

# WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

Welcome to our new school term. I hope that everyone had a fabulous school holiday period. For some of us this would have included Ramadan and Eid, for others it would have included Easter. Regardless, I am sure that it was an opportunity for some family time, maybe some rest, maybe getting some tasks done around the house, or maybe some time for yourself. The end of term 1 finished with a variety of events that included parent teacher interviews and our family Iftar dinner. The start of this new term has already seen us put on a learning showcase to display our projects for Shark Tank, Interactive Museum, Workout Warriors and The Block.

We have welcomed back from maternity leave Mrs Rutherford, who was formally known as Mrs Starkey. Mrs Rutherford has taken her husbands surname hence the name change. Mrs Devi resumes her role of Deputy Head of Primary. I'd like to thank Mrs Devi for her wonderful leadership over the past several months. Ms Lord, one of our Prep teachers, also married over the holiday break and is now known by her married name of Mrs Carter.

Term 2 is a 9 week term for students, and a 10 week term for staff. In Week 10 our staff will undertake a week of professional learning that will include curriculum , pastoral care, academic reporting and preparing for Semester 2. The term will culminate with our annual cross country and Qurban Festival.

We welcomed 15 new students to our College this term. They are spread across many grades and come from various parts of the world. Our existing students have already welcomed them warmly into classes and activities which has been great to see as some experience challenges with English so it may take them some months before they feel more comfortable. Having many staff and students able to speak Arabic has helped immensely.

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Our P&F President is Bushra Beg. I'd like to commend the work that Bushra has done to build partnerships and to provide another layer of communication. Bushra is also seeking year level parent representatives to assist her as well as other parents. A vibrant, hard working P&F is a real asset to any school. It helps all tiers of our College. If you'd like to get involved, but can't put your hands on Bushra's contact details please feel free to contact me directly so that I can point you in the right direction.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy term ahead.



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# HEAD OF SECONDARY

MR. JAMES EASTHOPE

Dear Parents and Students,

We hope this message finds you well and that your week has been a successful one. I wanted to take a moment to express our appreciation for the positive changes we've seen in our students recently.

We've noticed a significant difference in the way our students conduct themselves when they are dressed for success in their correct uniforms, complete with blazers and ties. Not only do they look smart, but they also carry themselves with a sense of pride and responsibility that truly embodies the spirit of Wisdom College.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents and students who have embraced our uniform standards and contributed to the positive atmosphere on campus. Your commitment to upholding these standards is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

However, we must also address the importance of maintaining these high uniform standards. While the majority of our students have embraced the vision, it's essential that we all work together to ensure that every student is on board. For those who may be struggling to meet these standards, we remind them not to let their lack of organization or care for their appearance affect the reputation of our student body as a whole.

Additionally, we want to emphasize the importance of students being prepared for classes. This includes ensuring that their laptops are charged, and they have all necessary books and writing utensils. If students encounter any challenges with their laptops, we encourage them to seek support from our staff promptly.

Furthermore, it's crucial that students take proper care of their laptops. Laptops should always be carried in the supplied bags, and if found outside of their cases, they may be confiscated until a device policy form is filled out to retrieve it. Any willful damage to laptops, such as not using the provided case, will result in the student being responsible for covering the costs of repairs.

As we move forward into the term, we want to encourage all students to continue striving for excellence in all aspects of their academic and personal lives. The term is off to a fantastic start, and we look forward to seeing continued growth and success from each and every one of our students.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education journey.



DEBATING TEAM



ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

# HEAD OF PRIMARY

MRS. OLIVIA RUTHERFORD

Dear Wisdom Families,

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Devi for her commendable efforts as Acting Head of Primary during my parental leave. Mrs. Devi ensured seamless support for all families, students, and staff, contributing to the continued smooth functioning of our college. As I resume my duties after a 9-month absence, I am overwhelmed by the warm welcomes, gifts, and well wishes from our community to my growing family. Speaking of which, I am pleased to announce that my husband and I are expecting our second daughter, which means my tenure at Wisdom will span only Term 2 and Term 3 this year.

Looking ahead to the upcoming terms, we have an array of exciting events lined up. This term, Brave Hearts conducted sessions on safe and healthy relationships for our Preps, Ones, and Twos. On April 26th, our college paid tribute to the valiant individuals who fought for our freedom at our Anzac ceremony, witnessing exemplary respect from our students. Furthermore, on April 30th, our students displayed impeccable manners, respect, and behavior during the photo day, earning recognition from the wider community.

The upcoming terms promise an abundance of events, including a Mother's Day high tea on May 14th, Ladies Night on May 17th, Selfless Service Week from May 20th to 24th, the Bachar Houli Cup on May 22nd, Fathers Meet up on May 23rd, excursions, trivia night, family picnics, and more. To stay updated, I encourage you to check emails, visit the school website, or reach out to the office if needed.

I hope when you inquire about your children's daily learning experiences, they mention aspects of the WISE program or their enhanced listening skills. This term, our primary team is dedicated to a new well-being program focused on fostering skills essential for success. Students will delve into Skills for Learning, including active listening, focusing attention, positive self-talk, following directions, and assertiveness. What is remarkable about this program is its emphasis on family involvement. Each week, there are engaging activities for families to participate in, aimed at nurturing these skills. These activities are accessible through your child's My Wisdom page. If online access is unavailable, kindly request printed copies from your classroom teachers.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone about college policies and expectations. With the onset of cooler weather, students are transitioning to warmer attire. Please ensure your child wears a Wisdom College jumper or jacket, as track pants and leggings are not permitted under dresses. Navy blue stockings are to be worn if needed. If a student arrives wearing track pants or leggings, you will be contacted to either provide navy stockings or collect them for correction before they can return to class.





# HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

MRS AYSE DOGAN

Dear Wisdom Family,

We are delighted to share with you the fantastic start we've had to the new term, highlighted by a captivating learning showcase from both our secondary students and our junior scholars. The afternoon was a testament to the creativity, dedication, and hard work of our students, as they engaged in diverse projects and ignited rich discussions.

The showcase consisted of our very own "Shark Tank" where student entrepreneurs presented their innovative business ideas. Among the remarkable ventures were Solebag, Monkey Breaktime Service, and Lock-it-Pocket businesses, each demonstrating ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit. Equally impressive was "The Block" project, where students showcased their customer profiles and house designs, showcasing a diverse range of concepts and ideas.

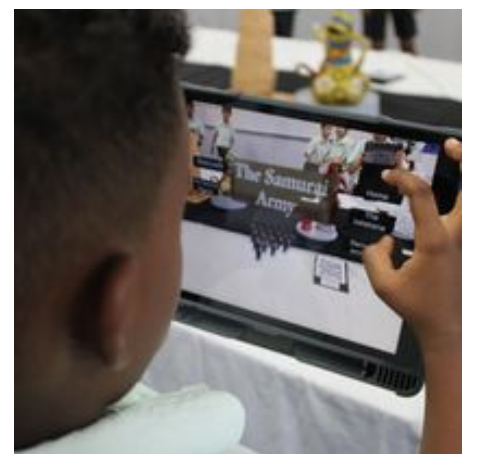
Our "Workout Warriors" didn't disappoint, providing insightful information about their clients' health and fitness needs, underscoring the thorough research and thoughtful planning invested in their projects.

The highlight of the showcase was undoubtedly our Interactive Museum, where we ventured into the realm of augmented reality. Our primary students were mesmerized by the artifacts and absorbed a wealth of knowledge. A special mention goes to our Junior Scholars, guided by the wonderful Mrs. Abdulla, who curated an exceptional showcase focusing on failures and frustrations projects. It was heartwarming to see students dressed up as historical figures like Steve Irwin, Albert Einstein, and Marie Curie, bringing their projects to life. Looking ahead, we are excited to witness our students' next project at the end of Term 3.

Meanwhile, our senior students have received their progress reports, enabling both parents and students to track their academic journey closely. Monitoring our students' progress is paramount to ensuring they stay on track with their pathways, and we are committed to making necessary adjustments to facilitate their success.

For our senior students embarking on their next journey, we have a Senior School Information Evening planned in Week 6. We eagerly anticipate welcoming parents and students for an informative session. Your involvement is invaluable as we work together to support our students' growth and development.

As we embark on a busy term ahead, I am filled with anticipation to witness our students flourish and thrive, developing their skills and embracing new opportunities for learning.



## HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS. CANAN COSKUN

As always approaching the half way mark in the term means that we are all consumed by the tasks, events, projects and whatever else is in our line of responsibility. It's always important to stop and smell the roses, to reflect and to remember our why and our purpose.

At Wisdom as part of our daily wellbeing philosophy, we implement Gratitude and mindfulness practices and check in with our students to see how they are tracking emotionally. Alongside this we are excited about the launch and implementation of our Social emotional program- Second Steps in the primary and Wellio- an interactive wellbeing program in the Secondary. In the coming weeks you will hear more about these programs and we hope to gain your support in their implementation by following up on the practices at home!

Something that created a buzz in the College last week was the celebration of Harmony Day. This is a special day very close to our hearts as at Wisdom there are over 40 different nationalities and ethnicities, and we love each and every one of them! The school came to life in a sea of colours with students displaying their cultural outfits and having a shared morning tea with their classmates and friends.

I want to end by saying a HUGE thank you to our dedicated and hardworking P&F mums who have worked around the clock to ensure our students had the best opportunity to buy some very special gifts for mother's day. The gifts were hand wrapped with love and I watched today as each class excitedly came down to choose a special gift for their mums.

We value our collaboration with our parents and really love working with them to give the best opportunities for our students every day at Wisdom





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

MR. SULEYMAN KAYA

Dear Wisdom Community

Greetings from the Community Engagement Team

Welcome back! I would like to wish a successful and smooth term ahead for our students and parents.

First day of the term we organized Eid Greetings program for our school community, I would like to thank to those who joined us on the day.

We have some upcoming exciting school events for our parents in May. We have our Mother's Day Celebration on Tuesday 14th of May, Selfless Service Week starting from 19th – 24th of May and Wisdom Father's meet up is on Thursday 23rd of May.

I would like to take this opportunity to emphasize the importance of the upcoming Selfless Service Week. This week aims to promote altruistic service and it a perfect opportunity for parents and teachers to teach our students giving back to community and lead by example. We encourage our community members with children to participate in any selfless work before, during or following week of Selfless Service Week. So, you can start thinking about your project that you will work on with your kids. We had some great feedback last year from our community members and teachers for the amazing works done by our students. Details and ideas on what Selfless Service Week is and what sort of services can be done are yet to come. As it is an important occasion for us, so please check your emails. We will promote all the works done in our website to make a positive impact in our community.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in our events.





# ATTENTION ALL BUSINESS OWNERS

We are currently seeking partnerships with businesses interested in promoting our College. If you believe your business aligns with our values and goals, we would love to discuss potential collaboration opportunities. If you own a business and are interested, please reach out to Aliya Wazir at [a.wazir@wisdom.qld.edu.au](mailto:a.wazir@wisdom.qld.edu.au) for more information.



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# P&F UPDATE

## Term 2

by Bushra Beg - P&F President

## WHERE YOUR DONATIONS HAVE BEEN USED

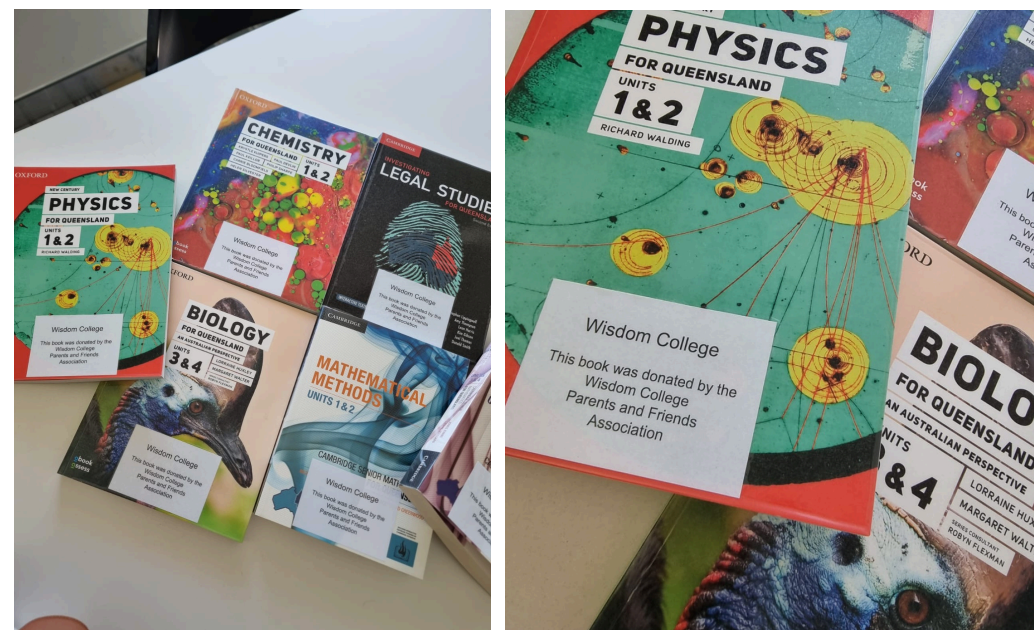
Thanks to your donations last year through events such as bake stalls, mothers day stall, school fetes etc we have been able to purchase much needed textbooks for our high school students.

## FRIDAY BREAKFAST CLUB

Free breakfast for students Prep - Year 12 continues this term. Every Friday from 8am. Toast, pikelets, cereal, fruit and muesli bars on offer.

## YEAR LEVEL PARENT REPRESENTATIVE

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed 3 parent reps who have kindly volunteered themselves for Prep, Year 1 and Year 7. We have not had any parent volunteer for Years 2-6 yet. If you are interested please see me in person or email me: [pfpresident@wisdom.qld.edu.au](mailto:pfpresident@wisdom.qld.edu.au)



## UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- Mother's day stall for students in Prep to Year 12 - Thurs 9th May. Gifts priced at \$5, \$8 and \$10 only. Gifts for grandmother also available to buy.
- Ladies Night - Sat 18th May. Tickets \$80 each. Tickets can be purchased front of school Mondays and Thursdays from 2.30pm and Fridays 8-9am.

**P&F Vacancies:** We are still very much needing two parents to kindly volunteer as our P&F treasurer and secretary. Please email me If you would like to volunteer your time: [pfpresident@wisdom.qld.edu.au](mailto:pfpresident@wisdom.qld.edu.au). Also email me if you would like to join the P&F at any time. Would love to hear from those of you who have children in our high school and can volunteer your time.

WISDOM COLLEGE P&F PRESENTS....

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(and talent show)  
(and talent show)

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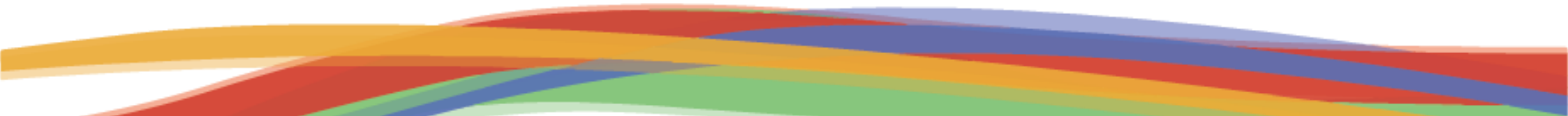
2024 CALENDAR  
TERM 2 DATES

MAY

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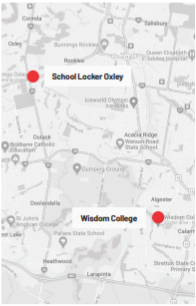
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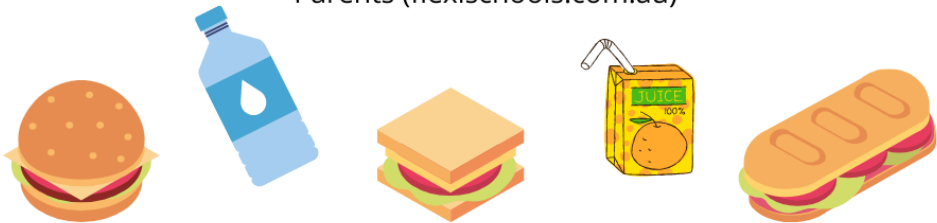
Wisdom College is excited to announce that our new lunch order system is ready to go!

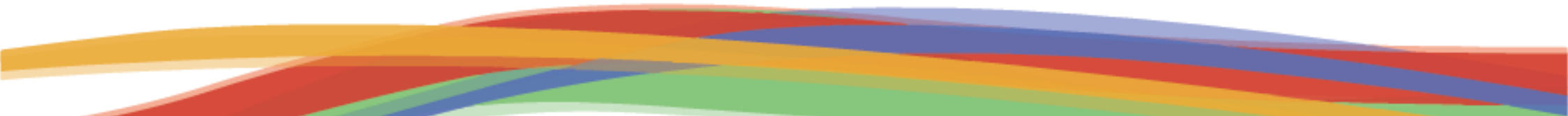
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Parents ([flexischools.com.au](https://flexischools.com.au))









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