

WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

As we prepare for the final three weeks of this Term it is important that student attendance remains high, especially in the high school or secondary years. This is because teachers will be completing assessment, marking assessment, providing feedback, and then starting the next unit of work which will include new content. For many of our students, attendance is still too low, and it is having a negative impact on their results and their long term learning. We all sometimes get sick and need to take some time off, but when this becomes 1 day per week, this equals 10 days per term, which equals 2 weeks per term, which equals 1 term per year, which equals, one whole year for every 4 years of schooling. Collectively what all of this leads to, is by the time a child reaches Year 12, they are up to 2 or 3 years behind their peers and are unable to catch up for the remainder of their lives. Their ability to gain a job, to get into a University course, to attain a traineeship or an apprenticeship are all affected. They are competing with hundreds and thousands of other students and if they are all attending school every day, over 12 years, they have a major advantage.

EVERY DAY MATTERS

Our Co-curricular programs are building and gaining momentum. We want to see every student participate in something beyond the classroom. This may be a service learning activity like providing meals to those less fortunate, it could be as a member of a cricket team, a netball team, a futsal team, or a soccer team, it may be as a participant in our music program with violin or choir, it may be as a participant of a sporting team that competes against other schools, it could be Friday Madrassa or Wednesday pastoral care. It doesn't matter what it is, there are plenty of opportunities, and I encourage all students to get involved. If you'd like to know more about our co-curricular programs please contact Mrs Canan Coskun via email on c.coskun@wisdom.qld.edu.au

GET INVOLVED - BE INVOLVED - LEARN VIA
MUSIC/SPORT/SERVICE

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BOOKWEEK 2022

This year we have revived our Annual Ladies Night with great success. This event hasn't been held for the past couple of years due to Covid, so we had huge interest and excellent attendance figures. All funds raised go directly back into our school to help us to purchase books, resources and improved facilities. A special acknowledgement to the P&F committee for organising the event. Thank also to our sponsors:

- Brisbane Diagnostics
- Ray White
- Kids ELC
- Sunkids
- Expeditions ELC
- Bi Rite

I invite all parents to attend our Athletics Carnival on the last day of this Term:

- Friday 16th September.
- Col Bennett Park, Algester
- 8.30am to 12.30pm
- Prep to Year 12

HEAD OF PRIMARY

MRS. OLIVIA STARKEY

It is always interesting to see how a Term may unfold and what new things you will learn. This term has been no different, as always it has been busy, however, our students have had some wonderful experiences thanks to our dedicated staff.

Our lower primary teachers have been hard at work with their science units teaching all things matter and weather. Our Upper Primary teachers have been helping students to develop some forward thinking technology devices.

I have loved walking past our music room and hearing students play new instruments and learn all about the technical side of sound. In PE Mr. Barclay has been training the students to play fairly and respectfully with each other through various games and finally we cannot forget the insightful and important lessons our students learn during their value lessons or the new connections they are making with the Arabic language.

I don't think we say it enough, our teachers are the best in the business and we are so lucky to have them working with our students at Wisdom College.



PRIMARY STUDENTS HAVE HAD A WONDERFUL TERM OF LEARNING AND EXPLORING

HEAD OF SECONDARY

MS. GILLESPIE

The past two weeks at Wisdom College have been busy and eventful for staff and students alike in the Secondary School. We have been focusing on living our school values and discovering what this looks like on a day-to-day basis, both in class and in the playground. This week's focus is on Excellence – being prepared for each lesson with the correct equipment. At Wisdom, we require our students to charge their laptops at home prior to coming to school. As you can appreciate, charging cables straddled across classrooms become a trip hazard and create a dangerous environment. Students also need to come to each class with laptops, their books and pencil cases. During my checks this past week, I have noticed that a lot of students do not have a pencil case and are arriving to class with one pen or pencil only. We ask all parents to help us by checking that your student remembers to place their laptops on charge before bed each night and that they have a fully stocked pencil case ready for school.

Last week in the Secondary we celebrated book week, and the week before was science week. The culmination of our science week events will occur this Friday with our house challenge STEM competition. You can read more about what activities each grade has completed in Mrs. Dogan's curriculum article.

On top of the in-school excitement our grade 9 students travelled to Mt Tamborine for their geography excursion, where they visited a dairy farm and a rainforest and considered different types and usages of land in Southeast Queensland.

Our grade 10 students took their learning to new heights when they went skydiving as part of their physics learning and learnt from the experienced staff at Ifly about the forces involved in skydiving and flying. This was all indoors and safe. Many of the students have said that they would like to experience real life skydiving in the future.

Our grade 12 students visited QUT for a private tour of the university where they learnt about life at university and courses and pathways available for them in the future. We wish them well as they study hard in preparation for their mock exams next week.

This week we have upgraded our IT systems to allow more integrated log in options across our online platforms. We look forward to getting all parents online and being able to provide a broader range of information and services to our families in the future.



SECONDARY EXCURSIONS

HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

MRS DOGAN

It has been such a busy few weeks at Wisdom College. In the Primary we kicked off Science Week celebrations with an incursion from Street Science, and as always it was another fantastic show. The theme this year was 'Glass: More than Meets the Eye' and I am sure our students not only learnt so much about glass but are now even more fascinated by science and the world we live in. Science week celebrations continued with a science fair in the primary school where students put their knowledge and skills on display for everyone to see. I always love seeing the learning come to life through these events.

In the Secondary school over the past 7 weeks our students have been working in their house teams to build their STEM projects. Year 7s have designed and built balloon powered cars; Year 8s rubber-band powered boats; Year 9s insulated houses and our senior students have built a trebuchet. I am so impressed with how well our students worked in their teams, and used their creativity and critical thinking to finalise their STEM challenges. We are looking forward to testing their masterpieces and announce the winning houses. A big thank you to our science teachers Mrs Lopez and Mrs Omar for coordinating this event.



YEAR 12 EXCURSION



BOOKWEEK 2022

This week we also celebrated another significant event in our school calendar - Book Week. As always both our students and staff outdone themselves with their costumes for our annual book parade. We had characters from The Wizard of Oz, Alice in Wonderland, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and many beautiful princesses, superheroes and of course some dragons and witches. It was a great event with so many smiles and happy faces. A big congratulations to our competition winners! I am so proud of the work all our students put into their entries. We had some beautiful posters, bookmarks, colouring in and short stories that were just fantastic. Thank you to Mrs Noura for coordinating our book week celebrations this year.

I would also like to mention how proud I am of our Year 12 students who have reached a very significant milestone in their senior education by completing all of their internal assessments last week. It has definitely been a very stressful few weeks for them and I know they are now eagerly waiting for their final results. For the remainder of their schooling our Year 12 students will be very busy revising and preparing for their final external exams which will commence in October next term. I wish them all the best and have no doubt they will reach their goals.

Remember 'the best view comes after the hardest climb' so keep working hard!

CALENDAR

KEY DATES

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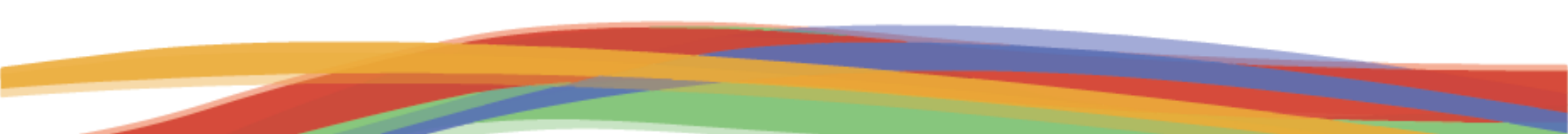
SEPTEMBER

- WEDNESDAY 14TH - YEAR 11 SEMI FORMAL
- THURSDAY 15TH - MAD (MUSIC, ART & DRAMA) SHOWCASE
- FRIDAY 16TH ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
- FRIDAY 16TH LAST DAY OF TERM 3

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OCTOBER

- MONDAY 3RD QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
- TERM 4 START



WISDOM COLLEGE EVENTS



2022 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

WHEN: FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

TIME: 9:00AM-12:45PM

ADDRESS: COL BENNETT PARK

ALGESTER 4115



Our Annual Athletics Carnival will be held on the last day of Term 3. All year levels from P-12 will be involved in this event. All students are to come dressed in their house colours. Please ensure that you send sunscreen, a hat, snacks and water with your child/ren on the day.

Our lower primary students will participate in a range of activities with our upper primary and high school students participating in both field and track events.

We invite all of our parents to come along on the day to show support to our students. We look forward to seeing you there!



WISDOM COLLEGE ANNUAL FETE

SAVE THE DATE

DATE: 15 OCTOBER 2022

LOCATION: WISDOM COLLEGE 97 FORMBY STREET, ALGESTER 4115

TIME: 11AM-3PM

AGES 3+
\$2 ENTRY

If you would like to become a sponsor for this event please contact a.wazir@wisdom.qld.edu.au for more information

If you are interested in holding a stall please contact c.coskun@wisdom.qld.edu.au

FOOD & DRINKS FOR SALE, RIDES, STALLS AND ACTIVITIES

The Wisdom College Annual Fete is fast approaching! This day is filled with lots of fun, food and and activities. From food vans to activities there is something for everyone. If you would like to sponsor this event or hold a stall please contact our main office as all applications close on the 31st of August. Ph: 37119821 Email: a.wazir@wisdom.qld.edu.au

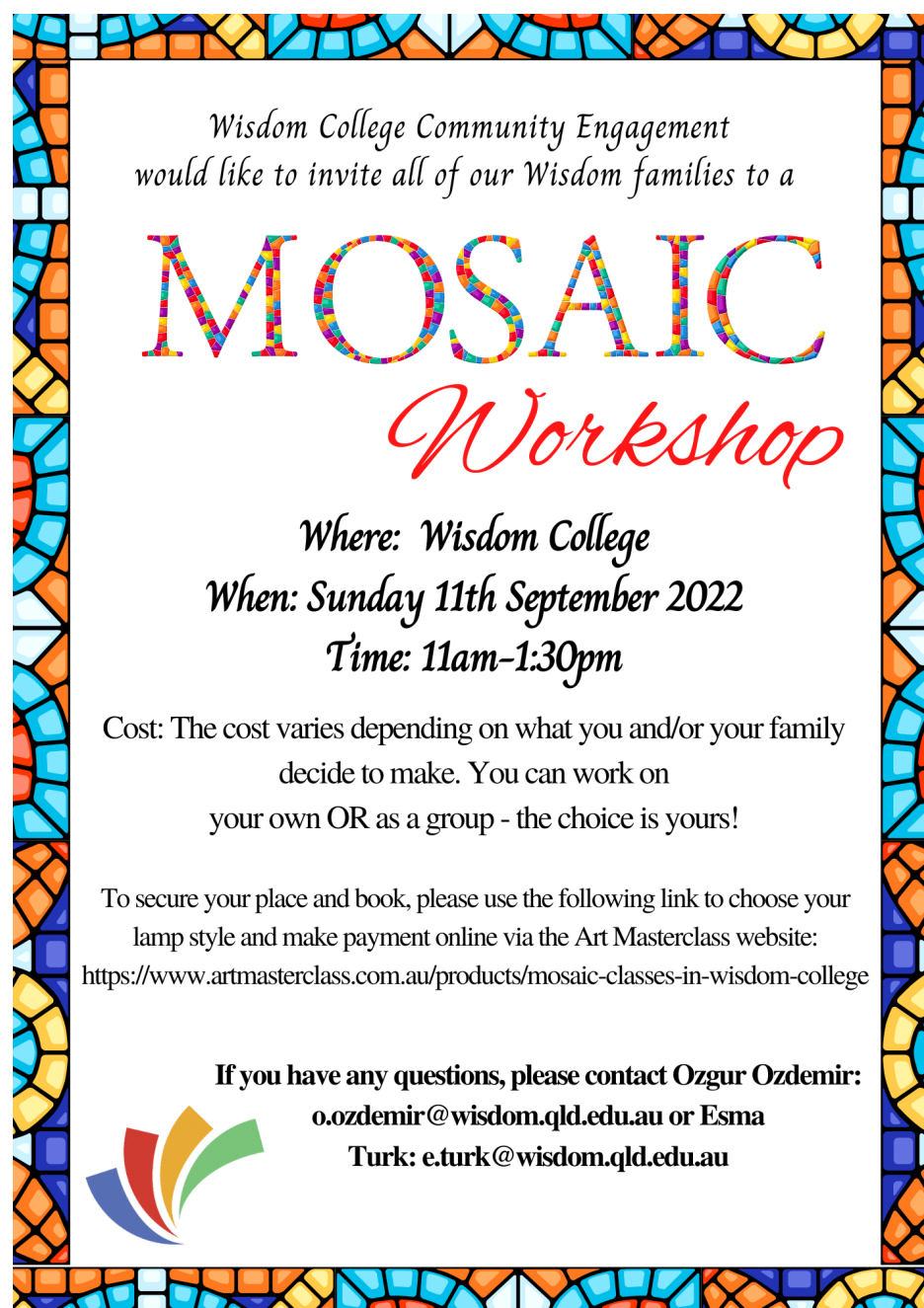


**Wisdom College
Family Breakfast Picnic**

Where: Calamvale District Park

When: Sunday 4th September 10am-1pm

Wisdom College Community Engagement would like to invite all of our Wisdom families to join us for a community breakfast. Bring A Plate to share & your picnic rugs!



Wisdom College Community Engagement would like to invite all of our Wisdom families to a

**MOSAIC
Workshop**

Where: Wisdom College

When: Sunday 11th September 2022

Time: 11am-1:30pm

Cost: The cost varies depending on what you and/or your family decide to make. You can work on your own OR as a group - the choice is yours!

To secure your place and book, please use the following link to choose your lamp style and make payment online via the Art Masterclass website:
<https://www.artmasterclass.com.au/products/mosaic-classes-in-wisdom-college>

If you have any questions, please contact Ozgur Ozdemir:
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Wisdom College Behaviour Management Framework

Behaviour Level	Demonstrated by	Consequences or Rewards	Person / People Responsible
Gold (leadership)	Behaviour that may warrant a move to Gold: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displaying Silver level behaviours • Taking on a formal leadership role • Doing at least 2 service activities • Consistently displays humility and initiative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible for end of Term reward activity • Attending events as a representative of the College • Enrolled in student leadership events external to the College • Letter of commendation • Gold level certificate 	Principal
Silver (leadership)	Behaviour that may warrant a move to Silver: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displaying Bronze level behaviours • Taking on a formal leadership role • Doing at least 2 service activities • Consistently displays humility and initiative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible for end of Term reward activity • Attending events as a representative of the College • Enrolled in a formal student leadership course 'Learning Leadership' • Letter of commendation • Gold level certificate 	Head of Primary Head of Secondary
Bronze (leadership)	Behaviour that may warrant a move to Bronze: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the teacher or staff member with general tasks • Showing kindness to all students • Helping a new student • Doing at least 1 service activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible for end of Term reward activity • Letter of commendation • Bronze level certificate 	Head of Primary Head of Secondary
Blue Expected level of conduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being at class on time • Having all learning materials ready for class • Basic courtesy and kindness towards staff and students • Not engaging in any disruptive, rude, intolerable, or bullying behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the expected conduct of a Wisdom College student. 	Student
Yellow (monitoring)	Behaviour that may warrant a move to Yellow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Littering • Being dishonest • Disrespect towards a staff member • Not following instructions • Disruptive conduct • Repeatedly calling out • Teasing • Repeated failure to complete homework • Not submitting a draft in by due date 	May include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redirection of behaviour by teacher or staff member • Sent to RTC • Phone call or email to parents • Given service to complete – ie litter duty • Cannot attend Friday Rewards 	Teacher or staff member on playground duty Behaviour is recorded on TASS
Orange (restricted)	Behaviour that may warrant a move to Orange: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fighting – verbal • Spitting • Pushing, shoving, tripping • Wilful damage of property • Derogatory or racist comments • Bullying • Persistent 'Yellow' misbehaviours • Threatening other students • Leaving College grounds 	May include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restorative justice meeting • Meeting with parents • Student is placed onto a behaviour card for one week • Internal suspension for 1 to 3 days • Removal from normal timetabled break times • Given service to complete – ie litter duty • Cannot attend Friday Rewards 	Head of Primary Head of Secondary
Red (at risk)	Behaviour that may warrant a move to Red: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using or possessing dangerous implements • Abusing, swearing at a staff member • Threatening staff • Repeated 'Orange' level misbehaviours • Possession or use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, vapes 	May include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External suspension of up to 5 days • Cancellation of enrolment (expulsion) • Cannot attend Friday Rewards 	Principal