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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Two weeks ago one of our school captains, Claire F, approached me regarding the continued bullying of a student at the school. A number of incidents she had personally witnessed. The conversation I had with Claire was very mature in nature and her thoughts were very clearly expressed. This afternoon Claire spoke to the Year 4—7 students regarding this issue and I believe her desire is that for Wilston State School to remain a safe and enjoyable place of learning for our students and staff. I intend printing a copy of Claire's speech in next week's edition of the newsletter. Earlier this week I came across the following article that highlights the importance of ensuring we skill our bystanders to become involved.

Helping Bystanders To Stand Up To Bullying

The people who have the most influence in determining the amount and degree of bullying in a school are not the adults, but the students. The trick is to change their reactions to bullying. From the student’s point of view, bullying has a clear social purpose—impressing an audience of bystanders and raising one’s social status. Stopping bullying requires changing the audience response to it. Schools need to focus less on the rule-breakers and more on the majority of students who don’t break the rules; the bystanders and the audience for acts of bullying.

A key step is for adults to avoid the tendency to attribute students' behaviour to the way they are rather than the situation they're in.

Bystanders who don’t intervene aren’t heartless and apathetic; they are subject to a common set of social pressures and haven’t learned how to deal with them.

Just telling bystanders to ‘stand up’ to bullying makes little sense, no more sense than just telling a student to be a good reader or become a safe driver without first providing instruction, guidance, coaching, and support.

Rationalisations that bystanders use for holding back

Not really bullying – it’s just a “drama;”
Not wrong – he’s just teasing and joking around;
Not harmful – nobody’s getting hurt; she can handle it;
Not against the rules – the bullying is subtle, technically below the radar;
Not like me, not my tribe – the victim is perceived as different;
Not worthy of help – the victim deserves it; teachers don’t like this person;
Not sure what the crowd thinks – It is very hard, even frightening, for students to act differently from what they perceive the majority of their peers think.
Not sure what to do – how can I stop this especially difficult when the perpetrator is popular and socially connected;
Not my job – it’s up to teachers or older students;
Not my decision – others’ inaction is a sign that what is happening is not a problem;
Not worth the risk – I might become a victim too;
Not sure if adults will handle the situation well - telling might make things worse;
Not sure of back-up – I might get in trouble too.

All of these knots need to be untied.

That process can begin when students are shown how much influence they can have in making their school a better place.

Here are some key points that can be part of a school-wide campaign:

- The vast majority of students don’t bully and don’t approve of bullying.
- People want to do good and be helpful.
- Students make mistakes and our school will not be trouble-free. Problems are part of life and learning. Viewing them as such will make discussing them a lot less emotional. Students will be more open to sharing them.
- Students are subject to social pressures and need to think for themselves and problem-solve. Students shouldn’t feel guilty if they don’t act courageously in the face of bullying.
- Adults can share their own stories of their uncertainty in the face of need.

Guy Hendriks  
Principal

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

- Being compassionate toward bullies doesn’t mean the behaviour is being condoned. Students who make mistakes need compassion and will accept guidance and direction when given respect and care.
- Students who bully aren’t always bad kids or inherent trouble-makers – some just need to learn how not to bully others and how to get on well with others.

Acknowledgement: “Untying the ‘Nots’ of Bullying Prevention” by Jim Dillon in Principal Magazine, January/February 2014

WELL DONE AWARDS

Prep
Sofia G PA, Jamie Mc PA, Sophie T PC, Art S PC, Nicholas B PD, Angus P PD, Jenna Mc PF, Dylan J PF, Sigrid S PE, William S PE, Archie M PB, Mia L PB.

Year 1
Connor D 1A, Matilda C 1A, Amelia H 1B, Harper L 1B, Imogen D 1C, Mason B 1C, Camie K 1E, Liz Y 1E, Sally P 1F, Oliver G 1F, Oren H 1D, Shaynae Mc 1D.

Year 2

Year 3

WILSTON STAR AWARD

Saraya H of PF for inviting someone to play with them.
Will T of 1A for picking up rubbish in the Year 1 playground.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Health Plans
Thank you to the parents who have provided us with updated Health Plans for their children. If your child has a condition that could present or require treatment at school, we require an up to date Health Plan. All Health Plans must be signed by the doctor. If you have presented us with a Health Plan in the past that is no longer required, please let us know so that we can update our records.

Medication
If your child requires any medication at school (either short- or long-term), the medication needs to have medical authorisation (in the form of a prescribing health practitioner’s letter, an Action Plan or Individual/ Emergency Health Plan signed by the health practitioner or the original medication with a completed current pharmacy label).

This includes over-the-counter medications such as Nurofen and Panadol which require authorisation from a doctor. All medication MUST come to the office and a “Request to Administer Medication at School” form needs to be completed by the parent. Medication is not to be kept in your child’s bag or self-administered without prior consultation with Administration.

Out of Catchment Waiting List for Prep 2015

The out of catchment waiting list will open from 9.30am on Tuesday 18 March 2014. Names can be added by phoning the school on 3552 8444. Your child’s name and information will be recorded on the waiting list in order of receipt and no calls will be taken prior to this time. We often receive a high volume of calls, so your patience is appreciated. Information received on the answering machine will not be accepted.

A position on the waiting list does not guarantee a Prep placement at Wilston State School in 2015. Typically offers for any out of catchment places are not made until the end of Term 4.

FROM HEAD OF CURRICULUM

We are pleased to once again offer students in Years 3—7 the opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS), managed through the University of New South Wales. ICAS is a highly regarded assessment program that identifies students’ levels of academic performance. All students receive a certificate and an individual student report.

Students in Years 3—7 have the opportunity to participate in the English, mathematics and Science competitions.

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The ICAS letter was sent home last week, please note the dates on the front page are correct. All nominations and payments are due by Friday 21 March. Late entries and payments cannot be accepted, as our entries will be submitted as close to this date as practical.

Fleur Provost

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Family statements went home with the youngest in the family last week. The colour of these was 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 and return it to the office via the class Blue Bag. Thank you.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Last Friday was Clean Up Australia Day. To make our school more beautiful our school captains invited their mentors from Kelvin Grove to come and help participate in this important event. From each class we had two helpers to clean up their eating area and their playground. As a result this was a successful event that everybody enjoyed.

Thank you very much to everyone who helped out. Our school grounds look fabulous!

Henry H and Sebastien M. School Captains
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.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Date Claimers:
- Crazy Hair Day
  Friday 14 March 2014.
- Go Blue for Autism
  Tuesday 1 April 2014.

NEWS FROM HPE

We have had various District Trials in the last few weeks with a number of Wilston SS students gaining selection into City District Teams:
- **Hockey**
  Charlotte H
  Ryan H, Fraser W, Omar R.
- **AFL**
  Henry H, Alex R, Jack M, Oscar B.

Congratulations to these students and good luck at the upcoming Met North Carnivals.

Upcoming Events:
- 19 March—District Touch Trials
- 2 April—School Cross Country.

FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

Ensemble rehearsals and lessons are moving along well now. Thank you to all the parents who are getting their children to rehearsals on time. Please make sure your child is filling out their practice sheet so they can receive a reward at the end of term.

The Celtic Strings Workshop (Years 5-7) is on next Wednesday, March 12.00 at Windsor State School and will be held in the hall. Registration is open from 8.00am and the day will conclude with a concert starting at 2.00pm. Please note that there will still be lessons and Vivace Strings rehearsal on Tuesday.

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

Thanks to everyone who has contacted me so far – your informative comments have been very helpful. It’s not to late to participate!! So if you have some thoughts on the functionality, durability and price of the dress; polo shirts (regular, cotton and house) or shorts, send me a quick email.

Wildcatz 2014

The first Wildcatz Concert is scheduled for Monday 31 March. The concert will be held in the Wilston State School Undercover Area. Please arrive by 6.30pm for 7.00pm. The Wildcatz section of the concert will be approximately half an hour. The Wilston Junior Band will perform immediately afterwards but the Catz are welcome to leave after their performance.

The Wildcatz should wear their uniforms and if the new Catz don’t have one they should wear a dark top. We will be ordering the uniforms for the new Wildcatz shortly (the cost will be approx. $35.00 for the shirt and cap).

The Wildcatz should be working on their tutor books and repertoire to prepare for the concert. Our Improv Ensemble members should be working on their scales and especially the Baroque rhythms we’ve been practising to prepare for our recording studio excursion. This year’s Wildcatz CD will explore improvising in the classical vein. This is a field that has been neglected but one I believe soon will be experiencing a revival. I do my best to develop excellent sight reading habits and improvising abilities simultaneously in our Improv Ensemble lessons.

Cliff Draper

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE OFFERED US ASSISTANCE!!!!!!

We still need more assistance, even though our volunteer situation is improving, so THANK YOU. Next Thursday and Friday we need volunteers, so please come and see us if you can help.

We are unable to supply mango cups, as the mango season has finished early, fruit salads are a great option.

We are trying so to make Fridays run more efficiently by not taking sandwich orders as we are so busy, it is difficult to get them all made.

We are more than happy to make ham and cheese toasties and all the salads etc.

We also have Pasta Bolognese available on Fridays and Thursdays (Gluten Free available). If you have not signed up to Munch Monitors, please do it is so easy for you and us!!

Next Week Roster

Monday 10/3 Vanessa Behan, Hayden Win
Tuesday 11/3 Kathryn Napier, Sarah Bender, Helena Kohl
Wednesday 12/3 Sharon Darmody, Sarah Moore
Thursday 13/3t Harriet Carter
Friday 14/3 Angela Rose, Simone Rosergen.

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

FROM THE BRASS WOODWIND & PERCUSSION

Junior Band

Rehearsals for Junior Band commence next Monday 10 March in the Music Room at 1.00pm.

Junior Band Concert/Information Evening

The Junior Band will be joined by the Wildcatz for a concert and Information evening on Monday 31 March at school in the Undercover Area. The Catz will open at 7.00pm and the Junior Band will play briefly afterwards. I will have a chance to explain the Wilston Instrumental Program after the performances.

Kathryn Payne
FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

But please note – the colours of the uniform will remain unchanged!!

Stock Update
Out of Stock: Small socks (9-2; available in Term 2)
Back in Stock: Yamaha recorders, all stationery items (including headsets).

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), rug by-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, and plenty of pre-loved items to search through! Drop by and have a look!

Seniors Commemorative Shirts (Years 6/7)
To guarantee printing, all senior commemorative shirts must be purchased or handed in to the Shop by Friday 5 March. Shirts are available in sizes 8-14 for $33. The $10 fee for printing is to be sent to the office via your child’s blue bag.

Lost Umbrellas
Are you missing an umbrella? I still have two golf-size umbrellas in the shop, left at the very beginning of school this year.

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

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Date Claimer: P&C Trivia Night—Saturday 24 May 2014.

2014 Annual P&C Easter Egg Raffle
The countdown has begun for the Annual Wilston State School Easter Raffle. Last year we were able to give more than 100 children a range of big and small prizes to take home.

We need your help now with donations of Easter goodies. When you are out shopping please add in a little something for the Easter raffle and send it into the Tuckshop. Please consider donations of allergy free items, colouring books, stickers or Easter craft items. All donations will be gratefully received and should be delivered to the tuckshop.

Students will receive their book of tickets over the next couple of days. Please contact us if you require tickets. Melinda Ferrier (0438 742 409) or Emma Kelso (0402 837 693).

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

There are only two club nights left before Club Championships commence on 21 March and conclude on 28 March. Nominations are now open for Club Championships and they will close on Saturday 8 March at 6.00pm. Please have your nominations in by this time as late nominations cannot be accepted. Just a reminder that you will only be able to compete at the club championships if all your fees are up to date. Please see Kirsten in the office if you would like to confirm that you have no outstanding debts.

The Club Presentation Night will be held on Saturday 29 March from 6:00pm. Thank you to all who have volunteered to assist with the preparation, if you are able to assist with set-up or pack-up on the night please see Emma or Bernie at club night.

Congratulations to our swimmers who participated at the Met North carnival last week and well done to Georgia K, Sally H, Will B and Lucy B for making the Met North team for States being held later this month!

It is great to see all our swimmers training hard, and especially the number of kids who are training on Saturday mornings. We had a fantastic response to our first Saturday Pancake Day last week and will hold another one at the end of term.

The Wilston Crocs would like to welcome Grant Irvine to the pool on Friday afternoon from 3.15pm for a skills and signing session. Grant is a member of the Australian Olympic Team, specialising in 200m butterfly and trains at St Peters Western under Michael Bohl. Come along and meet Grant and please make him feel welcome.

Congratulations to our trainer of the week - Georgia K.


Next Committee Meeting – 11 March 2014 commencing 7.00pm at the pool, please let Kirsten in the office if you would like to attend so an agenda for the meeting can be forwarded to you. Our AGM will be held 13 May 2014 – it would be great to have some new representatives involved with the Committee, for further details on the Committee please see Emma or Bernie at club night.

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

See you at the pool.