Wow what a busy year we have had! Term 4 has seen many great Wam events happen.
A sea of red could be seen for Day for Daniel at Wamuran this year with all students wearing red shirts, participating in a walk for awareness, making a giant red t-shirt on the oval, enjoying some yummy red treats from the Tucker Box and learning more about child safety. Thank you to all the staff who made the day happen - it was a great team effort!

Thank you to Miss Gam, Mr Smallacombe, Mr Forbes and Mrs Sanderson for organising a fantastic day of Wam Celebrates Sports fun for the entire school.

The P – 3 students had lots of fun and it was great to see the school house captains and leaders doing such a great job taking on the responsibilities given to them. It was also great to see so many parents there enjoying the day. Thanks to Miss Gam and all of the teachers that made it run so smoothly.

The 4 – 7 Ball Games was a great success. Thanks to Mr Smallacombe and Mr Forbes for organising and judging the games. Thanks to Mrs Bradshaw for your help setting up this morning. Thank you also to the teachers who helped to supervise the students. A special mention to the teacher aides for their support with the students and for record keeping. It was great to hear all the positive comments of encouragement from the students. Well done! Another great Wam Event.

Our recent disco was a fun filled night for all who attended. Once again Mrs Bradshaw and the student council did an amazing job putting together all the elements that make a great disco, and a special thank you to Mr Paul Sempowicz, one of our dads who put together the music and film clips for the night.

I recently had the honour of attending the Queensland Tuckshop Awards and was delighted to see Ange and her special volunteer Kristy Quiriant celebrated for the hard work they put into feeding our hungry students. They came home with not one, but 4 well deserved awards, including Queensland Volunteer of the Year for Kristy. Well done and congratulations to both of these ladies, and thank you to all our amazing Tucker Box volunteers for keeping our tummies happy.

The families and staff at Wamuran State School are extremely lucky to have so many generous parents donating their time to helping our students. Whether it is helping in the classroom, on excursions, at special school and community events, in the library or in tuckshop, your time and generosity is noted and appreciated. Each year we honour these special people with a volunteers lunch to say thank you for going that extra mile. The 2014 Volunteers Lunch was held in the hall last week and enjoyed by all who attended. Volunteering is a great way to continue the Wam community spirit that we all love. I hope that you all enjoyed this years lunch and look forward to working with you next year.

The Wamuran SS P&C is made up of a handful of parents who volunteer their time to help continue to make our school great. Some projects this year include; the Wamuran Children's Carnival, Sports Club Dinners, Mother's and Father's Day stalls, the current monster raffle, the purchase of seven brand new fridge freezers for the classrooms and the donation of $20,000 towards extra Teacher Aide time to help our students. I would like to thank the members of the P&C for their dedication to our school. I encourage anyone looking for something fun and fulfilling to do to please let Kristel know kmoir6@eq.edu.au

What an exciting year 2015 will be for our current year 6 & 7 students! Next year will mark the move of year 7 into high school, and I know that our talented bunch of 2014 graduates are more than ready for the challenge. I wish each and everyone of them the best of luck for the years ahead.

Finally I would like to thank the wonderful staff that we have working here at Wamuran SS. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated and hard working team and I thank them all for their contributions this year.

Wishing all of our Wamuran State School community a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holidays,
Sue Clement, Principal
Ray White Wamuran Shines a Light on Giving

Ray White Wamuran has partnered with the Rotary Club of Caboolture to deliver an inspiring Christmas campaign for disadvantaged children who may need a little extra light in their festive season. The Little Ray of Giving campaign will launch across Australia and New Zealand from 1 December 2014 with Australians being asked to dig deep to put smiles on the faces of some special children in their community.

The gift drive was a simple way to help put a smile on the face of children and families who may need some extra cheer at this time of year, said Ray White Wamuran’s Madilyn Martin. “All you need to do is wrap up your present and drop it under the tree in your local Ray White Wamuran office. Tell the Ray White Wamuran team if the gift is for a boy or girl, nominate an age group and your gift will be delivered by the team at Rotary to a child who will appreciate the lift to their festive season,” Madilyn said. Ray White Wamuran located at 1061 D’Aguilar Highway, Wamuran have a special giving tree in their front window to collect gifts for children and families who will be doing it tough this festive season.

“It’s a really simple way to put a smile on the face of a young child who might otherwise go without this Christmas,” Madilyn said. “Sometimes just a small gift can make the biggest difference to families who are struggling at an expensive time of year.” Ray White has run this initiative across Australia and New Zealand each December since 2012. Last year alone almost 3000 gifts were donated across 55 offices and delivered to children in need across Australia.

Contact: Madilyn Martin - Ray White Wamuran 07 5429 8355
Gifts collected during a Little Ray of Giving campaign are donated to Rotary in Australia and Ronald McDonald House Charities in New Zealand.

A Flying Start for Queensland Children

Year 6 & 7 in for a Flying Start in 2015!

2015 marks a year of change for our year 6 and 7 students. Year 7 will no longer be a part of primary schooling, with this grade moving to high schools as of 2015. High schools will have two sections - Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary. Junior Secondary is a phase of education in state secondary schools for Years 7, 8 and 9, which helps to ensure the bridge between primary and secondary school is safe, strong and consistent for all students. Junior Secondary focuses on age-appropriate education, and support for students’ wellbeing and transitions. It has been an absolute pleasure watching these students learn and grow over the last 7/8 years and all the staff at Wamuran.

Percussion Workshops

On Wednesday 19 November all Instrumental Music students had the opportunity to participate in Percussion Workshops with guest Percussionist Mr Camryn Brown. Students attended a 45 minute session of drumming activities aiming to strengthen students’ tempo, timing, and sense of rhythm. The activities were based on the concept of ‘Improvisation’ with students designing and performing rhythms on a variety of percussion instruments. These fun and intensive workshops will benefit all students. A huge thank you to Camryn for his expertise!

Helen Dan-Brittingham Instrumental Music Teacher
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from all the Staff at Wamuran!

I have really enjoyed the past two terms here at Wamuran State School. We have had fun and learnt lots of reading books from a variety of authors, keeping up with Current Affairs and hearing about celebrations from other cultures. I trust that everyone will have a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing you again sometime.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Leonie Horton, Library

Year 6 and 7 students have been busy working on their end of term assessments and getting ready for our final big two weeks with Wet 'n' Wild, graduation, graduation dinner, school concert, break up day and all the memories of the year being written into our yearbook ready for publication. It is sure to be an end of term to remember with all of our Year 6 and 7 students off to secondary schooling in 2015! We would like to wish all the year 6 & 7 students the best of luck for their High School years ahead.

Greg Smallacombe, Donna Bradshaw and Jodi Page

2014 - well what a year for me. Working a PE circuit at 3 schools has been a challenge but also very busy. I've tried to choose sports that students don't have much exposure to and I think they have enjoyed them. It has been great to finish the year off with swimming in this heat and the improvement in the students is evident. We also had successful Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals. I look forward to seeing many of you at the carnivals to support the students and see how well they've been working in PE this term.

Louise Sanderson, PE Teacher

4A

I would like to thank all of the families from 4A who have welcomed me to the Wamuran fold. The class has come so far over the last three months, working hard, having fun at camp and settling in new students. We are all looking forward to the last few weeks of school with lots of fun activities such as Swimming, Ball Games Day, the disco and our whole school concert/break up day. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!

Michelle Upin, Classroom Teacher

As Head of Special Education Services of the Mountain View Cluster I have had the privilege of working with staff and students at Wamuran SS for this year. My weekly visits have involved some individual work with students, meetings with parents and teachers as well as supporting Special Education Programs. Recently students participated in a day of recognition and celebration of diverse groups including students with disabilities. Not only did students have ‘fun’ and enjoy the varied activities, they took away some concepts such as ‘Fair doesn’t mean all students receive the same instruction.’ Understanding differences is certainly a wonderful skill that will provide lifelong benefits. Some students are moving to new schools in the transition to high school or other moves due to family circumstances. Best wishes to all students in their new school environments. For those students continuing their education at Wamuran I am sure you will continue your love of learning and achieve great outcomes.

- Brenda King, Head of Special Education

I would like to thank all our wonderful Playgroup families for the fun times this year. I am looking forward to seeing you all again next year! We have 1 week left this term please come along to the school hall on Friday morning at 9am for some Christmas fun. Also, I would like to thank all the amazing staff and students for helping me to experience a fantastic first year as a Teacher Aide - truly been a pleasure! Looking forward to more fun next year - Kerrie Jones, Teacher Aide & Playgroup Co-ordinator

2014 has been a year of fantastic opportunities for me and I would like to thank all of the staff and families that supported me in my time as Acting Deputy Principal. I look forward to the many opportunities that Wamuran SS has to offer all of us next year, and wish all of our wonderful Wamuran SS community a very safe and happy new year. Merry Christmas.

Michelle Gaske, Acting Deputy Principal

Pam Carille - Deputy Principal

I would like to say thank you to all of the Wamuran SS community for their kindness this year. Being at the front desk means that I get the pleasure of interacting with many of your children throughout the day, and I am constantly impressed with their manners and willingness to help someone in need. My job also means being the first point of call for all our wonderful families at Wamuran SS, and I thank you all for your patience and friendly smiles. On behalf of the P&C I would like to thank everyone who volunteered at our school this year - it is your involvement that keeps Wamuran's community spirit alive.

Looking forward to a fantastic 2015,

Kristel Moir, Admin Officer