

# WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

Term 3 is moving along quickly which is quite typical due to the amount of events and activities that occur in any school at this time of year.

I'd like to thank and acknowledge those staff and students who came together recently for parent teacher interviews. These are always rich opportunities to have meaningful conversations surrounding academic progress, areas of improvement, and upcoming assessment tasks.

I'd also like to acknowledge the staff and students who attended the recent Year 9 & 10 camp. Mrs Coskun, Mr Barclay, Mr Feliz and Mrs Debre – thank you for giving your time and energy to this initiative. This is the only camp that we have in tents. All other camps use cabins, so this one adds another level of authentic camping. The reason why we do camps is not for the hiking, or canoeing, or ropes courses, we do them to develop skills of communication, problem solving, and teamwork. We also do it to develop traits such as resilience, independence, and self-organisation.

Our Fete is fast approaching – Saturday 10th August – 11am to 3pm. Again this is a great day to come together as a community, to enjoy good company and food. Plus for the kids to have some fun on the rides and games. Many staff have been working hard in the background to make this a wonderful event.

Finally, we are firming up our enrolments and filling classes for 2025. If you are a parent with a Prep aged child for the 2025 school year and have not reached out to us as yet I urge you to do so asap. We have had many enrolment enquiries and our Primary staff in particular have been conducting enrolment interviews for some weeks now.

Wishing everyone all the best as we soon enter the back half of this term.

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**Wisdom Fete**  
*Learning today, Leading tomorrow*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Rides**  
**Petting Zoo**  
**Face Painting**  
**Food Trucks**  
**20+ Market Stalls**

**97 FORMBY ST CALAMVALE 4115**

**ENTRY \$3**

**SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST**

**11am - 3pm**

**Interested in becoming one of our SPONSORS?**  
email:  
[a.wazir@wisdom.qld.edu.au](mailto:a.wazir@wisdom.qld.edu.au)

# HEAD OF SECONDARY

MR. JAMES EASTHOPE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. As we move through the third week of Term 3, I would like to share some exciting updates and important reminders with you.

## STUDY TOUR GROUPS:

This term, we have had the pleasure of hosting two Study Tour Groups from Japan. These visits have provided our students with vibrant cultural exchanges, enriching their educational experience and fostering international friendships. The enthusiasm and engagement from both our students and the visiting students have been wonderful to witness. We are looking forward to welcoming three more groups before the term ends, with the next group arriving on Monday. These visits are invaluable in broadening our students' global perspectives and enhancing their appreciation of diverse cultures.

## UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE:

As always, maintaining our high standards of uniform and appearance is crucial. We ask for your support in ensuring your child adheres to the following guidelines:

- **Jewellery and Makeup:** Girls are permitted to wear one set of earrings (studs or simple hoops) and a watch. Boys may wear a watch. Noticable makeup is not allowed.
- **Winter Uniform:** While students may wish to wear jumpers underneath their school uniform during the colder months, these should not be visible. Only the authorised school uniform should be seen.
- **General Uniform Standards:** Blazers are to be worn to and from school, and male students must keep their formal shirts tucked in at all times.

## PUNCTUALITY AND PREPAREDNESS:

- We also wish to remind all students of the importance of punctuality and preparedness:
- **Arrival Time:** Students should arrive at school by 8:30am, allowing them time to organise their lockers and be ready for the start of class at 8:45am. Late arrivals disrupt the learning process, so please encourage and support your child to be on time.
- **Preparedness:** Ensure that laptops are charged at home the night before school. Being prepared with a fully charged laptop is essential for a productive day of learning.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can ensure that our students thrive academically and personally. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

The poster features the Wisdom College logo at the top left. The main text reads 'Come and chat with us about learning in 2025'. To the right, a circular inset shows a group of students and a teacher in a discussion. Below this, the event details are listed: 'Saturday 10th August 11-3pm'. The bottom section is titled 'LEARNING TODAY, LEADING TOMORROW' and includes the tagline 'Empowering students to become self-regulated, self-directed, self-driven learners.' Below this are three icons representing 'SMALL CLASSES' (Service Learning, Global Citizenship, Pastoral Care), 'COMMUNITY FOCUSED' (Don't get lost in the crowd. Teachers that know your child and their learning.), and 'QCE + ATAR/VET' (STEAM, Entrepreneur and Community Pathways). At the bottom, there is a call to action: 'DROP IN OR TO BOOK YOUR CHAT, EMAIL A.WAZIR@WISDOM.QLD.EDU.AU' and a button that says 'RSVP NOW'.



# HEAD OF PRIMARY

MRS. OLIVIA RUTHERFORD

Dear Wisdom Families,

I hope you are all well and staying warm during this cold snap! This term primary is working hard and achieving many academic, wellbeing and personal goals. I would like to thank you all for supporting our teachers by helping students at home with their studies.

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

This term, we honoured the outstanding achievements of our students at the Academic Excellence Award Assembly.

Students who attained at least two A grades and two B grades in their core subjects last semester were recognized for their academic excellence. Additionally, students who achieved three or more “Exceeding” marks on their NAPLAN tests were awarded the NAPLAN Excellence Award. This week, we will acknowledge students who have received two “Exceeding” marks with a certificate at our regular assembly. We are immensely proud of the dedication and effort demonstrated by all students across the College. As always, we believe that every step of progress is valuable.



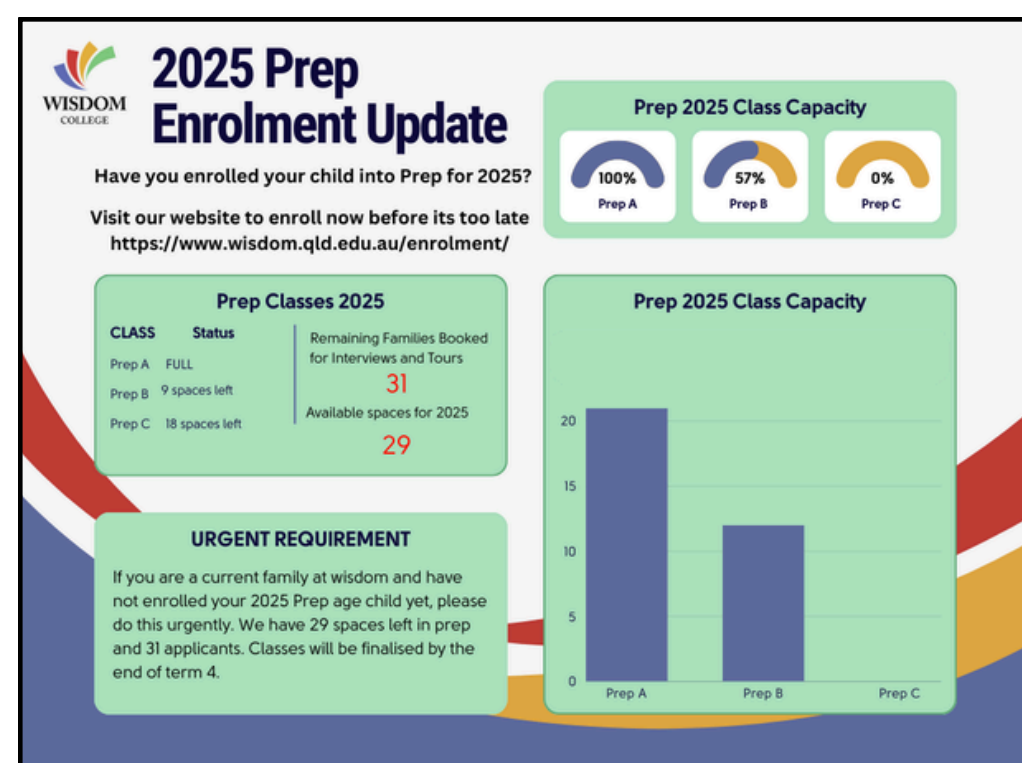
## WISE TIP OF THE WEEK



It is important for students to be able to clearly communicate to themselves and others when they want something to STOP. However, at times, they are not able to verbally communicate this due to over stimulation of emotions. To overcome this situation, it is important to have a stop signal. This signal can be very simple but holds great meaning. When a student displays their stop signal, they are telling others “I need you to stop what you are doing” or “I need to stop what I am doing”. At home this week create a family signal that you can use to help communicate your needs within your home.

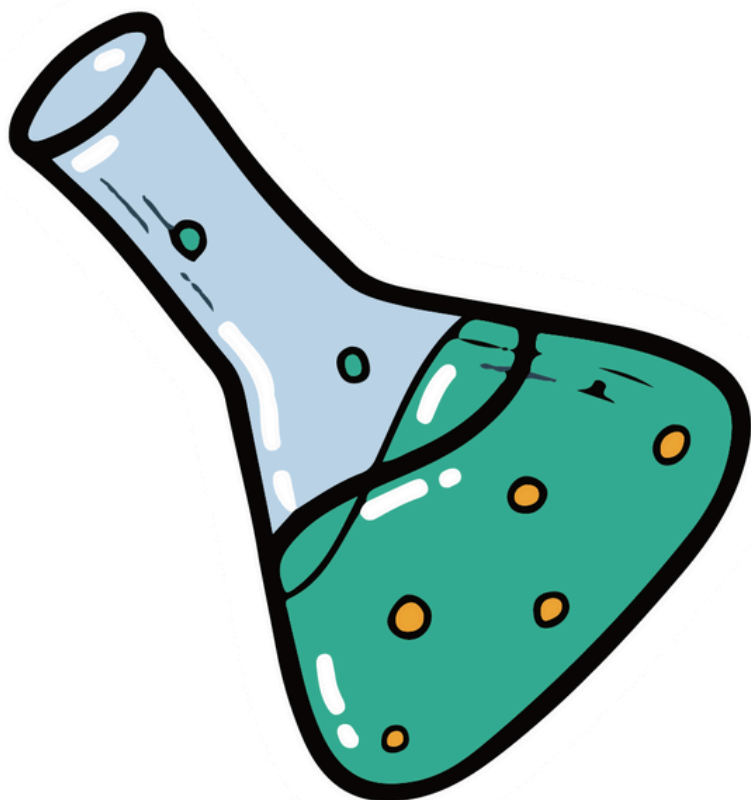
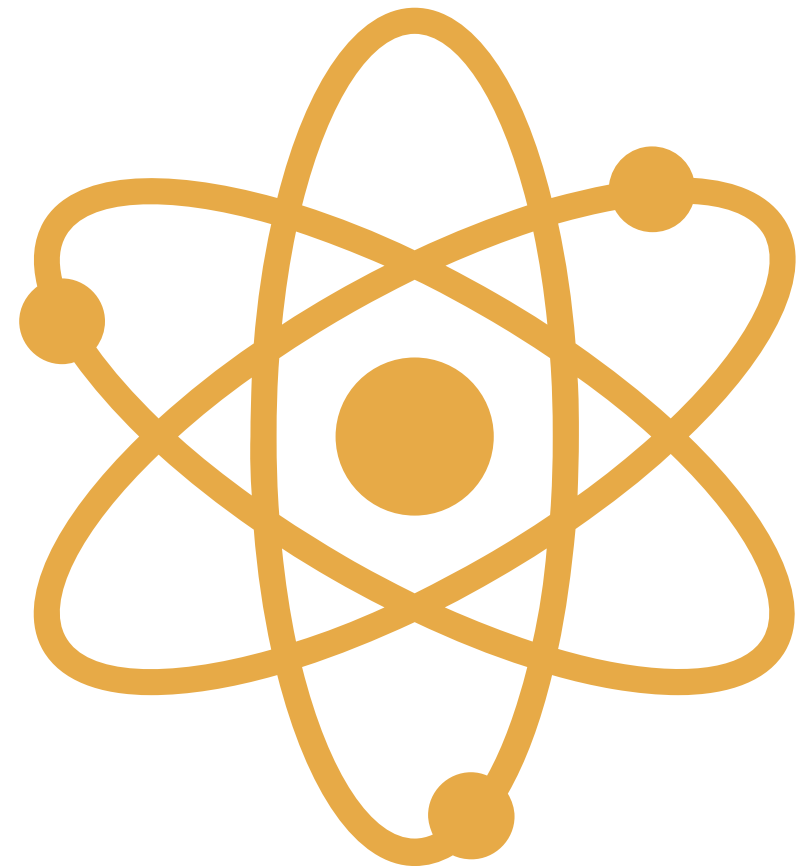


## 2025 PREP ENROLMENT





MRS AYSE DOGAN





# JUNIOR SCHOLARS

MRS NASREEN ABDDULLA

Our amazing Junior Scholars have been really busy over the last six months working on their individualized projects. The girls have completed the Academy for Enterprising Girls online modules, a fun and exciting entrepreneurship program designed to cultivate young women's skills in design thinking, entrepreneurial and business skills. They have each developed their own business idea, which they will pitch to a panel during the Learning Showcase in Week 2, Term 4. Meanwhile, the boys have transformed into Junior Scientists as they prepare for the Griffith University Science Competition in September. They are working on classified collections, communicating science, scientific investigations, and engineering and technology projects.

To develop their literacy skills, our popular Book Club has begun an Author Study of Paul Jennings, a celebrated Australian author. They will read a selection of his books to appreciate and explore his diverse writing styles.

Each month, they eagerly await the latest Letters from Afar, an ongoing story of an explorer traveling the world. Each physical envelope contains a vibrantly illustrated letter, field notes, and a map. Through this, they have been expanding their worldview and are inspired to seek more knowledge about these far-off places, cultures, cuisines, wildlife, landmarks, oddities, heritages, and more.

Who doesn't love a good challenge? Junior Scholars students have been working on various Breakout EDU game-based online tasks, an engaging and motivating way for them to consolidate their learning. These tasks utilize skills like problem-solving, collaboration, critical thinking, and communication to solve locks, much like an escape room.

We look forward to seeing the outcome of these inspiring students' learning and projects as the year progresses.





# HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS. CANAN COSKUN

Dear Wisdom Family

I hope you are all well and safe from the many colds and viruses floating around.

Last week as I was on the mountains of Maroon with our year 9 and 10 students on their tent camp and had a lot of time to reflect about all things family, Wisdom, myself and life in general. There's something about being away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life in nature surrounded by the most breathtaking views that really allow you to do some deep thinking about our existence. I was particularly pleased to see our students also appreciating the nature and doing some reflecting and mindful thinking of their own. One of the reasons why we value camps at Wisdom is this aspect as the personal growth and development that comes with the challenges of being on camp.

A project very close to my heart turned into reality while I was away from Wisdom and once again the harmony and connectedness of our College community touched my heart. With the help of community volunteers, students, staff and parents we were able to turn my dream of a café into a reality. I want to mention a very special thank you to Brother Ali our property manager for his significant contribution to our café as well as Asim Cansever our boys pastoral care mentor, Miss Aliya, Miss Grace and and Miss Tahira Hussein for coordinating the opening and operations of the café.

I believe in the strength of community and the goodness and prosperity that comes when we work together to serve others. I have been witness to it over and over again in the many years I have been privileged to serve the Wisdom community.

I look forward to many more projects like our café which aims to build community, support our wellbeing priorities, develop skills and confidence in our students and become a platform for the rich work we do around community engagement and wellbeing.





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

MR. SULEYMAN KAYA

Dear Wisdom Community,  
Warm Greetings from the Community Engagement Team!  
We are thrilled to update you on our exciting and busy term 3 here at Wisdom. Here's what we've been up to and what's coming up:

## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **High Impacting Parents and Junior Development Workshop:** Our parents had a productive and interactive workshop on high-impacting parenting and a purpose-driven life, and the topics covered included the benefits of having a purpose in life, setting boundaries, regulating emotions, the five love languages, different parenting styles, and more. Thanks to our parent Mr. Sidqie Djunaedi for running the workshop. The students had some amazing activities by Mrs. Omar and Mrs. Rabab. They learned about the leaders during the Golden Age and had activities around our school values, respect, integrity, compassion, and excellence.
- **Prep Play Date:** Our prep parents and students had a wonderful time on Saturday of Week 2. The day was filled with engaging games and beautiful henna art. Thanks to our parent Mrs. Nikki Verrall for organizing the day.
- **National Tree Planting Day:** We gathered at Riverdale Park, Meadowbrook, where our community planted nearly 100 trees. This initiative not only contributed to environmental conservation but also provided a lovely breakfast and fun playground time for the kids.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wisdom College Fete:** Mark your calendars for August 10th! Join us for a vibrant community fete featuring over 20 business stalls, a variety of fun activities, and thrilling rides. It's a fantastic opportunity to connect and celebrate together.
- **Lower Primary Parents Breakfast:** On August 15th, we're hosting a special breakfast for parents of Grades 1-3. Stay tuned for more details!

We look forward to seeing you at these exciting events and thank you for being an integral part of our vibrant community!





# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WE WANT YOU!

A colorful poster for the 'Wisdom Fete' event. At the top, a rainbow arches over the event's logo, which consists of three stylized, overlapping curved lines in blue, yellow, and green. Below the logo, the text 'Wisdom Fete' is written in a large, bold, blue font, followed by the tagline 'Learning today, Leading tomorrow' in a smaller, italicized blue font. A large, red, diagonal banner across the middle of the poster reads 'BECOME A SPONSOR TODAY!'. To the left of this banner is a bulleted list of activities: 'MARKET STALLS', 'FOOD TRUCKS', 'JUMPING CASTLE', 'PETTING ZOO', 'RIDES', 'HENNA', 'FACE PAINTING', and '+ SO MUCH MORE'. To the right of the banner are three small inset images: the top one shows a hand pouring paint into small white bowls, the middle one shows a close-up of a child's face with colorful bee-themed face paint, and the bottom one shows a group of children playing on a green and red inflatable jumping castle. Below the list of activities, there are three balloons: a red one, an orange one with the address '97 FORMBY ST CALAMVALE 4115', and a green one with the time '11am - 3pm'. At the bottom of the poster, a group of six diverse children are smiling and waving. Below them, the text reads: 'Support our school by becoming one of our valued SPONSORS! email: a.wazir@wisdom.qld.edu.au'.

We are currently seeking sponsors for our Wisdom College school Fete. If you own a business and are interested in supporting our College, please reach out to Aliya Wazir at [a.wazir@wisdom.qld.edu.au](mailto:a.wazir@wisdom.qld.edu.au) for more information. We have many sponsorship options available!



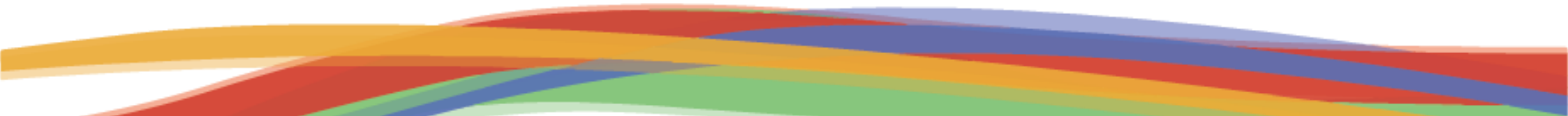
2024 CALENDAR  
TERM 3 DATES

AUGUST

- Saturday 10th August Wisdom College Fete
- Wednesday 14th August EKKA Holiday
- Friday 16th August Science Fair
- Friday 23rd August Book Week Parade

SEPTEMBER


- Wednesday 11th September Year 11 Semi Formal
- Thursday 12th September RUOK Day
- Friday 13th September Athletics Carnival and Last Day of Term 3





UPDATES AND INFORMATION

UNIFORM SHOP





### UNIFORM SHOPPING OPTIONS


**UNIFORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE AND IN THE SCHOOL LOCKER OXLEY STORE FROM 10 JULY**

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Shop online and choose to have your order shipped directly to you, or collect it from the School Locker Oxley store. Scan the QR code below to find your uniforms online.  
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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.

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FEE'S EDSTART



### 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.

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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.

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Jaybel Office Choice will be supplying your 2024 booklist packs, Jaybel is a 100% Australian Family Owned & Operated school supplier. We've been working with Jaybel to make sure your child has an easy start to the new year. We've selected the list of items your child needs to start the year and worked with Jaybel so you can order everything you need in one go.

**Please ensure that your child has everything listed on this form to start the 2024 school year.**

## 2024 Online Ordering Guide

Ordering is fast, secure and convenient. Simply visit [www.jaybel.com.au/booklists](http://www.jaybel.com.au/booklists) and follow these easy steps.

- Enter the School Code: **BTSWC001** & Password: **WC2024**
- Select your child's year required for 2024 from the menu "Select Year Level"
- Quantities recommended by the school are noted as "Suggested Qty" against each item.
- To make ordering easy, you have the option to order a complete booklist pack or you can customise your order as required.
- After selecting your items, click on "Add Selected Items To Cart".
- Next, enter the Name of the Student this order is for and click "Proceed"
- If you wish to order for another student, use the menu to select the year level and follow the same steps.
- Once you have added all items required, click on the Shopping Cart Icon in the top right corner.
- Review your products in the shopping cart before checking out.
- Click on Continue To Checkout.
- Next select your Delivery Method, then enter your address details, your Name, Email and Phone in the fields provided.
- Click on Continue To Payment.
- Make payment and complete the order.
- Once complete, you will be presented with an order confirmation screen and an email confirmation will be sent.

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- Delivery fees: \$9.95 per order inc. GST.
- Once the order has been despatched you will receive an order tracking number via email.
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