FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Feedback from parents and teachers in regard to this week’s Parent/Teacher evenings has been very positive. Thank you for taking the time to connect with your child’s teacher. The relationship between teacher and parent is very important in the overall success of your child. Last night I met with Mr Kevin Mercer, President of our P&C to discuss the focus and priorities for this year. All of our school plans and targets will be discussed at the appropriate time over the next two months during the scheduled P&C meetings. As soon as I have received an agreement from the P&C as to the initiatives we have decided upon for the year I will be ensuring the documents are endorsed by my supervisor and then they will be presented on the Wilston State School website. We have until the end of this month to gain an agreement with our parent body on the programs we intend delivering through the Great Results Guarantee initiative.

Student Leaders

Earlier this week we acknowledged our 2014 Student Leaders during a special assembly where they were presented with their badges. Our special guests include Dr Chris Davis, the Assistant Minister for Health and State Member for Stafford, Mr Kevin Mercer our P&C President and Reverend Robert Hay, the Priest in Charge of the Wilston Parish.

Dr Davis spoke to students and parents on his thoughts on leadership referenced through Sean Covey’s – The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens. All seven habits are integral to being a highly effective leader but I do relate to Habit 5 – Seek first to understand, then to be understood.

Our young leaders will be encouraged to develop and lead a program this year, (Mrs Lisa Boge, Senior School Deputy has acknowledged this program in her article for the week). I will be encouraging all student leaders to share their successes and challenges with the broader community as the year progresses.

PEACH Program

Parents and carers can now sign up to a free government-funded program which aims to increase activity and healthy eating for the whole family. The new program called PEACH™ (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health), is available to families with a child 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight for their age.

PEACH™ is being initially offered to families in Brisbane, Caboolture, Logan and Rockhampton, followed by a state-wide roll out during 2014.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Student Cards
Student Cards will be going home this week. Can parents check their child’s details and sign and return even if no changes have been made. It is very important that the school has all details updated. Please return these to the class no later than 24 February 2014.

Prep Welcome Night
A very big thank-you to Roxanne Gorman, Suhraya Pedroni, Jennifer Clarke, Marney Macpherson and Bernie O’Dowd for organising a wonderful Prep Welcome Night last Friday evening. It was great to see so many parents, from both new and existing families, attend this annual event.

School Leaders
Last Thursday and Friday our eight school captains and vice captains attended a student leadership program at Kelvin Grove State College. This is the first time this program has been offered and it was wonderful to see our school leaders interacting in the Y Lead program, listening to guest speakers and engaging with Members of Parliament and mentors to plan and develop a community project. Our students then had to share their ideas and represented Wilston State School in an extremely positive manner. Mr Hendriks and I were very impressed with how our students conducted themselves and we are looking forward to continuing to work with our leaders on projects that impact our school and wider community.

TERM PAYMENTS

The school operates a statement billing method to support families when paying their account so that, in most cases, one payment is required per term. Term 1 statements have been processed and will be issued shortly to all students. Below is a list of the activities which could be included on your child’s statement – please note that only the activities your child is participating in will be shown. Whilst the $30.00 Student Resource Scheme is purely voluntary, payment of this will be greatly appreciated. Any Student Resource Scheme money received, will be allocated to your child’s class. If you are unable to participate in this scheme, kindly let us know so we can process a credit. You may write a note on your child’s statement and return it to the office via the class Blue Bag. If you have difficulty meeting these payments, please contact Deb Jackson, Business Services Manager, to discuss a part payment agreement.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

If any families have Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends books, trains—both working and not, DVD’s or games they no longer need we would love to use them in our Special Education Program and activity room. We have a number of students who would enjoy using them.

Please drop them in at the office or the Activity Room in J Block (downstairs Room 4.).

Thank you.

Amanda Kerby and Sue Hargreaves

NEWS FROM HPE

City District Swimming Carnival
Good luck to all the students in the Wilston State School swimming team who are competing at the City District Carnival on Friday. These students are trying to gain selection in the City District Team to compete at the Met North Championships on the 26th of February.

State Triathlon
Good luck to Aiden B who is competing at the State Aquathlon Championships at Hervey Bay over the weekend. There are also a number of past Wilston students competing in the State Triathlon Championships as well.

Congratulations to Henry H who gained selection into the City District Cricket Team to compete at the Met North Trials later this month.

Rodney Bell
PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

The Wilston Wonders Senior Choir got off to a flying start last Friday morning. Thanks to our parents for getting their children to school so early!! The choir sound great already and we are looking forward to singing some lovely part work throughout the term. Students must remember to bring their A4 folder along to rehearsal so they can keep their music safe for practice.

We are still waiting for a few permission notes to be returned.

Many thanks.

Miranda Charters and Bev Barnett

FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

My name is Kathryn Payne and I am the new strings teacher at Wilston State School. I have received a very warm welcome to the school by staff, students and parents which has been lovely.

The Year 3s have got off to a roaring start with the Kick Start Program last week and I’m already hearing reports of these children performing little ‘concerts’ for their families.

Lessons and ensemble rehearsals start this week with the Vivace Strings (Years 5-7) rehearsing on Tuesday mornings from 7:45am in the Music Block and Dolce Strings (Year 4s) on Friday mornings from 7.45am. I am looking forward to meeting your children. If you have a child who already plays a string instrument (violin, viola, cello or double bass) and would like to join our program, please contact me.
FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

Unfortunately we do not have any openings for beginner students at this stage.

Medical forms and payment for the Celtic String Workshop are due to the office by the 21 February. This will be a wonderful event and I hope that we will have a strong representation from Wilston.

If you have any questions about the string program, please email me, Kathryn Payne at kpayn49@eq.edu.au.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Come and try our new coffee and homemade baked items at the Wilston Coffee Shop!!!

Thank you for everyone who has updated their profiles on Munch Monitors. If you haven’t please update your child’s class.

We have some new healthy and yummy items on the menu that are worth trying, so sign up to Munch Monitors if you haven’t.

Preps are welcome to start ordering Tuckshop straight away, so come and try our delicious food!!!

We are still in desperate need of volunteers, there are days that we only have one person, so please volunteer if you have some spare time.

Next Week’s Roster

Monday 17: Jackie Redmond, Rachna Stinson
Tuesday 18: Catherine Moulson, Elissa Howie
Wednesday 19: Kristina Row, Larissa Jennings
Thursday 20: Andrea Martin, Jacinta Geritz
Friday 21: Natalie Scott, Christine Beehler, Amanda Kennedy, Geraldine Mercer

Bec Macdonald 60huet@gmail.com 0448804279
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FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

SHOP OPEN: Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Term 1, between 8.15 and 9.45am. SHOP ONLINE: Go to www.munchmonitor.com; Username: wilstonss and Password: munch4051.

Stock Update

Out of Stock: Small socks (9-2; available in Term 2), Yamaha recorders, various text books.

Uniforms

The shop is fully stocked with all basic uniform items. The ‘back to school’ queue has gone, so please visit the shop if you need to check your child’s size. Otherwise, just place your order online via Munch Monitors and it will be delivered to your child’s class.

Swim items: The shop has an extensive range of swimwear, including rashies (sm-xl; $40), fabric caps ($10), goggles ($12), towels ($18) and bags ($15), all in house colours.

Winter items: The shop is bursting with winter uniforms, both new and pre-loved. There are microfibre jackets ($46), rugby-style tops ($30), cargo pants ($30) and girls’ stretch pants ($30). There are also limited new sizes in the discontinued microfibre track pants and the bootleg pants, but plenty of pre-loved items to search through! Drop by and have a look!

Seniors’ Shirts (Yrs 6/7)

All Year 6 and 7 students are entitled to wear the mocha & gold senior/representative shirt this year. Printing of these shirts with the students’ names will happen in a few weeks, following distribution of permission slips to all Year 6 & 7 families. Seniors’ shirts are available in sizes 8-14 for $33.

Music Shirts

If your child is doing something musical this year (orchestra, choir) they will need a music shirt! They are available in sizes 6-12 for $30.

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

NEWS FROM THE P&C

WILSTON STATE SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION AGM

The AGM is to be held on Thursday 20th February at 7.00pm in D Block.

Nominations are open for all officer positions. In particular we are looking for nominations for Vice-Presidents. Please email nominations to secretary@wilstonpandc.org.au

Also looking for convenors or groups of people who may wish to joint convene an event this year. Get a bunch of friends together and have a bit of fun organising an event for the school community to enjoy. Please register your interest with the secretary at the above email address.

Reminder that all memberships elapse at the end of each year and membership forms must be completed again each year to continue. Being part of your school’s P&C is a valuable contribution to the educational outcomes and learning environment at the school your child attends. Make a difference and be an active part of the school community. See you at the AGM!

Kevin Mercer. WSS PCA President

PREP PARENTS WELCOME NIGHT

Well it was good to see that this year’s Prep parents have continued the Wilston tradition of knowing how to have a good time! Over 165 Prep parents, and teachers joined in the fun last Friday 7 February for the Annual WSS Prep Parents Welcome Night. This is the fourth year the P&C have hosted event which is designed to welcome new (and old) Prep parents, allowing everyone to put names to the smiling faces that we see in the playground at pick up and drop off every day.

A huge thank you to the P&C for supporting the event and to Kids Care who once again provided a baby sitting service for the night and to Leigh Hofmeister and Gavin Reiger for all of their help in coordination and set up.

Thank you to Guy Hendriks, Debbie Mill, Jennifer Dietz and Fleur Provost, and all of course, all the Prep teachers who attended on the night - Katelyn Bibby, Shelley Davies, Mel Grim, Monika Hillier and Marina Nicklin.

Thanks to Kevin Mercer, our P&C President for attending and for all his help on the night. Special thanks to Matt Kirkegaard who (even though his children have now left Wilston) kindly set up and ran the bar for the event and to Matt Crook for lending us a helping hand.

A huge thank you to Jennifer Clarke, Marney Macphee, Bernie O’Dowd and Suhanya Pedroni for helping to organise the night, as well as to Sybil McGuire, Charlotte Muir, Marteena and Patrick Pearl and Damien Pointon for their help with set up and take down. Last but not least, to Susan and Michael Young from Edsco who not only provided our Lucky Door Prize and sample bags for all of the parents who attended, but who also helped with cleaning up on Saturday (that takes supporting the school to a whole new level)! Thanks so much to everyone for attending and making it such a wonderful night.

Roxanne Gorman
NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Well done to our swimmers and their results at the Queensland Sprint Championships last weekend. Good luck to our Crocs competing at the City Districts carnival as well as the State Aquathlon and Triathlon Championships this weekend.

Congratulations to our trainer of the week—Will Bradley. Swim club duties this week—BBQ: Gladman, Harris and Clare families—Canteen: Charles, Fisher and Ireland families. Club night nominations close each Thursday 6pm.

Next Committee Meeting –11 March 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!

Child carer wanted
Tuesday and Thursday
2.45 to 5.15pm, sometimes 6.30pm
at 43 Watson Street, Newmarket
Four children 9, 6, 4 and 2 years
No cooking required
Supervision and tidy up of food
Start first week March
Contact Adrienne 0409 199 309