VISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

The tragic events in Turkey and Syria as a result of an earthquake has caused many of us to reflect upon the fragility of life and what we can do here in Australia to support those affected. Our community has a number of connections with that part of the world with many staff and students familiar with the area or knowing someone affected. We have conducted a variety of fundraising efforts and awareness raising efforts both at school and broader suburban areas. Thank you to those who have supported our endeavours and to everyone for your ongoing thoughts and prayers.



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We recently farewelled Ms Jayne Gillespie as she has taken on a new role as the Head of Ipswich Campus at YMCA. Ms Gillespie has been with us for over 3 years and in that time she has held multiple roles, and has helped us navigate the implementation of our senior years of schooling. Mr Mark Richards has been recruited as the incoming Head of Operations. Mr Richards joins us from The Scots College PGC in Warwick where he has been the Head of Teaching, Learning and Innovation for several years.

As we prepare for the second half of this term, I hope to see many students and parents at the events we have planned. This includes our Secondary parent information evening this week, our swimming carnival in Week 7, and Harmony Day in Week 9.



As we approach the mid way part of this first term its interesting to note that we have already had a wealth of activities and experiences at Wisdom College. Our Year 11 and 12 students recently attended an outdoor education camp, we've had Primary parent breakfasts, World Read Aloud Day, student leadership workshops, parent information nights, and curriculum workshops. Wisdom College is a vibrant, busy place every day and I thank the staff for their hard work and commitment to leading these events for our students and parents.

Year Levels: Year 4 to Year 12 Date: Friday 10th March Time: 8.45am to 3.00pm Venue: Parkinson Aquatic Centre

- Drop off and Pick up from the Aquatic Centre
- Remember to pack a lunch, snacks and water bottle
- · Wear College sports uniform and swimming gear
- · Don't forget towels, caps and goggles
- · Parents are encouraged to come and support the students!





HEAD OF SECONDARY

MR. JAMES EASTHOPE



Well, we are just about to come into mid-term, with the end of week 4 here and the start of week 5 just around the corner. Coming to mid-term means a few things;

- 1. Assessment time is not far away.
- 2. Students can get restless and may need added
- support at home and school.

3. Routines and positive habits are critical to academic success.

Unfortunately, our standards have been slipping recently. Please ensure that you take pride in who we are as Wisdom College Students. One of our school values

is Excellence, this means that we strive to be the best we can in all aspects of schooling – Uniform, organisation in the class, assessment prep etc.

Now is not the time to start to relax with our pursuits. Time to knuckle down on our assessments, and sharpen up on our standards!

BEING A WISDOM COLLEGE STUDENT

This term we are raising the bar in our standards and expectations with our Secondary Student Body. The key learning areas we are looking to instil are;

Uniform

The Big 6 is what we are focussed on getting right;

- 1. Shirts tucked in.
- 2. Wearing a belt with formal uniform.
- 3. If you are wearing a tie, wear it correctly Top button done up, tie to the collar.
- 4. Formal shoes (black lace up leather 'FORMAL' school shoes, not casual shoes)



Piercings - girls have one set of sleepers or studs in their ears. Nothing in nose or

Admin:

- Ensure that you have your lock, locked on your locker when you are not using your locker
- Set out a study timetable on your Assessment Placemat to prepare for your assessment period.

Reminders:

- We have our Secondary parent Information Evening on Tuesday this coming week. Please ensure that you peruse the flyer for the details.
- A reminder about our Mobile Phone Policy. Mobile phones must be kept in your locker at all times. They can be accessed during break times for emergency purposes only. Mobile phones will be confiscated



- any other facial feature. Boys have no piercings.
- 6. Hair tied back neatly, off the face, off the shoulder.

Organisation

5.

Organisation is critical at Wisdom College. When it comes to our approach to our academic pursuits we are always "prepared, prompt and present". Here are the 3 areas of focussed that we need to get right;

- Arrive at school at 8:30am to be ready and organized for our important 8:45am (sharp) Care Class
- Have all your learning equipment ready for every lesson (Books, Pencil Case etc)
- Ensure your laptop is fully charged and ready for every day

These are fundamental areas that we will ensure our success at school, and our future success in life after Wisdom. Join with us in our pursuit of excellence and success by following and ensuring the above mention points are carried out.

if they are found on your person and you will be able to collect them from the main administration at the end of the day. If your mobile phone is taking from your 3 times or more during one term, you will not be permitted to bring one to school.

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Key Dates:

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	Date	Event							
	21 ^a February	Secondary School Parent Information Evening							
	1* – 3™ March	Years 7 & 8 Camp International Women's Day College Swimming Carnival							
	8 [#] March								
	10 th March								
	15° March	NAPLAN							
	17 th March	Bullying – No Way Day							
	21 st March	Harmony Day							



FROM THE PREP CLASSROOM MISS GIFFORD AND MISS BAILLIE

The first few weeks in Prep have been jam packed with learning, playing and building relationships with teachers and peers. The start of the school year can seem quite overwhelming, exciting and sometimes challenging for our Prep students so we have daily check-ins and open conversations about how we are travelling with the new routines, expectations and friendships forming at Wisdom.

In the classroom, students have been learning about a range of letters and sounds and how to use this knowledge to read and write words. So far, we have focused on the commonly used sounds: s a t p i n m and will complete the alphabet before moving on to diagraphs ch, sh, th and qu next term. To help remember these sounds, the Preps will be learning songs and body movements that they will practice in class and can also use at home. Throughout the year we will continue weekly testing of their sight words or "point and say words". These are commonly used words that have tricky sounds which make it difficult to individually sound out such as 'they', 'was' and 'said'. Each week we also find time to rhyme! Hearing rhyme in a range of words does wonders to help when spelling and reading- plus its also a lot of fun!

In Science, the Preps have been putting on their weather googles to observe the skies outside our classroom and discuss different types of weather and how they look and feel. We will continue to explore what kind of clothing and activities are suitable for different seasons and weather types.



Furthermore, students have been sharing about themselves and their families in History and discussing how our differences make us special in Health as we planted a diverse range offlowers in our Prep garden. Students have loved practicing their singing, dancing and rhythm in Music lessons with Mr Maze and will explore many different musical skills and instruments throughout the year.

In Maths we have been counting our days at school and investigating numbers to 10 with hands on activities such as stacking blocks, beading, painting, moulding playdough and picking groups using tweezers. The Preps celebrated their 10th day of school with some music, bubbles and ice blocks to cool down after a hot couple of days. We are so proud of the Preps' amazing efforts over the past month and look forward a fantastic year of learning, friendships, and fun!









ISSUE NO. 2

HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

Hello Wisdom Family

The recent tragedy in Turkiye and Syria has meant that we have been doing a lot of reflecting as a College and taking action to see what part Wisdom can play in helping. I always say that the Wisdom Community has a big heart and this is reflected in the day to day interactions you will see between staff, students and parents and especially when the time comes to help others and support our fellow human beings.

A huge thank you to everyone who played a role big or small in the recent fundraising efforts at Wisdom. We will get some information out around total money raised to you all soon!

Some updates from the Co-Curricular life of the College:

YEAR 11/12 CAMP AT KOKODA PARK

Our senior students made some special memories out at Kokoda Park in Thornton where they overcame challenging situations, developed resilience, and connected with their cohort. Students had opportunities to reflect on what Service to their community and others could look like during our campfire and learnt how to work as a team in the various outdoor challenges they took part in. Everyone came with a positive attitude and some great moments were celebrated.

UNDER 16 BOYS AND GIRLS SCHOOL FUTSAL LEAGUE

The SFL started with an impressive 7-2 win for our Wisdom Boys Football team against Mabel Park. Girls played a fierce game but lost this time round and reflected on how to improve their game for next weeks competition.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Our afterschool clubs and activities are enjoyed by many of our students who are encouraged to discover and develop their individual talents, skills and interests and mostly connect with the College community, establishing a sense of worth. All students are encouraged to engage with at least one co-curricular activity per term.



At Wisdom, co-curricular activities are integral to a holistic education and offer a richness to student life.

I look forward to seeing our lower primary families in our Parent Breakfast next week Friday!



ISSUE NO. 2

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT **OFFICER**

MR. SULEYMAN KAYA

Dear Wisdom Community,

Greetings from the Community Engagement Team,

We had breakfast with our Prep Parents on Friday, 10th of February. I would like to thank all our parents who attended and the staff who helped make the event possible. It was our pleasure to host you at our college and I hope you had a wonderful time and got to know other parents.

Our next breakfast is for Lower Primary Parents, and it is on Friday 24th of February. This is an occasion to meet and greet all other year 1, 2 and 3 parents and welcome our new parents at these year levels. We look forward to seeing you at this event.

Another upcoming event is Clean-up Australia Day which is on Friday 3rd of March. You will receive an email about this event. Please join us on the day to help students and teachers keep our College clean.

Lastly, I want to share with you the good news that we are forming Wisdom College Community on WhatsApp to improve communication between our parents and College. This will be an announcement group. You will receive messages about the events organized for parents and get to know what is happening at Wisdom College. You will also be able to join parents' sub whats app groups according to your interest, in Wisdom College Community on Whats App.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Marketing and Enrollment officer Mrs. Aliya, she worked on a logo, which represents our college community and Community Engagement team, inspired by our school logo.







TERM 1 COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

- CYCLING ON EVERY SUNDAY MORNING IN **BRISBANE CITY**
- WEEK 5 LOWER PRIMARY PARENTS BREAKFAST, FRIDAY 24TH OF FEBRUARY 08:45-10:00
- WEEK 6, CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY, FRIDAY 3RD **OF MARCH**
- WEEK 7 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, WEDNESDAY 8TH OF MARCH
- WEEK 7 UPPER PRIMARY PARENTS BREAKFAST, FRIDAY 10TH OF MARCH 08:45-10:00 • WEEK 7 HOMELESS RUN WITH PARENTS, FRIDAY **EVENING 10TH OF MARCH** • WEEK 8 WISDOM FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT (KAHOOT COMPETITION), TUESDAY EVENING 14TH OF MARCH • WEEK 8 FATHERS MEETUP, FRIDAY AFTERNOON **17TH OF MARCH** • WEEK 9 HARMONY DAY, TUESDAY 21ST OF MARCH • WEEK 10 WISDOM COMMUNITY IFTAR DINNER, SATURDAY 1ST ST OF APRIL

Suleyman Kaya **Community Engagement** Coordinator Secondary Teacher 0434669449 s.kaya@wisdom.qld.edu.au

ESTABLISHING RULES, EXERCISING DISCIPLINE, ENHANCING POSITIVE CHILD BEHAVIOUR

MRS. MANJA WHALEY - STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICER If we think our kids haven't worked us out by the time they get to school age, we need to think again. If we think our kids don't know where they stand when it comes to home rules, we also need to think again. Seriously. Permissive, indulgent parenting isn't about to do our kids any favours – it can also leave us powerless. To achieve at any level, kids need structure and followthrough from us as parents. This means effective parenting that sets rules and consequences, and monitors and communicates with authority. Endlessly boring for our kids? certainly; essential to their achievement? - definitely...

ESTABLISHING RULES FOR EFFECTIVE PARENTING:

Regardless of whether or not we, as parents, are in favour of rules, the fact is our kids need them. Rules help keep us safe, healthy, secure, law-abiding, and respectful. Rules can also be flexible as a base line for compromise, negotiation and ultimately, agreement and resolution. Rules are a tool for helping kids learn to control their natural impulses. They provide a structure for kids to live around and within, providing them with certainty and security. Rules also demonstrate to kids that we care. Kids who grow up in a house with few rules may struggle academically and socially with issues of discipline and commitment. It can be hard to toe the line or cultivate friendships when you have no idea why you should have to do so or why it's important.

SETTING RULES THAT ARE DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE:

There are two basic rules for setting rules. Firstly, we need to ensure they are consistent with the needs and maturity of our child, and secondly, that we provide rational explanations or reasons for those rules.

RULES NEED TO BE:

- Short and Simple
- Age appropriate and agreed upon
- Respectful and referred to often

WHEN THE RULES DON'T FIT THE CHILD:

EXERCISING DISCIPLINE FOR EFFECTIVE PARENTING:

When we have a clear set of family rules it makes it easier for us as parents to exercise consistent discipline and ageappropriate consequences. If we don't overreact when our child breaks rules and make sure there is consistency between us as parents in the enforcement of rules... our child is more likely to be an achiever. Achieving children demonstrate self-discipline. They have learned that in order to achieve pleasant results in the long term, they have to make sacrifices in the short term. One of the ways we can teach our kids this key foundation for achievement is through the externally imposed limits called discipline.

FOUR KEY ASPECTS OF EFFECTIVE DISCIPLINE

1. When children are young, we set the rules. As they get older, we can be more democratic.

 Rules need to be consistently and persistently enforced.
 No blaming or condemning our kids when they have broken rules.

4. Encourage independence. Discipline is vital to a child's development. Without discipline, kids may struggle with issues of relationship, respect and cooperation. Discipline supports feelings of achievement, happiness and wellbeing... the things we want most for our kids.

Discipline is NOT physical punishment or using harsh words: they don't work and are harmful. Below a link that explains healthy ways to discipline that WORKS and also outlines why physical punishment and harsh words don't work.

https://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/familydynamics/communication-discipline/Pages/Disciplining-Your-Child.aspx



Rules can look good on paper, or on a spreadsheet, or plastered on the back of our kid's bedroom door. But does this mean our kids are going to abide by them? Well probably not, if they think they're too harsh, inflexible, or micro-controlling. When we set rules for our kids, we can't shirk the

responsibility for enforcing them. Just as we want our kids to be accountable to us, so we need to be to them. As parents, we have the authority to establish the rules, but rules work better if our kids have input into their making. If the rules aren't reasonable, if we're too authoritarian, too indulgent or too neglectful in our follow through, we shouldn't be surprised if our kids adopt an attitude of non-compliance or just ignore us and our rules completely.

2023 CALENDAR

KEY DATES

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

TERM 1 DATES

- Friday 24 February Lower Primary Parent Breakfast
- Monday 27 February Year 2 incursion Habitats are Homes
- Wednesday 1 March Friday 3 March Year 7/8 Camp
- Friday 3 March Clean up Australia Day
- Wednesday 8 March International Womens Day
- Friday 10 March Upper Primary Parent Breakfast
- Friday 10th Match Swimming Carnival
- Wednesday 15/3 NAPLAN starts
- Friday 17 March Bullying No way Day
- Tuesday 21 March Harmony Day
- Thursday 23 March World Maths Day & Ramadan Begins
- Wednesday 29 March Learning Showcase Afternoon
- Friday 31 March Term 1 Ends



Dear parents, my name is Manja Whaley and I am the student support officer at Wisdom College. Starting this Term, I will be running parent sessions to help support you, support your children through their school journey. An opportunity for us parents to come together, get to meet other parents, have some morning tea, and talk about what it is like for us to parent. The ups and downs, the good and the bad. An opportunity for you to have a safe space to share your journey without judgement. The sessions will run for roughly one hour. I look forward to meeting you!



LET'S TALK ABOUT:

SESSION : WHAT TYPE OF PARENT ARE YOU? POSITIVE PARENT SELF- TALK, HOW DO YOU TALK TO YOURSELF?

BOOSTING YOUR CONFIDENCE AS A PARENT.

DATE: WEDNESDAY 22ND OF FEBRUARY



PLACE: WISDOM LIBRARY







Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow



Who

This event is for all parents of current and incoming 2024 secondary school parents. We strongly encourage all to come and join with us.

Date, Time & Location

Our parent evening will be on Tuesday 21st of February starting at 4:30pm and finishing at 6:30pm.

Location

We will meet in our College Library, above our main administration

PH: (07) 3711 9821

Evening Purposes



Supporting Your Student

Stronger connection with College staff to support your student in the classroom



Outline Secondary School Points of Focus

The outlining of our Secondary School foci for the term and for 2023





DON'T MISS OUTI

Come to connect with our

new Head of Secondary as he runs a fun staff and parent workshop

97 Formby St, Calamvale QLD 4116

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	100% Sibling Discount
Prep	- Gr 6	\$3,000	\$750	\$2,700	\$675	\$2,400	\$600	\$1,500	\$375.00	
Gr 7	- 10	\$3,300	\$825	\$2,970	\$743	\$2,640	\$660	\$1,650	\$412.50	
Gr 11	1 - 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:

1. College Fees DO NOT cover bus transport, uniforms, or students owned books, stationery and laptop repairs.

2. 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.

3. Direct Debit amounts are calculated from the periods from the 30th January through to 8th December 2023. This period covers 22 fortnights.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Financial Hardship: For application form and further information please contact

accountsreceivable@wisdom.gld.edu.au. Applications must be lodged via this email address.



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

Shop Online Anytime

Shop online and choose to have your order shipped directly to you, or collect if from the School Locker Oxley store. Scan the OR code below to find your uniforms online. **Wait theschoollocker.com.au/schools/wisdom-college-calamvale**

School Locker Oxley

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The Zone Oxley 2118 Ipswich Road Oxley



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

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SCHOOLBOX APP -



PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE APP AND ENSURE THAT 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.

Please download the Flexischools App and click the link for more information on how to register today.

Parents (flexischools.com.au)



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- 3. Fill out your requirements & student details
- 4. Enter your customer & payment details
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FOOTSTEPS COMMUNITY SERVICES Pty Ltd

Footsteps Community Services, 26-28 Oakleigh Court, Woodhill, Qld, 4285 31 January 2023

Dear Damien Barry,

Footsteps Community Services would like to offer your school a free 4-week parenting course that has been developed to assist parents, carers, and teachers.

Course content:

- Childhood Development;
- Adverse Childhood Experience Study (ACES);
- Trauma Informed Approaches;
- Parenting Strategies;
- · Viewing the world from a child's lens.

The course consists of 4 x 90-minute sessions that are designed as an interactive forum.

The Footsteps team currently work alongside the National Disability Insurance Agency(NDIA), Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS), Evolve, Department of Education, Youth Justice, Secure Mental Health Units, Victim Assist, Child Safety and Disability Services.

As an organisation we witness a significant number of Children and Youth's coming into contact with child safety and the criminal system due to poor choices, developmental delays, lack of parental guidance, homelessness, alcohol and other drug issues, our aim is to help reduce these negative impacts for individuals and our community.





The Footsteps team consists of qualified and registered therapists, positive behaviour support practitioners, nurses, support coordinators/case managers, and respite/ residential facilities. We support clients and families in Queensland, NSW, Northern Territory, Victoria, and Tasmania.

Our aim is to assist people to develop and strive positively despite any adversities.

We would appreciate the opportunity to support with your school community.

Regards

Mickael Blanc General Manager P 0406 721 123 E <u>Mickael@footstepscs.com.au</u> W www.footstepscs.com.au

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