

# WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

DR. DAMIEN BARRY

Dear parents,

Term 1 is fast drawing to a close and I'd like to acknowledge the hard work of many members of our community for all that they have done over the past few months. A school such as ours is extremely busy and packed with all sorts of events and activities so a big thanks to our staff, our QECF community, members of our Board, our parent volunteers, and a number of students who also assist with coaching, or fundraisers, or service-learning projects.

If we think back to the start of the school year we had parent information nights, over 40 new Prep students, another 30 new students spread across other year levels, and we surpassed an overall enrolment figure of 500 students for the first time. We also had the holy month of Ramadan and either hosted or attended many Iftah dinners.

Our students have achieved sporting success never before seen at Wisdom College. For all gala days we won almost every age category, across both boys and girls in competitions involving schools from across Brisbane. Our sports academy and sporting scholarships have contributed to this. We also opened a new artificial turf soccer / futsal field. Behind this will soon be a new volleyball court.

Our school hosted dozens of international students from China, Taiwan, and Japan. This has given our students a glimpse into life at another country. Each visiting student has a Wisdom College buddy and with this comes responsibilities for their care and classroom experience. Thank you and well done to those students involved.

There are 3 exciting new initiatives being rolled out in term 2 and Term 3:

- Our new website
- Our new Wisdom Café
- A before and after school care provider.

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Our website is being updated to become more modern and contemporary. Our tagline will be One Community – Many Futures. This will start to replace Learning Today – Leading Tomorrow.

The Café will be located at the front of the school. It will operate out of a container and will be fitted out with a commercial coffee making machine, servery, whitegoods and storage.

Before and after school care will commence at the start of Term 3. Hours of operation will be: 7am to 8.30am, and 3pm to 6pm. Monday to Friday. We'll send more info out on this next term as well as enrolment forms for those interested. With rebates it will be quite cheap.

We are pleased to share that our R Block project has been supported by the Queensland Government through the External Infrastructure Subsidy Scheme (EIS). This funding has contributed to the delivery of essential infrastructure works that support our growing school community. We sincerely acknowledge and thank the Queensland Government for its valued support in enhancing our school facilities.

I hope that everyone has a fabulous school holiday break, a great Easter break for those celebrating, and I look forward to seeing everyone again in Term 2. School resumes on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

# HEAD OF OPERATIONS

MRS. RADHA DEVI

It is time to order school photos for this year. There are two ways to place your order.

## 1. Online Ordering (preferred option)

Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

Enter our school's 9-digit code: R6V FQV QVV in the "order and download" box

Click "Order Photos"

Fill in your details, choose your photo package, and follow the payment steps

You can also order photos for more than one child and request sibling photos during this process

## 2. Cash / Envelope Ordering

If you cannot order online, you may collect a cash payment envelope from the front office.

Fill in the back of the envelope

Place the correct cash amount inside

Return it to the front office before photo day

Class photos will be taken on: Monday 18th May 2026 (Term 2)

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# HEAD OF PRIMARY

MRS. OLIVIA RUTHERFORD

Term One 2026 has come to a successful conclusion, and we are delighted with the achievements of both our students and staff. Throughout the term, our focus was on strengthening our school values, supporting students to make positive choices, and clearly establishing expectations for the year ahead. I am pleased to share that this has been our strongest term yet in terms of positive behavioural standards. Students are increasingly applying the strategies they have been taught to navigate challenging situations, resolve problems, and respond thoughtfully rather than react negatively. In just ten short weeks, we have proudly awarded 62 students with a Bronze Award for consistently going above the standard expectations. For this, I thank both our students and families for the continued support you provide.

Across the primary years, many wonderful learning moments have taken place, with students already making impressive progress in their learning. Term One can often be the most challenging, as students adjust to new classrooms, teachers, routines, learning expectations, and classmates. As guardians and educators, it is essential that we continue to check in with our students and support them to navigate these changes in a calm, caring, and supportive way. Encouragingly, the majority of students have transitioned smoothly. While some have required additional time to settle, it is important to recognise that every child is unique and adjusts at their own pace.

Now that students are settled into their new classes, I am confident we will continue to see growth both academically and socially. Term Two, like every term, is a busy one and will include a range of sporting events, excursions and incursions, themed weeks, and competitions. It is therefore vital that parents and guardians regularly check emails and My Wisdom pages for updates and important information. I am particularly looking forward to launching our whole-college fundraising event next term. Following the success of last year's Colour Run, we are excited to bring it back with the goal of raising funds for much-needed upgrades to our college fields and play areas.

I hope you all enjoy a peaceful and well-earned holiday break. May this time provide an opportunity to slow down, recharge your batteries, and spend quality time creating special memories with family and loved ones. We hope the break is filled with laughter, rest, and wonderful moments that leave you refreshed and ready for the term ahead. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting and successful term of learning.



# HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

MRS. AYSE DOGAN

As we come to the end of Term 1, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly positive and productive start to the year at Wisdom College. It has been wonderful to see our students settle into their learning, build strong relationships, and engage with the many opportunities available to them.

One of our key highlights this term has been the successful launch of our enrichment programs. Our Primary Junior Scholars have been working closely with Miss Coster, engaging in rich and challenging learning experiences designed to extend their thinking and deepen their understanding. In our secondary school, our enrichment projects have also commenced with great success. With some refinements made this year, we have seen high levels of student engagement, collaboration, and skill development. Students are actively involved in projects such as Excellence in Media Arts, Service Learning, Voices of Wisdom, and our Sports Academy, each designed to cater to diverse interests while developing essential future-focused skills.

Throughout the term, students across the school have also participated in a range of incursions and excursions. These experiences play an important role in connecting classroom learning to the real world, helping to bring concepts to life and deepen student understanding.

This term also coincided with the holy month of Ramadan, which brought a strong sense of unity and reflection within our school community. It has been inspiring to witness the way our students, staff, and families have embraced this special time through shared experiences and events. We are especially grateful for the continued commitment to learning demonstrated by our students during the fasting period.



Our students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 successfully completed their NAPLAN assessments this term. We are incredibly proud of their efforts, particularly given the added challenge of balancing their studies with fasting. We look forward to reviewing the results and using this data to further strengthen our teaching and learning programs across the school.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the dedication of our staff. Our teachers continue to engage in ongoing professional learning, working collaboratively to reflect on their practice and enhance student outcomes. This commitment to continuous improvement is a cornerstone of our Professional Learning Community and ensures we are always striving to provide the best possible education for our students.

Thank you to our entire Wisdom College community for your ongoing support. I wish you all a safe and restful break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term ahead.

# HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS. CANAN COSKUN

As we reflect on the past term, we can all agree it has been both eventful and incredibly fast-paced. From carnivals and camps to the early observance of Ramadan, the term has been filled with meaningful experiences and memorable moments for our college community.

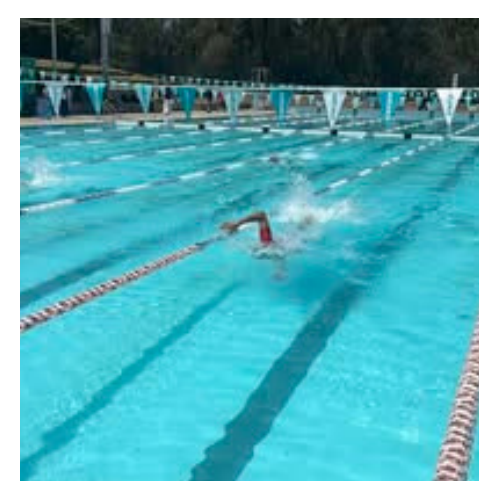
The spirit of Ramadan was felt across all corners of the College. Students engaged in a range of activities, including friendly competitions, a vibrant Ramadan Fun Zone in the library, and a series of pastoral care iftars. A highlight of the term was the much-anticipated Wisdom Community Iftar Dinner, which brought together students, families, and staff in a celebration of unity and reflection.

Our Pastoral Care Department delivered an outstanding program throughout Ramadan. Initiatives such as the sahur program, mother-and-daughter and father-and-son iftars, along with dedicated group iftars, provided valuable opportunities for connection. These experiences play an important role in strengthening students' sense of belonging while supporting their social and emotional wellbeing.

The term also saw strong participation in elite futsal and volleyball competitions, including the SFL Gala Days. Our Wisdom teams demonstrated exceptional skill and sportsmanship, achieving impressive results against some of Brisbane's top schools. We extend our congratulations to our students, coaches, and staff for their dedication and success.

Looking ahead to Term 2, we are excited about the opportunities to come. We eagerly anticipate the official opening of our new soccer field and café container – both significant additions that will further enrich our community spaces.

At Wisdom College, we remain committed to investing in our community and fostering a culture of pride, connection, and excellence. We look forward to sharing another successful term with you all.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CO-ORDINATOR

MR. SULEYMAN KAYA

Wisdom's Community Engagement initiatives have continued to flourish, creating meaningful opportunities for connection, reflection, and togetherness across our school community.

Our Annual Family Iftar Dinner brought families together in a warm and welcoming atmosphere, providing a special time to break fast, share meals, and strengthen the bonds that unite us. Similarly, the Alumni Iftar Dinner offered a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with our graduates, celebrating their journeys while reinforcing their ongoing connection to Wisdom.

The joy of the season was beautifully reflected in our Community Eid Al-Fitr Celebration, where families gathered to celebrate with enthusiasm and unity. It was a vibrant occasion filled with happiness, cultural appreciation, and a strong sense of belonging.

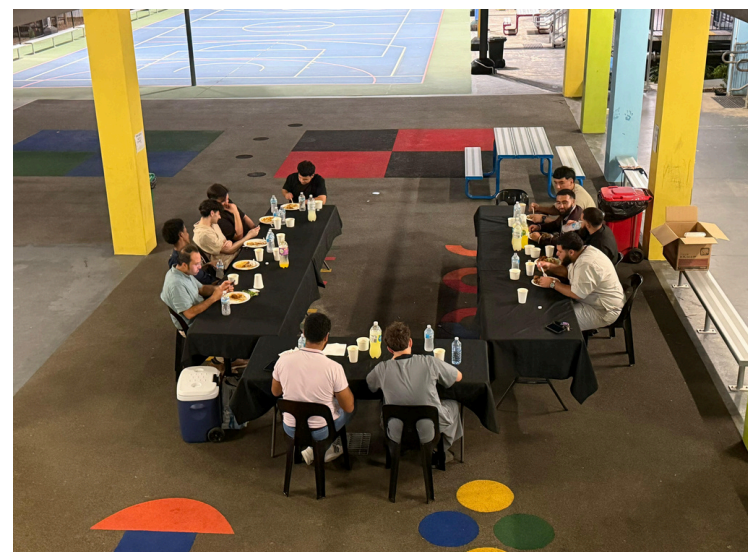
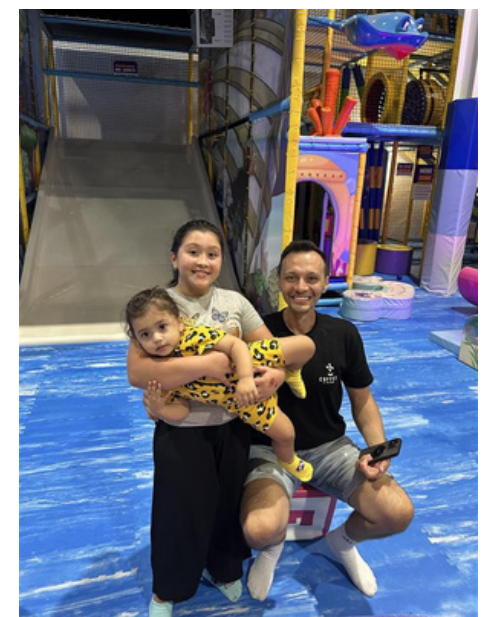
Throughout the blessed month, the Tarawih Prayers provided a spiritually enriching environment, bringing members of the community together in reflection and worship strengthening both faith and connection.

Our Parent Home Visits have remained a cornerstone of our engagement efforts, fostering open communication and building deeper relationships between families and the school. These visits continue to support a shared commitment to student wellbeing and growth.

Promoting wellbeing and active engagement, we also conducted weekly Volleyball Games, with sessions on Wednesdays for ladies and Thursdays for gentlemen. In addition, our Sunday Morning Cycling has been a refreshing way for WeCycle members to stay active while enjoying the outdoors together.

Looking ahead to Term 2, we are excited to continue building these connections through several upcoming events. The Wisdom Career Expo will provide students with valuable insights into future pathways, while our Mother's Day Breakfast will celebrate and honor the important role of mothers in our community. We also look forward to Selfless Service Week, an opportunity for students to engage in meaningful acts of service and contribute positively to society.

Together, these initiatives highlight Wisdom's dedication to nurturing a connected, supportive, and vibrant community.



## PASTORAL CARE COORDINATOR

MR. MEHMET CANBOLAT

Assalaamu alaikum dear community,

It's been a great start to the year with this Term. Not only were staff and students welcomed back to the academic year, but we also had the pleasure of experiencing Ramadan, the new soccer field, and the many events and celebrations. Our new Pastoral Care Coordinator for 2026 is Mr. Mehmet Canbolat.

Pastoral Care has been a long Wisdom tradition with the sole purpose of developing meaningful connections and relationships. Our Pastoral Care staff prepare and plan events and programs to enrich our students with lessons on Islamic values, life-skills, and opportunities to connect and have fun in a safe environment.

This term in Pastoral Care, students learned about charity, sacrifice, generosity, and Islamic worship. We had many iftar dinners, sleepovers, workshops, and learning opportunities. Trips and competitions are also on the way with our first trip of the year going to Melbourne with the Year 11 boys.

We hope to continue serving our community and teaching our students that purpose is beyond milestones and earning money, the most fulfilling purpose is involves family, meaningful friendships, and actively sharing goodness amongst humankind.

Congratulations on another successful term and we hope to provide more for our students in the terms to come. Stay tuned!

With peace,  
The Pastoral Care Team



## FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

MR. ZE FERREIRA  
SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR

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