

WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

The back half of Term 4 is always full of events, graduations, ceremonies, and performances. It's a time to acknowledge achievements from throughout the year, to celebrate wonderful things, to reflect upon the year that was, and to thank people who supported us along the way.

Next Wednesday 16th November we have our Awards Ceremony for students in years 3 to 12. At this occasion we will celebrate the academic achievements of our students.

On Thursday of that same week 17th November we have two major events. At 2.00pm we will have a Year 12 Graduation Assembly. This is our first cohort of Year 12 students to graduate from Wisdom College. That evening we will have our first Valedictory Dinner with Year 12 students and their parents.

The Wednesday after that on 23rd November we will have our End of Year Performance (EOYP) and Music Art Drama (MAD) Night for all year levels. At this occasion we will enjoy the artistic talents of our students.

Finally, on Wednesday 30th November we will have our Year 6 Graduation Ceremony to celebrate the end of their Primary years of schooling.

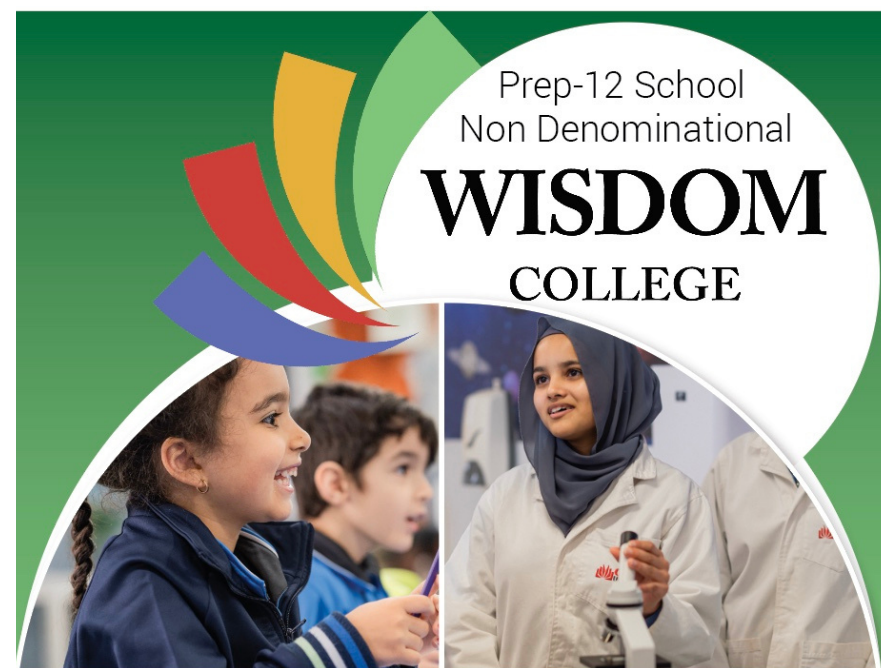
In addition to these events, all parents will also receive an end of year academic report card. This will provide parents with feedback on progress to date. As always, if there are any concerns or questions, please contact us to seek further information and suggestions. We are partners in learning.

Finally, our 2022 Yearbook is close to completion. All year we have been collecting photos and staff have done written reflections for each class and a variety of events. Each family will be provided with their own copy prior to the end of this school year.

I look forward to seeing many parents and families at our various end of year events.

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HEAD OF SECONDARY

MR. JAMES EASTHOPE

Well, we are coming to the pointy end of term with assessments rolling in, assemblies happening and end of year celebrations to be had. Being a busy time of year, it is critical to be organised and prepared for everything ahead.

This coming week, we will be handing out Assessment Calendars to every student in Secondary School for them to ensure they are prepared for all assessments and any other commitments they may have. Parents, please ensure that you enquire with your student next week about this assessment calendar. An example of what it looks like is directly adjacent to this message. As home connects with College and College connects with home, students are not only more supported but more equipped to navigate the challenges of life.

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.

Have a great weekend!



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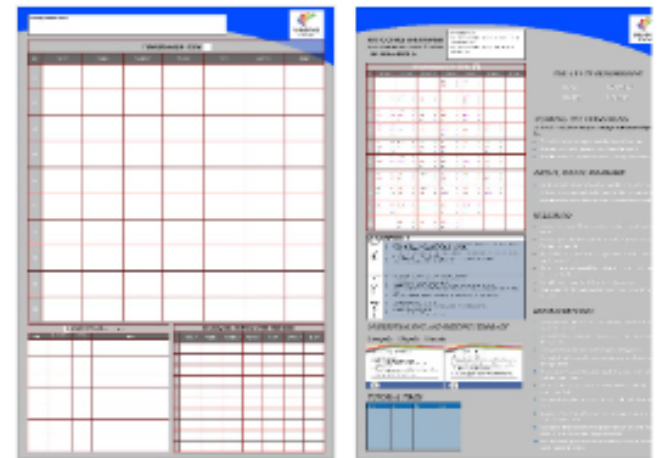
What's on in the coming week?



Reminders:

- A reminder about the **mobile phone policy**, all students are to have their phones in their lockers during the school day. Any phones found on a students person will be confiscated and the student will be able to receive it at main administration at the end of the day.
- This coming week you will be receiving an Assessment Placemat. This is for the purpose of keeping track of your assessments and for parents to connect with you and support you with your learning journey. It would be important to do the following and then take it home to display somewhere parents and students can see it;

- Fill in the first page with all the times you plan on studying for assessments and tests and fill in when your assessments are.
- Have a conversation with your parent(s) or carer(s) to ensure that you have their support with your academic pursuits, and in organising yourself with you other commitments.



Key Dates:

Date	Event
16 th November	Awards Assembly
17 th November	Year 12 Valedictory Assembly and Dinner
18 th November	Year 7 Transition Day
23 rd November	EOYP Evening



HEAD OF PRIMARY

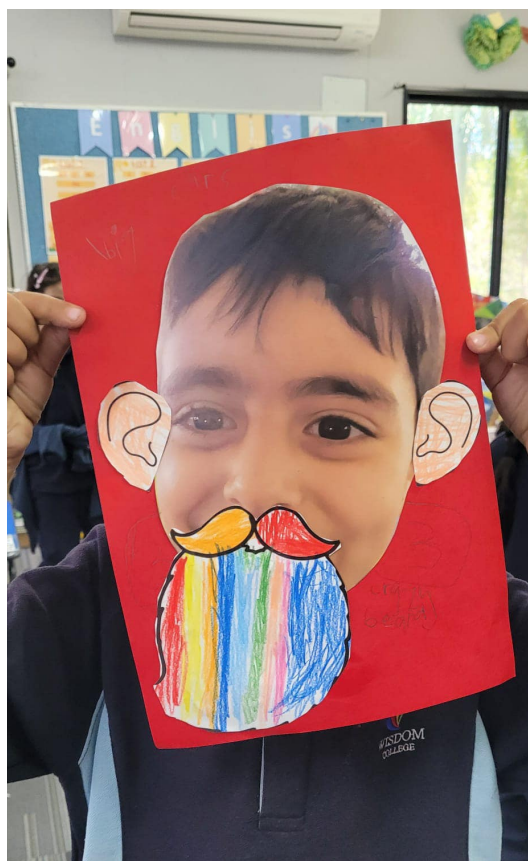
MRS. OLIVIA STARKEY

Our College leaders and myself have been looking to the future and are extremely excited for the possibilities that await us. Last week myself, Mrs Coskun and Mr Easthope were able to attend the 2 day Positive School conference. At this conference we were spoken to by many professors, doctors, authors, health professionals and philosophers about the importance of wellbeing and mental health within the education system. It was confronting to hear how our young people are being affected by the changes that are happening in our society and how this is affecting their ability to learn. Throughout the conference they also explained the importance of teacher wellbeing, something that is often overlooked or taken for granted.

This conference has helped our team drive forward a wellbeing program for 2023. Ms Condrón and myself have set to work on writing up a plan for all grades in 2023 focusing on the importance of looking after our inner selves. We hope that by providing students with a vocabulary to identify and talk about their feelings, they will be empowered to help themselves and their friends. This program will also aim to educate students about their biological brain, they will look at the different parts of the brain and how it controls not only our body but our emotions and thoughts.

A big job that will involve all members of Wisdom College is to ensure we are supporting and working in partnership with our teachers and staff. At Wisdom we are extremely lucky to have amazing teachers and staff members who are dedicated, passionate and knowledgeable and it is important to remember to thank them for their hard work and dedication to our students.

Reflecting on the past fortnight, there are a few reminders for parents and carers. We are now in spring and the daily temperatures are rising. It is vital that parents are packing full water bottles and checking their students have a Wisdom College hat daily. During this season, those who suffer from hayfever, asthma and skin allergies will need to take extra precautions. Please ensure the front office has your child's latest medical plan, this includes pharmacy labels on all medication, even if it is panadol or nurofen. Thank you!



HEAD OF TEACHING & LEARNING

MRS AYSE DOGAN

It has been a significant couple of weeks for our Year 12 students and our College, as our first Year 12 cohort sat their final exams and successfully completed the final stage of their senior schooling. We celebrated the end of externals on Wednesday afternoon straight after their Business exam. It was a joyous event as the stress of exams had lifted off their shoulders. They now anxiously await for their QCE and ATAR results. I am so proud of their dedication and commitment over the past two years and especially the past few weeks leading up to the exams. They have put in their best effort and I have no doubt that our students will reach the goals they set out to achieve. I look forward to hearing about their success in the near future and years to come, as they continue their learning journey and continue to be a part of the Wisdom community which they have called family over the number of years they have been with us.

Term 4 is always a very busy time for not only our staff but also students, as they prepare for end of year events and complete their final round of assessments. It is important that our students continue to attend school each day as everyday counts. The learning that happens in a lesson is valuable and each day a student is not there they are missing out on important learning that could ultimately have a negative impact on their academic performance. If you intend to travel overseas before the Term ends, please make sure you have informed your child's teacher and the school so that necessary arrangements and adjustments can be made to assessments where possible.

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At the end of this term your child will be receiving a Semester Two report card which will highlight your child's overall performance over the course of Term 3 and 4. We look forward to seeing great progress from our students and have no doubt that your child will continue to develop in all areas of the curriculum.

Our school App is now live and you can access vital information and news from My Wisdom. You can easily access the curriculum for your child/children and be up to date with their learning, it also allows you to receive important updates from their teachers and the College. We look forward to further engaging with our students and parents through this fantastic platform - 'My Wisdom'.

I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events!



HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS COSKUN

Dear Wisdom Family

Being halfway through the term means that things are getting pretty hectic here at the College with all our preparing for the end of the year events. On the other hand it also means that we slow down a little with all our co-curricular programs and start to sit back and look at the year gone by.

I commend all our U14 boys and girls School Futsal League students for their great effort and dedication to this competition. It was a first for our College to enter this competition and already they are demonstrating progress and skills which will only improve and we can enter it stronger in 2023.

We had our final camp/sleepover in week 4 for our youngest campers in year 3! They had an incredible time getting to build some independence and organisation skills sleeping away from home in their classrooms with their mates. They absolutely loved this experience and have made some wonderful memories with their classmates and teachers that will last them a lifetime.



HOMELESS FOOD RUN



YEAR 3 CAMP



DAY FOR DANIEL



As the year draws to a close we are thinking about our student leaders for next year and have initiated the application and interview process. I had the privilege of interviewing students this week together with Mr Easthope and Mr Barry and can say that we have some strong and bright candidates in the running for House Captain, Cohort Captain, School Captain and Vice Captains. Successful candidates will be announced in the Awards ceremony in week 7!

I want to leave you all with a thought this week and that is 'what can we all do to serve our community?' We have many opportunities to do this at the College and next year I aim to work alongside you, our parents, to build a stronger and more purposeful Service Learning program for our students to learn and grow from.

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What can we all do to serve our community?

CALENDAR

KEY DATES



NOVEMBER

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



DECEMBER

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



Wisdom College Community Engagement

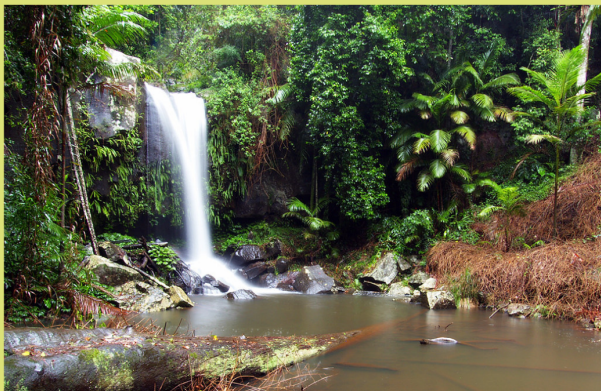
Department Hike and Breakfast

Date: Sunday 13 November 2022

Time: 9:30am-12am

Venue: Mount Tamborine - Curtis Falls Track

Please bring a plate of food to share. If you have any further questions please contact o.ozdemir@wisdom.qld.edu.au



WISDOM COLLEGE

2022 Awards Ceremony

DEAR PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN YEARS 3 TO 12, YOU
ARE INVITED TO OUR 2022 AWARDS CEREMONY

When: Wednesday 16th November 2022

Time: 6.00pm arrival for a 6.15pm start

Venue: Wisdom College (undercover area)

Students must wear their formal uniform

*Please join us to celebrate and acknowledge
student achievements*

WISDOM COLLEGE

2022 END OF YEAR
PERFORMANCE AND M.A.D.
(MUSIC, ART, DRAMA)

**You are invited to join us for a night
of entertainment!**

When: Wednesday 23 November 2022

Time: 6.00pm arrival for a 6.30pm start

Venue: Unidus Community and Conference Centre
204 Sherbrooke Road, Willawong Queensland 4110

Students from P-6 will be performing in the End of
Year Performance

MAD - Music/Art/Drama - Students in Secondary will
be involved in the M.A.D. Showcase

Tickets are not required for this event! We hope to see
you all there

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