FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome Back

Staffing

Over the last four years we have grown by a class each year. I see no change to this trend leading into 2014.

The process of creating 37 classes takes a considerable amount of thought. All state schools are staffed on the number of students enrolled on the eighth day of the new school year. If you intend transferring your child to another school next year it would certainly help with our planning to be made aware of this. If this is the case, please advise your sector Deputy Principal by email or complete the tear off section in the letter that will be sent to all parents next week.

At this time of year, parents often begin to ask about class placements for next year. All parents are reminded that allocation of students to classes is the professional and operational responsibility of school staff and that a great deal of care and time is taken in such vital decision-making. Many factors are relevant, and I outline here for parents the main criteria that are considered:

**Ability levels** - we aim to have an even spread of ability levels across each class. All children have strengths and weaknesses in different areas of the curriculum and these needs have to be taken into consideration.

**Teaching/learning styles** - we take into consideration the match between individual children’s learning styles and the teaching style of individual teachers where possible.

**Friendships** - we try to ensure that all children are in a class with those of whom we feel they are likely to form friendships. At other times, we may choose to separate students who, whilst being friends, are a distracting influence on each other in a classroom, where one is the dominant partner in a friendship or where they are over-reliant on each other to the exclusion of others and need to be encouraged to increase their friendship circle.

**Group dynamics**—we try to ensure that we have an even spread of personality styles, behavioural styles, etc. and that the group dynamics are such that each class will bond well and harmonise as a group.

As you will appreciate, consideration of all these factors makes class placement a very time consuming and thought provoking process. Each child is considered carefully, our ultimate aim being to ensure that each child is placed in a class where they will be given the optimal chance for happiness and success. We feel positive that the extensive time and care that we give to this process, together with the talented and committed team of staff into whose classes we are placing each child, mean that we are able to produce the best possible class combinations to benefit each and every child. Your trust in our decision-making, your appreciation of the time and care that goes into this process and your respect for the competence and dedication of every member of our staff team are greatly appreciated.

Guy Hendriks
Principal
FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

If there are any educational needs that we need to be aware of when placing your child, please convey these needs in writing to the appropriate Deputy Principal. For students currently in Prep to Year 2, the sector Deputy Principal is Mrs Debbie Mill and her email address is dmill108@eq.edu.au and for students currently in Years 3 – 6, either Mrs Dietz or Mrs Boge and their email addresses are jdiet5@eq.edu.au and lboge1@eq.edu.au. The Deputy Principals will reply to acknowledge receipt of your emails.

This advice should centre around information pertinent to the placement of your child for educational, social and emotional reasons e.g. students who do not work or interact well together. Requests for particular teachers, male or female teachers, requests to not be in composite classes or a reluctance to have permanent part-time teachers are NOT valid and will not be considered.

I do not expect that all of our teachers will be teaching the same year level next year. Teachers are being transferred in and there are a few teachers currently on leave who will be returning.

Please note that if you have in previous years, communicated with us regarding your child and the situation has not changed, please put this in writing again and submit to the relevant Deputy Principal.

The process of forming classes for next year begins now. There will be a time mid-way through the term when the Deputy Principals will meet with teachers from each level to start placing students into their 2014 classes. It is very unlikely that changes will be made after this time, due to the potential ripple effect of moving students. If you believe there is something we need to know about your child you will need to convey that information to us by the end of week six - 15th November. If parents approach the Deputy Principals after this date, I have directed them to not consider these requests.

When class lists are posted in the last week of term, it is NOT our practice to make any changes to these classes.

We appreciate your understanding and adherence to this process.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Sport/Music/Team Photos on Tuesday 22 October
Our school photographers will be here for the day on Tuesday 22/10/13 taking photos of our school sports team, music and instrumental music groups, library monitors and games rangers.

Every upper school class will have a copy of the timetable and the students will be aware of the different uniforms required.

All these photos will be in the Year Book and are not available for individual purchase.

ICAS
The results of the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) English test have arrived. Students from Wilston achieved outstanding results and should be congratulated on their effort and achievement. We wish to acknowledge the excellent results of the following students:

**HIGH DISTINCTION**
- Year 3 - Sophia C, Julian B, Abigail S
- Year 4 - Niamh B, Rebecca M
- Year 6 - Lydia J
- Year 7 - Callum S

**DISTINCTION**
- Year 3 - Clarinda H, Astrid J, Olivia M-J, Lucy L, Savannah M
- Year 6 - Claire F, Juniper R
- Year 7 - Sarah M, Sean B, Elli H, Emelyn K, Caitlin W

PREP ENROLMENTS 2014

We are now finalising Prep interviews for students commencing school in 2014. If you have not yet collected a Prep pack or arranged an interview, please do so by the beginning of next week.

WILSTON STATE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Take some time to visit our school website at www.wilstonss.eq.edu.au, as over the past few months it has been updated. It provides information about Wilston State School, has links to the Wilston Weekly newsletters and the P&C website. As an extra feature, sections of the website such as News, Event Calendar and Newsletters can be accessed via an app that you can use on your smart phone. To download the app you need to search for Qschools at your app store. When installed, choose Wilston State School as a favourite. Include our website in your search for information about Wilston State School.

BOOK CLUB

The order forms for our last Book Club for 2013 were distributed to the students today. Book Club order forms need to be returned via the blue bag by WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER. Many thanks for supporting our School Book Club to enhance our School Library.

Book Club Co-ordinator

SCHOOL DISCO

SAVE THIS DATE - SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2013

WILSTON STATE SCHOOL DISCO

5.00 - 6.30pm (Prep - Grade 3)
6.45 - 8.30pm (Grades 4 - 7)

Cost is $8 per child; Free entry for parents, teachers and pre-preps.

Pizza, drinks, slushies, glowies, crazy hair, face painting.

Tickets on sale soon! If you are interested in helping on the night, please email Jillian on manly5@optusnet.com.au or Jill on info@childpsychologistbrisbane.com

NEWS FROM HPE

Gala Days
The years 5-7 students will begin their Summer Gala Day competition this Friday 11/10 and continue for the next three weeks. They will be participating in Touch, Baseball, Diamond Cricket, Flipperball and AFL. Students need to return their permission notes or they will be unable to attend these days. All students going to Gala Days need to have a hat, water bottle, lunch and all their appropriate playing gear. Good luck to all participating students during these days.

School Swimming
School class swimming has begun again this week and will continue throughout the term. Students are required to have the following equipment: togs, rash shirt, swimming cap, towel and swimming bag. Class-
ses will require parent spotters and helpers during these lessons in accordance with departmental guidelines. If you are able to assist could you please inform your child’s classroom teacher.

Congratulations to Louis S who gained selection into the Metropolitan North U/12 Cricket team to compete at the State Championships later in the year.

Rodney Bell, PE Specialist

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Welcome back everyone we now have online ordering for Tuckshop with Munch Monitors. Go online and check it out.

Sushi Day is on **Tuesday 22 October 2013**. Orders close on Friday 18/10/13 and are to be placed online with munch monitors.

To set up your online Munch Monitor account follow these quick and easy steps:

- Go to [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com)
- Enter Username: wilstonss and Password: munch4051
- Click Sign up

Paddle Pop Lick-a-Prize is still going.

Iced coffee and iced chocolate are now available with the weather heating up.

**Roster for week ended 18 October 2013:**

**Monday:** Lisa McGrath, Leonie Crawford
**Tuesday:** Ana Mallah, Charmika Rambukwelle
**Wednesday:** Peter Power, Vicki Connelly
**Thursday:** Anglea Pratt, Harriett Carter, Vicky Connelly, Marty Evans
**Friday:** Rory Ford, Vicki Connelly, Sharon Snowdon, Amanda Barr, Wendy Ricato

Annie 0411 862 426 (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) and Dot 0408 729 021(Monday, Tuesday)

milkj@optushome.com.au

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Welcome back to Term 4 and we look forward to a great season of swimming. Our new Head Coach Simon Smith started over the holidays, please introduce yourself and make him feel welcome.

**Club Night** – don’t forget to nominate [http://wilstonswim.org.au/club/nominate-here/](http://wilstonswim.org.au/club/nominate-here/), closes Thursday night 6pm. The first club night commences this Friday 6pm sharp, you will be able to collect sticker books, club handbook and cap or bottle. Fees are required to be paid before first club night for your child to be insured. Please note the BBQ and canteen roster for this week:

**11th October**

BBQ: Leggetts, Howes, Matyear
Canteen: Lisa Ernst, volunteers required

We are still taking enrolments for swim club, please come along on Friday night if you have any questions. Committee Members are able to assist, alternatively you can see Susan in the pool office during the week or email info@wilstonswim.org.au you can also download and complete an enrolment form online [www.wiltonswim.org.au/forms](http://www.wiltonswim.org.au/forms)

**Please note all fees are now due for Learn to Swim, Squad and Club**, places are now limited for Learn to Swim. For any enquiries please see Susan at the pool office or email info@wilstonswim.org.au A reminder for the kids to bring along their cap, goggles, togs, towel and water bottle to swim session.

**Congratulations to Squad Trainers of the Week** for Term 3 week 11:

- Mini Squad – Emma D.
- Junior Squad – Isabel S.
- Senior Squad – Sean B.

**Squad Timetable** – please note changes commencing next week 14 October 2013 for the Monday to Friday morning squad sessions due to squad numbers and to better coordinate coaching time for each of the sessions.

**MINI**

- Monday to Friday 7:45 – 8:30am
- Monday to Friday 3:15 – 4:00pm
- Saturday 7.00 – 7.45am

**Swimwear Orders:**

**Order period extended!!** Term 4 orders will be accepted up until 25 October, with delivery by early November. So if your child still needs some swimwear, it’s not too late!! Just send in the order form that came with the newsletter or come visit the shop.

Choose from: Long sleeve sunshirts ($40), lycra swim caps ($10), microfibre towels ($18), performance goggles ($12), swim bags ($10), or the complete kit including all of the above for ($90). All items are available in school gold, or our house colours of red, blue and green.

**Uniform Shop Volunteers:**

Do you have an hour to spare on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning now and then? Term 4 is a very busy time for the shop, with lots of little ones coming to try on their first school uniform. If you’d like to share in their excitement, come and see me in the shop! Any help is appreciated.

**Prep Orientation Day is Wednesday 20 November from 9.30am – I will need 8 volunteers for this event, so please let me know if you are available.**

Christine Matheson, Convenor. Ph. 3552 8490 (w) / 0448 633 737
NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB (Con’t)

JUNIOR
Monday to Friday 7.15 – 8.15am
Monday to Thursday 4.00 – 5.00pm
Friday 3.15 – 4.15pm
Saturday 7.00 – 8.00am

SENIOR
Monday to Friday 6:30 – 8:00am
Monday to Thursday 5:00 – 6:45pm
Friday 3:15 – 5:00pm
Saturday 7.00 – 8.45am

ADULT Monday and Wednesday nights 6:45 – 7:45pm

Future Committee Meeting Dates – 12 November 2013 and 3 December 2013.

www.wilstonswim.org.au

NETSETGO Junior Netball
- Positive introduction to Netball
- Fun & safe environment
- For 5-10 year olds
- Weekly program with accredited coaches

GIVE IT A GO!

Centre: Canons Rebels
Phone: 0415 678 197
Email: canonsrebels@gmail.com
Location: Downey Park
Cost: $70 - kit included
When: Saturdays 8 - 9am, 19/10/13 to 30/11/13
Registration date: 4/10/13
To Register: www.dpnacanons.netball.asn.au

Alliance Française French classes at Wilston State School

TERM 4 starts Monday 14 October and finishes Monday 09 December
No class on 21 October - Pupil free day

Monday - 7-11yo Higher Beginner A1 - 7.30-8.45am - $220

Monday - 4-6yo Any level - 3.15-4.30pm - $220

Where: F Block Computer Lab
When: Tues and Thurs 3.00-4.00pm
Next course commences 6 Oct for 9 weeks.
Cost: $270 for 18 sessions of 60 minutes each. All course materials provided.
For more details or to register, please contact Jodi: 07 3010 2052
info@educationextra.com.au

 touch typing extras

A fun way to learn a modern necessity.
Conveniently located at Wilston State School, Touch Typing Extras is for kidsanges 11+. This course is for students who need to type without looking at the keyboard. It’s an intensive program made fun with drills to music and games to hone speed and accuracy.

Wilston State School Ever Onward
To advertise or place your message in The Wilston Weekly please telephone the school on 3552 8444 or email info@wilstonss.eq.edu.au