### From The Principal

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

The ongoing wet weather has been very difficult for us all. However we have been more fortunate than many Queenslanders who have experienced great loss.

Last week all Queensland Principals gathered at the Brisbane Convention Centre for two days. The days included addresses from the Minister for Education, Training and Employment John-Paul Langbroek, overseas visiting speakers, Acting/Director-General Annette Whitehead, Deputy Director-General Lyn McKenzie and Principals. New information was shared to support schools. There will be more information shared throughout the year.

A Wamuran Sports Association dinner was held last Friday and a huge thank you to those volunteers who made the night a success. Our P&C receive funding support from the Association which contributes to the extra Teacher Aide time distributed across our classrooms. Chappy Tania held a raffle and funds were raised towards maintaining her at our school on Fridays. We receive Federal funding which provides our school with a Chappy for two days a week. Our school community decided that a third day would benefit our students and therefore it is a combined effort to fundraise and cover the cost.

“**Bullying, No Way!”** and “**Harmony Day**” will be recognised on Thursday 14 March. This is everyone’s opportunity to wear their tie dye T-Shirt. There is still plenty of time to bring in a washed white T-shirt and $4 to join in the fun of the tie dye event.

We are currently experiencing a high volume of head lice especially in the lower year’s class rooms. Our current process for head lice is to send home the alert notice followed by the reminder notice each time we receive a phone call from a parent reporting head lice. Please check your child’s hair every time you receive an alert or reminder as the only way to stop the cycle is for all children to be checked and treated.

Just a reminder that on alternate Mondays to our newsletter a communiqué is emailed or sent home to keep you informed.

Have a great week and stay safe and dry.

Sue Clement
**School News**

**Easter Bonnet Parade News**
Wamuran will be holding an exciting 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 - Year 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 this year level. 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!

**Updating medical and contact details**
Please contact the office as soon as possible with any updated information. In a case of emergency we need up to date information for your child. 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 is the responsibility of parents to ensure this medical information is kept up to date throughout the year by contacting the office on 5429 9444 or admin@wamuranss.eq.edu.au.

**Fortnightly Communiqué & NEW Website**
Every non newsletter Monday we will be sending home the Fortnightly Communiqué. Please check your email for these updates, reminders and up to date information of what is happening in our school. Our new website is now live! Please visit our site regularly as there will be daily updates - it is your one-stop site for all your questions on our school. Be sure to update your favourites/desktop link as the address for the old website to www.wamuranss.eq.edu.au. Please let us know your email details at admin@wamuranss.eq.edu.au.

**Health Awareness Alert**
There is a student in our Prep who has a medical condition that leads to him having a low immune system. This means that he easily contracts illnesses from other children and adults. For this child, becoming sick leads to being admitted into the Royal Children’s Hospital. It is important to send your child to school to learn, but it is equally important to keep your child home if they are unwell. Children will recover more quickly if they are allowed to rest and recuperate, and their absence from school will lessen the chance of other children contracting their illness. We thank you for your support in our endeavour to keep our students as healthy as possible.

**Harmony Day Shirts**
Please send in your child’s white shirts, with $4 (to cover the cost of the dye and rubber bands with a bit left over to raise funds for Chappy), as soon as possible. Dying of shirts begins this week (4-8 March).

**Harmony Day and National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence - Thursday 14 March**
Our stories are tied together! Wear your orange tie dyed shirt on Thursday 14 March and bring a gold coin donation to support our wonderful Chappy Tania. Please see the Harmony Day flyer on our website for more information on this.

**Friday Night Sports Club Dinner**
A great big THANK-YOU to all our wonderful volunteers who came to the Wamuran Sports Club Dinner on Friday night!! All who came had a fantastic time, and once again our “Many hands make like work” motto worked to help the night run as smoothly as possible.

**Playgroup**
Playgroup is now on every Friday of the school term from 9.30am – 11am. Please join us with your children aged 0 – 5yrs in the school hall, and bring along a fruit snack and water bottle. Arts and crafts, games, music and laughter are shared on this wonderful morning. Playgroup is for everyone in our community not just siblings of our students.

**Gotchas & SWPBS**

**SWPBS**
Our school rule focus for Weeks 5 & 6 is Be Responsible (“Do your best”, and “Listen to instructions”). Our Program Achieve focus is Persistence (“Work tough” and “Big Effort, Big Result”).

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**

**Years 4 - 7 Cross Country**
This year the cross country will be held on Monday, March 25. 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.

**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 come to the Wamuran Sports Ground on Monday and to Our School Oval on Tuesday to support the students.
Chappy News

Chappy Breakfast
Every Thursday morning toast with assorted spreads is available from 8:15 in the hall. A big thank-you is extended to CJ’S bakery for donating bread each week.

Thank-you to everyone who supported the Chappy raffle at the Wamuran Sports Club Dinner. The 1st prize winner was Lisa Brown! Lisa won a beautiful meat tray kindly supported by COLES Caboolture.

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.

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

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

The Wam Tucker Box is open every Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

Meal deals are a quick and easy lunch option that is not only healthy, but they save you money too! Meal Deals available are:

- Rolly polly - $6 for a ham/chicken and salad roll, a flavored milk and a fruit tub.
- Chirpy Chicken – $6 for a Chicken Fillet Burger, bottle of water and tub of fruit.
- Wacky Wamburger – $6 for a hamburger, bottle of water and a tub of fruit.
- Lasagna Meal – $6 for a Lasagne, mini salad and a bottle of water.
- Cheeseburger Meal - $4 for a cheeseburger and tub of fruit.
- Dino Snacks Meal - $4.50 for 4 dino snacks, a mini salad and a breaka.

Recipe Round Up

Brekky Bars – Makes 18
These bars are easy to make on a weekend when you’re rushing in the mornings. It can also be used instead of high sugar processed muesli bars. Ingredients:
- ¾ cup self raising flour (for wheat intolerant use Spelt)
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup Pumpkin seeds (Pepitas)
- ½ sunflower seeds
- 1/3 cup sultanas
- 1/3 chopped dried apricots
- ¾ low fat milk ( or any milk substitute)
- 1 egg

1. Preheat oven to 180. Grease a 3cm 17cmx27cm slice pan. Line with baking paper and allow a 2cm overhang at long ends
2. Combine flour, coconut, sugar, pumpkins seeds, sunflower seeds, sultanas and apricots in bowl. Whisk milk and egg together in jug. Add to flour mixture. Mix to combine.
3. Spoon Mixture into prepared pan. Smooth top. Bake for 25-30 min or until firm. Stand slice in pan for 15 min. Turn out on to a wire rack to cool completely. Cut into 18 pieces and serve.

Library News

Library Bags
Please make sure your child has a library bag so that he / she may borrow from the library. Library bags may be purchased from the office for $3.50 each.

Scholastic Book Club
It would be wonderful if you could support the Scholastic Book Club this year. It is run voluntarily for our school by Nicole Enright. When you or your children purchase books from the Book Club brochures, our school receives bonus points / vouchers which enables us to obtain “free” books/ resources for our library.

Community News

Looking For Volunteer Host Families
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia. Sylvia Kelly Phone: 1300 884 733 Email: info@wep.org.au Online: http://www.wep.org.au

There are various local groups details are as follows:
- Girls Brigade: Tuesday Nights Caboolture Uniting Church - Call Janette 0419 029 774
- Elimbah AFL: Saturday Call Jason 0419 995 869
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