

WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

We have come to the end of another school year. I would like to thank and acknowledge all of our parents for your continued support, partnership and relationships as together we have educated our children throughout 2022. I would like to thank and acknowledge all of our wonderful staff for their hard work, commitment, dedication and patience across this school year. Finally, congratulations to our students across all grades for their completion of various tasks, performance in assessment, involvement in sport and the arts, participation in camps, speaking on assemblies, engagement in service learning activities, membership of teams and commitment to learning.

We have achieved a lot of wonderful things this year as a College community and we have a lot to celebrate. This has included everything from new learning platforms, the introduction of several new subjects, the installation of a raft of new classrooms and facilities, and several new roles across both curricula and extra-curricula spheres which serve to provide an improved experience for our staff and students.

The end of this year has seen us host a number of events. We have seen many students receive academic awards, we have enjoyed music performances, our first cohort of Yr 12 students have graduated, and our Yr 6 students have had their own graduation ceremony. We have also announced our student leaders for 2023 and they have commenced duties already.

As we start planning for the 2023 school year, we do have a number of areas to prepare for, to work on, and to implement. This includes additional classrooms as we continue to grow our enrolments, it includes a refocus on our standards of student uniform, conduct, and academic performance, and it includes the provision of additional opportunities for students to engage in extra-curricular events and activities.

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We have some staff departing us at the end of this year to pursue other career opportunities. I thank them for their service and wish them all the very best for their next adventure. This means that we will also have some new staff join us for the 2023 school year and I will introduce them in the new year.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable school holiday period. To those staff and families who are observing the Christian Christmas and festivities I wish them a Merry Xmas. To those staff and families who are observing other religious or cultural events over this break, I wish you a time of fulfillment, peace and generosity. To everyone, I hope this break allows you all to have a rest, to recharge, to see friends and family, and to enjoy good food and company. Finally, a Happy New Year to all! See you in 2023!



STUDENT ARTWORK - RUQAYAH DHAHIR

HEAD OF SECONDARY

MR. JAMES EASTHOPE



Well, we have made it! The 2022 school year has now ended. Allow me to commend our staff, parents/carers and certainly our students for finishing strong this term, knuckling down during the assessment period and for supporting each other along the way! Well done everyone.

It was a special occasion to announce our 2023 Year 12 Student Leaders earlier this term. I feel confident that we are in good hands with them at the helm.

COLLEGE CAPTAINS – ABDUL LIM-PARFIT & ISHEETA NARAYAN

COLLEGE VICE CAPTAINS – HASNEN FAHAD & UGBAAD ISSE

BUCKS HOUSE CAPTAIN – HANIYA EBRAHIM-GODER

EAGLES HOUSE CAPTAIN – RAZAN MOUSSA

RAVENS HOUSE CAPTAIN – HADY KARIME

RAMS HOUSE CAPTAIN – MOHAMMAD ALDORI



It is now my privilege to announce our Cohort Representatives for Semester 1 2023 for their respective year levels. Can I first acknowledge all students who applied for this role. We have a high calibre of students with great leadership skills and potential, which is a credit to our college and families. Thank you for all the applications that came through, and I hope to see them again and more for Semester 2 2023.

The successful students who will assume the role of Cohort Representative for Semester 1 2023 for their respective year levels are as follows;

COHORT REPRESENTATIVES - SEMESTER 1 2023

Year 7 – Narges Safari



Year 8 – Ikram Ibrahim



Year 9 – Sahar Safari



Year 10 – Islah Lim-Parfit



Year 11 – Zohha Hassan

Well done to these students for being successful in their applications. I look forward to seeing great things from them in Semester 1 2023.

I wish everyone safe holidays and a well deserved rest!

HEAD OF PRIMARY

MRS. OLIVIA STARKEY

This year Wisdom College has experienced one of its most exciting years. Reflecting back, it is incredible to think of all the different things we have achieved as a community. We have welcomed new staff and students and achieved new learning and extra-curricular goals. Within Primary we have grown substantially both by enrolments and academically. We are all so impressed with the hard work all of our students and the grades they have achieved.

I would like to personally wish our graduating Year 6 students all the best with the next chapter of their educational journey. For those students who are leaving Wisdom, you will be missed, but please do not be a stranger, our front gates are always open, and we would love to know how you are traveling at your new schools. For the students who are continuing on at Wisdom, you are never too big or cool to come and say hello to your Primary teachers. Remember to always work hard, think of others and stay focused! I know that you will all achieve amazing things in Secondary, and I am beyond excited to hear about them in 2023.

To our smallest students, the Preps, congratulations on completing your very first year at Wisdom College! Your teachers and families are so proud of you and how much you have grown and learnt this year! Keep up the great work and remember that it is about trying your best, not being the best.

To all the students in between, it has been an absolute pleasure to be your Head of Primary. You have all taught me so much this year and I am immensely grateful for all of your efforts. It is not often you get to meet so many wonderful children, however, at Wisdom we are spoilt for choice.

Finally, a huge thank you to our teachers and staff, who without our Primary school would not exist. I am sad to say goodbye to Mrs Hussein, Ms Floreani, Ms Cox and Ms Condron, however, I wish you all the best in your new career paths and hope that you will visit us in 2023. When there are goodbyes, there are also welcomes. 2023 we will have 4 new teachers coming into Wisdom College Primary, Mrs Khan, our new Year 4 teacher, Miss Lord, our new Year 3 teacher, Miss Moore, our new Year 1 teacher and Mrs Baldissini our new Year 6 teacher.

One last thing before I wrap up the year, I would like to congratulate and introduce our 2023 Year 6 student leaders.

- Mayaar Mohammed
- Almontaser Said
- Hadi Zahir
- Fadila Ross
- Amina Azzi
- Reeyan Degia
- Isaac Farmer
- Sara Hmud
- Satleen Kaur
- Maalikah Ma'u
- Faaria Ebrahim-Goder
- Gunit Kaur
- Reyyan Cevik
- Yusuf Buksh

This year, rather than having Captains in the Primary section, we thought it would be more beneficial to have a team of student leaders who will work with our Secondary Captains on various projects. I am looking forward to working with our student leaders and helping them on their journey.

Finally, I hope you all have a relaxing holiday and enjoy the family time you have together. For those who are celebrating Christmas I hope you have a wonderful day full of love, peace and joy.



HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

MRS DOGAN

Dear Wisdom Family,

As the 2022 school year draws to a close I'd like to acknowledge the work done by so very many of our students, staff and parents in our College community and wish every one of you a safe, happy and restful holiday break.

Firstly, congratulations and well done to all our students and teachers for the extraordinary work they have done this year and continue to do everyday. We are all very proud of your children and would like to congratulate them on completing another successful school year. You can be very proud of them and how they represent you, their families and their school on a daily basis. All Semester Two report cards have been emailed and are also live on our Parent Portal.

2022 has been a year of change as we launched two new systems across the school - new learning management systems, Schoolbox and TASS. It has certainly been a challenge to bring in so much change in such a short space of time but with the hardwork and dedication of our teachers and staff we have been successful in achieving our goals this year. A special thank you to Mrs Devi, our E-learning Coordinator, for the tremendous amount of work she has done in helping us launch MyWisdom. All parents now have access to our curriculum and can engage with their child's learning. In 2023 parents will see many more new features on our new Wisdom App and we are excitedly looking forward to sharing and engaging a lot more with our families and students.

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We are all very proud of your children and would like to congratulate them on completing another successful school year.



STUDENT ARTWORK

We ended Term 4 with our Annual Awards Ceremony. It is always a special event as we celebrate the achievements of our students both academically and behaviorally. We are proud of all their achievements this year and have no doubt our students will continue to excel in 2023. I would also like to acknowledge the great results our students achieved in NAPLAN this year. Every year we see our results improve and this year was no exception. Over the past two years we have seen a huge improvement in our writing, reading and language scores which is so pleasing, especially when we have so many of our student population speak English as a second language, so congratulations to them all. Next year NAPLAN testing will take place in Term 1, we will keep you updated with more information in the new year.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS COSKUN

Dear Wisdom Family

I am sure you are thinking the same as me and wondering how we got to the end of the year this fast. It is quite surreal and we do find ourselves asking the same question at the end of each term too!

What is even more unreal to me is everything that we have accomplished in the Co-curricular department this year. From our Soccer achievements and musical accomplishments to our Service Learning and whole School Pastoral Care and Wellbeing Program, we have worked hard to provide a range of opportunities for our Students holistic development and learning.

While I sit here at my desk already in 2023 mode and planning some very exciting upcoming projects and initiatives for next year I can't help but feel proud of our amazing staff and community for what we have achieved together this year.

Our final and grandest of projects was our End of Year Performance which is always a significant event, bringing the community together and also providing a platform for our students to shine.

As we sign off on our 10th year of Wisdom I want to take the opportunity to thank you all for supporting our College and our Co-curricular program and look forward to working with you next year to achieve even greater things.

Hope you all have a safe and rested break and a happy new year.

Wishing all those celebrating a very Merry Christmas.



TEACHER FEATURE

MS LISA YALLAMAS

The Arts, Writing, Media and Education are Ms Yallamas's lifelong passions. She worked as an Arts Writer for 10 years, interviewing a range of artists, actors, directors, writers and producers of theatre, film and television. As Arts Writer, she reviewed new Australian plays at the Sydney Opera House, interviewed the producers and stars of Phantom of the Opera and Les Miserables at Sydney's Princess Theatre, wrote stories about Bangarra Dance Theatre and interviewed numerous Australian and international artists. Normally, she does not talk about the famous people she has interviewed, among them the director of The Grinch (Ron Howard) as well Eric Bana and Hugh Jackman, because it makes it seem that the achievements of famous people are more important than those of ordinary folk, such as teachers.



Ms Yallamas moved into digital media production in 2006, working for a range of media groups including a San Francisco-based world news start-up called CIRCA, as well as Fairfax and News publications. She started teaching English and Humanities in 2013.

Audiences chill when facing their fears: on screen

2.30pm Saturday, November 26, 2022

By Lisa Yallamas

There are humans, and then, there are MONSTERS!

To tell the truth, the horror that human beings create in real-time is far, far, far more frightful than anything Mary Shelley or The Duffer Brothers might dream up. Humans really are the stuff of nightmares – careful! If you are not one of them, you are “prey”. There are humans and then there are HUMAN MONSTERS. The thing that they have in common is fear.

That's the joke in Horror. Humans are afraid to face their deepest, darkest fears; unless those fears (those personal, lurking demons) are depicted on screen, or on the screen of the mind (in the case of novels). People won't or can't open their eyes to face the truth. They can only watch representations of the truth. In their minds, they are the monster being chased by all those nasty, awful fears: fear of being too fat, too tall, too boring, too ugly, too...too...too...different.

And the reason Frankenstein and Stranger Things are hit horror shows is because blissfully ignorant audiences are addicted to schadenfreude – the pleasure derived from someone else's misery and misfortune. They watch gleefully as people are devoured by the same fears that plague them. Never would they admit it though! This is true monstrosity, don't you agree?

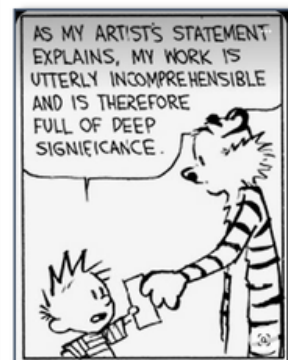
Dr Frankenstein builds his monster, visiting graveyards in the dead of night to sever limbs from slivery cadavers. The reader sits tucked up comfortably in a cozy bed, ever confident that they have nothing in common with this monster, or his creator. They would not be caught alive, let alone dead, in a graveyard at midnight! Mary Shelley makes the reader believe that Victor Frankenstein is the descendant of virtuous lineages. He has impeccable credentials and moves in the finest society circles. And yet, here he is stealing body parts in the name of science. What if the cadavers represented the bodies of those unfortunate people that the reader eviscerated with cruel gossip?

Ain't naught queerer 'an folk

If there was no truth to this theory about audiences, then why would people bother to watch or read horror: the inklings of truth in depicted fears of characters get people off. They always have. That's why *Frankenstein* inspired stories such as *Stranger Things*. The Duffer Brothers say that they LOVE Mary Shelley. There are many parallels between the two stories.

Just as Dr Brenner, El's Papa in *Stranger Things*, Dr Frankenstein seeks the power of the supernatural through knowledge of the secrets of the universe. This guy kidnaps children for scientific experiments. And for five whole episodes, the Duffer Brothers let the audience think that the escaped kid, El, is the monster! That's edge-of-your-seat entertainment. Someone suffering.

The Duffer Brothers and Mary Shelley suggest a clash between God and Science, between Nature and human arrogance: the dogmatic belief that humans are more significant in the scheme of things than anything else in the universe. All great art suggests that we are not alone. We at least always have our fear that we are or aren't alone.



Calvin and Hobbes point out that great artists make themselves clearly understood.

The outsider, the alien, the guy with the pointy teefs – they are always portrayed by HUMANS as the MONSTERS! Neither *Frankenstein* nor *Stranger Things* comes even close to the real horrors of this world: ordinary folk. Careful who you sit next to on the bus. :P

(Finished 3.30pm – one hour)

2023 CALENDAR

KEY DATES

WISDOM COLLEGE HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

8:30AM-3:30PM

WISDOM COLLEGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM THE

24TH DECEMBER 2022 - 2ND JANUARY 2023

TERM DATES

First Day Term 1 - Monday 23 January PREP YEAR 7 YEAR 12 ONLY START

Tuesday 24 January All Students Prep - Year 12

Last Day Term 1 - Friday 31 March

First Day Term 2 - Monday 17 April

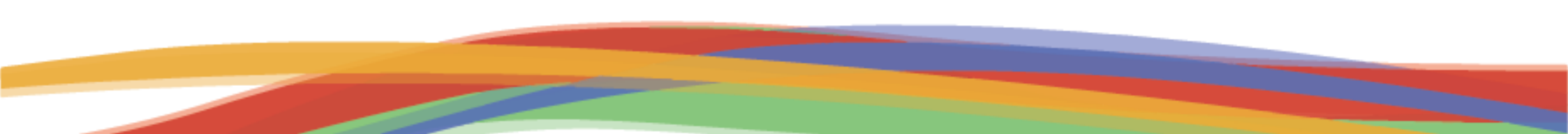
Last Day Term 2 - Friday 16 June

First Day Term 3 - Monday 10 July

Last Day Term 3 - Friday 15 September

First Day Term 4 - Tuesday 3 October

Last Day Term 4 - Friday 1st December



UPDATES AND INFORMATION

FEE SCHEDULE



2023 College Fees

Year Level	1 st Child		2 nd Child 10% Sibling Discount		3 rd Child 20% Sibling Discount		4 th Child 50% Sibling Discount		5 th + Child
	Year	Term	Year	Term	Year	Term	Year	Term	
Prep - Gr 6	\$3,000	\$750	\$2,700	\$675	\$2,400	\$600	\$1,500	\$375.00	100% Sibling Discount
Gr 7 - 10	\$3,300	\$825	\$2,970	\$743	\$2,640	\$660	\$1,650	\$412.50	
Gr 11 - 12	\$3,500	\$875	\$3,150	\$788	\$2,800	\$700	\$1,750	\$437.50	

Enrolment Application Fee - \$55 per application, non-refundable, once off payment.

College Fees are all inclusive of all levies - This includes swimming, the College laptop scheme, music, camps, excursions and incursions and publications including school diary and yearbook.

Sibling discounts are applied on College Fees if there are two or more students of one family attending the College concurrently.

Payment Arrangements – College fees will be invoiced at the beginning of each term. Fees are due and payable in full on the Friday of the second week of each term unless a direct debit arrangement is in place.

Please Note:

- College Fees** DO NOT cover bus transport, uniforms, or students owned books, stationery and laptop repairs.
- There may be additional charges** made for the year if the student chooses to study subjects such as Visual Art for which the materials/consumables are costly. This information will be provided at the time of subject selection.
- Direct Debit** amounts are calculated from the periods from the 30th January through to 8th December 2023. This period covers 22 fortnights.
- Private lessons** may be made available throughout a school year in activities such as Music and Speech & Drama. Payments for these lesson are arranged directly with the Tutor.
- Participation** in some of the co-curricular activities also attracts a fee. These fees vary depending upon the activity, with registration and payment completed per activity via the School's electronic payment system.
- Student withdrawals:** Where a parent or guardian wishes to withdraw a student from the College: For the current school term: the term college fee will be charged. For the following school term: no additional fee will be charged if the College is informed before the current school term finishes.
- Bad Debt Policy:** Legal action will be taken to recover any outstanding fees including lapsing of direct debit payments followed by placing the debt with a collection agency and listing a family account as default credit.
- Financial Hardship:** For application form and further information please contact accountsreceivable@wisdom.qld.edu.au. Applications must be lodged via this email address.

UPDATES AND INFORMATION

UNIFORM SHOP



UNIFORM SHOPPING OPTIONS

UNIFORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND IN THE SCHOOL LOCKER OXLEY STORE FROM 10 JULY

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Visit theschoollocker.com.au/schools/wisdom-college-calamvale

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Discover a convenient one-stop-shop for uniforms, school footwear, stationery, technology, musical instruments, sports equipment and more at the School Locker Oxley.

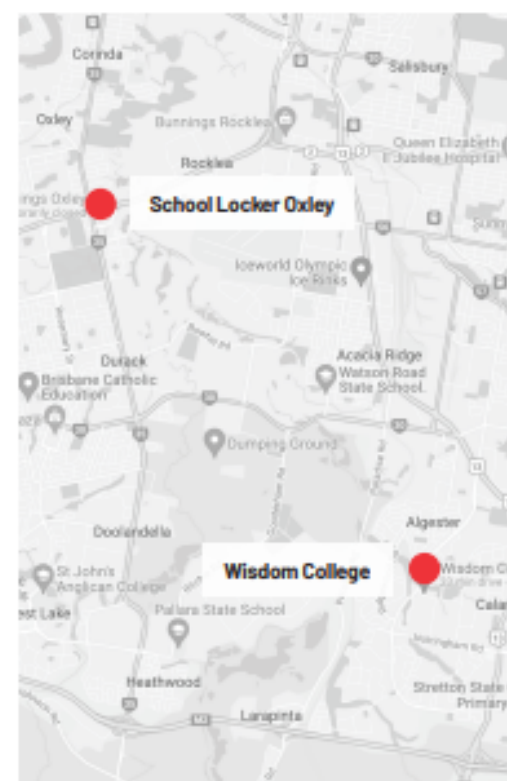
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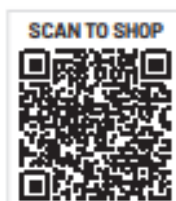
Monday to Friday 8:30am- 5:00pm
Saturday 9:00am- 3:00pm

Student Advantage Membership

Be sure to set up your free Student Advantage Membership. Login each time you shop online to access special pricing and ensure your school earns revenue from all your purchases. Get started by visiting theschoollocker.com.au/customer/account. To learn more scan the QR code below and watch our explainer video.

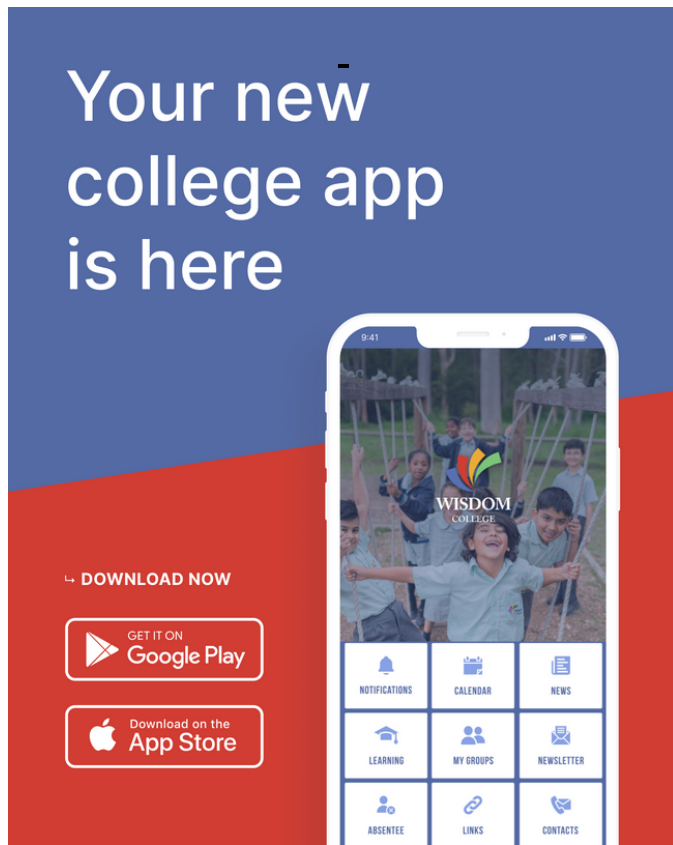


School Locker
Oxley opens
Monday - Sunday
during January



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SCHOOLBOX APP -



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ALL OF YOUR FAMILY DETAILS ARE CORRECT

LUNCH ORDER SYSTEM



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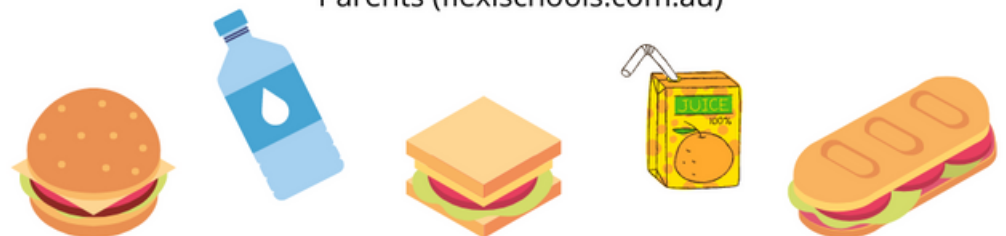
Wisdom College is excited to announce that our new lunch order system is ready to go!

WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH BLACKOUT COFFEE AND FLEXISCHOOLS TO BRING YOU THIS EASY ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM.

As of today you can place second lunch break orders for your child/ren.

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Parents (flexischools.com.au)



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5. Sit back, relax and wait for your pack!

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While Sequel's retail store will remain open we will be complying with social distancing rules and limiting the number of people in-store. This may result in lengthy and uncomfortable wait times outside the store. We highly encourage families to ORDER EARLY and opt for DELIVERY of packs. Check our Trading Hours at sequelbooks.com



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AND PARENTS A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY! HAPPY
CHRISTMAS TO THOSE CELEBRATING, WE HOPE YOU
HAVE A WONDERFUL FESTIVE SEASON.

