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28 January PUBLIC HOLIDAY School Holidays 30 January Tucker Box Open 1 February Tucker Box Open
29 January FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL School Holidays 31 January Parade 2.25pm Uniform shop open 8.30 – 10am

What’s On Next Year
- Public Holiday Mon 28 January
- First day of school Tues 29 Jan
- Year 7 Camp Mon 4 – Fri 8 Feb

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
This is our final newsletter for 2012. Our NEW website will be online in 2013. It will be an invaluable resource for dates, information and forms for our Wamuran families.

2013
I will be continuing on as Principal for semester one in 2013 and Miss Pam Carlile will be working as Deputy Principal and in the library. We will welcome three new teachers to Wamuran – Miss Lauren Hanlon and Miss Rachel Hemingway. Mrs Jenny Oakley will return as a part time teacher in 2013 while continuing to lecture at Queensland University of Technology. Mr Greg McLoughlin will also continue in his current role in the library and support around the school. We all look forward to a great year of learning and growing in 2013.

End of Year Concert
Our concert (9am in the school hall) and class parties will be held on Thursday 13 December. You are invited to attend and enjoy the festivities. Please bring along a healthy contribution to your child’s party.

Tucker Box
The final Tucker shop day is Wednesday 12 December. Lunches will not be available on Friday 14 December as the stocktake will be underway.

Year 7 Graduation
Wednesday 12 December or 12/12/12 will be a memorable evening for all our graduates as they celebrate with their parents. Congratulations and best wishes for your secondary education and your future.

Interviews with the Principal
As you can all appreciate, a Principal’s role is extremely varied and there are many demands on their time. One very important role for the Principal of a school is being available for meetings with parents and community members. At Wamuran State School, your input into the well-being of our school and students is highly valued. From 2013, in order to be able to address your ideas or concerns efficiently and effectively, a new system for making appointments with the Principal will be implemented. This process involves the school office staff scheduling the Principal’s diary. From January next year, if you wish to discuss a matter with the Principal, please contact the office staff and they will make your appointment for you. Please understand that it is not always possible to guarantee immediate appointments. You are also able to contact your Principal via email on: theprincipal@wamuranss.eq.edu.au and the school office email at admin@wamuranss.eq.edu.au.

An efficient process for appointments will help to ensure that your Principal is able to allocate time to all of the important aspects of their role. Let’s work together to keep it going from strength to strength in 2013. We look forward to seeing you all in 2013 and continuing the education journey with you and your children. Thank you for the support you have given your children this year to be the best they can be. With both their family and school encouragement every child has the ability to achieve their goals and realise success.

Warmest regards and Seasons Greetings to all.
Wishing you and your family a safe and happy holiday, Sue Clement.
School News

What Does That Mean?
The Australian Curriculum has been implemented and assessed this year in your child’s classroom. As a result there will be some terms that will be appearing, perhaps for the first time, in the report cards. The most prominent term is partitioning. Partitioning is a mathematical term and it is part of the number strand. There are 2 kinds of partitioning; standard partitioning and non-standard partitioning. Standard partitioning refers to the different ways a number can be made when we use Place Value columns. EG. 251 can be made of 251 Ones, or, 2 hundreds + 5 tens+ 1 one, or even 25 tens + 1 Ones. There are lots of ways to partition numbers, especially when we are working with numbers in the thousands columns or bigger. Non- standard partitioning refers to the different ways a number can be made with no consideration of the Place Value columns EG 10 = 2 + 8, or, 10 = 4 + 6 etc. We hope that these definitions help make the report card comments more meaningful and also help you to understand the kinds of concepts that are essential for your child’s mathematical learning.

Book Lists for 2013
A reminder to families that orders for 2013 book packs are still being accepted at the office but parents may be required to pick up orders from Clews News at Woodford.

Welcome Back Morning Tea
All parents and Carers are welcome to join us for a cuppa and a chat at the “Welcome Back” morning tea on Tuesday 29 January at 9am in the plaza.

Lost and Found
We have large amounts of lost property in the office and lost property shed. Due to the volume of items any unclaimed items will be given away/donated after Friday 14 December. Please check at the office or lost property shed if you are missing any items from 2012.

Missing Glasses
One of our staff members is missing their glasses. If you or your child has seen a pair of prescription brown Ray-ban glasses in a brown case please let the office know as soon as possible.
We have 1 pair of blue child’s glasses (black case) at the office waiting for an owner to collect.

Students Leaving Wamuran in 2012
We ask parents of students in years Prep to six who know their children won’t be attending Wamuran State School in 2013 to please call 5429 9444 to assist us with class plans.

Updating Student Medical Details
Medical information will be recorded in student files and used when students go on excursions and participate in other activities around our school and community. It will be the responsibility of parents to ensure this medical information is kept up to date throughout the year by contacting the office.

Enrol Now Prep 2013
Enrolments for Prep students in 2013 are now open. Children need to be born between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008 to be eligible to enrol.

Parents are asked to provide proof of address within our catchment area and a birth certificate for all students enrolling. Interviews for students in catchment have begun. Please contact the office immediately if your child is due to start Prep in 2013.

Battery Recycling
Our next school competition won’t cost a cent. We are recycling batteries. All types of batteries! Household batteries can come to the office where a Battery World Bin will be waiting for all those dead batteries we all have lying around our house. For all our car, trucks and boat batteries, Suncoast Rural will have an area for drop off.

It’s an environmentally friendly way to help reduce harmful waste. Ask your family, ask your friends, ask at work and don’t forget to check in the garage at home for those big and small batteries.

What is Cybersafety & Cyberbullying?
Cybersafety is a broad term referring to appropriate and responsible behaviour online – it covers online privacy and information protection, good manners and behaviour online, and knowing how to get help to deal with online issues.

Cyberbullying is when technology, such as email, mobile phones, chat rooms and social networking sites, are used to verbally or socially bully another person. Bullying is an ongoing abuse of power to threaten or harm another person. The internet, mobile phones and instant messaging provide wonderful opportunities for children to learn, be creative and socialise online. They also provide opportunities for inappropriate behaviour, bullying and harassment to occur – causing pain and suffering to the targets of such behaviour.

This guide provides important information for parents about cybersafety and cyberbullying. It suggests what you could do if your child is the target or is responsible for inappropriate online behaviour. The following are some common examples of cybersafety issues, including cyberbullying:

- Sending or posting abusive, threatening, humiliating or harassing messages via text, social networking sites or email
- forwarding others’ personal emails, messages, pictures or videos without their permission
- uploading embarrassing or degrading images or videos involving other children (including fight videos)
- taking and sending sexually explicit images of other children using mobile phone or web applications
- using social networking sites or blogs to post inappropriate photographs or messages about other children or school staff
- excluding children online through emails, chat and social networking sites
- imitating others or assuming a child’s identity, then sending and posting material which damages their social status or relationships with others
- making prank calls to another child’s mobile phone.


Gotchas & SWPBS
Gotcha winners are:-
Year P-3: Jewel P.
Year 4-7: Leonie R, Paige M, Joseph F, Lily J

Battery Recycling

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SWPBS (School Wide Behaviour Support)
Our school rule focus for week 10 is: Be Respectful (“Use polite manners” & “value all contributions”). Our Program Achieve focus is Getting Along (“be fair and honest” & “listen and be helpful”).

P & C News

Monster Raffle Tickets
Tickets are still available by the book of 10 to take home and sell to family and friends, simply see Jayne in the office. Tickets are only $1.00 each and there are a great range prizes to win, including an IPAD 2. All sold and unsold tickets need to be returned to the office by Wednesday 12 December.

Monster Raffle Prizes:
1. IPAD 2 with 16gb with WiFi
2. Kazazz Craft Package worth over $300
3. Child’s Wheelbarrow and goodies from Stratco
4. Back pack of goodies from Nextra Morayfield
5. Heated Towel rack & $25 LOOT voucher
6. Child pass to Aust. Zoo & 2 rounds of Golf at Virginia GC
7. Bunnings $40 Voucher & 2 rounds of Golf at Virginia GC
8. Cole Myer $40 Voucher
9. Wish $20 Voucher & $5 Diva Voucher
Thank you to all of the generous companies who donated prizes.

Next P & C Meeting & AGM – Tuesday 19 February – 6pm
Our first 2013 meeting & AGM for the P&C (Parents and Citizens) will be held on Tuesday 19 February, 6pm - 8pm in the Staff Lounge. P & C meetings are a great place to meet other parents and find out more about coming events in our school.

Tucker Box News

The Tucker Box will be OPEN this Wednesday 12 December. Some menu items are out of stock however there is still plenty to select from. Here are some great choices for you:
- Sausage rolls (made fresh on site) will be available for $1.00 each.
- Mince rolls or wraps are $3.00 each (add salad for 50c extra)
- Our chicken fillet burgers are simply delicious - $4.00 each.
- Wamburger & Cheeseburgers are for eth meatlovers just $4.00 each.
- Tubs of juicy watermelon and rockmelon are a yummy addition to a meal.

Volunteers for 2013 Please contact Ange at the Tucker Box if you are interested in assisting in 2013. We require 15 volunteers to successfully operate our busy Tucker Box. Volunteering is great fun and comes with training and a free lunch* 😊

Donations of low fat muffin mix are always appreciated.

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Library News

All student loans were due back last week and those with overdue books have been reminded today. As we are nearing the end of the school year, it would be appreciated if you could that your child has returned ALL books they have borrowed from the school library.

Community News

Christmas Under the Stars
This Friday 14 December in the Caboolture Town Square, King St, there will be entertainment, carols, Santa, rides, animal farm, kid’s activities, markets, fireworks and the movie Polar Express all from 5pm – 9.30pm. Free Entry! More details www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/christmas.

Trombone For Sale
As new Jupiter Trombone only 9 months old and has 2 year warranty remaining. Please phone Jenny on 5499 0401.

Summer Holiday Program
Moreton Bay Regional Council Libraries have a great range of activities on over the holidays including cartooning, science and reading club and you can win great prizes visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/libraries to find out more.

QSEC MOVIE SERIES!
Tickets are only $5 each and under 8’s are free (must be accompanied by a full paying adult) – available from www.QSEC.com.au/Movies or by calling the office on 5433 3222. There will be food and drink available for purchase on the night (we just ask that no food or drink be brought in – unless specific dietary requirements). Gates open at 6:30pm for the games and treasure hunt and the movie will light up in the Main Arena around 7:30pm – don’t forget to bring a pillow or blanket! The next movie will be The Muppets from 1 January and finishing the movie series will be Puss In Boots on 15 February.

Wamuran Community Carols Night
This Friday 14 December in the Wamuran Community Hall at 6.30pm. Brought to you by the Wamuran Christian Fellowship, for more details contact John on 5499 0338 or Kylie on 5429 8511.

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 12 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. Places are limited so call 07 5436 2025 or visit www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day to make a booking. 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: 15 December 2012 - 24 December 2012 and 2 January 2013 - 28 January 2013

Our first day of service in 2013 will be Wednesday 30 January. Thank you for supporting the Tucker Box and have a safe and enjoyable break. – Ange Cooper.