

# WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

Term 3 has almost drawn to a close and once again we have done a lot, achieved a lot, and learnt a lot. Our term will culminate in our annual athletics carnival at Col Bennett Park, Algester. This is a great opportunity to come along to support all children, to have some fun and to build both House spirit and school spirit. Coffee will be on sale, as well as one food truck for parents and staff.

I'd like to acknowledge the effort that parents, staff and students put into Book Week recently. It was such a fabulous occasion and the costumes were simply outstanding. The underlying message of this week is to highlight the importance of literacy and reading. It's these skills that are the gateway to academic and career success so I encourage all students to read for pleasure. The single biggest influence on getting children to read more, is if they see their parents reading. The single biggest impact!

In coming weeks we will have plenty of new building work occurring. We are installing 9 new classrooms in total. 2 new science labs. A new secondary toilet block. An additional staff toilet block. A new foot bridge connecting the Primary and Secondary areas. A new retaining wall behind D Block. Plus a lot of new seating and play space. Exciting initiatives for our staff and students and it will all be ready for our 2025 school year.

Our Year 12's are getting closer to the end of the educational journey, as a secondary student at least. They do mock exams this week, then in Term 4 they commence External Exams and final assessment pieces for various subjects. A busy period of time for them and we all wish them the very best of luck.

All families have been sent a link to a survey. Your feedback via this survey allows us to strive for further improvement across all areas of school life. It only takes about 10 minutes and is completely anonymous and confidential. Please check your emails for this link. Scan the QR Code →

2024 Wisdom College Parent Survey



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Enjoy the upcoming school holiday break. See you all in the new term!



### WISDOM COLLEGE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER  
LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Col Bennett Park  
137 Ridgewood Rd, Algester  
Prep to Year 12

8.45am start - 12.30pm finish



HEAD OF SECONDARY

MR. JAMES EASTHOPE

Dear Wisdom College Community,

As we approach the end of a very busy Term 3, I would like to take a moment to reflect on all the incredible events and activities we've experienced together. This term has been packed with enriching experiences, including our Year 9 & 10 Camp, the Shizuoka Seiko Gakuin, Chonan Nagara, Amagasaki, and Oshukan Study Tour Groups, the Year 7 HASS Excursion to Parliament House, our much-loved Wisdom College Fete, and the exciting Street Science Incursion for Years 7 & 8. We also hosted a variety of community events such as the Parent Teacher Interviews, the Father's Day BBQ, and Family Trivia Night. Academic milestones like Year 10 Work Experience Week, Exam Block for mock exams, and the Year 9 You Debate Competition have been complemented by memorable celebrations including Book Week and the Book Parade, the Semi-Formal, RUOK Day, and finally, our upcoming Athletics Carnival to close out the term. What a term it has been!

Throughout all of this, the dedication of our students, staff, and families has been inspiring. We continue to uphold the high standards of our college, with a clear focus on preparedness for learning. As we look toward next term, we will keep emphasising the importance of students being on time, in the correct uniform, and fully equipped for a productive day at school. These are the foundations for both academic success and personal growth, and they ensure that every student can engage in their learning with confidence and pride.

Next term, we are excited to strengthen our connection with families even further. We will focus on positive habits that foster academic success and well-being, working together with parents to support students in reaching their full potential. This partnership will ensure that parents stay connected with the school, understanding what their child is learning and how they can best support them in their educational journey.

Thank you to our entire community for your continued commitment to making this term a success. Wishing you all a restful and rejuvenating holiday break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting Term 4.

- ISLAMIC INSPIRED
- INDEPENDENT
- MULTI- CULTURAL

YEAR 7

TRANSITION DAY



**WHEN?**  
WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER  
START: 8:30AM  
FINISH: 3:00PM

**WHERE?**  
DROP OF AND PICK UP AT  
MAIN ADMINISTRATION  
(FORMBY STREET) GATE 1

**WHAT TO BRING**  
BRING OWN LUNCH  
PENCIL CASE WITH  
WRITING UTENSILS

COME AND DO SCHOOL THE WISDOM WAY!

TRANSITION DAY ACTIVITIES

Futuristic Roots  
*Augmented Reality Clay Pottery*



Robotnics  
*(Digi-Tech/Coding)*



Staff vs Students  
Dodgeball



Connecting with the  
Captains  
*A Fun Filled Session with our  
2025 College Captains*



Sausage Sizzle



World of Science  
*Chemistry Experiment*



House Rewards  
*Inter-house Competition*







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BY THE 25TH SEPTEMBER  
2024

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# HEAD OF PRIMARY

MRS. OLIVIA RUTHERFORD

The past few weeks at Wisdom have been filled with remarkable and inspiring moments. Our students have been demonstrating exceptional dedication and growth through their assessments, as well as internal and external competitions. It has been truly gratifying to witness their development, particularly as they apply various social and emotional strategies to navigate challenges on the playground. Our teachers have also been hard at work, crafting enriching learning experiences that our students will treasure for years to come. There truly is no place like Wisdom!

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Abdulla for their extraordinary contributions to the Arts and the Junior Scholars program. Their tireless efforts have provided our students with exciting new challenges and opportunities to step out of their comfort zones and enhance their educational journey.

Our musical has been a source of newfound belonging and enthusiasm among our students. There is a buzz of excitement as they eagerly attend rehearsals, perform on assemblies, and hone their artistic talents.

Additionally, our Junior Scholars have been diligently working on impressive projects. Thanks to Mrs. Abdulla's innovative program, students have had the chance to engage deeply with their creative and investigative skills, leading to remarkable achievements. Congratulations to Hamzah Mayat and Nuruddeen Baqi for winning awards for their Junior Scholars projects at the Griffith University STEM 2024 competition!

A special thank you goes out to our dedicated Teaching Assistants—Miss Sam, Miss Sora, Miss Hannah, Miss Lim, and Miss Seyma. Your invaluable support is crucial to the smooth operation of our school and the well-being of both students and teachers. We deeply appreciate everything you do!

As we look ahead to Term 4, I am excited to see the continued success and achievements of our students. I am thrilled to announce that the wonderful Mrs. Devi will be stepping in as Head of Primary during my maternity leave. Thank you all for making this year so memorable. I look forward to reconnecting with everyone in 2025!



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# HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

MRS AYSE DOGAN

As we reach the end of a very busy and exciting term, I want to take a moment to reflect on all the wonderful events and achievements we have experienced. This term, we celebrated Science Week, Book Week, and Literacy and Numeracy Week, and it has been nothing short of incredible!

A huge thank you to our Year 5 and 6 students, along with their dedicated teachers, for hosting a fantastic Science Fair. The primary students thoroughly enjoyed engaging with the fun and interactive science demonstrations. Special thanks to Mrs. Devi and Mrs. Omar for coordinating such a successful event. During Science Week, we also had the pleasure of an incursion from Street Science, which was a hit as always. Students from Prep to Year 8 had a great time with the exciting experiments and hands-on activities.

Book Week was another memorable highlight. Our students and staff went above and beyond with their creative costumes, wonderful performances, and participation in our annual Book Week competitions. Congratulations to all the students who received prizes – your efforts were outstanding!

Last week, our Year 4 to 6 students participated in a World of Maths Incursion, where they tackled complex mathematical problems in a fun and interactive way. It was a great opportunity for our students to challenge their minds and think critically.

I'd also like to take a moment to celebrate the incredible work our Junior Scholars have been doing. This term, our Junior Scholars boys worked on developing their entries for the Griffith University Science on the Go competition, competing against students from across Southeast Queensland. We are thrilled to announce that two of our students, Hamzah Mayat and Nuruddeen Baqi, won this competition! I had the privilege of attending the awards ceremony at Griffith University's Gold Coast campus, and it was a truly proud moment for them, their families, and our school. They represented Wisdom College with distinction, and we are so proud of their achievement.

As we look ahead to Term 4, I know it will be another amazing term filled with growth, learning, and new experiences for all our students. I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday, and I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for the final term of the year!

## BOOK WEEK



## SCIENCE WEEK





# HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS. CANAN COSKUN

Dear Wisdom Family

How is it that we are finishing off the term already! Together we have achieved some great things as a College around community, co-curricular and all things, sports, the arts and wellbeing. We value the collaboration and partnership we have with our community as it helps us to achieve great things for our students and gives them opportunities to grow and learn. I

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who came out and supported our fete. It was a truly amazing day of fun, good food and connection. We were able to raise \$8K for our college and will be using this money to enhance and improve our facilities and resources. Alongside raising much needed funds for our school, the fete serves as a big open day and allows for our community to connect and collaborate. Our college community looks forward to it every year.

A project very close to my heart was realised this term and once again I have our whole school community to thank for this, staff, students and parents. It was amazing to see the support and the collaboration in getting this project off the ground. From our wonderful staff to our talented students who have trained to be baristas and have run our cafe every Friday morning this term. There is a HUGE amount of work that goes into getting it open every Friday and I thank our cafe team for their dedication, commitment and service to the community. Thank you to all our parents who come over on a Friday morning to grab their cup of Wisdom brew and contribute to our cafe. We love seeing you there!



In the world of sports at Wisdom we have achieved great things in the futsal space. For the past 3 years we have taken part in the Veto Sports School Futsal League and have really gained a reputation for having strong and capable players. Students compete with over 10 schools around South Brisbane each term and our U14 girls have held a high position on the ladder. Well done to all our girls.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Athletics Carnival on Friday for a day of fun and competition!





# PASTORAL CARE COORDINATOR

MR.SERHAT FELIZ

## AUF WISDOM SEEKERS CONTEST IN MELBOURNE

Three of our Year 10 girls—Bahara, Mariam, and Hameedah—recently represented Wisdom College at the Australian Universal Federation (AUF) Wisdom Seekers Contest, held at Sirius College in Melbourne on August 16th. The event challenged students to explore the theme of spiritual awareness versus materialism, responding to the thought-provoking statement: "The mind of those who search for everything in materialism is confined to their eyes. But eyes alone cannot perceive the spirit and spiritual meanings.

Our students spent weeks preparing their presentations, delivering insightful and impactful talks that impressed both the audience and the judges. Their dedication and hard work were evident, showcasing their ability to think critically and express complex ideas clearly.

In addition to the competition, Bahara, Mariam, and Hameedah enjoyed a cultural trip around Melbourne, including a visit to the iconic Great Ocean Road and the Twelve Apostles. This experience allowed them to bond and create lasting memories.

We are extremely proud of Bahara, Mariam, and Hameedah for their achievements and the way they represented our school. Congratulations to all the participants, and thank you to the teachers and staff who supported them on this journey.



## WISDOM COLLEGE HOSTS NBA STAR ENES KANTER FOR A UNIQUE BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

On August 19th, students at Wisdom College experienced an extraordinary day with former NBA player Enes Kanter, who brought a unique basketball challenge to the school's Primary Basketball Court. Instead of the traditional game play, students engaged in a full-court activity designed to test their attention and teamwork.

The event started with Kanter leading the students in a basketball dribbling session where every bounce of the ball had to be matched with a clap from the students. The challenge: students had to clap exactly when the ball hit the ground. Missteps were met with playful elimination from the game, adding an element of suspense and excitement to the assembly.

The session not only entertained but also taught valuable lessons about focus, timing, and the importance of staying in sync with others—skills that are applicable both on the basketball court and in life.

Enes Kanter also shared insights from his professional journey, highlighting the importance of perseverance, dedication, and teamwork. The assembly included a question and answer session, giving students the opportunity to delve deeper into the life of a professional athlete.

The day concluded with Wisdom College presenting Kanter with a custom shirt featuring the school logo, symbolizing the gratitude and admiration of the school community. Our students not only enjoyed themselves but also learned that success is often about staying in tune with your team and your goals.





# THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 FETE SPONSORS



# WISDOM COLLEGE END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE



*Save  
the  
Date*

## Wisdom College Musical

**Date & Time:**  
Friday 8th November  
2-4pm

**Venue:**  
Unidus Community Centre  
204 Sherbrooke Rd,  
Willawong QLD

**Tickets:**  
Adult \$10  
Child (12 and under) \$5  
Child (2 and under) on laps

## DIRECTED BY THE TALENTED KATHRYN ANDERSON



# 2024 CALENDAR

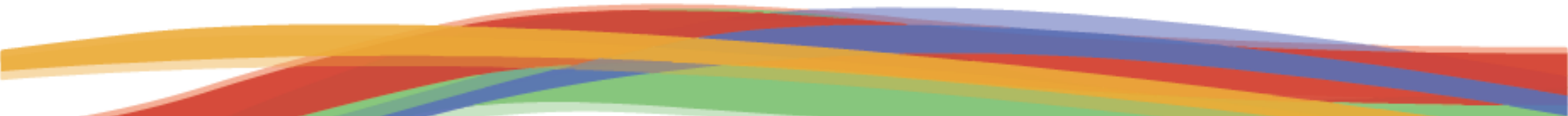
## TERM 3 DATES

SEPTEMBER

- Wednesday 11th September Year 11 Semi Formal
- Thursday 12th September RUOK Day
- Friday 13th September Athletics Carnival and Last Day of Term 3
- Monday 30th September First Day of Term 4


OCTOBER

- Monday 7th October King’s Birthday Holiday



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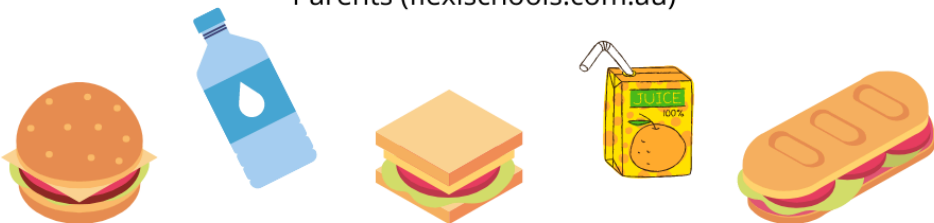
Wisdom College is excited to announce that our new lunch order system is ready to go!

**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](https://flexischools.com.au))



## FEE'S EDSTART

**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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**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.

## Important information regarding your Delivery

- 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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