FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

“We are teaching kids to live on a planet we’ve never seen.”

Mary Catherine Bateson

Great Results Guarantee

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Our work over the last three years, particularly in the area of improving teacher pedagogy has focused on having a clear and consistent approach to our teaching for example the, "I Do, We Do, You Do" sequence to our lesson delivery. We regularly monitor student achievement in relation to the literacy and numeracy targets as outlined in the Wilston State School – Diagnostic and Formative Assessment Overview 2014.

KEEP IT SIMPLE

In school improvement, complexity kills. It demoralises teachers and distorts the critical connection between effort and outcomes. It is the enemy of the most indispensable elements of improvement: clarity, priority, and focus. Over-complexifying is a major problem in school-improvement efforts. Educators have to wade through thick binders of jargon and endless lists of goals, and action plans, most of them maddeningly ambiguous, confusing and unrelated to what really improves teaching and learning. The best lessons are usually simple, low-tech affairs that could be described in half a page. They contain these elements:

• A clear purpose or objective.
• An assessment aligned with that objective.
• An ongoing cycle of small, manageable teaching steps.
• Frequent, informal assessments of learning at each step – for example, the teacher circulating to observe student work.
• Re-teaching when necessary.
• Ensuring that all students succeed on every phase of the lesson until they are ready to successfully complete the assessment or assignment.

The transition to simple, priority-driven education might require a refusal, by a critical mass of educators, to implement anything unless it has been adequately piloted, amply proven and then made clear and simple enough to implement successfully.

“Education’s Crisis of Complexity” by Mike Schmoker in Education Week, Jan 15, 2014.

Guy Hendriks

Principal
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 4/5 6.00pm
- Year 5 6.00 to 6.45pm
- Year 6 & 7 6.50 to 7.35pm.

Year 4-6 Sector News
Welcome, we have had a wonderful start to 2014. The students have settled into their school routine and have been working with their teachers on class roles and routines. This is really important because it helps establish good work and study habits that will help our students to be successful in their learning.

Please remember that if you have concerns about expectations or behaviour, contact and talk to your child’s class teacher first. The classroom teachers are working hard getting to know the children, establishing learning goals and setting targets and they are keen to know if there are any problems impacting on their learning.

Just remember it maybe best to send an email and setup an appointment, our teachers would like to give you their full attention and this is where they earn Dollarmites tokens which they can redeem for great rewards. Our school also benefits because it receives a commission on every deposit and $5 for every Activated Account via the program.

School Attendance.
Regular attendance at school is a significant indicator of student success. It is simple really—the more a student attends, the better their chance of achieving success during schooling. It is pleasing to note that our students demonstrate consistently high levels of attendance—thank you, parents, for your support in reinforcing the importance of regular and on-time attendance.

We regularly review the attendance of students and make contact with parents to discuss concerns. Our aim is to work with you to maximise the opportunities for success for all students.

Below paints a vivid picture of the impact of student absence over the length of secondary schooling:

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For students to have every chance of being successful at school they need to attend every day. If you have concerns about the attendance of your son/daughter please discuss these with your child’s teacher or Deputy Principal.

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
What is School Banking?
School Banking is a fun, engaging way for children to learn lifelong money-management skills.

All children should learn about the importance of saving and smart money management and when it comes to a child’s education, knowing how to manage money is as essential as English, maths, science or the arts.

All children are encouraged to participate in the school banking program where they earn Dollarmites tokens which they can redeem for great rewards. Our school also benefits because it receives a commission on every deposit and $5 for every Activated Account via the program.

Rewards
This term we have available the following items:
- Handball (New design)
- Scented pencils
- Scented pencils
- Scented pencils

If you are new to the school and would like to know more please contact us on gtnselbach@optusnet.com.au to request an information pack.

In the coming weeks all prep classes will receive a School Banking pack containing information about the program and how to join.

Tomorrow Friday 7th is our first banking day.

NEWS FROM HPE
City District Swimming Carnival
The City District Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 14 February. All students involved in this carnival need to return their permission notes and money ASAP.

Class Swimming
Swimming lessons during PE are underway. There have been a number of students who have not had all the required swimming gear for these lessons.

All students need: Togs or swimmers / swim cap / rash shirt / sunshirt. If you are able to help out with supervision during these classes can you let your child’s classroom teacher know.

Rodney Bell
PE Specialist
CHOIR NEWS

We had a great turn out at our choir recruitment meetings this week!! Please remember that the rehearsal time for the Wilston Wonders Senior Choir (Years 5-7) is at 8.00am on Friday morning – STARTING THIS WEEK!! Students need to bring along an A4 plastic folder and their agreement forms. If your child is unsure about joining choir they are most welcome to attend a couple of rehearsals before deciding.

Junior Choir will also begin this week on Wednesday at big lunch.

Many thanks.

Miranda Charters and Bev Barnett

BRASS WOODWIND & PERCUSSION

Wildcatz
Band rehearsals have begun at 8.15am on Mondays. The Catz lessons are scheduled for Mondays (a draft schedule is on the music room window). Good luck for 2014.

Junior Band
The flute, clarinet, sax and brass lessons are scheduled currently for Mondays and the bass and percussion lessons for Thursday afternoon. Please send the signed form for loaned instruments to the music room collection box.

The beginners seems very enthusiastic and we should have a fine sounding young ensemble in a few months.

Cliff Draper

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Make your new year easy with Munch Monitor’s fantastic online ordering system and sign up today !!!
If you need assistance signing up come and see us at the Tuckshop and we will answer any questions.

If any mum or dads have any spare time we would greatly appreciate more volunteers to help out!!! You can help once a month or once a term or go on our emergency list, unfortunately we have not got enough volunteers to cover every day especially Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

If you can spare any time please come and see Bec or Dot in the Tuckshop, it’s a great way to meet people.

Roster Week ending on the 14/2/14
Monday 10th  Vanessa Behan, Hayden Win
Tuesday 11th  Kathryn Napier, Sarah Bender
Wednesday 12th  Sarah Moore, Helena Kahl
Thursday 13th  Angela Pratt, Harriet Carter
Friday 14th  Simone Rosengren, Julie Harrie.

Bec Macdonald 0448804279, 60huet@gmail.com, Dot Milne 0408729021, milnej@optushome.com.au

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP (contd)

Without your efficient fitting of uniforms and gathering of stationery, the queues would have been twice as long!! And thanks also to all the parents who patiently waited in line for those last minute purchases and still had a smile and a kind word for us once they were served. The shop sold over $25,000 worth of stock in five days – incredible!!

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 some text books are already out of stock. I am currently waiting for a delivery of head-phones, 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 uniforms. As well as Seniors’ Shirts (Yrs 6/7). All Year 6 and 7 students are entitled to wear the mo-cha & gold senior/representative shirt this year. Printing of these shirts with the students’ names will happen in a few weeks, following distribu- tion of permission slips to all Year 6 and 7 families. Seniors shirts are available in sizes 8-14 for $33.

Munch Monitors
If you can’t get to the shop, then order your items online! Just go to www.munchmonitor.com and enter the Username: wilstonsss and Pass-word: munch4051. Current users must update their child’s class details through their family accounts to ensure orders are delivered to the cor-rect class.

Donations
Lots of generous parents have been donating their pre-loved uniforms. So if you need a spare shirt or would simply like to save a bit of money, come and have a look at the great range of items currently in the shop. And if you want to be really organised, come and buy some winter unifiorms – there are plenty of donated jackets, rugby tops, microfibre and bootleg pants available.

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

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Welcome everyone to 2014. The year has started well for the P&C. We are pleased to welcome Rebecca McDonald to the role of Senior Con-venor in the Tuckshop. The Tuckshop is fully underwary this week, so please say hello to Bec and offer your support as she settles into the new role and gets her team organised for the year. Don’t forget to sign up to Munch Monitors if you haven’t already – so much easier ordering Tuckshop online! Swim Club got underway last Friday with a great turn-out and the new lights are just great! Kids care had a successful vaca-tion care program, completed some painting over the holidays and there are new lights in the undercover to help with visibility and safety in the winter months.

The P&C’s events program starts this Friday with the Prep Welcome Evening (7.00pm D Block). This is becoming a more and more popular event every year and a great opportunity for new parents to Wilston State School to meet others in their Prep class, a few old hands who might have their second or third Prep year and enjoy the social side of school life at the first P&C event of the year.

Wilston State School Ever Onward
NEWS FROM THE P&C

Last year was a hugely successful year for the P&C. With just short of $90,000 raised from the Fete and the car raffle, every classroom now has the latest interactive screen to assist teaching and learning in the classroom. This year we don’t have a Fete so we are not anticipating to raise as much funds, but there will still be just as much fun and some great events. The program for this year will be finalised after the AGM.

Usually during the first term we have a Beach Party function, but unfortunately due to no one coming forward to convene the event, THERE WILL BE NO BEACH PARTY THIS YEAR.

The P&C AGM is on Thursday 20 February at 7.00pm in D Block. The AGM is where the P&C Officers are appointed and sub-committees confirmed. So if you want to get involved, email the secretary at ad-am.spencer@wilstonpandc.org.au and nominate for a position. P&C membership is free but memberships must be renewed each year. You can download an application form off the website in the constitution or fill out one on the night at the AGM. Remember if you are not a member of the P&C you can’t vote on any matters and you don’t get a say on how the P&C supports the schools activities.

Look forward to seeing you all at the AGM and to an enjoyable 2014.

Kevin Mercer
WSS PCA President.

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Wilston Kids Care (WKC) is a P&C operated facility offering fun, educationally-based care. We run before and after school care as well as offering full and half day vacation care. We are a not-for-profit centre, and our aim is to provide working parents with safe, convenient, quality care at an affordable price.

WKC employs fully qualified staff and meets all the current National Quality Framework standards for school-aged students in an out-of-school-hours-care facility. Along with our enthusiastic staff we have an operations manager who takes care of the day-to-day administration of the centre; however, as a subcommittee of the P&C, we rely on the participation of parents/carers to manage the overall operation and direction for the centre.

We currently have a small committee and we would like to extend a welcome to all parents who use WKC to join us.

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

We fully understand the needs of working and/or single parents and as a consequence your only commitment would be attending a monthly evening meeting to participate and discuss the decisions and issues related to the WKC committee. These meetings are held at the school with childcare and light refreshments provided.

Our next meeting is 12 February 6.00-7.00pm at WKC and if you are interested please come along, or for more information contact WKC office on 33526753 or wilstonkids@optusnet.com.au

Committee Meeting Dates 2014

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NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Congratulations to our Wilston Crocs that swam at the Brisbane Sprint Championships, there were many personal best times achieved and a special mention to Joshua Anderson for winning a silver medal in the 8 year old boys 50m breaststroke! Good luck to our Crocs out at Chandler this weekend for the Queensland Sprint Championships.

Club Night, Squads and Learn to Swim have been busy and it is lovely seeing all our returning and new families at the pool -- if you would like more information please refer to our website or contact Kirsten in the office. A reminder for club nights - nominations are required for swim club before 6.00pm Thursday nights, we are not able to accept late nominations. Club night duties this week - BBQ: Campbell, Beaman and Edgson families - Canteen: Matyear, Kelso and Crook families.

Congratulations to our trainer of the week - Rachel O'Dowd

We are seeking a volunteer for club nights to share announcer duties, if interested please let Kirsten know or see Emma in the office on Friday night. We are also looking for a volunteer to assist with maintenance coordination around the pool - neither roles are time consuming and we would appreciate any assistance you might be able to offer.

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

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
- Wilston Qld 4051.
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Our Personal Training Service is about getting results, having fun and providing an exercise regime which fits in with busy family lives. As mums we know how hard it is to juggle work, kids, cooking, washing and exercise. Our programs are achievable, we offer help by providing you with nutritional guidance, shopping lists, whatever you need to achieve your goal!!!

We offer indoor and outdoor classes and have a 12 week challenge commencing on the 17th February.
Our Class times are
7.00pm Monday night - Wilston State School
7.00pm Wednesday night - Wilston State School
9.00am Thursday morning - Genesis Windsor
Bring this advertisement to one of our group class sessions and receive a complimentary Personal Training Session. **
If you have any questions or queries regarding your fitness goals. Please feel free to give me a call. We are here to work with you and make it happen.
Nirvana 0411 540 696.
** New Clients Only.

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

Bazil Grumble
Drama Classes
Wilston Shining Stars
(d4 to 8 years)
Held in the G Block Upstairs
Music Room from
3:10pm — 4:15pm every Tuesday
of the term from 4 February.
Wilston Masterclass
(9 to 12 years)
Held in the G Block Downstairs
Music Room from
3:10pm — 4:15pm every Tuesday
of the term from 4 February.
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LIMITED PLACES
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A fun way to learn a modern necessity.

Conveniently located at Wilston State School,
Touch Typing Classes for kids Grades 4+.
This course is for students who need to type without looking at the keyboard. It’s an after school program inside fun with skills to music and games to home speed and accuracy.

Where
F Block Computer Lab
When
Wednesdays 3:10-4:10pm
Next course commences 17th February for 10 weeks.
Cost
$300 for 10 sessions of 00 minutes each. All course materials provided.
For more details or to register, please contact Jodi:
07 3018 2352
info@educationextra.com.au

Come and learn French with us!

Alliance Française French classes at Wilston State School $220
TDM 1 starts Monday 03 February
and finishes Monday 24 March
7.30-8.45pm - 7-11 yrs Higher Beginners A1
3.10-4.25pm - 4-6 yrs Any Level
4.25-5.40pm - 7-11 yrs Complete Beginners A1

Alliance française de Brisbane - Tel: 3844 4460 - info@afbrisbane.com

Term 1 Starts 7 February
Friday nights from 5-7pm
At Orange Baptist Church
Cnr Carberry St & Wilston Rd
Primary School Kids welcome for a night of fun, food and games!
For more information contact
Andrew Lawton - 0402066534

The Grange Kids Club
VIOLIN AND PIANO LESSONS
I am former WSS student now studying music at the University of Queensland. I have my Australian Associate of Music on piano and violin. I am available for teaching violin and piano to beginners, or children with previous knowledge.
Rate: $25 for 30 minute lesson
Contact Phoebe on 0477 513 794

STAFFORD GIRL GUIDES VACANCIES.
Join us at Stafford Guides on Saturday mornings from 9.30 to 11.30am at Hickey Park, Gamelin Crescent, Stafford.
For ages 5+.
Activities range from craft, abseiling, canoeing, cooking, bush skills, with opportunities for camping and more!
Develop important life and leadership skills.
Come along and try it with no obligation.
For more information, contact Mindy on 0407 134 778.
Cost is only $40 per term (plus an annual membership to Guides Queensland of $110).

Are you aged 6 to 11 and want to learn FUNdamental Basketball skills?
Dragons Club is again conducting their highly successful B.L.A.S.T.™ 611even non-competitive skills development program from Saturday February 9.
Now in its sixth year, over 300 children have participated in B.L.A.S.T.™ since inception.
Numbers are strictly limited and filling fast.
For further information, email blast@northbrisbanebasketball.com.au or visit our website www.northbrisbanebasketball.com.au.

Play Hockey in 2014
St Andrews Ladies Hockey Club
Dedication – Perseverance – Loyalty – Friendship
If you are aged 5+, we would love you to join Brisbane’s oldest and most successful women’s hockey club.
Come on your own or get together a group of friends!
Qualified coaches
Grass training and games held locally at Downey Park
New Under 7 and Under 9 players receive a free hockey kit (hockey stick, shin pads and ball)* *(while stocks last)
For fun, fitness and a lifelong sport – play hockey!
Sign On: Saturday 8 February, 10:00am to Noon.
Upstairs @BTHA (“Brisbane Women’s Hockey Assoc”) Clubhouse, Melbourne Street, Windsor (DOWNIE PARK)

To register or for further details visit www.standrewshockey.com.au
Or contact: Simone Casey, Registrar, 0402 351 527 or Jayne Shallcross, President, 0434 605 399