FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

School Captains 2014
Last week I inadvertently named our 2014 House Captains instead of our School Captains. I apologise for this oversight.

I congratulate all student leaders for their selection as either House or School Captains and I will be acknowledging our Music Captains early in the new year.

Next year we will have more captains than we would normally have and I intend working closely with our elected student leaders to ensure their roles are viable and that they grow as young leaders as the year progresses.

Wilston State School Talent Show
I thank Ms Megan Paulsen for organising this wonderful event. It is certainly a highlight on the school calendar. The audience were certainly captivated by the various acts. I commend all students who entered this competition, not only those who progressed to the finals. I congratulate, Maddie, Grace and Bella on their outstanding performances.

Interactive Panels
Through the goodwill of our P&C I can happily state that every classroom now has an interactive panel or a smartboard. These devices have totally transformed our pedagogy and the engagement level of our students has certainly increased when the devices are used effectively. A focus of our professional learning in 2014 will be to support teachers in their use of this technology.

QPSS Relay Carnival
I thank Rod Bell (PE teacher) for managing the school swim team that competed very successfully at the QPSS Invitational Relay Carnival, held at Chandler last Friday night. I believe all swam well and I congratulate the Junior Boys for their podium finish (3rd) in the medley relay.

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Guy Hendriks
Principal
Easier Access To School Information Through Updated Version QSchools App

A recent update to the QSchools app means our parents will now be able to find tuckshop and class time information more easily. On top of being able to access calendar, newsletter and other information from our school website the upgraded app can also access uniform shop information and school social media pages. It all makes staying in touch and up to date a little easier for your family. Visit the department’s app page for more information and all the features: http://delata.qld.gov.au/about/app/

The QSchools app is available for free download through iTunes, Google Play and the Window’s store. The Website for Schools development team would love to hear your ideas for future functionality for QSchools. You can leave feedback within the app via Settings, then Leave Feedback.

WELL DONE AWARDS

**YEAR 3**

**YEAR 4**

**YEAR 5**

**WILSTON STAR AWARD**

Zachary P of 4B for picking up rubbish.

Oliver S of 4/5C for picking up rubbish.

**YEAR 7 GRADUATION**

**Year 5 and 6 Parents**
It has become tradition each year at the Graduation Morning Tea that the parents from the year below are asked to assist at the Graduation Morning Tea, so the parents of the graduating students can enjoy the morning fully with their family and child. We are looking for volunteers to assist on Thursday 12 December between 8:15 AM - 11:30 AM especially from 10:45 AM.

Please let me know by Monday 9 December if you are able to assist, either by text to 0410497655 or email qtrees@bigpond.net.au. Please provide your name, class, email address, best contact phone number and what times you are able to assist.

Kristina Mok

**LOST PROPERTY**

A sleeping bag, a music stand, plain clothes and many skipping ropes... Lost property is overflowing with items that are not named and cannot be returned to their owners.

If your child has lost something this term, please have a look through the trolleys in the lost property area under C Block.

After this week’s swimming carnivals, we are now awash (pun intended!) with swimming gear too.

Helpers from 3A will return all named items to each classroom next Thursday. All items that are not named or cannot be matched to a current student will be re-homed on the last day of term.

Thank you to the mums from 3A who have helped with sorting and returning lost items this year.

**STUDENT BANKING**

If you have completed the slip on the letter sent to you a couple of weeks ago we thank you enormously. Even if you no longer intend to participate let us know so that we no longer send you any communication in regards to the program. If you redeemed your tokens in the last week, you will receive your rewards next year in your new class.

Congratulations to all the children who save money on a regular basis, you are learning a very important skill in life. And the final note goes to our trustful mums that help on a weekly basis, without you banking would not be possible, thank you Alison H and Leonie C for volunteering your time.

Have a Merry Christmas and see you in the New Year.

Gabriela Finselbach. School Banking Coordinator

**NEWS FROM LEARNING SUPPORT**

**Salvation Army Christmas Appeal**

It is that time of year again! We are once again asking the Wilston families to join us in helping the less fortunate families in Brisbane so they can also enjoy a Christmas that is special. We are collecting non-perishable grocery items and toys etc. to give to the Salvation Army. We are very excited that this is our 14th year of donating to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal! Any money we receive goes towards the purchase of food vouchers so the Salvation Army can purchase other things they may need. We will also have our wishing cards on the tree. Come and pick up a card labelled with a child’s age (or grandpa/grandma) and purchase a gift for that person. You can wrap it or leave it with us and we will wrap it for you. Donations can be brought to the Christmas tree outside our room at C Block. As always, we appreciate your support and thank you for your donations.

We will be handing our donation over to the Salvation Army at the last assembly on 10 December 2013

Shirley Wagorn. Support Teacher, Literacy and Numeracy

**NEWS FROM HPE**

**Inter-House Swimming Carnivals**

Congratulations to all of the students who have participated in the various swimming carnivals during the past week. The effort and participation levels have been exceptional. I’d like to thank all of the teachers for their efforts during these days. I would also like to thank all of the parents who came along to support their children, I know that they appreciate you being there.
**CHOIR NEWS**

Christmas is almost here!! Our school church services were just beautiful last Friday. Thanks to all those involved.

**Presbyterian Church Carols**
The Wilston Wonders are all looking forward to singing at the Wilston Presbyterian Church this Sunday evening. **The fun starts at 5.00pm with a free sausage sizzle, face painting, craft and donkey rides!** Parents will need to supervise their children until they meet Mrs Charters inside the church at 5.45pm.

The party for Years 3 and 4 strings students is on **10:30am.**

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There is still a rehearsal for the **Senior String Ensemble** next Tuesday morning for the carols concert.

**LAST WEEK FOR STRINGS:**
The party for Years 3 and 4 strings students is on **Wednesday at 10:30am.**

The party for Years 5, 6 and 7 strings students is on **Tuesday at 10:30am.**

Please feel free to bring a plate of food. No nuts permitted.

Thankyou
I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who contributed to the success of the Physical Education and sports programs throughout the year. These programs would not run without the parent support for the swimming program, and ensuring students get to district and regional sporting trials and carnivals.

A big thank you must also go to all of the teaching staff for their contributions to carnivals and the interschool sport program during the year. These activities need the support of the whole teaching staff to run successfully. I’d also like to make special mention of Tim Class-Auliff for his continued support and contribution to the success in the Cross Country and Track and Field areas throughout the year.

Rodney Bell
PE Specialist

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

The Tuckshop will be open next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, closed Thursday and Friday. The Coffee Shop will be open all week.

**Roster for week ended 13 December 2013.**

- **Monday 9/12** Lisa Gratten and Elissa Hoey
- **Tuesday 10/12** Ana Mallah, Michael Stein and Chammika Rambukwelle
- **Wednesday 11/12** Peter Power and Vicki Connelly.

The winning class for the most kids signed up to munch monitors is 3B

**CONGRATULATIONS 3B** you will all get a free ice block on Wednesday!!!!

**FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP**

**SHOP OPEN:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Terms 4 and 1, between 8.15 and 9.45am. Also special open days on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 January 2014 from 8.00am to 11.00am, and first day of Term 1 on Tuesday 28 January 2014.

**Online Uniforms/Stationery**
Join the clever parents already shopping online for all their uniform and stationery requirements – sign up to Munch Monitors today using the username: *wilstonss* and password: *munch4051*. Please note: All online orders for current students will be delivered via your child’s class. Orders for families new to the school in 2014 will be kept at the shop for you to collect at your convenience.

**Plastic Slip-on Book Cover Order**
Book covers will be delivered on **Wednesday 11 December.** If your nominated child does not receive their order on this day, please ask your teacher then check with me in the shop. New families should collect their order directly from the shop on Wednesday 11 December or during the open days in January.

**Tuckshop/Bookshop End of Year Party**
If you’ve helped out in Tuckshop or the Uniform/Bookshop this year, come and join us tonight for Christmas drinks and nibbles at the Grange Bowls Club from 5.30pm.

**Donations Welcome**
The shop is running very low on second hand shirts and shorts. If you have any of these items in reasonable condition, please drop them to the shop by Wednesday 11 December or at the start of Term 1 2014.

**Volunteers Please**
Thank you to all the many wonderful mums who help me in the Uniform Shop this year! New volunteers are always welcome – in fact, maybe you’d like to help on one of these days:

- **Stocktake Day!** – **Wednesday 11 December.** Commencing at 10.00am. Even if only for half an hour – every little bit helps! Plus I provide baked treats to say thanks!!
- **2014 opening** – **Thursday 23 and Friday 24 January, from 8.00am - 11.00am.** This is the week before school starts. Often busy with lots of ‘just in time’ uniform and book purchases!
- **First & second days of Term 1** – **Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 January, from 8.00am - 10.00am.**

Have a great Christmas break and see you next year!!

Christine Matheson, Convenor. Ph. 3552 8490 (w) / 0448 633 737 / chrismath1@hotmail.com
Thank You from the P&C!!
On behalf of the P&C Executive I would like to thank all of the Wilston State School Community for your support of our P&C this year. It has been a year of tremendous achievements that, even within the context of difficult economic times, has enabled the continued growth of the services that enhance the school’s learning capabilities and support our community’s needs and aspirations.

Not only did the P&C provide the usual annual contribution of $65,000 to support the school’s curriculum but we were also able to assist with the school’s major capital project of providing Interactive panel as an enhanced learning aide in the classroom. I am pleased to report, that with the P&C’s support, the school has managed to purchase a new Interactive panel for every classroom at Wilston State School.

As our children live and grow up in a high tech world it is important that the learning environment reflects, supports and prepares them for that. In addition to that the P&C also supported the refurbishment of the Kids Care area, the introduction of the Munch Monitor’s electronic ordering system for the Tuckshop, new equipment at the swimming pool, the rejuvenation of the oval, the under eights day, sponsorships for met north sport and music representation, gala days, Year 7 graduation and employment and volunteer opportunities for many school family members.

The P&C’s operating areas – the Tuckshop, Bookshop, Uniform Shop, Outside School Hours Care and Swim Club have all enhanced the services they provide to the school community and my thanks to those volunteers on the sub-committees who manage and operate those services. Wilston State School is one of the few State Schools that still provide all those services in house due to our relentless belief and focus on community and the critical input of that community into the philosophy and design of the services offered.

Our P&C events this year have all contributed significantly to community life at the school. Many thanks to the volunteer convenors and their organising committees and to all those who volunteer on the day to help with the many tasks that ensure there is FUN in FUNdraising. Whilst all events are critical on the P&C calendar, the Fete this year is a standout mention as it was the most successful fete Wilston State School has ever run. In total the net amount raised was just under $90,000 after all costs. Included in that was also the first ever car raffle which netted just over $19,000.

Special thanks to Guy Hendriks and the school’s staff for their ongoing engagement and support of our P&C. The P&C has as one of its objectives to foster community between, students, families and school staff and I believe we achieve that very well.

Thank you again for all your support of a highly productive and successful year for our P&C. I encourage you all to get involved in our activities in 2014 and I invite you to attend and apply for free membership at our AGM in February 2014.

Wishing you all a safe and joyful Christmas holiday season! See you in 2014.

Kevin Mercer. President

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

All enrolments for 2014 have been advised. If you have not heard anything yet, then give us a call.

Our winners for the weekly competition last week were Zoe P again and Maya H.

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Please note the pool will be closed for all squad and LTS sessions on Tuesday 10 December 2013 due to maintenance required by the school, all other sessions will be as planned for next week.

Holiday Swimming - we have a range of learn to swim and squad training programs available during the school holidays, for further information please refer to our website www.wilstonswim.org.au. In preparation for 2014 we are now finalising all invoices for 2013, if you have any outstanding invoices please contact Kirsten in the office. We are currently recruiting for new Learn to Swim instructors if you are interested or know someone who might be please contact Kirsten in the office.

Club Night - this Friday is our last club night for 2013, we will be having a Christmas relay to celebrate. A reminder we are not accepting late nominations, please ensure you nominate by 6.00pm each Thursday.

Please note the BBQ and canteen roster for this week:
BBQ: Sharpe, Phillips and White families
Canteen: Anderson and Boyle families.

Congratulations to the trainer of the week India S.

Homeless Christmas Collection - thank you to everyone for your donations! The donations will be presented to Christopher Michael this Friday at club night.

Next Committee Meeting – 28 January 2014 commencing 7.00pm at the pool, please let Kirsten in the office know if you would like to attend so an agenda for the meeting can be forwarded to you.

Is your little one in Prep at WSS next year? Don’t forget to mark your diaries for the

Wilston State School
Prep Parents Welcome Night
Friday 7 February, 2014 | 7pm ‘til late
in the Staff Room (off block – above the Tuckshop)
Come along & catch up with other 2014 Prep Parents - both new faces & old
Pizza will be served. Drinks available for purchase on the night at a cash bar
(please note: this is a licensed function & as such, children are not permitted)

This event is kindly supported by the Wilston State School P&C

GO SPORTS Holiday Clinic
Come along and join the fun.
We are offering Cricket or Multi Sports activities for children from Prep to Grade 6.
As well as fun activities including Parachutes, Tug-o-War and more.
VENUE: Wilston State School
DATES: Dec 16th – 19th or Jan. 20th to 23rd
(8.15am – 11.30am)
All participants receive a Ball (Cricket, Netball, Basketball or Soccer) or Hockey stick and will go into a draw for a Rebel Sport Voucher.
To Register go to the website www.qosports.com.au or contact Greg Martin on mobile.0417 614 509.