FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

GRG

On the newsletter printed on the 6th of this month I referenced the Great Result Guarantee initiative that would be introduced into the school this year. I have been working with key members of my staff in ensuring the evidence-based strategies that we focus on will deliver excellent student results in literacy and numeracy.

As part of the quality assurance process of this program approval needs to be achieved at three levels. Endorsement by P&C, ratification by the Assistant Regional Director (my immediate supervisor); and an acceptance by the Director-General, Department of Education, Training and Employment. The strategies were endorsed by the P&C last week and ratified by my supervisor at the end of last week.

The strategies will now be presented to the Director-General Jim Watterston for his approval. If this is given the Agreement will then be placed on our website and we will be able to start implementing the strategies.

This funding will be used to:

• Ensure that all students, not working on a learning plan, achieve the National Minimum Standard in all areas of literacy and numeracy in Year 3.
• Develop learning plans for students who are below the National Minimum Standard.
• Enhance teacher capability around pedagogy, data collection and differentiation to improve student outcomes in literacy and numeracy.
• Increase the number of students in the NAPLAN upper two bands in reading in Year 3 from 65.9% in 2013 to 70% within two years.

Mathematics

On Tuesday I accompanied twenty of our very able mathematicians from Years 6 and 7 to the All Hallows School. This was to attend the All Hallows and Gregory Terrace Mathematics Team Challenge 2014. We entered four teams of five students. The contest was competed over two events. The first event was a team response to twelve questions and the second event students worked in pairs as part of a relay style competition.

I was very proud of the manner in which our students engaged in this activity and though none of our teams were placed all performed very well. I thank all of the parents who were able to attend on the day.

PLO

Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered to be the Parent Liaison Officer (PLO) for their class. As part of the school’s induction into this role I will be inviting our Liaison Officers to a P&C sponsored morning tea. I have scheduled this meeting for 9:00am on Wednesday 12 March. This meeting will be held in our staffroom. Our year has started well and I would like to ensure the communication channels between the school and our parents are not overused and the information being sent home is pertinent. Mr Kevin Mercer (P&C President) and my Deputy Principals will also be attending this meeting.

Newsletters

This year one of our strategies to reduce our ecological footprint is to stop printing the school newsletter. A copy of our newsletter is placed on our website each Thursday. The last printed copy will occur on the last week of this term. If you are unable to view the newsletter online or prefer to receive a hard copy there will be copies available at the office.

Guy Hendriks
Principal
FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

Cybersafety Help Button
Online safety is just a click away with the Cybersafety help button now installed on all school computers throughout the state. The floating icon will be visible on computer desktops and is also available for parents to download to their home computer. It provides students with an easy means of reporting cyberbullying and online concerns. The button is a federal government initiative providing an online hub with 24 hour access to cybersafety help, reporting options, resources and information. http://education.qld.gov.au/student/services/behaviour/qsaav/cybersafety-button.html

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

School Leaders in Action
On 28 February our school will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day. Clean Up Australia Day started in 1989 and has been running in Australia for 25 years. In 2013 an estimated 550,000 volunteers removed 16,150 tonnes of rubbish at 7,341 sites across Australia. Our aim for Wilston is to pick up rubbish all over the school and maintain a clean, litter free environment for us to learn and play in. The student leaders will also be introducing other environmentally friendly initiatives throughout the year.

Lydia and Flora

WELL DONE AWARDS

Year 4
Year 4/5G
Liam N, Caiden L, Lilia W.

Year 5
Thomas B 5A, Liam A 5B, Raaj M 5A, Ashley P 5C, Tom C 5C, Grace H 5C.

Year 6
Tahila H 6A, Thomas D 6A.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Family statements will be going home with the youngest in the family this week. The colour of these is caramel. Statements and payment are to be placed in the class Blue Bags to come up to the office for receipting. Please can you make payment well before your child attends an activity or excursion. If your child is not attending or partaking in an activity, please can you write this on the statement. Thank you.

CALL FOR PREP EQUIPMENT

Are you autumn cleaning? The preps would love any donations of toys we could use in the playground at lunch time (sand toys, dolls, cars, balls, toys and even sheets and pegs). If you have any appropriate toys you are no longer using and could donate to our lunchtime play equipment, please send to Prep D’s classroom.

NEWS FROM HPE

City District Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to the 17 Wilston State School students who competed at the Met North Swimming Carnival on Wednesday and Thursday. All students performed exceptionally well with a number of personal best times swum at the carnival. From these championships the following students have been selected into the Metropolitan North team to compete at the State Championships later in the term.

Met North Swimming Representatives:

Wilston Cross Country
The inter-house Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 2nd April.

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

It’s been a wonderful start to the year for the Wilston Wonders Senior Choir! They are sounding great and most students have been arriving at rehearsal on time. Thanks to all the wonderful parents who drop their kids off so early. Students need to remember to bring their folders to all rehearsals and a little practice at home each week is important.

Our first performance of the year will be at the Easter church service This will be held on Friday 4 April from 9.30 to 11.00am.

Miranda Charters

TUCKSHOP NEWS

The Coffee Shop open every day from 7.30 - 11.00am. Come and try our new home baked goodies and delicious coffee.

Please sign up to Munch Monitors, it saves time for working parents and makes the volunteers’ job in the Tuckshop a lot easier!!!

Fridays in the Tuckshop are extremely busy. We do not have enough volunteers to get every thing done. We are therefore taking all sandwiches off the menu on Fridays because we do not have enough hands to make them. PLEASE DO NOT ORDER SANDWICHES ON FRIDAYS UNTIL WE HAVE MORE HELP !!!!!!!

Next Week's Roster
Monday 3/2
Lisa McGrath, Leonie Crawford
Tuesday 4/3
Louise Aston, Ellie Cayas, Michael Stein
Wednesday 5/3
Camilla Guerin, Cynthia Wong, Peter Power
Thursday 6/3
Sandra Harris, Nickia Mitchell, Lisa Pyne
Friday 7/3
Belinda Creed (We need someone to volunteer on this day or the kids won't get their lunch)

Bec Macdonald 0448 804 279 60huet@gmail.com
Dot Milne 0408 729 021

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED IN THE TUCKSHOP

Please, Please, Please, we need your help!!

The volunteers in the Tuckshop this term are less than half of what we had last year and the orders are growing.

Sandwiches and salads are having to be taken off the menu on Fridays until we get more volunteers as there are not enough hands to make them.

Please see Bec or Dot if you are able to help out—even for a few hours a day.
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.

Have Your Say About Our Uniform

I would like to get some feedback from the school community about key pieces of our uniform – what's great and what could be improved. I am reviewing the functionality, durability and price of the following items: Dress; polo shirts (regular, cotton and house) and shorts. If you have a comment or suggestion about these items (or any others), please contact me via email, a note in your child's class blue bag or just drop in to the shop. But please note – the colours of the uniform will remain unchanged!!

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' queues have 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 (Years 6/7)

All Year 6 and 7 students are entitled to wear the mocha and 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 and 7 families. Seniors shirts are available in sizes 8-14 for $33.

Lost Umbrellas

Are you missing an umbrella? I have two golf-size umbrellas in the shop, left at the very beginning of school this year. Please come and have a look if you're wondering where your umbrella is!!

Christine Matheson, Convenor. Ph. 3552 8490 / 0448 633 737 / chrismath1@hotmail.com

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Congratulations to our Wilston Crocs who swam at the Brisbane Junior Championships over the weekend. There were many personal best times achieved and a special mention to Joshua A for winning a gold medal in the 50m breaststroke.

Club night, squads and learn to swim are still busy and we are welcoming more new families each week. We would also like to welcome a new instructor Joe to our learn to swim team.

Congratulations to our trainer of the week - Julian B.

Swim club duties this week - BBQ - O’Hara, Paull - Canteen - McMaster, Crawford, Brett. If you are able to help out with the BBQ this week please advise Emma on arrival. Club night nominations close each Thursday at 6.00pm. Our Club Championships are fast approaching and start on the 21 March. You will only be able to compete if all your fees are paid up to date and you have no outstanding debts. Please see Kirsten in the office if you would like to confirm you are paid up to date.

Club Presentation night will be held on 29 March from 6.00pm in the school undercover area. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks- if you are able to help out please see Emma in the office on Friday night.

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

Swimmers at the Brisbane Junior Metropolitan Championships.
Baby Needed!

Hi - I am a Mum new to the school and also a psychology student with the Tavistock Institute(UK). I am currently undertaking an infant observation training with a psychologist here in Brisbane, and in order to do this I need a baby to observe!

The idea is that I come around to the house once a week for an hour and observe the baby and primary carer - that's it!

If you or anyone you know is expecting soon, or has recently had a baby, and would be willing to help, I would be so grateful!

“The mother of the new baby finds the experience of sharing her baby’s development with the observer a helpful, reassuring and rewarding one” BCPS

Please contact me on sarahvivbentley@gmail.com or 04 23 38 30 55

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Play starts at 3:30pm and goes through to 5:30pm with a sausage sizzle at half time.
Next game is Saturday 1 March and all equipment is provided.
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THE GRANGE KIDS CLUB

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For more information contact Andrew Lawton - 0402066534

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