

WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

Harmony Day - a day to celebrate diversity and inclusion across all of the beautiful cultural and ethnic groups throughout our Wisdom College community. Whilst we do strive to do this every single day of the year, this day really brings into sharp focus the myriad number of students that we have in our midst who come from different parts of the world. I know that our celebrations this week surrounding Harmony Day will build cultural awareness, which ultimately builds understanding, acceptance, peace and harmony.

Congratulations to all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 for their performances in NAPLAN tests held last week. Results will come out later in the year and this will help us identify areas of strength and areas of improvement. It will help us to see patterns over the years and across grades so that we can develop stronger literacy and numeracy programs. It will help us to see how we compare with students from across the country. It will help teachers to work with individual students to improve their results across all subject areas.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in our annual swimming carnival last week at the Parkinson Aquatic Centre. Eagles House won this event overall so well done to all students and staff who are members of this House. Swimming carnivals are fun events but its much more than swimming. Its more about building House and school spirit, its about supporting others, its about giving something a go and simply joining in. Finally, its also about building a familiarity with water which is important so that our students can save themselves or a family member should they find themselves in a dangerous situation in a pool, or the beach, or a river or dam.

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VENUE: 97 FORMBY STREET, CALAMVALE 4116

Our final day for this term is Thursday 30th March. Our first day back in term 2 is Monday 17th April.

Wishing everyone who is participating in Ramadan all the very best. I hope that this special period of time in the Islamic calendar is one of fulfillment, contentment, spirituality and enlightenment. We will be sure to support staff and students at school as well. Our family Iftar dinner is on Saturday 1st April.

HEAD OF PRIMARY

MRS. OLIVIA STARKEY

Hello Wisdom Community!

We are now at the pointy end of the Term where everyone is tired from a busy Term and excited about their holiday plans. I am happy to say, overall, this Term has been one of our best Terms in regards to serious behavioural incidences. I am immensely proud of our students and their efforts to uphold our school values. Thank you for supporting Wisdom and instilling our values at home.

Looking to Week 9 we have a lot happening. On Monday we will have our Annual Harmony Day Celebration. Students are encouraged to come to school in their cultural dress and bring a plate of food from their family's country. Tuesday, Mr Barry will be running an information session for all parents (Prep - 12) about how we will be delivering the Compulsory Consent Education. I encourage all parents to attend to voice your concerns, ask questions and get informed! Wednesday, Mrs Manja will be hosting a second parent chat session in our library. This is a safe space where parents and guardians can come together and discuss the ups and the downs of parenting!

Ramadan starts this Thursday, and our students are very eager to begin their fasts. As always, we will support all students who are participating and help them achieve their fast. However, please be aware, if your child is not feeling well, becoming faint, overly tired or seems distressed we will ask them to eat or drink. If they are not willing to break their fast, we will need to send them home so that they are able to be closely monitored by a parent. This is to respect their wishes and ensure we are upholding our duty of care.



Week 10 is a little less chaotic, there are no major events, and it is only a 4-day week for students. Friday will be a student free day, this is to allow our teachers time to tidy their classrooms, finalise grades and start planning for Term 2.

For Term 2, there will be a large focus on student uniforms. If you have a child in our Secondary School this will come as no surprise. Wearing a uniform is an important part of a student's journey and one we take seriously. Schools that have a compulsory uniform report less incidents of bullying, isolation and higher rates of success in the workforce. This term, there were issues with stock at the uniform warehouse, however, I believe this is no longer the case. Therefore, all students must have the correct uniform for Monday Week one of term 2.

If I don't see you before the holidays, I wish you all a wonderful time catching up with family and friends. I know it is difficult, but please try and keep the kids off their devices as much as possible, being bored is okay. Take care in this heat and I wish all those who are fasting the best, I will have you in my thoughts.



PREP - SHAPES



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

HEAD OF SECONDARY

MR. JAMES EASTHOPE

Well, just like that we are at the end of the term! Week 9 is almost over and we only have a 4 day week left in week 10!

Hard to say where the time has gone, however, we have accomplished so much in the Secondary this term! Our Uniform Standards have improved drastically with students wearing the correct school shoes, tucking shirts in, wearing ties properly, and female students following jewellery standards. Well done to all students who are following our standards.

For those students still not adhering to our uniform standards, you will be issued with an after-school detention from 3-3:40pm. Please ensure that this doesn't happen to you.

We now have a focus on learning. Our parents invest a lot of time and money into their students learning and its time to ensure that this is paying back dividends. This means the following: Being on time to class, Having the correct equipment for learning and staying on task and focused when in class. Time for us to raise our standards and lift our College to new heights!

Study Skills Tip

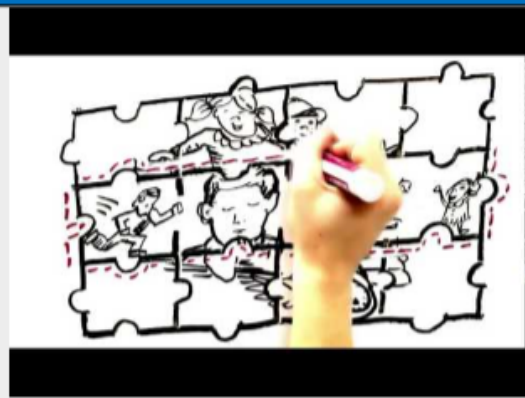
Learning Tips

Reflect, Rest & Reset

Third Space is a way to help us transition from one thing to another and be able to perform at the best of our ability.

When studying, we can get bogged down and even overwhelmed. Third space helps us to transition effectively from studying one concept to another, or one subject to another without becoming overwhelmed and stressed.

Take frequent, short breaks to reflect, rest and reset.



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:

- A reminder to be prepared for all your classes. This means your laptop, books, writing utensils etc.
- **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.

Key Dates:

Date	Event
30 th March	Last Day of Term 1
1 st April	College IFTA
17 th April	First Day Term 2
20 th April	End of Ramadan
21 st April	Eid IFTA Holiday
24 th April	College ANZAC Day Service
25 th April	ANZAC Day Holiday
1 st May	Labour Day
12 th May	Parent Teacher Interviews
12 th – 16 th June	HPE Week
15 th June	Year 12 Formal
16 th June	Cross Country Carnival
16 th June	Last Day of Term 2



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 instill 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.

HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS COSKUN

Dear Wisdom Family

Ramadan Mubarak to all our Muslim families. I pray it will be a month of peace and blessings for us all.

As we wind down our first Term for 2023 and reflecting on the past 9 weeks there is so much that we have managed to fit in! From 2 school camps to Futsal Competitions, Parent breakfasts, International Women's Day, NAPLAN and so much more.

This is all alongside the part of our College that comes to life after 3pm with pastoral care clubs, sports training sessions and the variety of co-curricular activities we have running. The after-school life of the College creates purpose, meaning and positive experiences for our students who are always at the centre of all our aims and endeavours at Wisdom.

This week we celebrated Harmony Day with a special assembly which aimed to create awareness, meaning and some fun for our College Community. One of the many reasons I love working at Wisdom is the harmony amongst the forty something ethnic and cultural backgrounds we hold within our walls. Our students coexist in peace and understanding of one another's faiths, cultures, and beliefs. Wisdom College promotes, teaches and models these behaviours which we believe our students will hold in high regard and embed into their lives when they leave our College as young adults and lead with example in the wider community. As our motto 'Learning today, leading tomorrow' states, we envision our students to contribute positively to society and lead by example in all they do.

I look forward to coming back to another Term of wonderful events which connect our community and the further unpacking of our Whole School and Community well being framework.

I wish you all a safe and restful break and look forward to seeing many of you at our College Iftar!



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

MR. SULEYMAN KAYA

Dear Wisdom Community,

Greetings from the Community Engagement Team, We almost made it to the end of the Term, and I have been please to see that our parents are very much involved in community activities. We had our first Homeless Run with our parents in collaboration with Australian Relief Organization on a rainy Friday evening on the 10th of March. It is always a humble experience when you have a chance to meet the less fortunate people of the city and have the opportunity to share what you have. Our parents were thankful for the opportunity and we will try to organise this run once a month with our parents.

Wisdom Fathers meetup went well despite the heat wave. It was nice to see a lot of our dads attend this coffee catch up. We had a chance to meet some new parents. While our parents enjoyed coffee and a chat, the kids had fun playing. The children were happy to see their fathers at school, and we hope to see more dads involved in future events.

We had our last Cycling Activity on Sunday with our parents. We hope to resume these after Ramadan. Thank you to Aslam Gutta for joining and taking us on some different routes. We would like to see more of our parents joining us for a cycle on Sunday mornings. We are happy to guide the beginners.

We encourage our parents to join our new Wisdom College Whats App Community. When you join this group, you will be able to attend sub-parents whats app groups within this community. I would like to introduce the following groups:

Click the links to join the sub-whats app groups:

Wisdom Sports

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Iwe5ZMSLfpZAqUrGaBB2Wx>

Wisdom Wellbeing

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GklqTXjCB9CGlSL9oX10Zo>

Learners English Classes for Ladies

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BGJNDU3wLNY1EyWakv0VeR>

Wisdom Volunteers

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/G5HDY8ArwPKBdGytLfzAHz>

Please join us via the link to get updates about our community events and be an active College Community member. If you would like to join the announcement group only, click the link below :

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LiXppCPxjSSG7SHtdpQQcB>



Our upcoming events before the end of Term 1 are the Wisdom Family Trivia Night and Community Iftar Dinner. The Wisdom Family Trivia night is on the 21st of March, and it is an online Kahoot Competition in which you can compete as a family with other families. We hope to see you on Tuesday at 19:30pm in front of your screens for a fun night. The winning family will get a free pizza from Kebab HQ.

We also look forward to seeing those who RSVP'D on Saturday 1st of April at our Community Iftar dinner. RSVP'S are now closed as we have reached capacity for this event. This is the night we will feel the big Wisdom Family during the holy month of Ramadan and we are extremely excited to share it with you.

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TEACHING KIDS TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THEMSELVES.

MRS. MANJA WHALEY - STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICER

We've all been there. Lost opportunities, last minute rethinks, lack of belief in our abilities and skills...and all because we lacked the confidence to take a risk, or be assertive, or tackle something new. In social-emotional development, self-confidence is a "biggy". A healthy self-confidence means we'll give something a try, believe we can give it our best shot, and come out the other end still feeling good about ourselves, despite any setbacks along the way. So how can we teach our kids to have confidence in themselves?

A DAILY DOSE OF CONFIDENCE

When you look at little kids, it's amazing just how much innate confidence most of them seem to have. They're programmed with natural resilience, perseverance, and an inbuilt capacity to thrive. But as they get older and especially when they enter the education system, they learn to doubt themselves. They learn to give up. They learn that they're not 'good enough'. Unfortunately, some kids also learn that they can't measure up when it comes to parental expectations.

Confidence is built through experiencing failure and success. A child's confidence is also built through ageappropriate independence, responsibilities, choices, healthy risk taking, and encouragement to make their own decisions. Parental role modelling means we are best placed to give our kids the opportunities and experiences to teach and build their confidence. This doesn't mean that we micro-manage their risk taking, or their problem solving, or that we take responsibility for their decisions or curb their independence in any way. Confidence is gained if we take a supervisory back seat and let our kids connect with their world.

WAYS WE CAN HELP BUILD CONFIDENCE IN OUR KIDS

- Daily doses of love, security and encouragement. This also helps build self-esteem.
- Appropriate praise for a job well done.
- Resist rescuing. Kids need to know it's OK to fail, feel disappointment, frustration and anger.
- Role model perseverance, commitment, working through tough situations and the self-talk needed when chores or schoolwork is boring.
- Resist stepping in too early to help solve the problem. Stay tuned, listen and encourage, but also give your child time to work it out for themselves.
- Talk about optimism and resilience. Talk about how disappointment can often translate to defeat unless we think about the situation differently.
- Monitor perfectionism and the fear of failure. Talk about times in your life when you didn't get it right first go.
- Encourage kids to make their own decisions and choices to gain confidence in their judgment.
- Nurture interests and hobbies. Give kids opportunities for success and socialisation.

On a daily basis, we can dole out big doses of confidence building by believing in our kids - their abilities, quirks, qualities and strengths. Confident kids are kids who are comfortable in their own skin...and more likely to take on the world





Dear parents, I will be running another parent session next week and I would love to see you there. For this session we will look at responding to your child rather than reacting and how to help your child cope with big feelings whilst also looking after yourself.

LET'S TALK ABOUT:

SESSION 2: HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD REGULATE AND HOW TO RESPOND TO YOUR CHILD RATHER THAN REACT.

DATE: WEDNESDAY 29TH OF MARCH

TIME: 10AM

PLACE: WISDOM LIBRARY AND ZOOM

LINK HERE FOR ZOOM:

MEETING ID: 987 4044 2268

PASSCODE: X4ZM7K

TEACHER FEATURE

MRS. NOURA SABIH GHAZALEH



Mrs Noura Sabih Ghazaleh is a member of our Secondary Staff. She is currently teaching English, LOTE and Religious Values, and holds a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature and a second degree in French Literature.

Mrs Noura has been a valued staff member at Wisdom College since 2014, and this March marks her 10th year at Wisdom, so for many parents and students she is a familiar face. She joined Wisdom in our Administration Department and later worked for 7 years in both our Values and Arabic Departments.

Last year, Mrs Noura obtained her QLD Teacher's Registration which allows her to teach her favourite subject which is English.

"One of my goals is for every student in my class to finish the year saying I love English or at least I like English." says Mrs Noura.

We are extremely grateful to have Mrs Noura as part of our staff, and hope that she spends many more years with us at Wisdom, showering both her knowledge and kindness on our students.

2023 CALENDAR

KEY DATES

TERM DATES

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

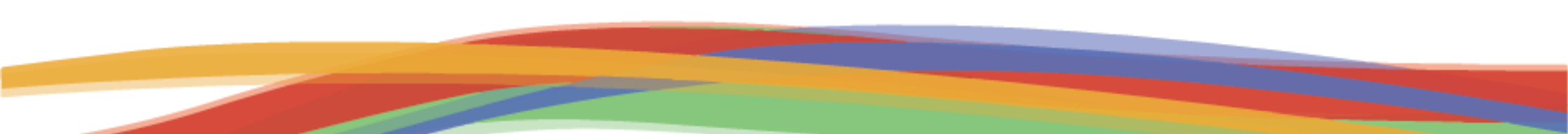
First Day Term 4 - Tuesday 3 October

Last Day Term 4 - Friday 1st December

TERM 1 DATES

- Thursday 23 March World Maths Day & Ramadan Begins
- Thursday 30 March Term 1 Ends
- Saturday 1 April Wisdom College Family Iftar RSVP Event

Term 2 Dates

- Friday 21 March Eid Al-Fitr Holiday
 - Monday 24th April ANZAC Day Ceremony
 - Tuesday 25th April Anzac Day Holiday
 - Monday 1st May Labour Day Holiday
 - Friday 12th May Parent Teacher Interviews Student Free Day
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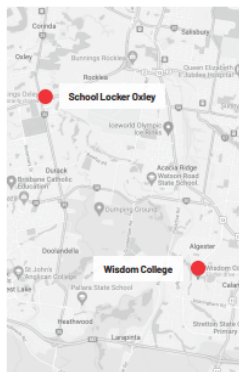
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Monday to Friday 8:30am- 5:00pm

Saturday 9:00am- 3:00pm

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Parents (flexischools.com.au)



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Cr Angela Owen

Councillor for Calamvale Ward



Letter to School Principals/Deputy Principals

Re: ANZAC Day 2023

I am writing to invite your school to participate in the ANZAC Day Service on 25th April 2023 at Calamvale District Park.

This year marks a special occasion, when we will unveil a new memorial to honour the men and women who have Served, and continue to Serve, Our Nation.

I invite your whole school to participate in the march and your school leaders to perform readings and lay wreaths during the service.

I would appreciate you promoting, within your school, participation in this service as part of the wider community.

Your support of this important event for our local community would be greatly appreciated. A full run sheet will be provided shortly.

Proposed Timing details of the ANZAC Day Service (subject to finalisation):


7:00am	Marchers ready at assembly point for the commencement of the march (Calamvale Sports fields – soccer fields)
7:30am	March called to order for step off
8:10am	All marchers arrive at Calamvale District Park (CVDP)
8:15am	Mobility impaired veterans join procession into CVDP Festival Space and proceed for Salute from official dais
8:30am	All seated for commencement of service

At the conclusion of the service, a BBQ sausage sizzle will be available on site.

All families will be invited to lay individual wreaths or floral bouquets.

Could you please confirm your school's involvement as soon as possible via email to calamvale.ward@bcc.qld.gov.au so we can commence planning and allocation of roles.

Kind regards,



Cr Angela Owen
Councillor for Calamvale Ward
Deputy Civic Cabinet Chair – Transport
Lord Mayor's Representative for Multicultural Communities

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ChessMates

Prep - Year 6



Wisdom College

TUESDAY

12:40 - 1:20

D Block Room 101

Weekly classes will help improve:

- Creativity
- Memory
- Concentration
- Planning Skills
- Independent Decision Making
- General Aptitude for Learning
- Problem Solving
- Teamwork



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