

WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

Congratulations to all students who competed at our annual Inter-House swimming carnival last week. It was a wonderful school event that saw lots of healthy competition, fun and fellowship. Events such as these are less about the actual sport, but more about building friendships, connections, and culture. I'd like to acknowledge the work of Mr Matthew Barclay for co-ordinating the event. Thank you to all staff for the various jobs and duties they carried out on the day as well.

We also recently held our Year 11 and 12 Camp. This is an outdoor education experience at a venue near Toowoomba on the Scenic Rim. A beautiful location in amongst the Australian bush, surrounded by mountain ranges, about 90mins drive West of Brisbane. The staff who attended were Mr Serhat Feliz, Ms Samantha Mason, Ms Fathima Omar, and Ms Canan Coskun. I'd like to commend the students for their involvement, enthusiasm, willingness to learn and develop their skills around teamwork, problem solving and getting out of their comfort zones.

Ramadan starts very soon. I know that this is an important occasion for many members of our Wisdom College community. I wish everyone all the best who choose to observe this occasion and we as a school will play our part in supporting staff and students throughout this period of time. I look forward to seeing many parents at our College Iftar Dinner on Saturday the 16th March.

As we approach the second half of our first school term, we continue to have standards of uniform, punctuality, and academic performance. Thank you to all parents in partnering with us to maintain these standards and expectations. We are not only in the business of preparing students for the workforce, but also to take their place in community, family, and society as hard working, ethical, kind human beings. We all have a role in this.

I'd like to thank the P&F for their donation towards our new House banners. We now have 2 of each – a set to hang permanently and a mobile set to take to events. They are beautiful big colourful banners for Farabi, Azwar, Sina and Khaldun and will be used for years to come.

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Finally, Peppermint Café will be trading every Friday starting from around 12.30pm. Feel free to grab a drink and a bite to eat whilst you wait to collect your children. They will be located at the front of the school, near the undercover area.



Assorted Sweets (nothing set, we'll keep you on your toes!)



* Ranging from \$3.00 to \$6.00

Gluten and dairy free options available

From our hearts, to your cups

Hot coffee

Cappuccino	
Latte	S: \$4.50
Mocha	L: \$6.00
Flat white	
Dirty Chai	

Long black Macchiato S: \$4.00 L: \$5.50

Hot tea

Green tea	S: \$3.50
English Breakfast	L: \$5.00
Earl Grey	
Chai	

Milkshakes | Frappe's

Chocolate	Mixed Berry
Caramel	Mango, Orange and
Vanilla	Passionfruit
Oreo	Watermelon and
Banana	Mint

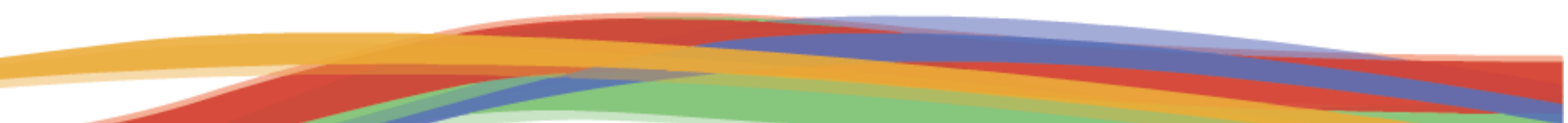
Iced Drinks \$6.00

Iced Latte
Iced Americano
Iced Mocha
Iced Dirty Chai
Iced Chai

Bottled Drinks
* Starting from \$3.00

Guava Juice
Mogu Mogu
Lipton Iced Tea
*subject to change

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Edstart Plus

Wisdom College has partnered with Edstart to provide you with more flexibility and choice for your school fees



About Edstart Plus

Edstart Plus is a school fee management service to help your school improve the fee payment experience. It is free for families to use and you can choose the payment option that best fits your budget.

Select the schedule that works for you

- | | | |
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| Annual upfront | ✓ Termly | |
| Monthly | ✓ Fortnightly | ✓ Weekly |

Choose your preferred payment method

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| Direct debit from your account | ✓ Credit card | ✓ BPay |
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Adjust your payments at any time if there are changes to your budget

What happens if I want to change my payments?

Simply contact us and we'll adjust your payments based on your preference. There are no fees or charges for implementing these changes.

Is Edstart Plus a credit or loan product?

Edstart Plus is not classified as a loan, credit or borrowing facility. No enquiry or account is added to your credit file when using Edstart Plus.

Do I need to verify my identification during the setup process?

As Edstart's payment service is regulated by ASIC, we are required by law to verify your identity before setting up your account by cross-referencing the details on your credit report. This will not impact your credit file or your credit rating. Alternatively, you can provide your Driver Licence or Passport to complete this process.

How to get started

To set up your Edstart account, visit our dedicated website at edstart.com.au/wisdom



HEAD OF SECONDARY

MR. JAMES EASTHOPE

Dear Wisdom College Community,

I hope this message finds you well. As we end another week at Wisdom College, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the success of our recent Swimming Carnival. It was wonderful to see such enthusiastic participation and exemplary house spirit from our students. A huge thank you to all who contributed to making the event a great success!

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents about our Uniform Policy. It is essential for students to be properly dressed in their uniform while attending school. Your support in ensuring that your child adheres to the uniform guidelines is greatly appreciated, as it helps maintain the professional and cohesive environment we strive for at Wisdom College.

Furthermore, I encourage parents to remind their students about the importance of being prepared for learning. This includes ensuring that their laptops are fully charged, they have their required exercise books, writing utensils, and any other necessary materials for their classes. By fostering a habit of preparedness, we can help our students make the most of their learning opportunities.

As we approach the assessment period of the term, I urge parents to engage in conversations with their students about upcoming assessments. Encourage them to review their study materials, seek clarification on any topics they may find challenging, and develop effective study strategies. Your guidance and support during this time are invaluable in helping your child succeed academically.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support and partnership in your child's education journey. Together, we can create a nurturing and empowering learning environment that enables our students to thrive.



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.



ACTING HEAD OF PRIMARY

MRS. RADHA DEVI

Happy End of Week 6!

I hope this message finds you well as we embark on the final four weeks of this term. Your continued support and cooperation make our school community thrive.

A quick note of appreciation for those of you who kindly wind down your car windows and share your child's name or display your tag during pick-ups. Your assistance streamlines our processes, making the transitions smoother for everyone. If you find yourself in need of a new name tag, please don't hesitate to inform your child's classroom teacher.

As the weather continues to remain warm, it's essential to ensure your child is equipped to handle the heat. Please remember to send them to school with a hat and a water bottle each day. In the absence of a hat, they'll enjoy playtime in the cool shade to stay safe and comfortable.

Looking ahead, we ask you to schedule a time for the Parent-Teacher meetings during Week 8 and 9 Friday afternoons. These brief 15-minute slots are invaluable opportunities to discuss your child's progress and address any concerns. To ensure the meetings run smoothly for everyone, we urge you to be punctual and adhere to the allocated time slot. Your cooperation helps us keep things on track and respects the time of our teachers and fellow families.

NAPLAN Tests

As the NAPLAN tests approach, your child may experience some anxiety about the tests. It's important to reassure them that feeling this way is perfectly normal, but to not overstress. NAPLAN tests serve as standardized assessments taken by all students in Australia in Year 3, 5, 7, and 9, providing valuable data, yet their results don't impact academic report cards. It's advisable not to excessively prepare for NAPLAN; the curriculum adequately covers the material in previous years. However, if you believe supplementary materials might be beneficial, consider NAPLAN textbooks available at Big W, Kmart, and bookstores to support your child's preparation.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and cooperation. Together, we create a nurturing environment where every child can thrive and succeed.

STUDY TIPS

As we're heading towards assessment time here are five handy study tips for Primary students.

- 1. Establish a Consistent Routine:** Help your child create a study routine that includes designated times for homework, reading, and review. Consistency is key in building good study habits and helps children feel more organized and prepared for their schoolwork.
- 2. Create a Distraction-Free Environment:** Designate a quiet, well-lit study area where your child can focus without distractions. Keep electronic devices away unless they're necessary for the task at hand. Minimizing distractions helps improve concentration and productivity.
- 3. Break Tasks into Manageable Chunks:** Encourage your child to break down their assignments or study materials into smaller, more manageable chunks. This approach makes tasks feel less overwhelming and helps children maintain focus and motivation throughout their study sessions.
- 4. Use Visual Aids and Mnemonics:** Introduce visual aids, such as flashcards, diagrams, or colorful charts, to help your child visualize and remember information. Additionally, encourage the use of mnemonics or memory techniques to recall key concepts or important facts more easily.
- 5. Encourage Regular Breaks and Movement:** Encourage your child to take short breaks during study sessions to rest and recharge. Incorporating movement breaks, such as stretching or a quick walk, can help alleviate mental fatigue and improve concentration. Encourage them to stay hydrated and snack on healthy foods to keep their energy levels up.

By incorporating these study tips into your child's routine, you can help them develop effective study habits that will serve them well throughout their academic journey.



HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

MRS AYSE DOGAN

Dear Wisdom Family and Friends,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the journey of another academic year at Wisdom College. As we pass the midway point of the term, we're thrilled to see our students fully engaged in their learning endeavors.

At this juncture, students are diligently consolidating their knowledge and skills, tackling various assessments both in the classroom and at home. We cannot overstate the importance of parental involvement in this process. Your support at home is invaluable, and together, we can ensure the best possible outcomes for all our students.

In the coming weeks, our Year 3, 5, 7, and 9 classes will be undertaking the NAPLAN testing. To prepare adequately, students have already had a practice run of the testing sessions with their teachers. Closer to the test dates, you can expect to receive further information outlining the specifics of these assessments. Below, you'll find a schedule detailing the upcoming tests.

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Our project days have been nothing short of fabulous! It's been inspiring to witness our students' hard work and dedication come to fruition as they eagerly prepare for our Project Showcase Day in Week 1 of Term 2. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to share the wealth of knowledge and creativity that has been brewing within our pods.

As we approach the beginning of Term 2, our senior students will be receiving their first academic progress reports for the year. They are currently busy putting the finishing touches on their first round of assessments. Additionally, parent-teacher interviews will commence shortly. We kindly urge all parents to ensure they have booked a time to meet with their child's teacher.

We are immensely proud of the progress and achievements of our students thus far and are committed to supporting them every step of the way. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the education of our students.

NAPLAN TESTING SCHEDULE:

Year Level	Week 5	Week 8			Week 9
	Wednesday 21st Feb	Wednesday 13 th March	Thursday 14 th March	Friday 15 th March	Monday 18 th – Tuesday 19 th
3	Practice 9:15am – 10:15am	Writing 9:15am – 10:10am Reading 11:00am – 11:55am	Language Conventions 9:15am – 10:10am Mathematics 11:00am – 11:55am	Catch-up Wisdom House	Catch-up Wisdom House
5	Practice 9:15am – 10:15am	Writing 9:15am – 10:10am Reading 11:00am – 12:00pm	Language Conventions 9:15am – 10:10am Mathematics 11:00am – 11:55am		
7	Practice 9:15am – 10:15am	Writing 9:30am – 10:25 am	Language Conventions 9:15am – 10:10am Reading 11:00am – 12:15pm	Mathematics 9:15am – 10:30am	
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HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS. CANAN COSKUN

Dear Wisdom Family

I write today from beautiful Geham QLD, as I conclude the second night of the Year 7/8 Camp. We just finished a gratitude reflection, in which there were many wonderful expressions of gratitude from the students. I expressed my gratitude to be living in a safe and beautiful country like Australia.

Gratitude has been a focus for us in the past months at Wisdom as we explore the scientific benefits of this simple act and the way it wires our mind to be happier, content and give us an overall sense of wellbeing. The wellbeing of our staff, students and community has always been of high priority for us and we are always looking to build our capacity and align our actions to support the wellbeing of the Wisdom Community.

One way we do this for our students is to provide them with as many positive and meaningful learning experiences as we can through such things as camps, sports and extra-curricular activities. Our Futsal, basketball and AFL programs have given our students opportunities to experience success and happiness outside of the classroom and find their spark in such sports.

As I conclude my article today, I would like to express my gratitude for the wonderful Wisdom community. In the many years I have been privileged with serving the Wisdom Community, I have had some of the most positive experiences of my life and for that I am grateful.



2024 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

MR. MATTHEW BARCLAY

Last Friday we had our third annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival down the road at Parkinson Aquatic Centre.

This was our first carnival with our new college houses Azwar, Farabi, Khaldun and Sina. Congratulations to the winning house Khaldun.

The event included house relays and age-group events for Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke. There were also novelty events including a giant inflatables race and gladiator battles.

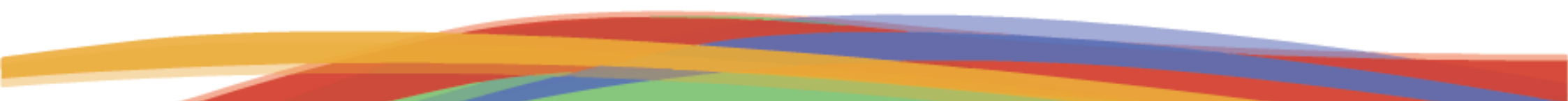
The teachers won the annual students vs teachers relay, and as I'm sure many could see on Facebook; the race went down to the wire with Mr Easthope bringing it home for the teachers in the 8th and final leg.

The purpose of all our sports carnivals at Wisdom is to give students the opportunity to give it a go and have some fun. It was great to see lots of house spirit, participation, and many families in attendance.

A big congratulations to all our age champions from the day.

Males (9-17 years): Hazem Abubeker, Ali Hayat, Shafiq Lim-Parfitt, Omar Aboali, Isaac Farmer, Ashir Hayat, Yassin Shalaby, Khaled Halloum, Shua'Ab Hussein, Abudaayaan Buksh

Females (9-17 years): Aleena Adnan, Janaa Mutawe, Warisha Hayat, Amelia Pidgeon, Sama Khaleel, Ayah Ali, Aisha Nasir, Islah Lim-Parfitt, Naziha Hwayji



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

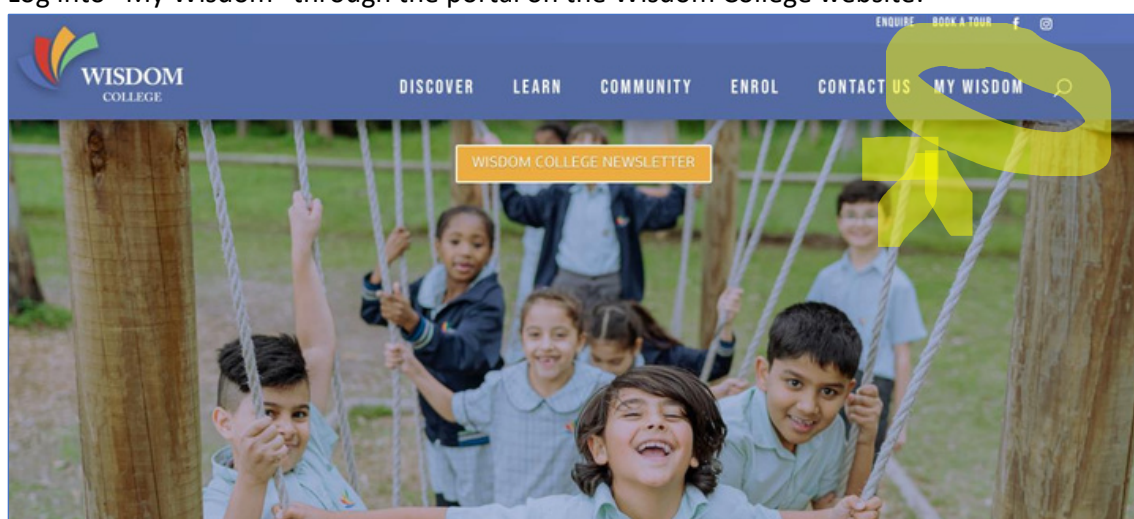
Parent teacher interview will be held on Friday 15th of March and Friday 22nd March from 1:30pm until 4pm.

An easy 'how to' guide can be found below to help with your bookings. Time slots allocations operate on a first in first served basis so please get in early to secure your times. Once appointments are made you are able to change these times up until the closing of our online booking system. Any issues please do not hesitate to contact us.

How to book a parent teacher interview

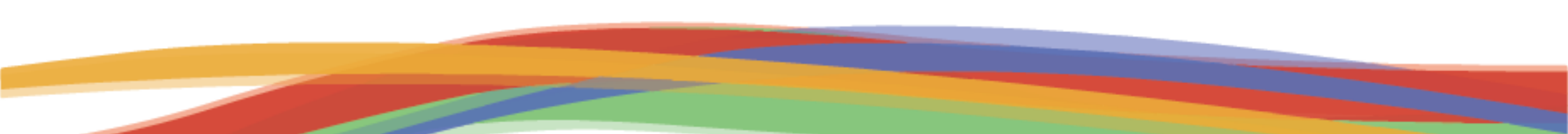
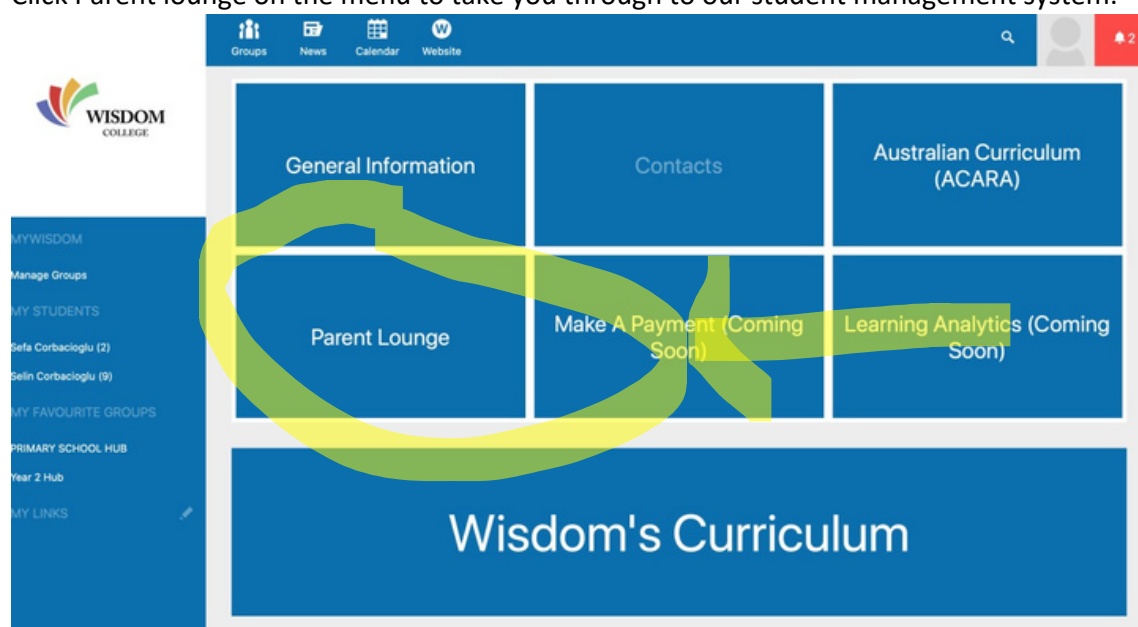
Step 1

Log into "My Wisdom" through the portal on the Wisdom College website:



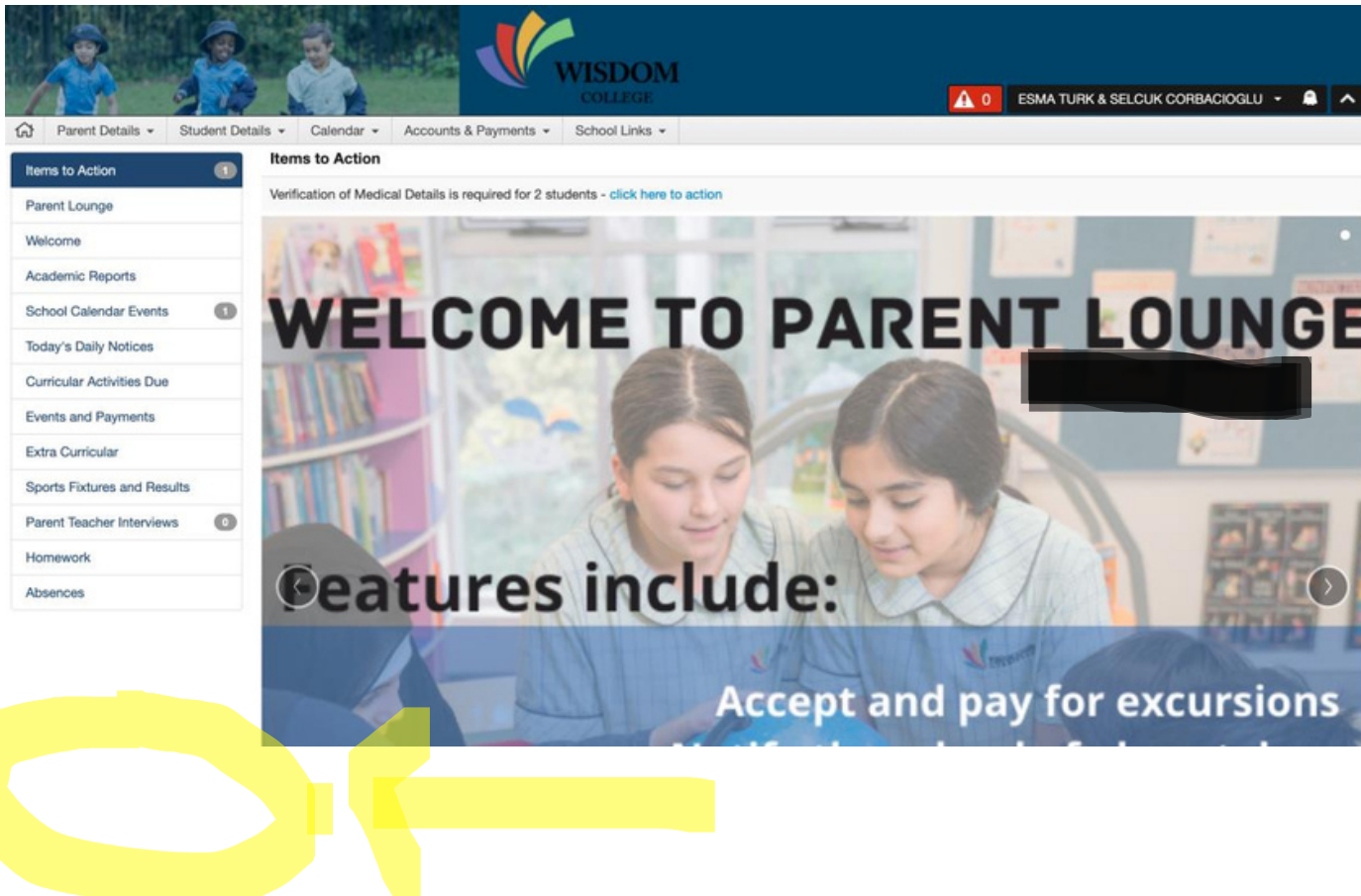
Step 2

Click Parent lounge on the menu to take you through to our student management system.



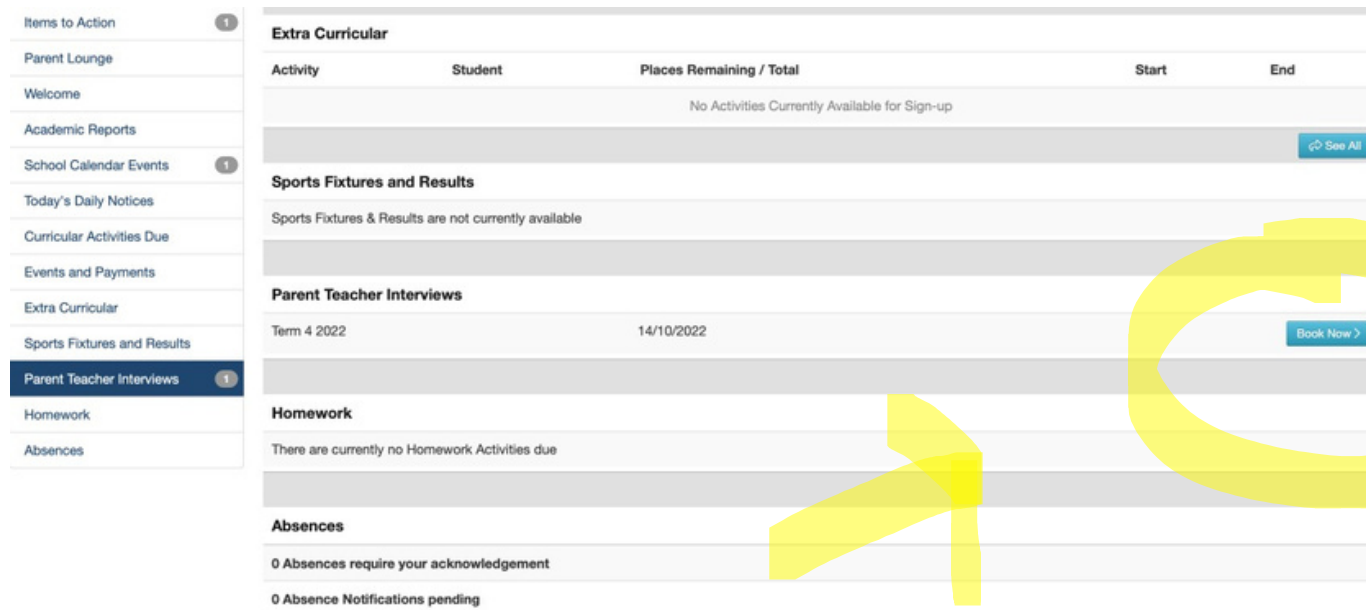
Step 3

Select Parent teacher interviews from the left hand menu



Step 4

Select book now.



Step 5

If you have more than 1 student attending Wisdom College, you will be able to book for all students in this link.

Term 4 2022

Students								
Code	Name	Yr	Hse	Form	PCGrp	DOB	Action	
100033	[REDACTED]	2	EA	A		02/05/2014	Book	
100447	[REDACTED]	9	EA	B		19/02/2008	Book	

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Step 6


Select which subjects you would like to have an interview for (example below):

Teachers Available - Sefa Corbacioglu				
PLEASE NOTE: Only one interview per teacher is permitted. Interview bookings will encompass all subject classes.				
Teacher	Subject	Teacher Request	Appts. Free	Action
Ms Screen	2 CORE (Yr 2 Cls A)		24	Book an appointment
Mrs Thuwabah	2 RELIGIOUS VALUES (Yr 2 Cls A)		24	Book an appointment
Mrs Starkey	2 Health PE (Yr 2 Cls A)		24	Book an appointment
Mr Maze	2 MUSIC (Yr 2 Cls A)		24	Book an appointment
Mrs Soukariah	2 LANGUAGE (Yr 2 Cls A)		24	Book an appointment
Mrs Soukariah	2 CORE (Yr 2 Cls A)		24	Book an appointment

Step 7

Select your time slot from the available times (this is a first in scenario)

Book an Appointment - Sefa Corbacioglu

2 CORE (Yr 2 Cls A) 

Ms Screen

Interview Room
Primary

Appointment Times Available

* Choose Appointment:

Session 1 - Fri 14 Oct

9:00am - 9:15am

9:15am - 9:30am

9:30am - 9:45am

9:45am - 10:00am

10:00am - 10:15am

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Attending Parent Details

Parent Attending/Name: _____

Contact Email: _____

Parent Comment (0 of 4000)

Mobile Phone: _____

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Step 8

Repeat this step for all subject you would like to book interviews for

Step 9

Check your appointment schedule and make adjustments as needed.

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Mrs Soukariah	2 CORE (Yr 2 Cls A)		24	Book an appointment

Confirmed Appointments - Sefa Corbacioglu			
Teacher	Subject	Date / Time	Action
Ms Screen	2 CORE (Yr 2 Cls A)	Fri 14 Oct 9:00am - 9:15am	Cancel appointment

P&F NEWS

Wisdom College Parents and Friends (P&F) Association is a non-profit organisation run by a team of volunteers. Our objectives are to promote the interests of, and facilitate the development and further improvement of the School. It develops collaboration between parents and teachers and works to build a positive community based on the school. It is the centre of co-operative parent involvement in the life of the school.

We are always looking for parents to volunteer and become part of the P&F which fundraises throughout the year and puts on events for students, teachers and families. All parents and carers of children are automatically members of the P&F, however in order to participate in meetings, working bees, subcommittees etc you need to be a Registered member. If you have not already signed up and wish to do so, please complete a registration form at the Main reception. General Meetings are held twice per term in the evenings.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday 6th March in the lower Primary staff room at 5pm. The Executive Committee will be elected. These are all voluntary roles. Executive Committee roles to be elected include: Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Here is a brief outline for those of you who are interested in nominating yourselves for any of these roles:

Vice-President

- The Vice President will support the President by:
- Chairing the meeting in President's absence
- Sharing duties and responsibilities as agreed e.g. being responsible for coordinating the activities of sub-committees
- Being supportive and attending meetings

Secretary

- Helps prepares the agenda for meetings
- Collects, reads and reports P&F correspondence to meetings
- Prepares correspondence to be sent
- Takes minutes
- Keeps and maintains records
- Participates in the good governance of the P&F
- Is often the point of contact between meetings
- Is the link with the school office staff

Treasurer

- Manage the P&F's finances
- Maintain processes and standards for money handling and recording
- Reporting and maintaining transparency
- Treasurer is a position of trust and responsibility. It requires patience and time

Meeting dates/times:

- Weds 6th March 5pm
- Weds 24th April 6pm
- Weds 15th May 6pm
- Weds 5th June 6pm
- Weds 24th July 6pm
- Weds 21st Aug 6pm
- Weds 9th Oct 6.30pm
- Weds 6th Nov 6.30pm



2024 CALENDAR

TERM 1 DATES

MARCH

Thursday 7th International Women's Day

Wednesday 13th and 14th NAPLAN

Friday 15th Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday 21st Harmony Day

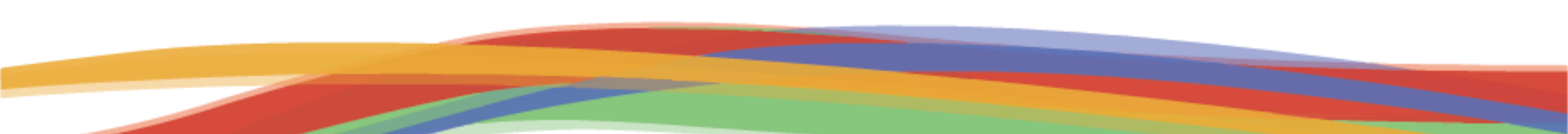
Friday 22nd Parent Teacher Interviews

Saturday 16th Community Iftar

Thursday 28th Last Day Term 1

Friday 29th Good Friday Public Holiday

Monday 15th April Term 2 Begins



UPDATES AND INFORMATION



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

MORNING TEA

Date: Thursday 7th March

Time: 10:35am-11am Morning Tea

Venue: Wisdom House Courtyard



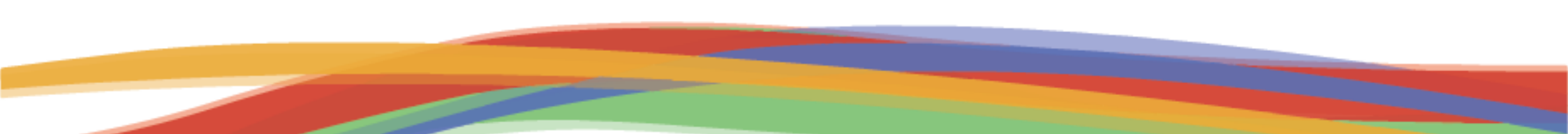
If you would like to contribute some food for this event please contact Bushra Beg P&F President Ph: 0498 060 950

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School Locker Oxley

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The Zone Oxley

278 Ipswich Road

Oxley

Phone 3725 2500

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/benefits. To learn more scan the QR code below and watch our explainer video.



LUNCH ORDER SYSTEM



#BLACKOUTCOFFEE

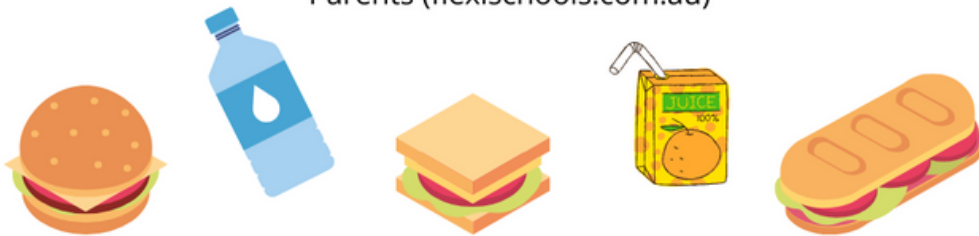
Wisdom College is excited to announce that our new lunch order system is ready to go!

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

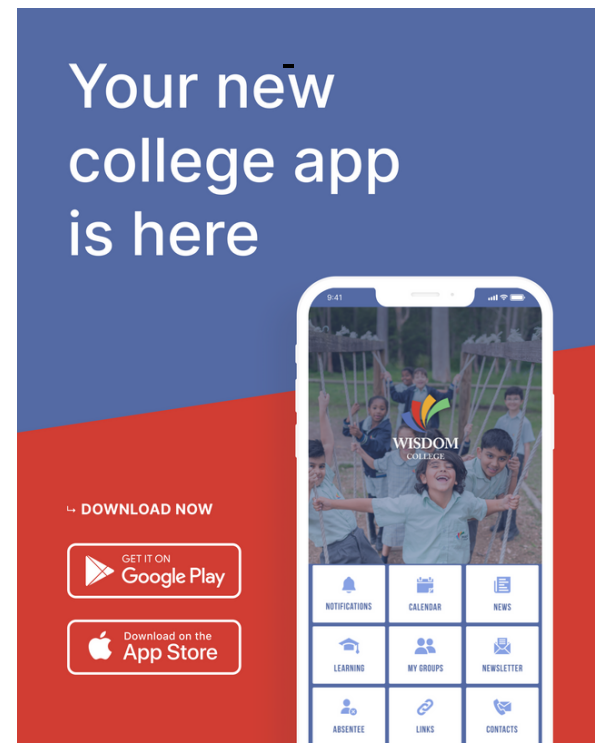
As of today you can place second lunch break orders for your child/ren.

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

Parents (flexischools.com.au)



SCHOOLBOX APP -



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2. Click on your school & year level
3. Fill out your requirements & student details
4. Enter your customer & payment details
5. Sit back, relax and wait for your pack!

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