The thousands of tireless tuckshop workers in Queensland schools are unsung heroes, so on the first Friday in November each year they get a collective pat on the back during Tuckshop Day. Sometimes we forget to notice the important contribution tuckshop workers make to the everyday operation of schools. Tuckshop Day is a day to say thanks to all our amazing volunteers and our wonderful convenor, Ange Cooper, for all their hard work and dedication. In addition, the Queensland Government holds an awards night to honour Queensland’s tuckshop workers. This year, our Tucker Box was celebrated with 3 awards – Top 10 Queensland Menu, Top 10 Queensland Tuckshop and a special Commendation for our very own Ange Cooper for Queensland Tuckshop Convenor or the year 2013. Congratulations to each and every person who works in our Tucker Box, these were very well deserved awards. Every year our P&C works closely with Ange to ensure our children are provided with a Smart Choices menu. The Smart Choices strategy supports school tuckshops to offer healthy food and drink choices. Tuckshop workers use the main ideas in the strategy to promote healthy eating as a way of maintaining good health. A nutritious diet ensures students’ “fuel” supplies are topped up during the day which in turn supports schools’ social and learning objectives. Well done to this amazing team for helping to keep our kids healthy!

Help Keep Our Tucker Box Open!!!

Our Tucker Box currently operates for your children 5 days a week. Unfortunately, next year there is a very real possibility that we will have to reduce these days. Without volunteers our Tucker Box cannot operate, and at this point in time we simply do not have the volunteers to continue with 5 day operations. If you are able to donate any of your time – be it an hour, a day or a few days a week – please ring Ange on 5429 9407 as soon as possible. At this stage her timetable is looking very empty, so any time donated is appreciated. Your children get a kick out of seeing you at the tuckshop and the Wamuran Tucker Box team make your time spent there fun and rewarding – you even get a free lunch! Please, please, please ring Ange now and help keep our Tucker Box open.
The Wam Word

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- Success at all Stages
- The Feeling of Belonging
- Love of Learning
- Caring for Self, Others and the Environment

Uniform Changes for 2014
From 2014 all students enrolled in Wamuran State School are required to wear plain black footwear with white socks. Please ensure plain black shoes are purchased for your child over the Christmas break. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Prep Parent Needed!!!
On November 23 our Prep students will hold their Market Stall, but at present we do not have a Parent Co-Ordinator. Without a parent coordinator our Preppies will have to miss their turn to hold the stall. This is a fantastic opportunity for all students to improve social and mathematical skills in real life situations. Please call Kristel asap on 5429 9444 if you are able to help.

Students Leaving Wamuran in 2013
We ask parents of students in years Prep to six who know their children won’t be attending Wamuran State School next year to please call 5429 9444.

Student Placement for 2014
At this time of the year we commence planning our classes for next year. Between now and the end of the year, teachers will be placing children in class groups for 2014. Our decisions are not made lightly as there are many factors to consider. If you have a special request, please submit this on the “Parental Placement Request Form”. Verbal suggestions you may have had in past discussions with staff will not be recognised unless they are documented for this current year on our official 2014 Parental Placement Request Form. Late requests will not be accepted. All requests must be submitted on this form by Friday 22 November.

Monster Raffle Tickets
Please return forms for your family to sell Monster Raffle tickets by Friday 8 November. Tickets are only $1.00 each and there are a great range prizes to win, including an IPAD. Permission for tickets is required so please return your form as soon as possible.

Last P & C Meeting for 2013
Don’t miss our last meeting for 2013 as we make plans for our school in 2014. In February all positions become vacant so if you are interested in taking on any of these positions, President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, or need more information please contact Jayne on 5429 9444.
**Inclusive Education**

At Wamuran State School we have an array of diverse learners who have unique individualised learning needs. In line with Education Queensland inclusive education policy we endeavour to cater for all students at this school. The Queensland Government is committed to providing safe, supportive, inclusive and disciplined learning environments that provide educational opportunities for all Queensland students. This means building school communities where:

- all students feel a strong sense of belonging
- all students learn to interact respectfully with others
- all students learn to understand and appreciate diversity, and
- all parents and carers in the community can take an active role in the life of the school.

**Inclusive education within Education Queensland:**

- fosters a learning community that questions disadvantage and challenges social injustice
- maximises the educational and social outcomes of all students through identification and reduction of barriers to learning, especially for those who are vulnerable to marginalisation and exclusion
- ensures all students understand and value diversity so that they have the knowledge and skills for positive participation in a just, equitable and democratic global society (*Education Queensland, 2005*).

The department supports schools to deliver education that is inclusive of all students through:

- learning and disability support
- supporting students with specialised health needs
- gifted education
- recognition and valuing of diversity in culture, language, religion, gender and sexuality
- recognition of the needs of students who are refugees, carers, pregnant and parenting or in out-of-home care.
- student mental health wellbeing initiatives
- equity in education.

The department endorses a whole-school approach to improving student learning and provides an array of support services to meet the educational needs of all students. The allocation of staffing resources to each school is determined by the identified needs of students. Principals are responsible for the resources provided to their school to support the educational programs of all students. Teachers are supported through professional development, school-based specialist teachers and regional support services to ensure all students, including students with a disability, are able to achieve high quality educational outcomes. In support of our students, Wamuran State School has a team educated in *The Nonviolent Crisis Intervention*® training program. The program is a safe, non-harmful behaviour management system designed to train staff with effective techniques and help teachers, principals and school staff provide for the best possible care, welfare, safety and security of students even during their challenging moments. The training benefits school staff who may find themselves in a position to intervene or diffuse a situation. The program provides optimum care for the student.

The Education Department is committed to providing all Queensland students with access to a quality education, including students with disability. All schools are required to make reasonable adjustments to ensure students with disability are able to participate in education on the same basis as students without disability. The department endorses a whole-school approach to improving student learning and provides an array of support services to meet the educational needs of all students. The allocation of staffing resources to each school is determined by the identified needs of students.

We hope this information helps in understanding the needs of all individuals attending our school and schools across Australia.
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Community News

Free Community CPR Information Session
Woodford Bowls Club
Monday 11 November 2013, 6:30pm
For more information please contact Bernie at Woodford Swimming Pool

Woodford Swimming Club
Find us on facebook – Woodford Swimming Club inc. New season
Sign on and first club night $80 per child
Monday 7th October 2013 from 4pm
At the Woodford swimming pool
Peterson Road Woodford
Contact Dennye Baxter – 0451308545 or email woodford@widebayswimming.org.au
Membership is open to all swimmers of any age provided that can swim 12.5m unaided.

Remembrance Day Ceremony 2013
November 11, 10:20am
NASHO’s Park, Wamuran

Are you interested in building more cash without having to leave the kids in childcare? I can help you. Join a community focussed on natural alternatives to health, wellbeing and abundance.
Call Angela 0490099403

Become a licenced AUSTSWIM teacher
Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Course
When: Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 January 2014
Where: Woodford Aquatic Centre, Petersen Rd, Woodford
Cost: $370