

# Wishart State School Newsletter September 4, 2019

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Our Parents' & Citizens' Association meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:45pm. All parents are invited to attend.

Dear families, students and staff,

The teachers, support staff and I were very excited and proud after reading Wishart State School was in the Top 10 schools in QLD for NAPLAN 2019. Our leadership team and teachers, teacher aides and support staff have been working together, to learn and use high quality teaching, learning and assessment practices to better meet the needs of our students.



The research is conclusive that the quality of teaching has the biggest impact upon a child's success at school. Our teachers, teacher aides and support staff have done an outstanding job in working with students to ensure they are continually learning and improving.

I would also like to say well done to our students for the focus and energy they put into their learning at school. Our students work hard to stay engaged and on task to ensure they are able to best access the quality teaching on offer to them.

As in all schools, we still have room to improve however we are very pleased with our progress so far. Congratulations to our teachers, teacher aides, support staff and students on an amazing achievement!

Yours sincerely,  
Yolanda Tognini  
Principal

## Student Absence Notification

QParents

Email [absence@wishartss.eq.edu.au](mailto:absence@wishartss.eq.edu.au)

Telephone 3849 0560

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### THE YEAR AHEAD

#### TERM 3

- **Sep 2-4** – Spell/Fact-a-thon testing
- **Sep 2-6** – Public Speaking Semi-Finals
- **Sep 3** – Lower School Assembly
- **Sep 6** – Yr 4 Word Play
- **Sep 7** – P&C Trivia Night
- **Sep 10** – P&C General Meeting
- **Sep 11** – Active School Travel
- **Sep 12** – Public Speaking Final
- **Sep 16-18** – Senior Strings Camp
- **Sep 18** – Active School Travel
- **Sep 20** – Last day of Term 3

#### TERM 3

- **Oct 8** – Start Term 3
- **Oct 8** – P&C General Meeting

### Excursion / Activity Payments

<b>Payment Times:</b>	QParents and BPoint (Online secure card payment): <b>24 hours a day, seven days a week</b> – make payment no later than 4:30pm on the final payment date Payment Collection Box (Cash/Cheques): <b>Tuesday and Thursday 8:00am – 9:30am</b>		
<b>Year Level</b>	<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Final Payment Date</b>
Selected Students	Senior Music Camp	\$85.00	Tuesday 27 August
Selected Students	HPE Netball Cup	\$18.20	Tuesday 10 September

### Homework Club



Well done to all those students who have shown great organisation by attending homework club this term. Next **Tuesday, 10 September will be the last homework club** for Term 3. Students in Year 2 to Year 6 who would like to attend, homework club is on every Tuesday afternoon in the library from 3:00pm to 3:45pm. Homework Club will resume in Term 4 on Tuesday 15 October, 2019.

### Morning Skill Development

Morning skill development sessions have increased to being on Monday, Tuesday **and Wednesday** in the Learning Hub from 8:00am to 8:45am. It is a great opportunity to practise your reading skills, sight words or number facts with a teacher, teacher aide or a year 6 student helper.

If you would like your child to start attending the skill development sessions please come and see us in the hub.



### Active Travel to School every Wednesday till end of Term 3!

Every Wednesday, till the end of Term 3 we will have Active Travel to School. Next week we are giving ice blocks to students from the class with the most participants. Week 10 will be a raffle. Last week's winners were Prep B, 2/3F and 4C.

Walk, ride a bike or scooter to school. Thanks for helping us to keep active and healthy!

## From the Deputy Principal's Desk...

### Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week is here!

This week provides a special opportunity to acknowledge the important role of teacher aides, whose hard work and dedication make a difference to students, teachers and the school community. Sincere thanks to our Wishart State School Teacher Aides – we are very fortunate to have such dedicated, hard-working teacher aides at our school who make a difference each and every day.



### Writing at Wishart State School

For many years, Wishart State School has had a strong focus on the teaching of **Writing**. As a strategy to teach writing, Wishart State School has embedded a Writing Program called, 'Seven Steps to Writing Success' into our Daily Writing Framework.

The Seven Steps to Writing Success Program was created by Jen McVeity, melding her expertise as an author, a classroom teacher and her passion for education. Breaking down writing into **seven simple stages** allows children to discover just how straightforward and enjoyable writing can be!

At our Upper School Assembly last week, Mrs Kelly Kolb's 5A students performed an entertaining and engaging rap titled, '**5A Writing for Success**'. 5A's performance of this rap summarised the Wishart State School writing processes perfectly and was very entertaining to listen to and watch!

*Katherine Brown, Acting Deputy Principal*

### Class Leaders

As part of our Student Leadership Program each class votes for class leaders. The Year 1 students elect new class leader's each week. Congratulations to:

<b>1A</b> – Hailey and SeA	<b>1B</b> – Lucas and Immy	<b>1C</b> – Isobel and Emma
<b>1D</b> – Jacob and Jacinta	<b>1E</b> – Hannah and Alice	<b>1F</b> – Ari

The Year 2 and 3 classes elect new class leaders each month. Congratulations to:

<b>2A</b> – Mitchell	<b>2B</b> – Kyle and Catriona	<b>2C</b> – Humna and Yumi
<b>2D</b> – Anya and Cooper	<b>2E</b> – Freya and Annabelle	<b>2/3F</b> – Ava and Rishabh
<b>3B</b> – Emeline and Sihu	<b>3C</b> – Lucas and Natasha	<b>3D</b> – Alex and Zara
<b>3E</b> – Sara and Ryder		

### WOW Writer's Awards

Each fortnight one person from each year level is chosen as a 'WOW Writer' for their great writing efforts. They receive a trophy to hold for two weeks and a certificate to keep. Their writing is on display in our office foyer. This fortnight the winners are.....



<b>Prep</b> - Emilio	<b>Prep A</b>	<b>Year 1</b> - Hailey	<b>1A</b>	<b>Year 2</b> - Zan	<b>2A</b>
<b>Year 4</b> - Carter	<b>4A</b>	<b>Year 5</b> - Andi	<b>5A</b>		



### Fancy Tie Day – Thank You!

Many thanks to all for the wonderful support given towards the Fancy Tie Free Dress Day to raise funds for Cancer research. We raised an incredible \$970-00. Thank you so very much for your very kind donations.

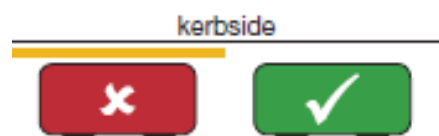
*Mrs Sparks and the Student Council*

## ROAD SAFETY

### Obey all Regulated Parking Zones

#### Yellow edge lines:

A driver must not stop a vehicle at the side of a road marked with a continuous yellow edge line. Usually these lines are placed in areas where safety is paramount such as near pedestrian crossings, on road corners or to ensure safe visibility for vehicles entering or exiting a property.



### Timed parking zones:

A driver must not stop or park for longer than indicated in a timed parking zone. Timed parking zones are in place to ensure a high turnover of vehicles can utilise the parking area.

## P & C ASSOCIATION

### P&C Meeting – Tuesday 10 September!

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, 10 September**. The night will start at **6:30pm** as we have a **Digital Technology Showcase** happening first up. Recently the P&C donated \$3,000 to the school to purchase Digital Technology for the classrooms. Parents are invited to come along to the P&C Meeting, play with the technology and ask questions. There will also be a few teachers on hand to help.

*We look forward to seeing you there.*



### Spell & Fact-a-thon

Wishing all the students the best of luck this week with the testing. Don't forget to get your sponsorship cards back to your teachers so they can include your mark on your card. A big thankyou to the teachers for doing the testing and marking. Hoping the \$100 Officeworks voucher will be of great use to one lucky teacher (Thankyou to Officeworks at Underwood).

### Tuckshop - Helper's needed for the tuckshop!



Our Tuckshop is needing help for the following times and easy jobs (no cooking needed) on Thursday and Friday's:

- 9.00am: putting stickers on bags and pouring drinks into cups.
- 10.30am: handing bags out to students and selling ice blocks
- 1.30pm: handing bags out to students and selling ice blocks.

Please email Jo at [tuckshop.wsspnc@gmail.com](mailto:tuckshop.wsspnc@gmail.com) or come and see me at the tuckshop if you can help out at all.

*Thank you  
Jo, Tuckshop Convenor*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### School Crossing Supervisor Position Vacant

The Department of Transport and Main Roads invites you to apply for the position of a casual position of a School Crossing Supervisor at Wishart State School.

1. Casual rates start at \$30.10 per hour, up to 5.00 hours per fortnight. **\*some conditions apply\***
2. You will need to be available morning and/or afternoon on all school days
3. You will need to work in all weather conditions and wear full Personal Protective wear.
4. If you are successful TMR will provide:
  - a. Health Assessment
  - b. Blue Card (for working with children)
  - c. Training
  - d. All personal protective equipment
5. Department of Transport and Main Roads is an equal opportunity employer.

If interested please email to [MacgregorRoadSafety@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:MacgregorRoadSafety@tmr.qld.gov.au)



### Grasshopper Soccer – 'Try It For Free Day' Saturday 19 October

Non-competitive Soccer Program for girls and boys aged 2 to 12 years old. Come and 'Try It For Free' on Saturday 19 October at Wishart State School. Please contact David to book your free place and confirm times Telephone 0432 629 501 (\$10 refundable deposit taken). Places are limited.

