From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

Here we are – half way through term two, with NAPLAN behind us and students completing their final assessments ready for inclusion on their Semester One 2013 report. In our second year of explicit teaching of the Australian Curriculum, students and teachers are embracing the learning with some excellent engagement and very pleasing results.

NAPLAN assessment was completed last week by students in Years 3, 5 and 7. Spelling, grammar, writing, reading and numeracy tests were administered over the week. The results will be released later in the year.

Mrs Jenny Oakley, Year 3A teacher on Fridays, has recently been appointed the Principal of The River School in Maleny. Jenny will complete the semester with us and we offer our sincere Congratulations and our best wishes to go with you Jenny. Thank you for your contribution to the education of Wamuran students over the years.

Wamuran Market is on again this Saturday and Year Three are our lucky students running the stall this month. If you are a parent of a year three student – please support their effort by returning the permission form this week, they are very excited about their stall! All Wamuran community members are invited to attend the market and support the Year Three stall. The students will be very pleased to see you there!

Tuckerbox menu offerings are seasonal and they are currently offering warm drinks before school on tuckshop days – delicious! Sushi has been a yummy lunch alternative recently, and Fried Rice order forms have gone out to your children last week.

Chappy Tania has returned to us! It was great to have Chappy back at school on Thursday. She is not 100% as yet but is on the mend. We are holding our fundraising day for Chappy this week:

**Happy Chappy Day**

Thursday 23 May - **Dress in colourful clothes** – gold coin donation **Crazy Hair** – Come with your own or bring $2 to get coloured hair spray applied in the plaza area Thursday morning between 8:20am – 8:50am. All funds raised go to chaplaincy.

**WAM Word Buzz** final will be staged on parade, commencing at 2.00pm on 30 May. Everyone is invited to attend and cheer on the finalists, we look forward to seeing you there!

Warmest regards,  Sue Clement
Construction Works
Over the coming months our school will be experiencing some minor and major construction and maintenance works. This is part of the government’s fulfilment of their “maintenance funding to schools” commitment. Please talk with your children about staying clear of work areas and general safety around our school as these works are completed. As you can see our students are already enjoying the benefits of new sand in our sand pits!

Woolworths Earn and Learn is on again!
From Monday 8 April, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet. There will be 1 Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent. Once completed, students can place their Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet in the collection Box in the school office.

Family Portrait CD’s have arrived!
If you have ordered one of these CD’s full of your beautiful Laura Jean Family Portraits please see Kristel in the office as soon as possible to collect them.

Remove, Replace and Add
Changing the food that your children eat is not that easy. After all, they like what they like! Try doing it gradually and you may have more success. Adopt the “remove, replace and add” slogan when making your lunchboxes.
Remove: Remove one item that you can easily identify as not healthy. Just one. We don’t want your child to go into shock at the removal of all treats!
Replace: Try replacing one item with one that is similar. EG white bread is replaced by brown or multigrain bread, or, and this is a good one; Flavoured chips for plain chips.
Add: Add something new that is healthy, that your child may not have tried before. Perhaps celery sticks, or a finger salad with cucumber, feta, tomato tomatoes and olives… yummy! Perhaps the biggest change will be made by sharing your plans with your child, explaining why you want to make a change and involving them in the process. We would love to share some of your tips for encouraging your child to eat in a healthy way. Please send any ideas up to Kristel in the office.

History and Report Cards
The Australian Curriculum: History has been implemented in Australian schools. At Wamuran State School we are teaching History in Term 2 and 3 and SOSE in Term 1 and 4. You can expect to have marks for both subjects on the Semester 1 and Semester 2 report cards. As report cards are written half way through Term 2, your child will not have had the opportunity to finish one complete unit of History or to have completed their assessment by that time. However, Teachers will have collected work samples and small assessments that will enable them to allocate your child an appropriate report card mark. Any assessments completed in the later part of the term will be combined with Term 3’s assessment, which will then be used to determine final levels for the Semester 2 report cards. It has been exciting to watch the children across the school engage with History. The History club under the guidance of Mrs Mabb, Miss Cook (pre-service teacher) and Miss Carilie, is going great guns and in the words of Bonnie S (4/5B), “I love History, it is great!”

National Simultaneous Story Time 2013
National Simultaneous Story Time is an important campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 13th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian picture book that explores age appropriate themes and addresses key learning areas of the National curriculum for Grades 1 - 6. This year is the first time that Wamuran State School has participated in this event. We along with thousands of students from across Australia will be sharing the book: The Wrong Book, written by Nick Bland. Teachers and year 7 students will be reading this book with Prep, year 1 and 2 students at 11:00am in the top undercover area. If you would like to bring younger siblings to enjoy this event you are most welcome. Tuckshop is still on for Years 1 and 2 and any parents who would like to buy a delicious coffee, they are available from the tuckshop for $3. Varieties include: Cappuccinos, Americanos and Hot chocolate. Hot drinks, beautiful scenery, fun with kids and quality literature. Does it get any better?

Gotchas Winners:
P – 3: Grace L, Annabelle J, Monique M, Deegan K, Hayden H, Kenneth S
4-7: Haylee H, Ben E-C, David M, Bailey J, Keyana C, Tahlia B
Our school rule for Weeks 6 & 7 focuses on:
  - Be Safe “Move about safely”
  - Be Responsible “Do your best”
Our Program Achieve focuses on:
  - Emotional Resilience “Make good choices”
  - Persistence “Stay on task”
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.

Next P & C Meeting – Tuesday 21 May
Our next meeting for the P&C (Parents and Citizens) will be held on Tuesday 21 May, 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.

Friday 7 June Wamuran Sports Club Dinner
Come on down to the Wamuran Sports Club Dinner Night (1st Friday of every month) at the Sports Grounds, Campbell’s Pocket Rd from 6pm. Meals are priced from just $3.00 for kids up to $10 for adults and include Seafood Baskets, Steak, Lasagne, Burgers, Hot Dogs and Crumbed Chicken all served with chips and salad. Drinks and Dessert are also available.
Be sure to join us this month for a great family night out and if you give us hand in the Kitchen from 5.30pm – 7.30pm or 7.30pm – 9.30pm please call the office on 5429 9444.

P&C Treasurer – Still Looking for a Volunteer – Can you help us?
We are currently looking for a treasurer to join our P&C executive. An accounting background is an advantage but not required, around 1 – 2 hours per week is required and may increase due to events being held in our school, for example around Children’s Carnival time (September) as there are extra transactions to be balanced. 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 5429 9444.

Corner of Gratitude
At Wamuran State School we are extremely lucky to have a dedicated team of volunteers, who come in day after day, week after week, right across all areas of the school. In our “Corner of Gratitude” we will be taking time each newsletter to thank these amazing people, because without them, our school would not be the same.

This newsletter we shine the spotlight on:

Our amazing Wam Tuckerbox Volunteers
These ladies work tirelessly week in and week out to assist, prepare and serve lunches to sometimes what seems like the whole school!
Over the past 18 months our Tucker Box has undergone some dramatic changes, none of which would be possible if it were not for the assistance of this special group of dedicated, hardworking ladies.
As Convener of the Tucker Box I would like to, on behalf of all staff, students and families at Wamuran State School, take this opportunity to say a massive THANK YOU and tell you how much we truly appreciate you! - Ange Cooper

If you know someone who has gone above and beyond for our school please let us know so we can continue to shine the spotlight on these wonderful acts of kindness.

Chappy News
Chappy’s Back!!
Welcome back to Chappy Tania, we have missed you and are very happy that you have recovered enough to join us here again.

Thursday Breakfast
Chappy Breakfast will resume this Thursday 23 May. Toast with vegemite, jam or honey is available from 8:15am.

Sports News
District Soccer
Well done to Jake D, Darcy C, Matthew G and Harry M who represented the Caboolture District in soccer on the 7 and 8 of May at Maroochydore. They had a very successful two days finishing undefeated and coming second overall. Congratulations to you all!

Weetbix Try-athlon
On Sunday 12 May 10 very proud Wamuran students woke up extra early to compete in the Weetbix Kids Try-athlon. Although they had to face challenges such as swimming up to 200m, cycling up to 6km and then finishing off with a running up to 1 km all our Wam kids competed admirably, to be rewarded with a gold medal each!
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Tucker Box News
Sushi Day
Our Sushi day last Wednesday was a massive success! A special thank you to our sensational Sushi roller Maria!

Fried Rice
On Wednesday 5 June we will be bringing you a little bit of a Asia with Fried rice on the menu.
An order form was sent home late last week. If you did not receive one please download a form from our web site or ask for one at the Tucker Box. The full regular menu will also be available on this day.

HELP NEEDED!
Are you able to assist in our busy Tucker Box for a few hours once a week, month or even term? Please contact Ange at the Tucker Box on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday in person or by telephone – 54299407 or phone 0412055703 anytime.
Full training and a delicious lunch are provided.

Like us on facebook to receive all the latest Tucker Box information and view our mouthwatering pictures. Simply search Wam Tuckerbox.

MOTHERS DAY STALL
Our Mother’s Day stall was a magnificent success with a profit of $1376.55 being raised! Thank you to the parents who assisted with service or donated goodies to sell, and thank you also to the many families who supported the stall.
The P&C would like to thanks Ange Cooper for her awesome effort in organizing our beautiful Mother’s Day Stall. Ange volunteers her time to organise these stalls each year so that our children can have this wonderful opportunity to purchase items for loved ones. Thank you Ange!

Please download the new Tucker Box menu for 2013 located under facilities at our website www.wamuranss.eq.edu.au

Community News
Wamuran Kids Club
Wamuran Kids Club is a great way to make friends while having loads of fun! Starting on Thursday 9 May and continuing each Thursday fortnight for kids in year 1 -7. From 6:00 pm – 7:30, at 20 Mountaintrack Dr Wamuran.
Please call Sam on 0408 280 161 for more information.