Dear Parents

It was lovely to see so many eager faces strolling into the school on Tuesday morning. Over the last few days I have caught up with many students and parents and all have expressed their delight at being back. I have no doubt that this will be a very enjoyable and productive year.

Last week all of our staff participated in three professional development days. The level of engagement by the staff so early in the year was outstanding. I take this opportunity to thank my administrative staff for developing a very productive program. A number of operational matters were addressed but our main focus was on the Wilston State School Improvement Agenda. This is a one page document that clearly articulates our pedagogical focus for this year. The document is framed around three time periods. The **embedded stage** considers the teaching practices that our teachers have mastered. These skills have been strengthened by the professional development offered to the staff over the last three years. The **consolidating stage**, the now, considers strengthening our practice from the professional development that was provided last year and the **commencing stage** considers our personal development this year. If you would like to view a copy of the Wilston State School Improvement Agenda 2014 a Pdf copy can be located on our school’s website. The improvement agenda aligns with the Wilston State School Pedagogical Framework and this framework can also be viewed on the website. The Wilston State School Pedagogical Framework was developed throughout 2013 and defines how we teach at Wilston State School.

The decision regarding final staffing of the school occurs on the eighth school day of each year. Our current student population stands at 893. I do not envisage any changes to the class structure that we have started with but operationally things can’t be finalised until after the eighth day. Our current configuration is 6 Preparatory Classes; 6 Year One Classes; 5 Year Two Classes; 6 Year Three Classes; 4 Year Four Classes; a Year 4/5 Composite Class; 3 Year Five Classes; a Year 5/6 Composite Class; 2 Year Six Classes; a Year 6/7 Composite and a Year Seven Class.

I welcome Ms Marina Nicklin (PB), Ms Katelyn Bibby (PC), Ms Amelia Small (1F), Damien Aldridge (4B) and Ms Kelly Thornburn (6A) to the Wilston State School team.

I will address the issue of traffic and pick up in future editions of this newsletter but would like to encourage all drivers to obey the road rules around the school. I have received some correspondence from the BCC informing me that Council traffic wardens will be attending local schools over the next few weeks.

As a courtesy to all could I ask that if your dog accompanies you on the walk to school we ask that they are not brought into the school grounds. Obviously if they are a working pet, such as a blind dog, they are most welcome.

Parent Information Evenings

Parent Information Evenings will be conducted during the third week of term.

**Monday 10 February 2014.**

- Prep  5.30 to 6.10pm
- Year 1  6.15 to 6.55pm
- Year 2  7.00 to 7.40pm

**Tuesday 11 February 2014.**

- Year 3  6.00 to 6.45pm
- Year 4  6.50 to 7.35pm

**Wednesday 12 February 2014.**

- Year 5  6.00 to 6.45
- Year 6 & 7  6.50 to 7.35pm

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**DATE CLAIMERS**

- 7 February Prep Parents Welcome Night
- 10 February Parent Info Night Prep, Yr 1 & 2
- 11 February Parent Info Night Yr 3 & 4
- 12 February Parent Info Night Yr 5, 6 & 7
- 14 February City District Swimming
- 20 February P&C AGM
- 25 February Yr 6/7 Maths Tournament
- 27 February Yr 3C, 3D & 3E to Goma
- 28 February Yr 3A, 3B & 3E to Goma
- 3 March Young Leaders Day
- 5 March Yr 6/7 & 7 Brisbane Urban Creek
- 10 March Yr 5 to Brisbane Urban
- 11 March Yr 5 to Brisbane Urban
- 12 March Yr 5 to Brisbane Urban
- 13 March Yr 5 to Brisbane Urban
- 19 March Yr 2 to Newstead House
- 20 March Yr 2 to Newstead House
- 21 March Yr 2 to Newstead House
- 26/28 March Year 6/7 Camp Alex Headlands
- 29 March Swim Club Trophy Night
- 2 April WSS Interhouse Cross Country
- 4 April Last day Term 1
- 21 April Easter Monday
- 22 April First day Term 2
- 25 April Anzac Day
- 6 May City District Cross Country
- 23 May Summer Season Gala Day
- 30 May Summer Season Gala Day
- 6 June Summer Season Gala Day
- 9 June Queens Birthday
- 11/13 June Junior Music Camp (selected students)
- 27 June Last day Term 2
- 25 June Senior Wilston Interhouse Track and Field Carnival
- 26 June Junior Wilston Interhouse Track and Field Carnival
- 29 June /4 July Year 6/7 Ski Trip
- 14 July First day Term 3
- 16/18 July Year 5 Camp Currimundi
- 31 July /1 Aug City District Track and Field
- 14 Aug/2 Sept Life Education (whole School)
- 13 August Royal Queensand Show
- 28/29 August Yr 4 Camp Warrawee
- 9/12 Sept Honours Music Camp
- 19 September Last day Term 3
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Annual Student ICT Network and Internet Access Agreement 2014 Forms
This week a yellow Annual Student ICT Network and Internet Access Agreement 2014 form will be sent home with your child.

It is a requirement that we keep records in relation to student access to the internet. We ask parents to please complete these forms with your children. This form can be returned to the office via the class Blue Bag. Please return this form as soon as possible as students are not able to access the internet until this is completed.

BOOK CLUB

It’s Book Club once again! Book Club order forms for Issue 1 were distributed to students this week and are due back to the school by MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2014.

The following methods of payment are available:
- Cheque made payable to “Scholastic Australia”
- Credit Card Phone payment 1800 557 908 (24 hours) and write receipt number on the order form
- Credit Card on-line payment www.scholastic.com.au and write receipt number on the order form
- Correct cash in an envelope attached to the order form

Please return your Book Club orders to your class teacher to come up to the office via Blue Bag. Thank you.

STUDENT BANKING

Our first day for school banking will be Friday 7 February as the brand new banking portal is not ready yet. Rewards ordered before school holidays are on their way and a new range of exciting rewards is coming this year with an underwater theme.

Please contact us on gfinselbach@optusnet.com.au for any questions you may have.

NEWS FROM HPE

Welcome back to everyone for 2014. Once again this shapes up as a big year on the sporting field for Wilston SS. I will endeavour to keep you up to date on all the sports and PE related activities throughout the year.

City District Swimming Carnival
The City District Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 14 February. Notes will be coming home shortly to students that are in the Wilston SS Swim Team to compete at this carnival. If you are new to the school, swim at a high level, and would like to compete at this carnival you need to see me ASAP.

Class Swimming
Swimming during PE lessons will begin in week 2. There will be a swimming note coming home with your children this week with times and requirements for these lessons. We will require parents to help out in a supervisory role during swimming classes to meet departmental regulations as well as allowing the classroom teachers to receive their NCT.

Rodney Bell
PE Specialist

Running Club
Starting Tuesday 4 February on the school Oval from 7.30am and Friday 7.30am. Any queries please contact Tim.

Tim Class Auliff
0416 171 904

CHOIR NEWS

Another school year begins! We hope you had a wonderful break and we are looking forward to an exciting year of singing and music making.

Details are below for our 2014 Choral Program:
- Wilston Junior Choir - for any student in Years 3 or 4. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at Big Lunch commencing February 5 upstairs in the Music Block.
- Wilston Wonders Senior Choir – for any student in Years 5-7. A meeting will be held this Friday at morning tea for interested students and a note will be sent home. Regular rehearsals are held on Friday mornings before school at 8.00am in the Music Block (upstairs). Our first rehearsal will be on Fri Feb 7th.

Singing is not only fun, but an excellent way to develop musicianship and aural skills and it enhances any other musical tuition your child may be undertaking.

We would love for your child/ren to be part of our dynamic program!

Miranda Charters and Bev Barnett

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Roster for Tuckshop week beginning 3 February 2014.
Monday: Lisa McGrath, Leonie Crawford
Tuesday: Louise Astori, Ellie Cayas, Michael Stein
Wednesday: Cynthia Wong, Peter Power, Camilla Guerin
Thursday: Sandra Harris, Nickia Mitchell, Lisa Pyne
Friday: Melanie Rogers, Anita Finnegan, Vicki Connelly, Amanda Barr.

Tuckshop commences trade on Monday 3 February 2014 and will operate every day.
TUCKSHOP NEWS (contd)

Munch Monitors is all ready for the new year, sign up if you have not already! Everyone who has already signed up, please remember to update your profile.

The Coffee Shop is open every day from 7.30am.

Bec Stevenson and Dot Milne

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

SHOP OPEN: Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Term 1, between 8.15 and 9.45am.

Stock Update

Stationery
The shop has complete book packs available for Prep, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7. A full range of stationery is also available, although many text books are already out of stock. I am currently waiting for a delivery of headphones, and will advise when they are available. Any items ordered via Munch Monitors that are currently out of stock will be delivered via the classroom as soon as available.

Uniforms
The Shop is fully stocked with all basic uniform items.

Munch Monitors
Sign up to our online bookshop/uniform shop. Just go to www.munchmonitor.com and enter the Username: wilstonss and Password: munch4051. Current users must update their child’s class details through their family accounts to ensure orders are delivered to the correct class.

Christine Matheson, Convenor. Ph. 3552 8490 / 0448 633 737

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Date Claimer:
The P&C AGM will be held on Thursday 20 February 2014.

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Welcome back to Term 1. We are looking to forward to a great term of swimming which will finish with our club championships on the 21 and 28 March 2014 and presentation night on 29 March 2014. New families are encouraged to come along to the pool or please email Kirsten in the office if you would like more details about our swim program or club nights held every Friday 6.00pm. A reminder to nominate for swim club before 6.00pm Thursday night, we are not able to accept late nominations.

We still have some Learn to Swim vacancies, if interested please email Kirsten in the office, we welcome two new instructors Leif and Lauren who are experienced and looking forward to meeting our little Wilston Crocs.

Commencing this week for squad swimmers we are introducing a 10 swim term ticket or an unlimited swim term ticket which will apply for the current term, for further details or any questions please contact Kirsten in the office.

A big thank you to our swim club families and the generous donations for the homeless Christmas collection.

Go Sports
Go Cricket
14 February
6 weeks
Friday 7.55am to 8.40am
School oval
Grades 1-4
6 weeks $105.00

Go Netball
11 February
6 weeks
Tuesday 7.55am to 8.40am
School tennis court
Grades 2-3 and 4-5
6 weeks $105.00

There were over 700 items donated which Chris Michael distributed on Christmas Day with a meal through the Wesley Mission. Chris was overwhelmed with the number of donations which exceeded his goal of providing 150 homeless people with a bag of personal items.

Next Committee Meeting – 11 February 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.

E: info@wilstonswim.org.au
W: www.wilstonswim.org.au

See you at the pool!

VACANCY SCHOOL CROSS SUPERVISOR

School Crossing Supervisor
A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor. The School Crossing Supervisor position is for 2 - 5 days a week however you may be required to work up to 10 days per fortnight in all weather conditions. The hours of work for the School Crossing Supervisor are 1.5 hours a day and comprises 60 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon.

The current rate of pay is $26.90 per hour.

Commencement of work for the successful applicant is dependent on:
- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Government Medical Officer.
- A Positive Notice Blue Card (You will be assisted through this process by the Road Safety Office).

Completed applications should be returned to:
The Principal
Wilston State School
Primrose Street
Wilton Qld 4051.
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Please phone the Principal Margaret Treuel B.A., Dip. Ed. 3353 0555

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¾ size with hard case, bow, neck rest and spare string.
$100
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At Gordon Park Scout Group!
Bradshaw Park,
Cnr Lamington Ave and Bradshaw Road,
LUTWYCHE
8th February 2014
2.00PM – 4.00PM
For more info: call 3311 4511 or email: jwcairns5@bigpond.com
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NEW in 2014 – Assisting all PM students with their academic studies, every weekday from 3.30-5.30 there will be a tutor on site!!
For more info visit projectmovement.com.au
Are you renovating or moving?
Need short-term furnished accommodation?
We are a Wilston State School family travelling to the UK for a sabbatical from Easter to mid August.
If you're looking for a furnished rental in the Wilston catchment area, contact 0421 648 997.
It's 4-bed, 3-bath overlooking a park in a quiet street.
LEARN HOW TO PLAY HOCKEY
Kedron Wavell Services Hockey Club are running a Hook in2 Hockey Program at Burringbar Park, Kittyhawk Drive Chermside.

Are you the next Jamie Dwyer or Jodie Shultz? Or do you just love to play the sport for fun? Well we want to hear from you!
The Hook in2 Hockey program is not to be missed, and provides a fabulous introduction for youngsters keen to give our sport a try.
Starts Saturday 8 February 2014, 10am - 11:30am for 3 weeks.
Registration forms are available from www.kwhockey.com or email learnhockey@gmail.com or at
Our Sign on Day Sunday 2nd February 10.00am-2.00pm at Burringbar Park.
For further information call Michelle Weekes on 0409 210 104.

Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis (GBJT)
conducts weekly Tennis Fixtures at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson and The University of Queensland for children up to 18 years of age.
Grading day for new players is to be held on Sunday 9 February at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson from 3.00pm to 5.00pm.
Further information is available at www.gbjt.org.au or by phoning Mrs Peta Davis on 3374 0516.'

Cheerleading, Dance and Fitness Studio
Do you want to compete in Cheerleading or Dance and train with hardworking and inspiring coaches and athletes? If the answer is yes, simply contact Cheersport Australia (CSA) for a position on one of our award winning teams. CSA has both competitive and recreational programs available for athletes aged 5 years and older. CSA’s training facility is a fully equipped Cheerleading, Dance and Fitness Studio, comprising of a 7 run sprung floor, a dance floor with full length mirrors, tumbling equipment (including a 6m air track), and fitness equipment for strength and cardio training. CSA is excited to bring a number of quality cheer and dance programs to you, and we look forward to welcoming all new members and their families to the Studio.

55 Toombul Road, Northgate
www.cheersportaustralia.com
cheersport@me.com
0415 805 256

Wilton Grange Junior AFL Club
Sign On Days
February 8 and 9
Gorillas Den, Hockey Park, Babarra Street, Stafford.
Saturday and Sunday 8 and 9 February 10.00am to 2.00pm
New players please bring Birth Certificate.

Any enquiries please email Jo Jardine on jo.jardine@gorillas.com.au or wqjafc@optusnet.com.au or phone 3166 8379.

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