From the Principal

We are already in May and the year is rolling on very quickly! The last day of Term One was our annual Easter Bonnet Parade and another successful event for Wamuran S S. Thank you to Mrs Gail Wyss for her organisation and presentation on the day. Thank you also to the families who attended and supported the parade. The Student Council fundraising Easter Raffle was another successful event.

Our Years 5 & 6 students attended Gala Day on April 29 to play soccer and softball, and all involved reported that this was a great day. Our PE Teacher, Ms Emma Salter, has introduced NRL into Wamuran SS and Steve Belchem, Development Officer for NRL in the Sunshine Coast Region, is also working with the students to develop this program.

The annual national assessment program (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5 students will be held on Tuesday 10 to Thursday 12 May, with Friday being the catch-up day for any absentees. We hope that our Year 3 & 5 students enjoy a good night’s sleep and a big breakfast – perhaps from the Tucker Box special breakfast deals!

It was lovely to receive feedback from the District Cross Country on Thursday 5 May. One grandmother commented, “The camaraderie of the team was wonderful.” A member of the public commented, “the manners of the students were fantastic.” We are very proud of our student’s sportsmanship, and congratulate them all on this and on gaining 2nd place for their division. Congratulations also go to Hamish S and Noah M for placing high enough to be invited to regionals. Well done to you all!

Our annual ANZAC Service was on Friday 22 April in front of our memorial garden. Thank you to the families and invited guests who attended. On Monday 25 April many school families also participated in the ANZAC service at NASHOS Park, Wamuran. Our School Leaders and School Band “did us proud”, with their performances and speeches. Miss Jant Gourley, past Wamuran SS student and bugle player, played a beautiful rendition of the Last Post and Reveille for both services. On occasions such as these I feel immense pride in Wamuran’s community spirit; it is truly flourishing and increasing every year.

Our Mother’s Day stall was a huge success this. We were overwhelmed with the support of the stall this year. Thank you to the families who made purchases and to the volunteers who organised and manned the stall. There will be many smiling Mothers and Grandmothers on Mothers’ Day 2016!

Our Year One students will be participating in a history excursion to the old, local and Historical Society this term, with more information to come home soon. Our Gymnastics program has commenced on Fridays, the students are enjoying their sessions and the feedback has been very positive.

You may have noticed some new faces at Wamuran SS! This term we have employed additional Teacher Aides to support student learning. Welcome to Mrs Harris, Mrs Walker, Mrs Hilton, Mrs Hutchings, Mrs Payne, Mrs Bowen and Mrs Hullah. We hope that your time with us is most enjoyable.

This term and over the next few weeks, teachers are assessing our students in order to complete semester one reports. You will have the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher and discuss their progress at the end of term 2. Please ensure your child attends school every day. Regular attendance means that your child has their best opportunity to complete their learning tasks. Regular absenteeism means that a child misses out on classroom opportunities and learning with their peers. Learning is building upon what we know, and prior knowledge is acknowledged, expanded with new learning, deepened and consolidated. When a child misses parts of this process, their learning is affected.

Our FaceBook page, QParents, QSchools and EDiaries are all live! Our weekly communiqué is sent out to families who have provided a current email address. Teachers continue to communicate with families via face to face, interviews, email, phone and text. This is the digital age and we use all of these tools to keep you informed. Please keep us informed of phone number, email and address changes – this is a condition of enrolment and is vital, especially in case of emergency.

Have a wonderful term

Susan Clement
**Classroom Spotlight**

**Prep**

The Preps have had a fantastic start to Term 2. They are very excited to be starting home reading and gymnastics. This week they have been busy making a gift for their beautiful Mums in preparation for a Prep Mother’s day afternoon tea on Friday.

**Year 3**

Year 3 classes have been working on ANZAC day through their History lessons and this unit also included making ‘yummy’ ANZAC biscuits in a Wam Masterchef activity. Our eight year olds competed in their fun run on the school oval. Our nine year olds walked down to the Sports Club Oval and competed in the 2 Kilometre run. Next week we will be completing our NAPLAN sessions and all students have been working hard on their practice activities. Remember to have a big breakfast and early nights, and students will be having the week off from homework.

**Concert Band**

I would like to thank the school concert band students, past students and their families for their wonderful support at our Community ANZAC Day service. It was fantastic to see and hear so many dedicated students willing to give up their time to show respect to both our fallen soldiers and currently serving military personnel. “The band sounded amazing and looked great” were the comments from many members of the community. It was a great opportunity for us to work as a backing band for two extremely talented singers, JulieAnne Wolfe and Jacquille Pringle. Thank again to everyone for your continued support.

Mrs Janelle Moore  
Instrumental Music Teacher  

**DID YOU KNOW?** Countless studies have shown higher grades are achieved by students who practice music, especially in Grades 4-7. Students may gain up to a year in NAPLAN scores in reading if they participate in arts education.

**Sports News**

Congratulations to all students who participated in the school cross country. Thank you parents & carers for supporting this event, it was wonderful to see so many students participating in house colours. Thanks to all the staff for your support and hard work in coordinating the event. Eligible students represented the school at the District Cross Country event, held on Thursday the 5th of May. Winner of the house trophy was Bracalba, congratulations!

The following student’s achieved places on the day:

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**ANZAC Day**

On April 22 2016, Wamuran SS held their Annual ANZAC parade. Everyone did a great job at setting up, speaking, laying their wreaths and packing up. Our instrumental music band did a fantastic job. It was lovely to see our parents, grandparents and special guests come to pay their respects and support our students. Jant Gourley played the Last Post beautifully on her bugle. The school captains took great pride in participating in the dawn service at the NASHO’s park. They spoke very clearly and made our school proud. Our instrumental band and Jant did a fantastic job, everyone enjoyed listening to them.

Thank you to everyone that attend, it was a great service - Abbie H, Year 6
P&C News

Happy Mother’s Day!

Our Mother’s Day Stall was a hit, with over $1400 raised in just one day of sales – AMAZING! Thank you to the team of volunteers who provided support for this, and to Mrs Sara Payne for her organisation of the stall. Events like this are only possible with a team of volunteers and of course, support from our wonderful Wam families, and we thank you all. All our fundraising event profits go towards our two long term goals –

- A New Home Reader Program – approx. $8000
- Air Conditioning for the whole school – approx. $50 000

We look forward to our community assisting us in reaching these goals for our students – together we can make a difference!

NEW! Sustainability Committee

A group of parents have developed a new Wamuran State School sustainability committee! The goal is to ensure all children have experiences with natural ecosystems; to enhance children’s understanding of food systems and to help children to develop positive environmental attitudes and behaviours. Let’s enlighten children’s understanding that, “When we take care of the Earth, we also take care of ourselves”. Join the committee in finding sustainability solutions for our school. Come along to our first meeting on Monday 9th May at 9:30 in the hall meeting room. Please remember to sign in at the office first.

As a parent, you have the power to channel children’s positive energies and help them to know that they are not helpless; that change is possible, and that they can drive it.

If you are unable to attend but would love to be kept up to date, send along your name an email to Marissa at where_are_we@hotmail.com.

WOOSHCR News

Casual Position Vacant -

Wamuran Out of School Hours Care

Educator/Educational Leader required for casual position at Wamuran Out of School Hours Care. Applicants need to have completed Certificate 111 in Children’s Services and be either enrolled or willing to enrol into Diploma of Children’s Services. Applications close Monday 16th May. Resumes can be emailed to woosci2@eq.edu.au or taken to the school office. Please call WOOSHCR on 0405419959 for any enquiries.

Wamuran Out Of School Hours Care offers quality Child Care on the school premises. It is a not for profit organisation run through a sub-committee of the Wamuran State School Parents and Citizens Association. In the case of unplanned events bookings can be made by calling 0405 419 959, however children must be enrolled prior to this. We provide breakfast and afternoon tea at no extra cost to families. For all bookings or more information please contact Cheryl Dowell (Director) or speak to staff on 0405 419 959.

Chappy News

Each newsletter Chappy will be sharing with you some of the 12 fundamentals for mental and emotional health from David J Riddell. This week we will look at:

4. Mental health is characterized by REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS, both for myself and others, and adjusting them when they are no longer helpful. They know that expectations are subconscious assumptions which need to be examined whenever they prove to be troublesome. They are perfectionists or idealists who beat up on anything short of their ideals, or lapse into ‘anything goes – no worries’ irresponsibility. Their expectations are too high or too low.

5. Mental health is ACCEPTING MY PAST. By attending to the damaged perspectives which result from old abuse, trauma or regrets, wherever our misinterpretations and over-reactions indicate that there is a problem. “Can you recall without recoil?” Sick thinkers live amongst their baggage. By remaining in the perceptions and feelings of the past, they keep the past alive in the present. This deep prejudice subsequently sabotages their present relationships and ensures a hell of a future. If we do not learn from our past, we are condemned to repeat the same mistakes.
National Family Reading Month, designed to get more kids reading with their families, is celebrating its 20th year!

Research shows us that family reading time is one of the BEST ways to grow a child’s interest in the wonderful world of books. We encourage students to read with a family member for at least 10 minutes every day.

Got a spare 5 minutes? Are you waiting for the washing to finish? Are you sitting waiting at sports or dance training? Grab a book and share a special time with your child. Make it a wonderful end to the day read to your child for 10 minutes at bed time. These times make all the difference and you’re creating wonderful memories. Happy Reading!

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. On Wednesday 25 May the Preps to Year 2’s at Wamuran are invited to a reading of the book ‘I Got This Hat’ by Jol & Kate Temple, they will be joining in and enjoying the book with thousands of other Australian children. Promoting the love of books and reading.

I got this hat in China. I got this hat from a miner. I got this hat from a deep-sea diver. I got this hat from a racing-car driver... Hats. Only the headless dislike them. Everyone else loves wearing them! In this fun title we take a peek at the world around us through the playful medium of hats.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Premier’s Reading Challenge starts again soon so get ready to get reading!

The challenge will run from the 16th of May till the 26th of August. Your child will bring home their reading record form next week. This is where they will record the books they have read or experienced over the next few months. All students who complete the challenge will receive a signed certificate from the Premier. Prep to year 2 read or experience 20 books, years 3 & 4 read 20 books, year’s 5 & 6 read 15 books. When you have completed the challenge please drop your form back into the Library. For more information please go to www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge
Monster Book Fair

The bi-annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library from 23 - 26 May. The children will be viewing the Book Fair with their teachers on Monday 23 May, so keep a look out for the brochure and their wish list. We are open for sales on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from:

- 8:15-9:00am
- 11:15-11:50am
- 3:00-3:30pm

Parents and caregivers are welcome to come at these times to help their children choose their purchases or even purchase for themselves.

We are able to accept cash, online payments (see the back of the wish list for details), Eftpos & cheques. (Cheques must be made to Scholastic Australia Pty Ltd. Please write your name, address and phone number on the back.)

We will have Junior Fiction, Fiction and Non-Fiction books, book packs at special prices, and pencils, posters and erasers available to purchase. A free bookmark is given with the purchase of a book.

Proceeds from the Book Fair benefit our school and our students greatly as we receive up to 35% commission of sales to purchase new resources for our children to use and read. We look forward to seeing you at our Monster Book Fair!
Yellow Ribbon – Road Safety Week

Every day thousands of emergency first responders risk their lives protecting motorists. Whether it’s the police, ambulance, fire & rescue personnel or RACQ’s patrol and tow truck operators, they all depend upon the awareness of passing motorists to keep them safe. Yellow Ribbon Day was launched nationally by Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH) Inc in May 2012 to promote road safety, especially for those who work on the roads, and support those affected by road tragedy. The campaign is an initiative of Peter Frazer, whose daughter, Sarah, was killed in a tragic accident that occurred on the Hume Highway earlier that year. On May 3 – 10 slow down and give others space. Drive so others survive.

Message from Stuart Gardner Manager Road Safety SEQN

School crossing supervisors contribute to Transport and Main Roads’ positive profile in the community. They have an extremely important role - to promote road safety among young children and educate them on how to use a supervised crossing. This Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Week we say thank you to our School Crossing Supervisors!

School Crossing Supervisors play a vital role in keeping our children safe. They improve the safety of travel to and from school for students in the city as well as regional and remote areas, whether they walk, cycle or travel by bus or car.

In hot, cold or wet weather, the supervisors are there, ensuring children are kept out of harm’s way. Supervised crossings are an important part of Transport and Main Roads’ road safety program. I cannot stress enough the importance of a school crossing supervisor’s role.

School crossing supervisors are the unsung heroes of school road safety. They play a vital role in helping thousands of students get to and from school safely each day.

This week is Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Week when we say thank you to those who assist us on the roads and help us stay safe.
Neighbourhood Watch Queensland

The Wamuran Neighbourhood Watch Association Inc, and partners are proud to invite you to two free community safety events for 2016. These events are supported by Neighbourhood Watch Queensland through two small grants, and by our community partners.

1. **A Tamper Proof Screw Day** – to be held at the Wamuran Community Markets, in conjunction with the Wamuran Historical and Visitors Centre, and the Queensland Police Service (QPS).
   WHEN: 28 MAY 2016, from 7am to 12pm
   WHERE: D’Aguilar Highway, near the ‘Old School Building’ and beside the Wamuran Community Hall.

   Bring along your vehicle and collect your free tamper proof screws designed to prevent removal and theft. The screws have been funded by the community grant. The QPS and NHW volunteers will be there to answer any questions.

2. A Community Safety evening with the Queensland Police Service – talking about staying safe in your local community and while driving.
   WHEN: Tuesday, 31st May 2016, 7pm to 9pm.
   Refreshments provided.
   WHERE: The Wamuran State School Hall (entry via main gate on D’Aguilar Highway, park on oval, hall at back of oval)

Selected topics designed for women and young drivers, but all are welcome. Meet members of the QPS, who will be presenting, and have your questions answered, about keeping safe yourself and your children safe, and safety when out in your vehicle.

*Topics may include:* staying safe while out and about; mobile phones; driver updates; driving in difficult conditions – eg heavy rain; alcohol and your safety; changing a flat tyre; checking the oil, water and tyre pressure of your car; dealing with road rage and intimidation etc....

If you wish to attend this evening could you pls RSVP to Susanna on 0417713210 by 16 May 2016, as this will assist us to cater for refreshments and to ensure we have adequate space and resources etc.
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