

# WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

Term 1 has drawn to a close. Another busy term filled with learning, activities, events, sport, music, swimming, Naplan, camps and Ramadan.

Schools are busy places and Wisdom College is especially busy as we try to fit in as many worthwhile learning experiences across Prep to Year 12 and dozens of subjects.

We've also had a number of new staff and students join us this term so I am sure that they are also looking forward to a small break over the upcoming school holiday period. Starting at a new school for all of us can be exhausting at times, so I hope that everyone has a chance to recharge their batteries.

We've also had 4 different overseas schools visit us this term. One from China and three from Japan. They have all been impressed with our school, have enjoyed interacting with our students, and learning a bit about Australia. Our students have also benefitted from their experience with, and exposure to, students from other parts of the world.

Ramadan this term has provided us the opportunity to reinforce our faith, but to also come together in friendship through various Iftar dinners. We have hosted our own, and have been invited to many others. I was fortunate to attend the AFL Qld Iftar last week along with many other school staff and students from across Brisbane. These dinners also allow us to dialogue and network with community members which builds strong partnerships.

I'd like to thank our staff and our Board members for a successful term. Thank you also to our parents and broader community in partnering with us to ensure that we support each other and our students. I hope that everyone has a nice break, or at least some valuable time with family and friends.

Term 2 starts on Monday 15th April.

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# HEAD OF SECONDARY

MR. JAMES EASTHOPE

Dear Wisdom College Community,

As we near the conclusion of Term 1 and eagerly anticipate the start of Term 2, we would like to extend our gratitude to you and your children for your ongoing support and commitment to Wisdom College. It has been a fruitful term filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences for our students, and we are immensely proud of their accomplishments.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of adhering to our uniform standards. Maintaining a professional appearance is essential in fostering a sense of unity and pride within our school community. On our [Secondary Hub](#) in MyWisdom, you will find our Uniform and Appearance Policy for your reference. We kindly ask that you review this policy carefully and ensure that your child's uniform complies with these guidelines.

A significant reminder pertains to the purchase of the Wisdom College Blazer. Commencing from Term 2, students will be required to wear their blazers to and from school, except on PE days, throughout Terms 2 and 3. This, along with the school tie, forms an integral part of our uniform during these terms. We encourage you to visit School Locker, our uniform retail shop, at your earliest convenience to make the necessary arrangements as it may take 3-7 days for the blazer to be ordered and delivered.

Additionally, please note that students are not permitted to wear long sleeve shirts of any kind under a short sleeve school shirt. If your child wishes to wear long sleeves or adhere to our Islamic Uniform Policy, they must purchase the long sleeve school shirt.

We would also like to inform you that starting next term, our project days will no longer be free dress days. Students will be required to wear their uniform on these days as well.

On a brighter note, we are pleased to report that this term has been filled with numerous achievements and successes for our students. The hard work and dedication of our staff in supporting our students have not gone unnoticed, and we are proud of the positive impact they have had on our school community. The recent swimming carnival was a testament to our students' spirit and sportsmanship, and we commend them for their participation and enthusiasm.

As we approach the final days of the term, let us continue to support our students in finishing strong. Your continued cooperation and involvement in their education are greatly appreciated, and we look forward to celebrating their continued growth and success in the upcoming term.

Thank you for your attention to these reminders and for your ongoing partnership in nurturing our students' academic and personal development.



# ACTING HEAD OF PRIMARY

MRS. RADHA DEVI

A big thank you to our dedicated teachers for their hard work and commitment this term. Their passion for teaching and dedication to our students' success is what makes Wisdom College an amazing college.

## Highlights Reel:

From welcoming our new Preps to the thrilling Swimming Carnival and NAPLAN tests, it's been a term filled with memorable experiences and valuable learning opportunities. We also enjoyed the "Being Brave" incursion, focusing on resilience and emotional well-being.

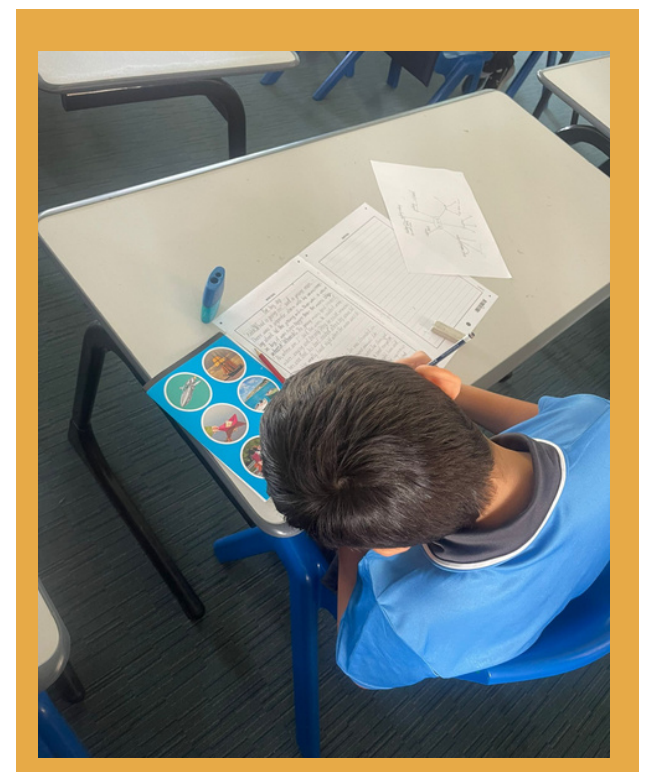
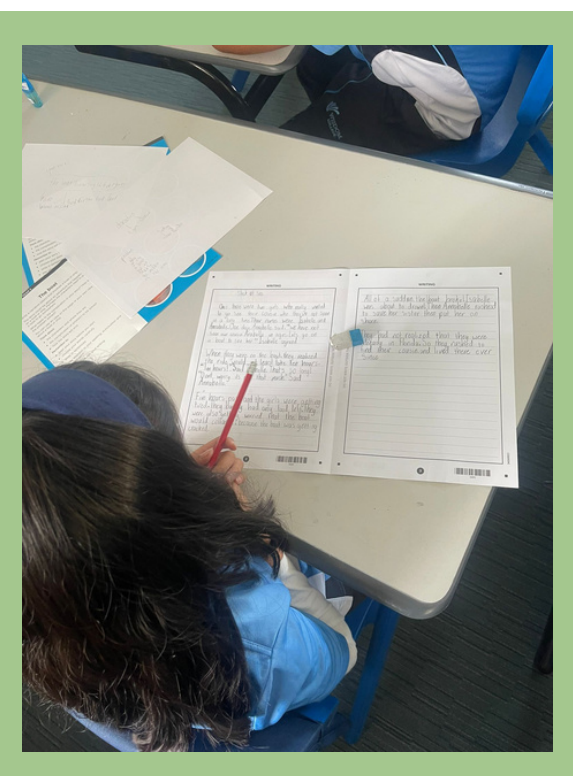
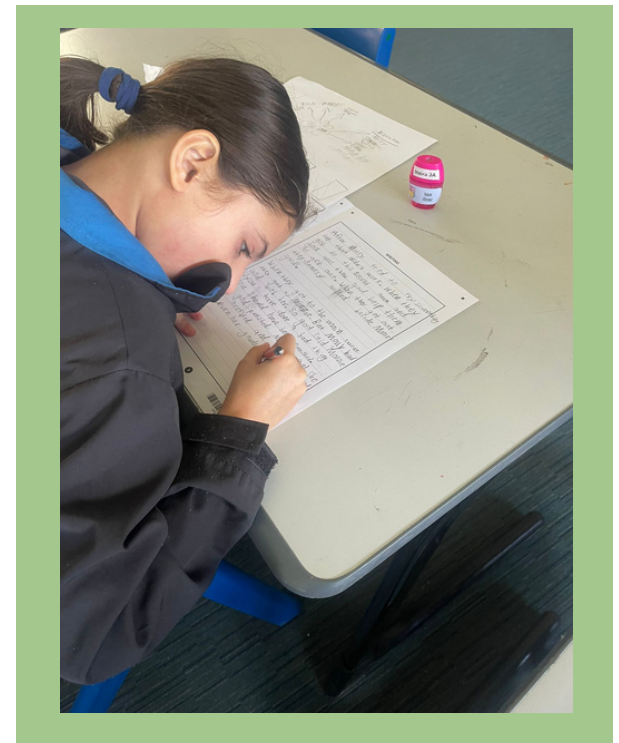
## Important Updates:

- Teachers are busy finalising grades. Grades will be available on MyWisdom early in Term 2.
- Please ensure your child has the correct uniform, including the school jumper and hat. The uniform shop is fully stocked. Please take the opportunity to purchase any missing items during the holidays.
- Classroom teachers will inform you of your child's PE day early next term. Please ensure that they're wearing their sports uniform on this day.

## Holiday Wishes:

As the holidays approach, we encourage you to relax and enjoy quality time with your loved ones. To families celebrating Easter and Eid, we wish you a joyful and blessed celebration.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday break!



# HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

MRS AYSE DOGAN

Dear Wisdom Family and Friends,

I hope this message finds you all well. As we embrace the Holy Month of Ramadan, I extend my heartfelt wishes for a blessed and beautiful Eid al-Fitr ahead, filled with joy and cherished moments with your loved ones.

It's incredible how swiftly we've reached the end of Term 1. The past few months have been a whirlwind of activity for our school community, marked by various events and Ramadan iftars that brought us together in celebration and reflection.

This term, our Year 3, 5, 7, and 9 students participated in the NAPLAN tests online during weeks 8 and 9. We're immensely proud of how diligently our students approached these assessments, and we eagerly await the results next term. NAPLAN outcomes serve as valuable insights, guiding our efforts towards continuous improvement in literacy and numeracy to enhance the learning outcomes for all our students.

While official academic report cards will not be issued this term, parents will have the opportunity to view their child's progress on Schoolbox starting Friday of Week 1, Term 2. Additionally, our senior students in Years 11 and 12 will receive a Senior Progress Report at the term's end, providing parents with a comprehensive overview of their child's academic journey and enabling thoughtful consideration of their educational pathways.

Our Project Days have been a resounding success, marking the completion of our first cycle of projects this term. We're thrilled to share the fruits of our learning with the wider school community during our Project Showcase Day on the 17th of April. Students have been eagerly preparing their displays, and we anticipate an inspiring showcase of their achievements.

In addition, our Junior Scholars will also have the opportunity to showcase their remarkable work, offering a glimpse into the creativity and dedication nurtured within our classrooms.

As we look ahead to the next term, filled with new opportunities for growth and learning, I extend my warmest wishes for a happy and safe holiday to all. For those celebrating Eid, I wish you Eid Mubarak, filled with blessings and happiness.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community. Together, we continue to inspire excellence and nurture the potential within each of our students.



# HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS. CANAN COSKUN

Dear Wisdom Family

I hope you are all well during this beautiful and blessed time of Ramadan and you are benefiting from its glory. At Wisdom this term we have truly felt the Ramadan spirit through the various initiatives and activities by our community engagement and pastoral care departments. From providing students with quiet reflection rooms, preparing Ramadan gift packs for staff and the range of iftar dinners, we truly have felt a sense of Ramadan spirit and connection this term.

As always Term 1 is not only eventful but a time of adjustment and transition for all the community. Where it is a prep student adjusting to year one, year seven students getting used to the Secondary or a teacher connecting and forming relationships with their new class, we are all settling in as well as managing the various events that the term throws our way. This term we had a very successful and fun swimming carnival, celebrated International Womens day and conducted three parent breakfasts. Amongst all of this we completed a term of extracurricular activities as our College came to life again after 3pm with the various sports, academic and creative clubs we have on offer for our students. Our students took part in 4 weeks of the homeless run and we had a wonderful response from the community with our non-perishable collection.



This term we had two amazing camping experiences for our year 7 and 8 and our year 11 and 12 students. Both camps gave students the opportunity to grow and learn in the great outdoors and to make everlasting positive memories they can keep for the rest of their lives. Recently in our Alumni Iftar dinner when we asked our graduated students what core memories stuck with them from their time at Wisdom, all of them mentioned camps and their pastoral care sleepovers! This of course put a smile on my face and gave me a feeling of gratitude, that we were able to give our students these memorable and positive experiences at Wisdom.

As we complete the term I want to thank you all for your support and collaboration in ensuring our students are always given the best opportunities to learn and grow. I would like to remind you that Harmony Day will be celebrated next term and that students are encouraged to wear their cultural outfit to school on the day. I wish you all a wonderful rest of Ramadan, a peaceful break and a beautiful Eid with your loved ones.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

MR. SULEYMAN KAYA

Greetings from the Community Engagement Team

I would like to wish you a happy Ramadan for those who are fasting. I hope you are all feeling the spirit of being closer to Allah and find it easy while fasting.

I would like to thank to our parents and students who joined our first the Ramadan Ready workshop, organized by the Community Engagement and Pastoral Care Teams. Parents had interactive and insightful sessions while kids enjoyed different activities.

On Saturday 16th of March, we have successfully organized our Wisdom Annual Family Iftar. It was a significant event for Wisdom as we welcome our parents and students and share our meal. It was a serene and heartwarming night. Looking at the smiles on guest's faces, everyone was happy and felt the spirit of being a big family. There were beautiful Adhaan and Qur'an recitations during the program by our students; Hozyfa Abubeker, Zaheer Joowalay and Tariq Lim-Parfitt. Kudos to our students for their amazing performances. We also thank all our community members who participated and brought along desserts to share.

We have also organized two Iftar dinners for our community; Fathers & Sons Iftar for pastoral care students and their parents, and Wisdom Alumni Iftar on 23rd of March in Library, where we welcomed our 2022 & 2023 graduates. Our graduates were so excited to come back to school and catch up with their friends, it was a memorable gathering with lots of laughter and talks on school memories.

We are offering Tarawih Prayers in our library throughout the Ramadan, we welcome all our parents, students, kids, and community members.

On the first day when school reopens, Monday, 15th of April, we will have an Eid greeting in front undercover area, from 08:45 onwards. Please join us to celebrate Eid with our school community, catch up over a coffee and be part of joyful moments.

I hope you make most of the rest of Ramadan, and Eid Mubarak in advance to those celebrating.



# PASTORAL CARE COORDINATOR

MR. SERHAT FILIZ



Breaking fast with loved ones during Ramadan is a cherished tradition. When fathers and sons come together for iftar, it's a special opportunity for bonding and creating lasting memories. Sharing a meal symbolizes unity, love, and appreciation, while conversations during dinner can include guidance and wisdom passed down from fathers to sons. These moments strengthen family ties and foster a sense of community within the broader community. Overall, a father-son iftar dinner is a meaningful experience that celebrates faith, family, and togetherness. 🌙✨

# 2024 CALENDAR

## TERM 2 DATES

### MARCH

Friday 29th Good Friday Public Holiday

### APRIL

Monday 15th April Term 2 Begins

Monday 15th April Eid Celebration with Community

Wednesday 17th April Learning Showcase - Projects 7-10 and Junior Scholars

Monday 22nd April Year 11 & 12 Exam Block Begins

Monday 22nd April Brave Heart Incursion

Thursday 25th April ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Friday 26th April ANZAC Day Ceremony

Friday 26th April Year 5/6 Gala Day

Tuesday 30th April Photo Day

### MAY

Thursday 2nd May Upper Primary & Secondary Parent's Breakfast

Monday 6th May Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 7th May SET-P Information Night for Parents (Yr 10)

Friday 10th May Year 5/6 Gala Day

Monday 13th May Under 8's Week

Tuesday 14th May Mother's Day High Tea

Friday 17th May Ladies Night

Monday 20/5 Selfless Service Week

Wednesday 22nd May Bachar Houli Cup

Thursday 23/5 Father's Meetup

### JUNE

Sunday 2 May Family Picnic

Tuesday 4th May Family Trivia Night

Thursday 6th May Health and Nutrition Workshop

Wednesday 12th May Year 12 Formal

Friday 14th May Cross Country Carnival Qurban Festival LAST DAY OF TERM 2

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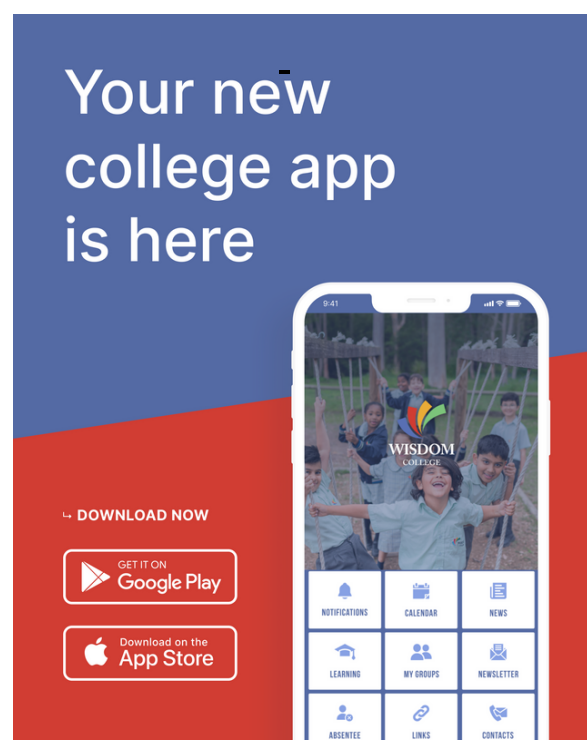
Saturday 9:00am - 3:00pm

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