



Wondai State School

P-10

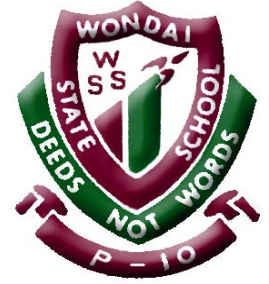
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Mrs Miller

Thank you for choosing our school for the education of your children. Please work with us as we help all students to be the best they can be! My expectations as Principal of Wondai P10 State School are achievable, if we consistently live our **VALUES** and consistently follow our **RULES**. Our new Responsible Behaviour Plan will guide us in this process. In summary:

My **EXPECTATIONS** are that we work together to achieve:

- a *Safe* school (where the rights of others are respected)
- a *Happy* school (where positive language and proactive and thoughtful actions are a priority), and
- a *Learning* school (where this is number one priority in every classroom every day).

Our **RULES** reflect **RESPECT** for:

- **Self (including sun safe behaviours at all times)**
- **Others (including hands off and no unwelcome threats, verbally or physically)**
- **Property (including students bringing and use their own equipment)**

(Each teacher is currently working through their classroom behaviour management plans where both the positive and negative consequences are being clearly articulated. GREEN SLIPS are a part of our new Plan and it would be great if parents can ask their students to let them know when they receive this positive recognition for great choices!)

Our **BELIEFS** that:

- We are *all* learners (teachers, parents, children)
- All kids *can* learn (and learn well), and
- *Success* breeds success (recognising many successes of individuals academically and socially.)

Our **VALUES** should be reflected in our daily interactions with each other and are:

- **Respect** (integrity, professionalism, rules, trustworthiness)
- **Achievement** (quality, excellence, striving, diligence)
- **Participation** (commitment, attitude, teamwork, relationships, participation)
- **Pride** (self esteem, self discipline, strong leadership, care, cooperation, resilience)

A warm welcome is extended to returning and new staff including Mr Grimsley (PE), Mr McKinnon (now teaching Year 9/10 SOSE, HPE and Sustainable Science), Miss Devantier (Japanese), Miss Hughes (English/Drama), Mrs Wernecke (Year 4), Mrs Bayliss (Year 6), Miss Cowell (who is now teaching Music at Wondai, Proston, Tingoora and Crawford, as well as Media in secondary), Mrs Jordan (Year 1 whilst Mrs Holewa is on long service leave), Mr Maddern (Manual Arts for term 1), Mr Barker (returning from long service leave and teaching Year 8), Mr Gibson (part time for term 1). Mr Philips has returned to teach Instrumental Music. Miss Williams is taking on a new role and will be providing Numeracy support across most year levels, teaching Year 9 Science and providing literacy support for some students. Miss Allen will be in our school full time mainly supporting students with a disability. Mrs Ewart will continue tutoring, and we will be replacing Mrs Thompson (a tutor last year) in the near future. We have excellent teacher aides supporting our students as well.

Together with Mrs Ross (our acting Head of Department) and all the staff, I am proud our school has adopted the "Future Earth" principles. In 2008 we received many accolades for our efforts around sustainability and making the world a better place right here in our own back yard. I am excited to be leading staff who are genuinely committed to partnerships with parents, as we provide our young people with the best foundations for their future pathways!!

CLASS ALLOCATIONS – Please note that we have a number of primary classes which are oversized. Parents will be advised in the coming weeks if their child is to be moved to another class, as we are obliged to ensure class sizes are appropriate eg. 25 maximum for Prep to Year 3 and 28 for Years 4 to 10.

Coming Events:

Wed. 28 January	Selection of electives for Years 9 and 10 students	Mrs Ross (due back Friday)
Thursday 29 January	Elections for House captains, student council reps.	Mrs Ross co-ordinating
Friday 30 January	Alternative day for Yr 7 – 10 (pool will be one choice)	Letter with details out 28/1/09
Tuesday 3 February	Secondary sport commences	Letter coming out with full details
Wed. 4 February	Years 4-7 sport (Dance Fever) starts – NO COST	Year 7's joining 4-6 for D/Fever
Friday 6 February	RAPP Parade	2.30 pm
Friday 19 February	Arts Council performance	

BIG ITEMS FOR 2009 AT WONDAI!

- **Numeracy, literacy, ICTs and thinking skills - focus areas for all classes**
- **We are a SUN SAFE SCHOOL from Prep to 10, includes staff – NO HAT, NO PLAY – the P&C provided “free hats” in 2008. The Student Council is taking this on in 2009 (if the free hat is lost, the second hat will cost \$5)**
- **Healthy choices – please provide healthy lunches and all students are expected to fully participate in any activity which we undertake as part of Smart Moves – ie. Getting active!**
- **Responsible Behaviour – everyone accepts responsibility for their choices and actions. Disruption to others' learning will not be tolerated and consequences can be expected.**

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS - Details for each year level (including secondary textbook hire scheme) are provided on the attachments to this newsletter. All accounts may be paid off during the year, up until September. We encourage families to access CentrePay facilities as this system has proved helpful to parents in the past.

FROM THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT – Mrs Ross

Welcome to the 2009 school year. I am looking forward to working with you all.

Positive behaviour choices

Teachers and students will be working together during the initial weeks to ensure everyone has a thorough understanding of our new Plan. (See Mrs Miller's article above for our easy to follow rules and values.)

Rung Changes

All students start the year on RUNG 3. This means a FRESH START for all students. This will enable them the opportunity to begin again and participate in all the extra activities available at school. Students who drop to rung 4 or 5 will have privileges withdrawn such as participating in excursions and camps. However, I'd like to think that very few students will make negative choices that would mean a downward movement.

Secondary Camp will be held on 17-19 March at Emu Gully near Toowoomba. The camp is for students in Years 7 to 10 who are on rung 1, 2 or 3. Costs and activity details will be made available in the next few weeks. Based on previous camps, an approximate cost would be at least \$150. Instalments will be possible.

Secondary Electives - beginning Week 2 on Fridays

Years 7 and 8 will be sampling each of the electives available during terms 1, 2 and 3. Students will study two electives each term. Students will be advised of this term's electives this week.

Years 9 and 10 will choose two electives for the semester. A letter will be coming home this week outlining the electives. Forms should be return no later that Friday 30 February.



School Captains 2009

Emilia Heaney, Pascha Robbins and Kacey Theuerkauf.