Week 8

18 March
- Tucker Box Open

19 March
- P&C Meeting 1 – 3pm

20 March
- Tucker Box Open
- Book Club Due
- Wam Celebrates! Science

21 March
- Parade 2.25pm

22 March
- Tucker Box Open
- Uniform shop open 8.30 – 10am
- Interschool Sport Yr 6 & 7

Week 9

25 March
- Tucker Box Open
- Cross Country Yr 4 – 7
- Wam sports grounds 9 – 11am
- NAPLAN Parent Workshops 9am & 3:30pm

26 March
- Fun Run Prep - 3 School oval 2 – 3pm

27 March
- Tucker Box Open

28 March
- Easter Bonnet Parade 9am
- Liven up your Lunchbox 10 -11am

29 March
- PUBLIC HOLIDAY & School Holidays

March Diary Dates

18 March 2013

What’s On
- March 29 Good Friday
- School Holidays 29 March – 14 April
- Monday 15 April students return to school
- Wednesday 24 April ANZAC Parade in the hall 9am
- Thursday 25 April ANZAC Day Public Holiday

From the Principal

Thank you to the many children and parents who supported our National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, Bullying. No Way! Make a stand together and Harmony Day. Wamuran joins these two recognition days together because we view them as supportive of each other. The theme of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. At Wamuran State School we value: Caring for self, others and the environment, The feeling of belonging, Love of learning, Success at all stages

Thursday parade was a proud day in our year. Once again Mrs Kavanagh led the planning of Harmony Day recognition, thank you. The huge hearts adorning the stage spelt out the strong message. Thank you to Miss Carlie for her innovative tie dye T Shirts. Thank you to our three mums - Kelly, Nicole and Sara and the year 7 students who assisted with the process. The sea of orange shirts looked amazing! A mammoth amount of $1000 was raised towards keeping our Chaplain in our school every Friday in 2013. Our target is $10,000 for the year and we are a quarter of the way there. Look out for further opportunities to be involved in support of our Chaplaincy Program. Chappy Tania celebrated one year at Wam on Thursday.

Are you aware? Bullying fact – Peers (students) are present as onlookers in 87% of bullying interactions and play a central role in the bullying process. Did you know that an onlooker, who either does nothing or encourages others to do something, is showing bullying behaviours? They are as much a bully as the one who uses bad words or becomes violent.

Parent and child discussion can have an enormous effect on what teachers see and hear at school. http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/index.html

Our Fun Run is fast approaching and we ask that you take a responsible approach to supervising your children when they are seeking sponsors. Unaccompanied children asking strangers for sponsorship is unsafe and should be highly discouraged. We look forward to seeing you at the Fun Run in the last week of school.

As the holidays approach, we have a number of Wam events – Wam Celebrates Science on Wednesday 20 March and Easter Bonnet Parade for the whole school on Thursday 28 March. We look forward to seeing you at our Wam events.

In closing our 2012 School Opinion Surveys, parent response to- My child likes being at this school. 100% in agreement and My child feels safe at this school.100% in agreement. Students, parents and staff together make a school; together we can make a difference. We do not expect perfection but we do expect excellence in our students. This week, help your child to reach excellence.

Warm regards, Sue
**Easter Bonnet Parade News**
Wamuran will be holding an eggs-iting Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday 28 March at 9am. All parents, grandparents and other family members are welcome to attend. Students in Prep - Year 3 will be participating in learning and performing Easter Songs and making Easter Bonnets. Year 4 - 7 will be attending the parade and we encourage you to make your own Easter Hat or Bonnet at home if you wish for students in these year levels. If you do not wish your child to participate in this parade please contact the office or let your classroom teacher know. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Easter Parade Photographs**
Don’t be sad if you cannot be at the Easter Bonnet Parade this year, because we have been given the wonderful opportunity of having professional photographs taken to record this event. Candid photographs will be taken of the parade and it is envisaged that these will be incorporated into the photo stories that we love to see at the end of year concert. In addition, individual photographs will be taken of children with bonnets who have returned order forms that indicate parental media consent. These photographs can be purchased for $1 each. As the price is so low and we do not have facilities for pre-purchase perusal of photographs, if you indicate that you would like to buy your child’s photo, the coordinator will choose the best photograph they have of your child and order that print. The order form is on the school website and you may order multiple copies. Only one print run will be conducted. Orders and payment need to be received at the office by Tuesday 23 April. This offer is mainly aimed at providing a service to our wonderful school community however, any extra money that is made by this offer will be donated to Chaplaincy.

**Lost Property**
Please make sure you check your child’s hats and jumpers are all labelled as their own on a weekly basis. Numerous items have gone missing, most of which are clearly named. If you find that your child has mistakenly picked up someone else’s item, please send it to the school office as soon as possible. Discussions with your child about how to recognize their name will help to minimize this happening, and will also help to reduce nits spreading from child to child. We appreciate your help in this matter.

**Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser**
Our wonderful Community Liaison, Ange Cooper, has organised a “Hot Cross Bun” Fundraiser for our school this Easter. At only $3.90 per 6 pack this is a bargain for yourself, your friends and your family! Order forms are available at the office and all orders must be back by this Friday March 22. As no late orders can be accepted please be quick to order your easter treats!

**What Does the Future Hold?**
We are conducting a small research project that investigates the citizenship involvement of our students after they have left our school. Our students are active members of our community and are encouraged and supported in many activities that promote citizenship: Helping others. If your child has gone on to join a service club or been recognized for their contribution to an organisation please let us know. If you have a friend who attended Wamuran SS, that you know has gone on to participate in citizenship activities, please also let us know. Phone the office on 54299 444 or send an email to admin@wamuranss.eq.edu.au.

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**Living up your lunchbox!**
We would like to invite you to join us to hear; Mandy Schultz, naturopath, share exciting and easy ways to create healthy lunchboxes.

Meet with us for a morning tea where you can taste test some scrumptious lunch box ideas.

**When:** Thursday 28 March  
**Time:** 10:00am – 11:00am  
(straight after the Easter Bonnet Parade)  
**Where:** Library Seminar Room  
**Cost:** Free

**Bring a friend or two.**
Please RSVP by 27 March so that we can cater for everyone.  
Ring Kristel on 54299 444

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**Years 4 - 7 Cross Country**
This year the Cross Country will be held on Monday, 25 March. Students in years 4 - 7 will compete at the Wamuran Sports Ground beginning at 9:20am. The students will depart school at 9am and will walk to the grounds. Students will compete in their age groups beginning with the 9 year olds through to the 13 year olds. The events should conclude at approximately 11:00am. It is important to make sure your child is at school on time so they can leave with their classmates. All students are encouraged to wear their Sports House Colours and bring hats, appropriate shoes (no spikes) and water bottles. Parents, family members and friends are most welcome to attend to support the students. Sponsorship Forms have been sent home and the race is on to see which class collects the most!

**Years P - 3 Fun Run**
The Fun Run will be held on Tuesday 26 March. Students in Prep – Yr 3 will compete at the Wamuran State School Oval beginning at 2:00pm with the Prep students and moving up the year groups, finishing with the year 3 students. All students are encouraged to wear their Sports House Colours and bring hats, appropriate shoes (no spikes) and water bottles. Parents, family members and friends are most welcome to attend to support the students. Sponsorship Forms have been sent home and the race is on to see which class collects the most!

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**Afternoon Plaza Student Collection**
The new system for afternoon plaza collection is working well and each day we are getting faster at assisting students to
Our school rule focus for Weeks 8 & 9 is Be Safe ("Move about safely", and "play safely"). Our Program Achieve focus is Emotional resilience ("Bounce back – it's not as bad as you think" and "make decisions and just do it"). Using the same language at home as we do at school will assist children by having similar expectations and known clear boundaries that they can understand.

Sports News

Regional Swimming Trials
On Tuesday 5 March William competed in the Regional Swimming Trials. William swam admirably, earning Personal Best times in every race! Congratulations to William from everyone at Wamuran State School.

District Sports Trials
Basketball - Boys 12 and under – Tuesday March 19 3.30pm-4.45pm at Tullawong State School
Basketball - Girls turning 10, 11, 12 this year – Wednesday March 20 4pm-5pm at St. Eugene College Burpengary
Rugby League – under 11’s – Wednesday March 20 3.45pm-4.45pm at St Eugene College Burpengary
Rugby League – under 12’s – Tuesday March 19 3.45pm-5.15pm at St Columban's College Caboolture
Touch Football – Boys and Girls turning 10, 11, 12 this year – Monday 22 April and Friday 26 April 3.45pm- 5.15pm at the Caboolture Touch Fields, Peterson Rd, Caboolture

For more information on any of these days please call Kristel on 5429 9444.

Chappy News

Chappy Breakfast
Every Thursday morning toast with assorted spreads is available from 8:15 in the hall.

Harmony Day – Anti-Bullying Day
It is so important for children to have positive communication skills with each other, so that they can independently resolve all situations in a respectful way. This will help them to have confidence in who they are, the correct boundaries they need and to help them develop healthy negotiating skills.

Blessings,
Chappy Tania

P & C News

Next P & C Meeting - NEW TIME - Tuesday 19 March
Our next meeting for the P&C (Parents and Citizens) will be held on Tuesday 19 March, From 1pm – 3pm in the Hall Conference Room. We are trialling this new time to make meetings more family friendly. P & C meetings are a great place to meet other parents and find out more about coming events in our school.

P&C Treasurer – Are you good with numbers?
We are currently looking for a treasurer to join our P&C executive. An accounting background is an advantage but not required, hours involved per week will vary due to events being held in our school, for example around Children’s carnival time (September) there are extra transactions to be balanced and this may take some extra time. Attending the monthly P&C meeting is also an advantage but not mandatory. If you are interested in the position and would like to find out more please call Jayne on 54299444

Grant Writer Needed
Have you had experience writing grant applications? Are you interested in writing a grant application for our school? We are in need of a new playground in the bottom play area (near the highway). The P&C wish to apply for a grant for $35,000 to purchase and build a new playground for the children to enjoy. Anybody willing to apply for the grant on the P&C’s behalf can contact Jayne on 5429 9444.

Tucker Box News

This Wednesday we will be selling tea, coffee and lots of yummy goodies to all parents who come along to Science day. Service will be available until 2pm. Please see Tucker Box for menu.

Next Monday 25 March the Tucker Box will be closing at 12.00pm due to other commitments. Afternoon tea orders will be filled and sent to classrooms prior to closing. There will be NO counter service at 2nd break.

Please download the new Tucker Box menu for 2013 located under facilities at our website – simply follow this link: www.wamuranss.eq.edu.au.

Volunteers for 2013
Please contact Ange at the Tucker Box if you are interested in assisting in 2013. Shifts are available on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays form either 8:30am-12.00pm or 12.00pm to 3pm. Volunteering is great fun and comes with training and a free lunch*

Tucker Box phone: 5429 9407 or Ange: 0412 055 703.

Community News

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work as a Zoo Keeper?
Well, wonder no more because the school holidays are back, and so is Australia Zoo’s holiday program, Zoo Keeper For a Day! If you are aged between seven and twelve you can join the zoo crew to help feed the animals and clean enclosures, with exclusive behind the scenes access and plenty of hands-on action with some of our gorgeous animals. It’s a day you won’t forget! Places are booking out fast so call 07 5436 2025 to make a reserve your spot. Ages: 7 - 12 years Price: $85 includes: Zoo entry, Zoo Keeper for a Day cap and water bottle, lunch, photo with one of our animals Duration: 5 hours Location: Australia Zoo Dates: 29 March to 14 April 2013 Further details are available at www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day

Conscious Life Festival presents: Kids Culture
When: Sat and Sun 4 May 9:30am – 4pm, Where: Perigian Beach College, 41 Old Emu Rd, Sunshine Coast Cost: $5 entry, children under 16 free.