At Wamuran State School we value:
- Success at all Stages
- The Feeling of Belonging
- Love of Learning
- Caring for Self, Others and the Environment

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Book Fair

Our second Book Fair held in week 2 was great success thanks to the many families that came along to experience our Under The Sea themed Fair.

It was wonderful to see the smiles on the children’s happy little faces when they saw all of the books arrive. We were able to raise over $1600 in commission that will be used to buy resources from Scholastic for our school Library. Thank you again to our families - with your support of the Book Fairs we are able to buy many additional resources and receive another $600 worth of Children’s Book Awards Books for free! We look forward to seeing you at next year’s fairs.

Year 6 Beach Safety Program

This term our Year 6 students joined with Year 6 students from Delaney’s Creek SS to participate in a Beach Safe program at Woorim Beach, Bribie Island. This was run by Surf Lifesaving Queensland. The ‘Beach Safe Practical’ program combined dry and water based activities. These sessions were designed to be fun, interactive and a great way to educate students on the important aspects of sun, surf and beach safety, whilst increasing their skills and confidence in the water and on the beach.

Important safety information was integrated into activities such as surf negotiation, swimming and beach games. Skills learnt included: beach flags, beach relays, dolphin diving and wading, tube rescues and water flags, beach sprints, CPR on sandcastle dummies, body boarding, boogie boarding, how to define rips and saving others caught in the surf. Another highlight was seeing whales breaching close to shore as well as some beautiful sunny days at the beach.

Thanks to Mrs Sanderson for organising this event for the first time for Wamuran. Here is a reflection from Charlee and Angie in 6A: We all had a long drive to Bribie Island, but it was worth the drive. We learnt the importance of BEACH SAFETY and to always make sure you are safe before you go to help someone. We all enjoyed our time at the beach learning how to save people and to be safe.
Do You Give A Gonski?

What does Gonski mean? The Gonski Review found that Australia is investing too little in schools, and that the way we distribute the money is neither fair nor effective. The six-year Gonski agreements the Federal Government signed began in 2014 and were designed to bring schools up to an appropriate level of resources in six years.

What does Gonski do? Gonski funding is having a significant impact on what students achieve. Schools are able to provide support such as: Smaller class sizes, Extra literacy and numeracy programs, Speech therapists and psychologists, More one-on-one support for struggling kids and more training for teachers.

What is the threat to Gonski? The Federal Government has refused to honour the signed Gonski agreements or even require State and Territory Governments to spend the Gonski funding on schools. Its refusal to pay its share of the last two years of Gonski funding will leave schools across the country without the resources they need to educate every child to a high level. This decision will cut $2.8 billion from public schools alone – enough funding to pay for more than 20,000 teachers.

What will happen without Gonski? Without the full funding, children in schools will miss out on the support and attention they need to reach their potential. We cannot as a nation accept a situation where some students are educated in schools which are properly resourced while others are held back by a lack of resources. All governments and all political parties need to support this once-in-a-generation opportunity to work together and properly resource our schools.

Special People Giving Kids A Boost

Have you seen this shirt around our school lately? These volunteers are making a difference to the learning of our P-2 students through the Booster Reading Program. The Booster Reading Program is a 10 week program developed to build the fluency in our young readers and set them up for future success. So when you’re dropping your children off in the mornings and perhaps see one of these amazing helpers, give them a thanks and let them know they’re doing a great job.

Year 4/5 Mapleton Camp

We got off the bus and went to the meeting area of the camp. Here we were assigned our cabins and then we were ready for our first activity. We met our instructor Fiona. She taught us about orienteering. We were assigned a map and a compass and we had to find the hidden points on the map using the compass. The points were really hard to find because they were either small or big, so we didn’t know exactly where to find them. After we found the points we were back for lunch. We had a bowl of pasta and garlic bread. After we had our lunch we met back at the meeting area for our next activity. We had a very scary and fear facing activity next…...the flying fox!!!!

The flying fox was in a clearing to the south of camp, it was eleven metres high and 110 metres long. It was a very scary, fun activity, which was so high some students didn’t do it. There was a lot of safety involved in going on the flying fox. The harness was very complicated. We then met another instructor Bryon who took us for canoeing. First we learnt how to put on a PFD (life jacket) and then he put us with a partner. I was partnered with Mitchell. We were playing a game called Don’t Get the Croc and when we got back to show who had the croc we got tipped out of the canoe. Next we played a game where we had to swim in the dam and then balance in the canoe. Jayden and Lily were told to capsize the canoe and everyone ended up in the dam!

Written by Lachlan S and Chelsea B.
**2016 Prep Enrolments**

Was your child born between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011? Call 5429 9444 to enrol in Prep at Wamuran SS!

Prep Enrolment Interviews have started and Parent Information Evenings set. Please download the enrolment forms from www.wamuranss.eq.edu.au and return them before October 31 to secure your spot!

**Moved? New phone Numbers?**

Please keep your contact details and child’s medical details updated with us at all times. It is crucial that we are able to contact you and have up to date medical information in the event of an emergency. All updates can be emailed to kmoir6@eq.edu.au or made through the new QParents app.

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**From the Principal**

Term 4 is a very busy time for students and staff. We have a range of fantastic events planned over the coming weeks and look forward to seeing lots of Parents and Carers onsite and getting involved.

We are very excited to be hosting a very valuable Parent Workshop on Emotional Resilience. This is at a cost of $10 per person and gold coin donation for tea and coffee. School staff will also be receiving training in early 2016. See our website for more details! Child supervision is available if required.

World Teachers Day is this Thursday 29 October. This is a day to celebrate the wonderful work our Teachers do every day! Day for Daniel is on this Friday 30 October, and we hope to see everyone wearing red and joining in on the activities.

Lunchtimes are now very busy for our year 4 – 6 students, thanks to the Sporting Schools grant we received. The upper school students are enjoying Basketball, Cricket and Touch Football provided by local professional sporting groups.

Leadership positions for 2016 are well under way with applications closing at the end of week 5. I also look forward to presenting awards this Wednesday Night at the Tullawong State High School academic awards Night. It is always a pleasure to see so many past Wamuran students acknowledged for their hard work and commitment.

World Tuckshop Day is coming up next week, and is a special day where we get the chance to celebrate and say thanks to our Tucker Box staff and volunteers. This will be on Friday 6 November. We will also be getting our groove on that night at the school Disco!

Prep 2016 Orientation Program is also in full swing with only 2 more Parent Information sessions to go. If you would like to enrol your child for 2016 please call 5429 9444 as soon as possible. Please also advise us if your child will no longer be attending Wamuran SS in 2016, as we are getting ready to collate classes for 2016.

Mapleton Camp for Years 4 and 5 and Beach Skills for our Year 6 students were both great successes with students learning some new skills, including getting along and resilience.

Please remember to check your term calendar regularly to see what events are on and when payments are due. We look forward to spending a productive and fun end of year with you and your family Christmas will be here before we know it!

Sue Clement