be held at the Calamvale District Park at 11am. Our Qurban Festival will be held on site from 1pm onwards. This will be a wonderful way to finish off our Term and Semester.

I wish everyone a safe and restful school holiday break. Term 3 resumes on Monday 11th July.



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF WISDOM

HEAD OF SECONDARY

MS. GILLESPIE

On Wednesday the 15th of June 2022 we will be holding our inaugural Year 12 Formal at Riverlife on the Brisbane River. This is an important event in the school calendar for many schools across Australia and we are excited to be celebrating with our first cohort of Grade 12's. With less than 100 days of schooling remaining for the year, our students have been working hard on assessment and this night represents a time to be acknowledged as our Senior cohort and celebrate the journey the students have taken over their entire schooling. With only 8 students, our current grade 12's are pioneers at Wisdom in many respects and I would like to acknowledge them and their families dedication to supporting our college in the implementation of Senior Schooling. These students are each, with their own strengths, role models for our upcoming seniors as well as the broader school community. We wish them well with their last term of learning and their preparations for their external exams which commence in term 4.



SECONDARY STUDENTS LENDING A HELPING HAND DURING OUR 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



YEAR 12'S CELEBRATING 100 DAYS

As we look forward to the school holidays and a time to relax and unwind, I would like to encourage our students to spend some time progressing other areas of their lives that often get pushed aside during the rigours of the school week. Some suggestions for activities are:

- Reading – learn to fall in love with reading and you will soon realise that written stories are often better than movies and TV.
- Watch educational Youtubes or documentaries – this is the time to learn about things that interest you.
- Volunteer – there are often people in our communities who are in need as assistance in one way or another.
- Build or fix something – in a throwaway society, this is a great skill to have.
- Learn about your families history and possibly make an extended family tree.
- Improve your fitness levels – important for a healthy life.

We look forward to see all students return in term 3 relaxed, happy and healthy.

HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

MRS. DOGAN

As we approach the end of our first Semester, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the year thus far and highlight some of the amazing work both our students and teachers have done. It has certainly been an incredibly busy two terms with so many constructions but this has not phased us at all as we have managed to successfully complete our units of work and have acquired so much knowledge and new skills along the way.

Our Primary school students were treated to some excursions and incursions this Semester to further extend their learning with real life experiences. We had visits to the Parliament House, Planetarium, Mt Cootha Botanical Gardens, The Old Government House to name just a few. We had the 'Living Histories' incursion a few weeks ago where students were immersed in ancient and modern history and had the opportunity to role play and try on costumes from the past. It was certainly fun and engaging for all our students and staff.

It is amazing to see the learning that happens every day in a school. I had the opportunity to visit some classes over the past few weeks and what a delight it was to see those light bulb moments students have when they can answer a question or solve a problem. The joy in students' eyes when they can share their knowledge and skills with you. At Wisdom we strive to give our students the best learning experiences, giving them the opportunity to showcase their learning through different activities, whether it be a project based task, oral presentations, team work or investigations. We know that they are engaged and always feel supported. We are very lucky to have such caring and dedicated teachers who look after your most precious children.

Semester reports will be issued at the end of the first week of the holidays. The grades will reflect your child's achievement over the two terms. The Semester reports will have teacher comments, which I would highly encourage you to read together with your child. Take some time to discuss your child's learning habits and respective grades. Learning habits are usually a reflection of the child's grades and changing how they behave and learn in class can result in a positive change in their grades.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to welcoming our students and families back for the second half of the school year.



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YEAR 5 STUDENTS

HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS COSKUN

As we complete our first Semester of School and I look back at the accomplishments of our College I feel very proud to see the variety of Co-Curricular initiatives, activities and projects our students have and are taking part in. For many students these activities give them an opportunity to demonstrate their skills through activities they enjoy and are good at. From Art to drama and sports, students are given opportunities to excel in a range of activities and also as they develop their social emotional and relationship building skills.

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to all our staff who have volunteered their time in our range of after school activities and clubs and have made these sessions fun and engaging for our students.

Some recent Co-Curricular events:

FUTSAL GALA DAY

Last week our Senior Soccer Teams participated in the Futsal Gala days and showed wonderful sportsmanship and team spirit as they versed three prominent schools in Brisbane. The teams have been training hard with their coaches and have shown a sense of dedication and pride in representing the College at it's best.

MUMS MONTHLY MEET UP

Our wonderful P&F organised their first coffee catch up and it was a lovely time to connect with mums and talk about future projects and initiatives that are coming up, like our longstanding 'Ladies Night' which is being resurrected, and we are all looking forward to it.

WISDOM STRINGS ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE

Our violin students treated the Primary School to a beautiful performance showcasing their musical skills! Students joined in by singing along to the songs and enjoying the show.

PASTORAL CARE HOME VISITS

The Pastoral Care Department has enjoyed making visits to Wisdom Families! The visits are unique to our Colleges and provide families with the opportunity to discuss their child's progress and provide the Senior Leadership Team and Pastoral Care teachers with valuable feedback which we use to improve our College.

I pray you all have a restful and safe break!



PASTORAL CARE STUDENTS



WISDOM MUMS MONTHLY MEET UP



WISDOM STRINGS ENSEMBLE



SENIOR FUTSAL GALA DAY

FROM THE PRIMARY CAPTAINS

NARGES SAFARI, ASALHON MAMIRJONOVA, TASNIM MOHAMUD, HUMZA GUTTA & YUSUF KHAN



PREP STUDENTS ENJOYING THE BUDDY SYSTEM

GETTING READY!

What's happening during the last week of Term 2?

Well, get ready for an exciting cross country race on Friday the 17th of June at Calamvale District Park at 11am. Students can wear their house colours and old running shoes (as they will get dirty) and can choose to walk or run the course as their family members spectate.

Another thing to get excited for is the Qurban Fair! This will take place after cross country at 1:30pm and come to an end at 3pm. Students and parents are welcome to come along with some money to enjoy this fun day with us. Any money raised will be donated to countries in need, including: Indonesia, Pakistan, Yemen, Lebanon, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Madagascar, Cambodia and Zambia. Please email Mrs Coskun for more information about what each year group will be selling at c.coskun@wisdomcollege.qld.edu.au.

Lastly, assessments! As many of you already know, this term is coming to an end and that means lots of assessments. A reminder to all students to revise and stay on top of your studies. A message to parents, please remember give your child/ren some encouragement and remind them to finish any assignments, homework, revision or other important studies. This is a really significant time that could impact on your child's future. Something I like to repeat in my head to help me through the assessment period is a quote from Audrey Hepburn, "Nothing is impossible, the word says it itself, 'I'm possible'."

Written By Narges Safari

BUDDIES

This Term the Year 6 students had a wonderful time playing with their little prep buddies. Every Wednesday the Year 6's go to the Prep classrooms to enjoy activities with them, which include, reading and listening, drawing and a variety of games that they all enjoy.

The Year 6's have become role models to the preppies and also a reliable friend that they can come to if they need help. *"Playing with my buddies brings back memories of when I was in prep"* -Narges.

Written by Asalhon Mamirjonova

SCIENCE PROJECT

This Term, Year 6's completed a project for our science assessment, about irrigation. We were to design a small diorama of a farm and could choose a type of plant, farm animal and irrigation system for our diorama. The majority of the class chose drip irrigation, which is no surprise, as many farmers choose drip irrigation. Others went against the grain (no pun intended) and chose sub, surface or sprinkler irrigation. We had to make sure that the method we chose was sustainable, cheap and efficient. We worked in groups ranging from 2-4 people. It was quite fun, as some of us decided to build our animals from scratch and the little chickens were so CUTE! We used our chrome books to get an idea of what to do for our dioramas.

Written by Tasnim Mohamud

PASTORAL CARE

At Wisdom College we do Pastoral Care to reinforce our spiritual and physical skills. We run around, talk about life, but no matter what we do it's always fun. We learn about high school and exercise with friends, play tag, basketball and soccer. I encourage all upper primary and high school students to try it. Not only is it fun, you will learn about yourself and get to know more about your fellow students.

Written by Humza Gutta

BINARY IN GRADE 6

At Wisdom College, we learnt Binary in Yr 6 Technology. We did this to help us if we need to decipher codes or we need it to do our dream jobs. We also did our tech assessment about Binary and many students were successful and happy that they learnt binary for their future.

Written By Yusuf Khan

FROM OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

The Advocates for Dignity (AFD) have organised a run, walk and ride activity to raise funds for refugees in Greece.

AFD have teamed up with the Australian Relief Organisation (ARO) as well as all Hizmet movement schools in Australia, namely Amity College, Sirius College, Wisdom College, and Fountain College to help raise funds for a refugee foundation in Greece.

On Sunday, 26th of June, we have set up 3 activities for participants to participate in, with each having an optional fundraiser target as outlined below:

1. 10 km run – starting at 08:00am (\$100 fundraiser target)
2. 5 km run – starting at 08:30am (\$50 fundraiser target)
3. 5 km walk – starting at 08:00am (\$50 fundraiser target)

For you to take part in this activity, you will need to register for the event, which costs \$20, and try to raise the optional target fundraising amount that each participant is taking part in as shown above.

To register for the event and for further details on the program, please click on the link at:
<https://runwalkride.com.au/home/homepage>

All participants need to meet at Calamvale District Park 20 minutes before their activity start time as outlined above.

After the event, Wisdom College will host breakfast and refreshments from 9am to 11am at Wisdom College.

We look forward to your participation to support this great cause.

Our aim is to help the many refugees who have fled their countries and are now located in Greece, with no social security or funds.

If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Ozgur Ozdemir
Community Engagement Coordinator
o.ozdemir@wisdom.qld.edu.au



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

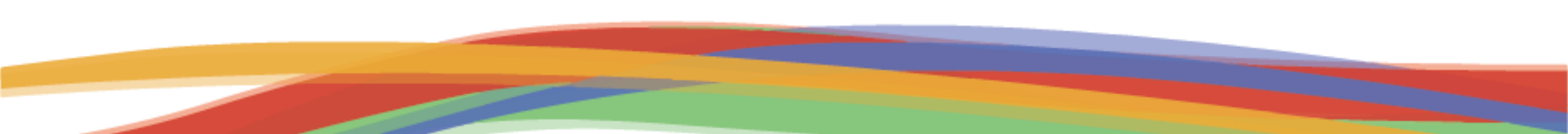


STUDENTS CAN WALK OR RUN THE COURSE.

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.



SCHOOL POLICIES - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Every School, College and University in the country has a number of policies that help to govern operations, to provide guidance around events, people, curriculum and facilities, and to generally assist with the healthy functioning of the organisation.

At Wisdom College, all of our key Policies are listed on our website - <https://www.wisdom.qld.edu.au/>
At the bottom of every page there is a link called 'POLICIES'. Simply click on this link to see the complete list.

There are a few Policies which I'd like to draw your attention to specifically:

- Child Protection Policy
- Child Risk Management Policy
- Student Behaviour Management Policy
- Medication Policy
- Dispute Resolution Policy

This is quite a bit of policy overload to absorb I know, so to make things easier and quicker I have provided a little summary for each of them below.

- Child Protection Policy - outlines the processes taken by the school if a student shows symptoms of (physical, sexual, psychological or emotional) harm, or allegations of harm are disclosed to an employee of Wisdom College.
- Child Risk Management Policy - outlines how we ensure the safety of our students across all realms of school life, provides examples of different types of potential harm and processes to report to relevant authorities.
- Student Behaviour Management Policy - This includes information regarding our College expectations, as well as strategies and practices to encourage positive behaviour choices, recognise student achievement and manage inappropriate student behaviour.
- Medication Policy - the purpose of this policy is ensure the appropriate provision of first aid equipment, facilities, First Aiders and training at Wisdom College. It also provides guidance around the provision of medication to students, when and by whom.
- Dispute Resolution Policy - the purpose of this policy is to ensure that student, parent and employee disputes are dealt with in a responsive, efficient, effective and fair manner



CALENDAR

KEY DATES



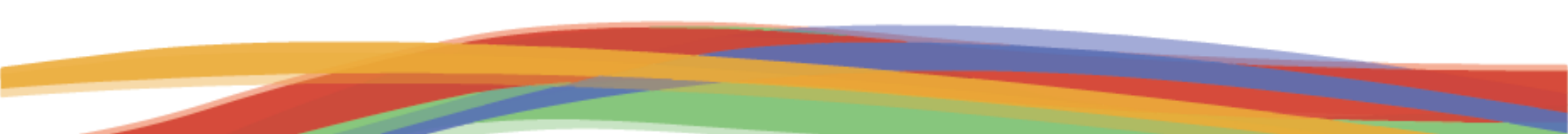
JUNE

- 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



WISDOM EVENTS



QURBAN FAIR

Friday 17th June at 1.30-3.00pm
@ WISDOM COLLEGE

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- bake stall •
- lolly bags •
- book stall •
- spiders •
- sausage sizzle •
- coffeeteria •
- ozbek pilaw •
- turkish handmade giftwares • and more!

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE DAY GO TOWARDS COUNTRIES IN NEED INCLUDING, INDONESIA, PAKISTAN, YEMEN, LEBANON, UGANDA, TANZANIA, KENYA, MADAGASCAR, CAMBODIA, ZAMBIA

For more information email c.coskun@wisdom.qld.edu.au

ADVOCATES
FOR DIGNITY

RUN, WALK OR RIDE FOR REFUGEES IN GREECE

THE ADVOCATES FOR DIGNITY (AFD) HAVE ORGANISED A RUN, WALK AND RIDE ACTIVITY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR REFUGEES IN GREECE.

AFD HAVE TEAMED UP WITH THE AUSTRALIAN RELIEF ORGANISATION (ARO) AND WISDOM COLLEGE.

**SUNDAY,
26TH OF JUNE
8:00AM**



ACTIVITY OPTIONS:

1. 10 KM RUN – STARTING AT 08:00AM (\$100 FUNDRAISER TARGET)
2. 5 KM RUN – STARTING AT 08:30AM (\$50 FUNDRAISER TARGET)
3. 5 KM WALK – STARTING AT 08:00AM (\$50 FUNDRAISER TARGET)

COST: \$20 AND TRY TO RAISE THE OPTIONAL TARGET FUNDRAISING AMOUNT THAT EACH PARTICIPANT IS TAKING PART IN AS SHOWN ABOVE.

TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT AND FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON THE PROGRAM, PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK AT: [HTTPS://RUNWALKRIDE.COM.AU/HOME/HOMEPAGE](https://runwalkride.com.au/home/homepage)

ALL PARTICIPANTS NEED TO MEET AT CALAMVALE DISTRICT PARK 20 MINUTES BEFORE THEIR ACTIVITY START TIME AS OUTLINED ABOVE. AFTER THE EVENT, WISDOM COLLEGE WILL HOST BREAKFAST AND REFRESHMENTS FROM 9AM TO 11AM AT WISDOM COLLEGE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT [O.OZDEMIR@WISDOM.QLD.EDU.AU](mailto:o.ozdemir@wisdom.qld.edu.au)

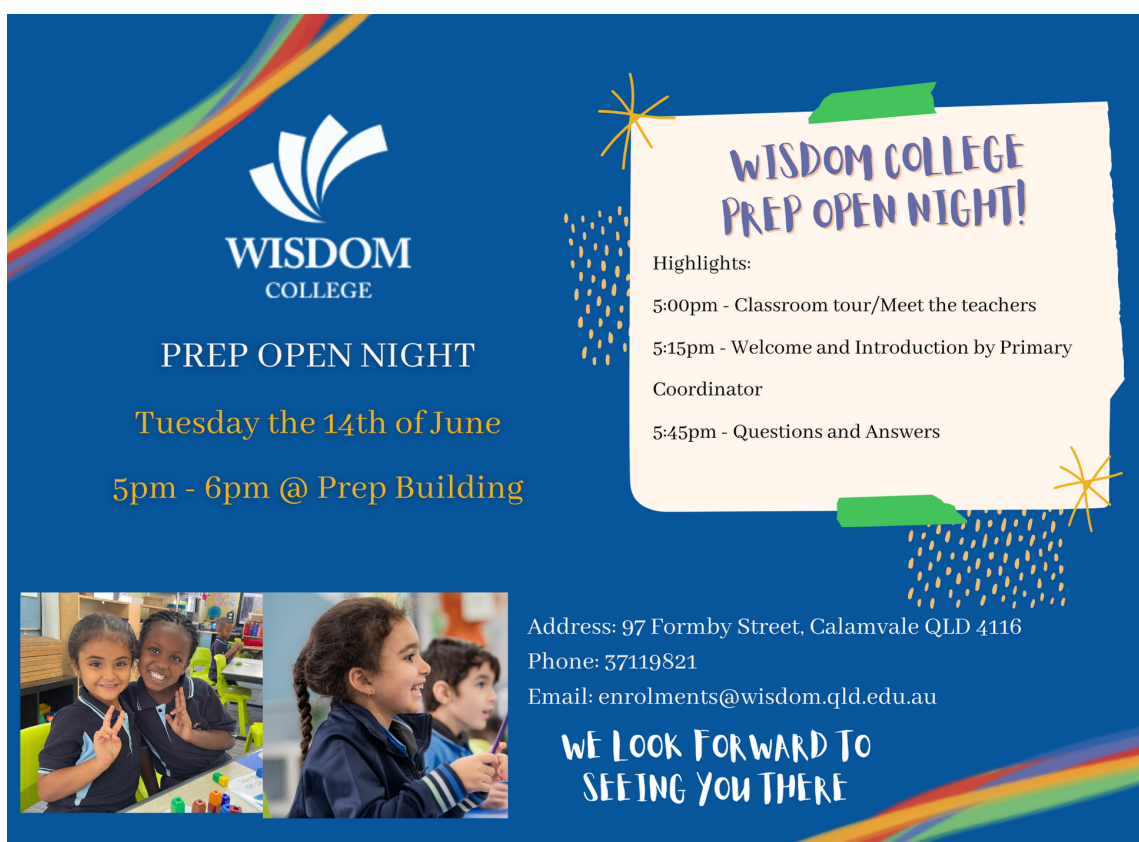
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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

ADVOCATES
FOR DIGNITY

WISDOM
COLLEGE

ARO
AUSTRALIAN RELIEF ORGANISATION



WISDOM COLLEGE PREP OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday the 14th of June
5pm - 6pm @ Prep Building

Highlights:

- 5:00pm - Classroom tour/Meet the teachers
- 5:15pm - Welcome and Introduction by Primary Coordinator
- 5:45pm - Questions and Answers

Address: 97 Formby Street, Calamvale QLD 4116
Phone: 37119821
Email: enrolments@wisdom.qld.edu.au

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE



WISDOM
COLLEGE

Learner English Classes at Wisdom!

6 WEEK PRACTICAL ENGLISH LESSONS COURSE BROUGHT TO YOU BY LANGUAGE EXPERT MRS WENDY HILL.

THIS COURSE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL WISDOM COLLEGE MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS. MUMS ARE WELCOME TO BRING THEIR BABIES AND TODDLERS ALONG.

WHEN: TUESDAYS (2 AUGUST UNTIL 6 SEPTEMBER)

LOCATION: WISDOM HOUSE

TIME: 9AM-11AM

COST: FREE

MORNING TEA WILL BE PROVIDED



BOOK IN NOW

Email Mrs Canan Coskun c.coksun@wisdom.qld.edu.au with the following details: Name, phone number and how many toddlers or babies you will have with you. Bookings CLOSE Thursday July 28th.