

WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

The end of Term 3 saw us host our Athletics Carnival and once again it was a great way to finish off the Term, to have a bit of fun, and for some healthy competition. Students in Year 4 to 12 did both track and field events, whilst our Prep to Year 3 students played a variety of ball games.

The start of Term 4 has already seen us deliver a wonderful Fete, parent-teacher interviews, and a Year 5 & 6 Camp. The weather helped us to create a lovely day for our Fete which saw dozens of stalls that included games, food and gifts. A large number of people attended from across our entire community and I would like to thank our organising committee for working hard to make it such a huge success.

For our Parent-Teacher interviews, it was the first time where parents were asked to book in advance and where we had all of our interviews on the same day from Prep to Year 12. These provide the opportunity to deliver feedback on progress to date, and to give details on upcoming academic work. If any parents were unable to attend, please feel free to contact respective teachers.

I'd like to wish all of our Year 12 students the best of luck as they prepare for their QCAA External Exams. Over the next 4 weeks they will sit exams, at the same time as students from across the entire State. The results in these exams contribute towards their ATAR also known as Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank.

As we move through this final term of the year, there will be a number of College events to which parents will be invited. This will include our End of Year Performance and MAD Night (Wednesday 23rd Nov). MAD stands for Music, Art, Drama and this will incorporate more secondary student performances and displays into our EOYP which has generally been more Primary centric. All other significant events are included in our calendar which is attached to this newsletter. We will also send out regular reminders via Facebook, Schoolbox and our website. I look forward to seeing plenty of parents at these events as we celebrate and acknowledge student achievements from across the 2022 school year.

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HEAD OF SECONDARY

MR. JAMES EASTHOPE



I count it a privilege to send out my first Head of Secondary message to our cohort of students and to the broader community. Since landing in Wisdom I am amazed at the genuine community feel here, the support that I feel, and the fun that is had!

I have been in education for a number of years now, working at schools such as Loganlea State High, Brisbane State High, St Aiden's Anglican College, Canterbury College, and then for the past 11 years at John Paul College.

It has been a pleasure to connect with students and get to know their aspirations, hopes and dreams for the future. We have such a dedicated teaching faculty who are striving to put our students at the centre of all they do. Here at Wisdom we are fiercely committed to supporting our students to become Self-regulated, Self-directed, Self-driven Learners!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or our teaching team for any support you feel your child needs. As we continue to work together.

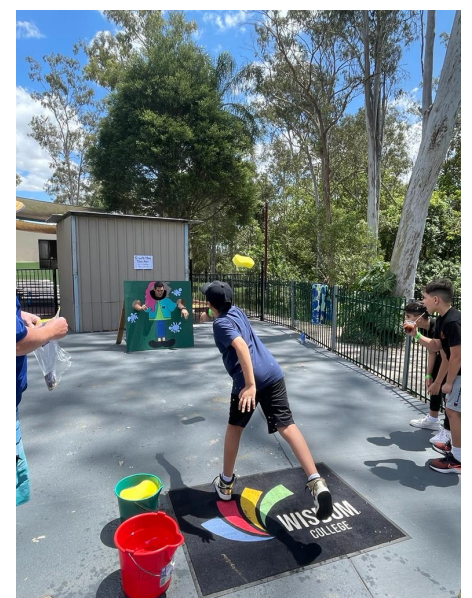
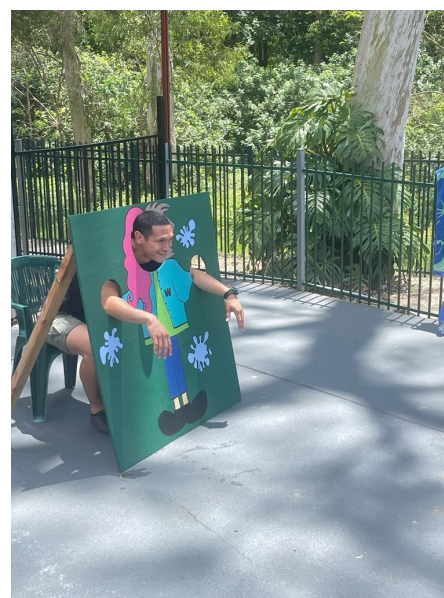
KEY DATES:

24TH OCTOBER – 10TH NOVEMBER
YEAR 12 EXAMS
2ND NOVEMBER
YEAR 7 FIELD TRIP
17TH NOVEMBER
YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY ASSEMBLY AND
DINNER
23RD NOVEMBER
EOYP EVENING

BEING PREPARED!

TIPS TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS;

- ARRIVE AT SCHOOL AT 8:15AM TO BE READY AND ORGANIZED FOR OUR 8:45AM (SHARP) CARE CLASS
- TAKE 'AUTHORSHIP AND OWNERSHIP' OF YOUR LEARNING
- ENSURE YOUR UNIFORM IS IMMACULATE
- ENSURE YOUR LAPTOP IS FULLY CHARGED AND READY FOR EVERY DAY
- HAVE ALL YOUR LEARNING EQUIPMENT READY FOR EVERY LESSON



WELCOME TO WISDOM COLLEGE MR. EASTHOPE!



HEAD OF PRIMARY

MRS. OLIVIA STARKEY

Without sounding like a broken record, it has been a busy start to the Term. Within three weeks we have had two incursions, one camp, our Parent Teacher Conferences and a School Fete. Through it all our Primary Students have demonstrated the Wisdom values and continued to make us proud. Looking forward, things are not going to slow down, we have our Year 3 sleepover, Prep Information night (for 2023 Preps), Year 6 transition afternoon and day, End of year Performance, Awards Ceremony and the Year 6 Graduation. Not to mention the continuous flow of new enrolments for 2023.

This week I was able to join the Year 5 and 6 students on their school camp for one night and two days. It was an absolute pleasure to help the students challenge themselves and learn new life skills. I also think that a lot of students are going to come home with a new appreciation for all of the things that their parents do for them. Simple tasks like making their beds or getting themselves ready for the day without the guidance from family was an eye-opener for some. While some students were feeling a little homesick, their friends rallied around them to let them know they were not alone. It was beautiful to see friendship develop and grow as they worked through difficult tasks and engaged in activities together.

Whilst away, the rest of primary was busy learning and engaging in their daily routines. This Term we have had swimming lessons for the Lower Primary. These lessons are a vital part of our students' physical education, and we are glad to be able to offer this to all Wisdom students. The main focus of these lessons is to teach students survival skills in and around the pool. Students focus on becoming comfortable with the water and practice essential swimming skills such as being able to float, dive and paddle in the water. All of these skills are important for when they progress into the upper years where they will be expected to swim at greater distances.

A few College reminders for families: Please remember the importance of naming all school items in a clear and legible manner. We have a lot of 'lost property' items in the wooden boxes at the front of the school. There are also a lot of students without their hats at playtime. As we are coming into summer, students will not be able to play or participate in PE if they do not have their hats. If you are not able to find their hat please order a new one via the school uniform website.

One last reminder is the Primary School car park, this year we have managed to help parents remember not to turn right from the College driveway, however, we are still having to remind parents to continue to move as far up as they can when waiting for their children. Also if any of your children are in year 4 and up, they do not come out of class until 3:05. This means you must park your car and wait until then.



HEAD OF TEACHING & LEARNING

MRS AYSE DOGAN

Welcome to another Term at Wisdom, the final lap before our students move onto their next journey of schooling. It has certainly been a very productive year for us all and is only going to get busier for our students and teachers as we head towards assessments. I am so proud of all our students and what they have achieved so far and have no doubt that they will continue to grow and develop their knowledge and skills. Success is no accident, it is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do. At Wisdom we strive to engage our students with real world experiences where they can make connections and gain a deeper understanding of the content they are learning. Our programs, excursions and extra-curricular activities allow us to achieve this.

It is a very symbolic year for us, as we not only celebrated our 10 year anniversary but are also celebrating our first Year 12 graduates. When we embarked on our senior school journey in 2020, we were determined to provide our students with the opportunities to pursue their desired studies and to provide them with all the support both mentally and academically that they needed. I am so grateful to all our supportive staff who have made this journey for them an easy one. It has certainly been and continues to be a very rewarding experience for us all. Our Year 12 students have been anxiously preparing for their external exams with their teachers over the past three weeks. We are so proud of their commitment, work ethic and determination to succeed in life. We wish them all the best as they begin their external exams next week. We have no doubt they will achieve great things beyond Wisdom and we look forward to celebrating and continuing this journey with our very first Wisdom Alumni.

Thank you to all our parents that joined us for parent teacher conferences last week. It was great to see so many parents present and having meaningful conversations about their child/childrens' progress this year. Learning is not limited to the classrooms hence why it is important that we have quality partnerships and commitment from staff and parents. The beliefs, expectations and experience of parents are key contributors to student outcomes. We hope to continue to build strong relationships with our parents and families as we work together to see our students succeed.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon at various school events this term.

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YEAR 12 STUDENTS

HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS COSKUN

Learning is more than paper, pencils and books. Much of the learning we do comes from the interactions we have with others, the challenges we experience through sports, music, camps and the learning that happens through Service projects and leadership opportunities.

This week sees the last of our experiential learning through the variety of camps which were offered to all students in years 4-12. The Year 5 and 6 students are finishing up with their camp at YMCA Warrawee and next week our Year 3 students will experience a day away from home during the 'Year 3 sleepover'! I have had the privilege to attend all our camps and watch the growth and development that happens over the 2-3 days that students spend away from home and immersed in a variety of activities which are specifically designed to help them develop a variety of skills including, communication, resilience, team work, creativity, and so much more. Camps will form a huge role in our Pastoral care and well being programs for our students and we are off to a great start this year with the range and quality of the camps on offer.

Our Under 14 Boys and Girls Soccer teams have had a massive two terms of competitions with Schools all around the North and South Metropolitan areas. Their coaches have commended them for their outstanding effort, grit and teamwork they displayed in all matches and for the progress they have made so far. We have registered our Under 14 and 16 teams for a variety of competitions next year and are now looking to initiate a College basketball and Volleyball team. Cricket club has been a wonderful new addition to our after school sports clubs and we have our PE teacher Mr. Barclay taking this on this term.

I was very excited to launch our Wellbeing@wisodm framework this week and share the draft papers with our staff. Our wellbeing framework has been developed to cater for all members of our College community including parents, staff and of course our students. I am excited to see this framework unpacked and implemented over the next few years as we watch it mature and take shape.

The next few weeks will be very busy ones as we prepare for our End of Year Performances and all our graduations and various ceremonies. I look forward to seeing you all at these special events.



CALENDAR

KEY DATES



OCTOBER

- WEDNESDAY 19TH-FRIDAY 21ST YEAR 5&6 CAMP
- MONDAY 24TH YEAR 12 EXTERNAL EXAMS BEGIN
- MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER DIWALI
- WEDNESDAY 26TH 2023 PREP INFORMATION NIGHT
- FRIDAY 28TH YEAR 3 SLEEPOVER
- FRIDAY 28TH DAY FOR DANIEL



NOVEMBER

- WEDNESDAY 16TH YEAR 3-12 AWARDS CEREMONY
- THURSDAY 17TH YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY DINNER
- FRIDAY 18TH YEAR 12 LAST DAY AND FINAL ASSEMBLY
- WEDNESDAY 23 END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE PRIMARY ONLY
- WEDNESDAY 30TH YEAR 6 GRADUATION CEREMONY



DECEMBER

- THURSDAY 8TH LAST DAY OF TERM!!!!
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