

# WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

Already we have passed the mid-way part of Term 1. The past few weeks have seen us as a College community galvanise ourselves to do what we can to assist those affected by the earthquake tragedy in Turkey and Syria. We have raised over \$10 000 which is simply fabulous, and this will go directly towards providing shelter, medicine and food. Thank you to everyone involved in these efforts.

Ramadan will soon be upon us and we will as a College once again support and honour this important part of our yearly schedule for so many of our students and families. We have started to organise our Family Iftar for Saturday 1st April to be held in our undercover area at College. We will also host a staff Iftar on Friday 31st March. We look forward to this important occasion.

Our swimming carnival is on this week, at Parkinson Aquatic Centre. This is for Year 4 to Year 12 and students compete for their House - Rams, Bucks, Ravens or Eagles. Last year was a fabulous event and this year will be even better. Parents are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to build House spirit, to get some healthy exercise and to enjoy a College event in a fun and safe environment.

Already, we have had 2 school camps across 4 year levels. Our Yr 11 and 12 students attended Camp Kokoda, and our Yr 7 and 8 students attended Camp Cooby. All of our camps are designed to build skills such as problem solving, leadership, independence, resilience, and team work. Skills that are transferable across all spheres of life. Thank you to those staff who attended these camps and to our Head of Co-curricula, Mrs Canan Coskun for organising our camps program.

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### Wisdom College Swimming Carnival

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!





WISDOM COLLEGE

### FAMILY IFTAR

### *Invitation*

We would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to break bread with us!

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL 2023  
TIME: 5:15PM ARRIVAL FOR 5:47PM  
(MAGHRIB) START

PLEASE NOTE: We have a 200 guest capacity for this event. Once we reach capacity we will no longer be taking RSVP'S. Please find the RSVP form attached. RSVP by 24/3/2023

To showcase Wisdom's many cultures we would like to invite you to bring a traditional dessert to share with other families.

VENUE: 97 FORMBY STREET, CALAMVALE 4116



## HEAD OF SECONDARY

MR. JAMES EASTHOPE

Whilst we only have 4 weeks left of Term, it will be a big task getting to the end. Please remember that the teachers are working hard to support all of our students. If you find yourself behind in any of your subjects, please speak with your subject teachers, WISE Mentor and/or myself to ensure that you get the support you need during his time.



YEAR 7&8 CAMP AT CAMP COOBY

I would like to re-orient everyone on our over-arching focus of becoming a Self-Regulated, Self-Driven and Self-Directed Learner. This type of learner has skills, even tools that helps them navigate their way through problems. With regards to academics, this student forms a strong student-teacher relationship and seeks constant feedback from their teacher on how to improve. Studies teach us that this type of learner is more successful post high school in whatever they pursue. The first step in becoming this learner is for us to know our strengths and our weaknesses and make plans for how we can improve our weaknesses.

Take some time over the weekend to plan a study timetable ready for the last 3 weeks of term, and ensure you are ready for our crunch time.

Study Skills Tip

### Learning Tips

## Know your Learning Style:

Most people have a preferred way of learning. The more you can uncover your learning style, the more comfortable you will be with study. Try these, and see which one works for you:

- **Auditory Learner** – learn by listening [Try reading or recording your study notes and discussing them with other people]
- **Visual Learner** – learn by seeing [Try using highlighters or drawing diagrams to help represent key points you are studying]
- **Tactile/Kinesthetic** – learn by doing [Try using role plays, building models, or using flashcards to revise key points]

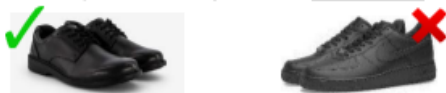
## BEING A WISDOM COLLEGE STUDENT

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)



5. Piercings – girls have one set of sleepers or studs in their ears. Nothing in nose or any other facial feature. Boys have no piercings.
6. Hair tied back neatly, off the face, off the shoulder.

### Organisation

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.

### 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 International Women's Day coming on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March next week. Please see the flyer for your reference.
- **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 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.

### International Women's Day Morning Tea

Date: Wednesday 8th March  
Time: 10:55am-11am Morning Tea  
Venue: Wisdom House Courtyard

Guest Panel:  
2:00-2:30- Guest speaker- Zoleyha Cookson (Amity Graduate and Legal Support Officer at the DPP)  
2:30-3pm- Mindfulness and Journaling by Shumima Gupta

High School Students wear a purple hijab/accessory.

#BreakTheBias  
#IWD2023

### Key Dates:

Date	Event
8 <sup>th</sup> March	International Women's Day
10 <sup>th</sup> March	College Swimming Carnival
15 <sup>th</sup> March	NAPLAN
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Bullying – No Way Day
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Harmony Day
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last Day of Term 1



## HEAD OF PRIMARY

MRS. OLIVIA STARKEY

Well, here we are over halfway through our first Term of 2023. I have been delighted to see our students continue to grow and learn this year and look forward to all of their continued achievements. We still have lots to do this Term and it is important that our children are getting to bed at a regular time every night. A good night's rest allows students to wake up refreshed with a clear mind ready for the school day ahead.

I would like to acknowledge a few students who have worked hard this term and will be the first primary students to achieve a bronze award for behaviour in 2023. Congratulations to:

- Felisha tsui
- Raza Mehdi
- Meekael Ronnie
- Amna Baig

These students have demonstrated our College values in more than one way and have also participated in acts of service to the community. We thank them for their efforts and encourage all students to strive for excellence.



YEAR 6 AND PREP BUDDIES GARDENING



YEAR 3 EXPLORING HABITATS





## HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

MRS. AYSE DOGAN

As educators one of our biggest challenges is maintaining students' enthusiasm in their schooling. Student engagement is key to student learning and success. It refers to the degree of curiosity, optimism, interest, attention, and passion students portray when learning. So how can student engagement be enhanced? At Wisdom our teachers strive to connect content and learning to the real world by using real life examples and taking learning outside of the classroom. This term already our students in Year 2 have visited the Old Government House and ANZAC Square as part of their History unit; Year 3 students set off on an adventure to neighbouring Calamvale District Park to explore habitats big and small; High School students enjoyed a fun and entertaining Living Histories Incursion where they learnt all about Ancient history and WWII; Year 7 students had an amazing day at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary where they learnt about classifying Australian vertebrates as part of their Science Unit. These are some of the amazing activities our students have been engaged in so far this year and there is still more to come.



SECONDARY INCURSIONS AND EXCURSIONS

At Wisdom we encourage our students to present and share their work. Allowing students to present their work in front of their peers helps them develop accountability. It also helps them get critique from someone else other than their teachers. As such it widens their thought process. Working collaboratively with their peers to share their perspectives on different subjects helps them to become more articulate and helps to keep them engaged. These and many other strategies are used by our great teachers who continue to do amazing work in their classrooms. With such dedicated and hard working teachers and a supportive family, I have no doubt that our students will continue to be engaged in their learning and excel in their subjects.

### NAPLAN 2023

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is the national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year and assesses the skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

- Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online. The online assessments are tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test presents questions which may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses. Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway
- All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper
- A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year
- The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 15 March and finishes on Monday 27 March 2023

### YEAR 10 PRESENTATIONS





# HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS COSKUN

Dear Wisdom Family

I hope everyone is well and travelling through this fast-paced term in good health and peace.

This week I conducted a mini workshop together with Mr. Easthope our Head of Secondary and Mrs. Starkey, our Head of Primary, introducing Positive Education and what our journey in it may look like for Wisdom College. Positive Education is a wellbeing and happiness model which will underpin our whole school wellbeing priorities.

What is Positive Education?

Positive Education is an approach/model that aims to build happiness and wellbeing into the lives of students at school. It is the combination of traditional education principles with the study of happiness and wellbeing, using Martin Seligman's PERMA model and the Values in Action (VIA) classification. The aim of positive education is to teach our students how they can lead lives that have more positive emotion, more achievement and more meaning and purpose.

The wellbeing of our students, staff and community is something I am deeply passionate about. I will be updating our College Community throughout our journey in establishing this framework within our College.

On the topic of positive education our Year 7/8 students had their camp last week out at beautiful Geham connecting with nature, their teachers, and their friends. The activities were designed to help them collaborate effectively, communicate with one another, and build resilience and creative thinking skills. Our Camps are designed to cater for the spiritual and developmental needs of our students and are always a valuable part of their educational journey helping them build life-long learning skills. Our Staff ensure that every student is nurtured, supported, and cared for while they are under their supervision.

We look forward to watching our students learn, grow, and build valuable relationships and skills through our camp programs which will continue to run throughout the year.



WISDOM COLLEGE AND SUNSHINE KEBABS FUNDRAISER FOR SYRIA AND TURKEY



P&F BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER FOR SYRIA AND TURKEY



YEAR 7&8 CAMP CAMP COOBY



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

MR. SULEYMAN KAYA

Dear Wisdom Community,

Greetings from the Community Engagement Team,

We held our Lower Primary Parents breakfast on Friday 24th February, this was the last one for Term 1. There was a great turn out and we were excited to host 45+ of our parents. I would like to thank everyone who joined us. These events are a wonderful opportunity for all of us to get to know each other. We also believe that parents involvement in school activities will make our students settle easily into school as they learn from those who they love. We will have Upper Primary and Secondary Parents breakfasts during Term 2.

Our upcoming events are International Women's Day on Wednesday 8th of March, Parents Homeless Run on Friday 10th of March, Wisdom Family Trivia Night on Monday 14th of March, and Father's Meet up on Friday 17th of March.

Our Wisdom College Whats App Community is ready. This is an announcement group. When you join this group, you will be able to attend sub-parents Whats App groups within this community. Please join us via the link to get updates about our community events and be an active college community member;  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LiXppCPxjSSG7SHtdpQQcB>

Looking forward to seeing you at our events.

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Secondary Teacher

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## TERM 1 COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

- CYCLING ON EVERY SUNDAY MORNING IN BRISBANE CITY
- **WEEK 7** INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, WEDNESDAY 8TH OF MARCH
- **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



LOWER PRIMARY PARENT BREAKFAST



## ESTABLISHING RULES, EXERCISING DISCIPLINE, ENHANCING POSITIVE CHILD BEHAVIOUR

MRS. MANJA WHALEY - STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICER

As parents, we're keen to encourage our babies and toddlers to discover their world. We supervise and watch over them...in the safety of home or a day care setting. But our toddlers soon grow into kids wanting independence and chances to free range with other kids. All of a sudden we're faced with making judgement calls on whether our kids are old enough or mature enough to do things outside our watch. How do we know they're ready? How do we know we're ready to let them spread their wings?... Our kids' independence starts with us. Our kids start life with us doing everything for them, but it's healthier for everyone if things don't stay this way. Our kids will always depend on us for love, encouragement, protection, guidance and support. But given that our kids will most probably only be under our care for a relatively short time in their lives, it's up to us to teach them how to do life for themselves.

Kids thrive in secure relationships and the freedom to make choices within limits. Independence develops in age-appropriate steps and giving kids opportunities to assess a situation and take responsibility for their actions gives them the confidence to want to be independent. Confident, independent kids stand a much better chance of learning how to take control of their lives. Kids develop independence from success, failure, disappointment, teamwork, perseverance and resilience, and independent kids are more likely to be successful and achieve in school and life generally.

### NO ONE INDEPENDENCE CALL FITS ALL

Every kid is unique, especially when it comes to temperament and skills set. Some kids like to play at home, others will prefer to spend their lives glued to a screen, and then there are the tearaways who can't wait to fly, baby fly!! Independence is age-appropriate, but it's also maturity-appropriate. Just because a child has the gross motor skills to handle a pair of scissors, doesn't mean he has the temperament to be responsible with them. Just because a tween is old enough to join her friends at the shopping centre, doesn't mean she's mature enough to resist the peer pressure to hang around the bus stop with the boys. As parents, it's up to us to know our kids. It's up to us to make the judgement call on independence. To do this, we have to consider our child's age, maturity, temperament, confidence, skills, trust, self-reliance and good old-fashioned nous. To be left unattended and unsupervised, regardless of whether it's within or outside the home, kids also need to be aware of safety and what constitutes potential harm. If we're going to (legally) leave our kids alone and unattended, we need to be sure they have the maturity to know what to do in an emergency and how to get help.

### CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TO BE INDEPENDENT

Play: encourage creative play, use of imagination, cooperative and collaborative play with other kids and appropriate, supervised risk taking on safety standard equipment.

Cleaning up: allow kids to clean up their mess, pick up their toys, put things away.

Chores: draw up a roster with clear guidelines, keep chores age-appropriate but start as early as a child can understand that a certain household job is their responsibility.

Choices: let them choose clothes, dress themselves, make a sandwich with fillings of their own choice.

Responsibility: for their own alarm, school bag, sports equipment, teddy on board, making their own breakfast, getting the spoon from dish to mouth, getting somewhere on time, use of technology.

Self care: provide stools and steps to reach taps to wash hands, hooks and rails low enough for towels, teach teeth cleaning, hair shampooing and rinsing, ensure they have access to shelves, cupboards and laundry basket.

Role modeling: thinking through consequences, risk assessment, traffic and stranger danger, ways to resist peer pressure, encourage questions, discuss ageappropriate freedom.





# 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 - Thursday 30th March

First Day Term 2 - Monday 17 April

Last Day Term 2 - Friday 16 June

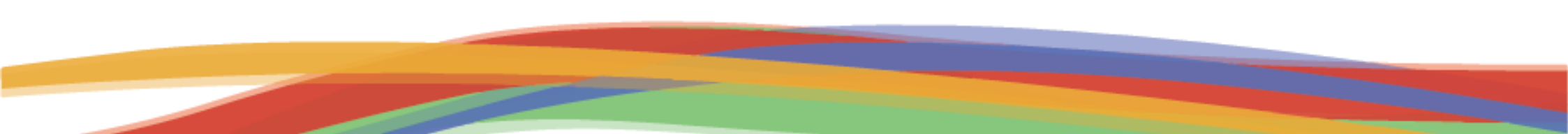
First Day Term 3 - Monday 10 July

Last Day Term 3 - Friday 15 September

First Day Term 4 - Tuesday 3 October

Last Day Term 4 - Friday 1st December

### TERM 1 DATES

- Wednesday 8 March International Womens Day
  - Friday 10th March 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
  - Friday 31 March Term 1 Ends
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# UPDATES AND INFORMATION

## UNIFORM SHOP



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### The Zone Oxley

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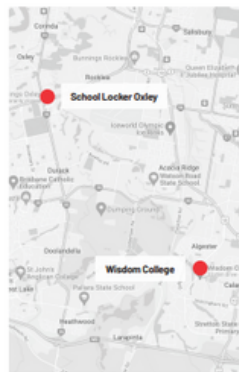
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Monday to Friday 8:30am- 5:00pm

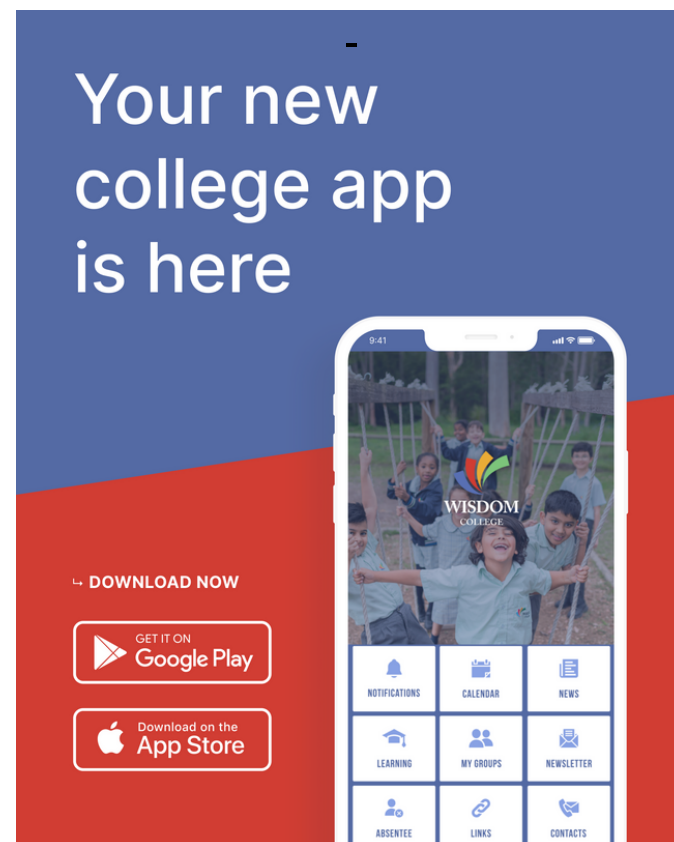
Saturday 9:00am- 3:00pm

### 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](https://theschoollocker.com.au/customer/account). To learn more scan the QR code below and watch our explainer video.



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## LUNCH ORDER SYSTEM



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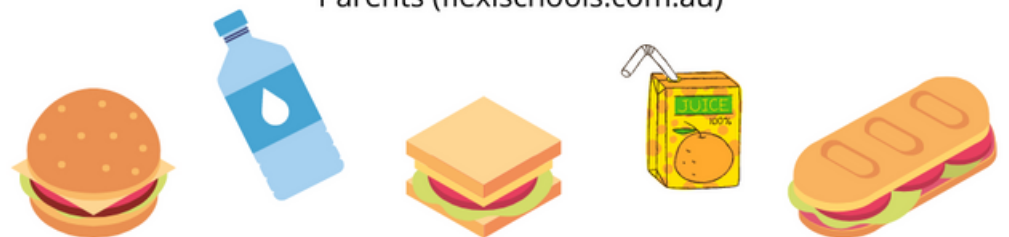
Wisdom College is excited to announce that our new lunch order system is ready to go!

**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](https://flexischools.com.au))





## UPDATES AND INFORMATION

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**Prep - Year 6**

**Wisdom College**

**TUESDAY**

**12:40 - 1:20**

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- Creativity
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- Planning Skills
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- Teamwork



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