FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Parent Liaison Officers
On Wednesday morning, Mr Kevin Mercer our P&C President and I shared a morning tea with many of this year’s Parent Liaison Officers. Our parent volunteers play a huge role in ensuring that the very important messages that need to be shared with the school community do occur. It is very easy in a large school for a significant percentage of our very busy parents to be unaware of some of the things we are doing.

By this stage of the year I would hope that every class has a Parent Liaison Officer. If your preferred email contact address is not known by your child’s teacher could I ask that you inform your child’s teacher of this address as soon as possible.

Our conversation with the PLOs centred on asking them to; not overuse this form of communication; to ensure the messages being distributed had either a School or P&C focus (no canvassing for personal or private gain should occur) and that all emails are distributed as blind copies to ensure your privacy.

Quadrennial School Review
Next term we will be commencing a review process that will culminate with the writing of a strategic plan (report) that will recommend what our priorities will be for the next four years. I bring this to your attention now as it is imperative that the wider community be allowed to voice their opinion.

The review will highlight our achievement (good and bad) over the last four years in a number of areas and parents will be asked to articulate the areas we should focus on over the next four years.

I will be seeking support from parents in participating in a number of working parties to ensure we capture the essence of what needs to be done.

Long Service Leave
Next week I will be taking four weeks of long service leave. This leave extends either side of the Easter vacation. My wife and I will spend this time travelling through Singapore, Cambodia and Vietnam.

I leave the school in the capable hands of Ms Jennifer Dietz. Ms Dietz currently shares a deputy principal position with Mrs Lisa Boge. Mrs Boge has kindly offered to work full time during my absence.

Guy Hendriks
Principal

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DATE CLAIMERS

14 March Crazy Hair Day
19 March Yr 2C and 2E to Newstead House
20 March Yr 2A and 2B to Newstead House
P&C Meeting
21 March Yr 2D to Newstead House
24 March Choral Honours Camp
26/28 March Year 6/7 Camp Alex Headlands
29 March Swim Club Trophy Night
31 March Junior Band Concert/Info Night
1 April Go Blue for Autism
Easter Bonnet Parade
Easter Raffle Draw
2 April Wiston Interhouse Cross Country
4 April Last day Term 1
Easter Service at St Columba’s
9 April WKCC Committee Meeting
21 April Easter Monday
22 April First day Term 2
24 April Anzac Day Service UCA
25 April Anzac Day
3 May Lanhan Fair, Lanhan Park.
6 May City District Cross Country
14 May WKCC Committee Meeting
15 May P&C Meeting
23 May Under Eight’s Day
Summer Season Gala Day
24 May P&C Trivia Night
30 May Summer Season Gala Day
4 June Dance Troupe to Ipswich Eisteddfod
ICAS - Science
6 June Summer Season Gala Day
9 June Queens Birthday
11 June WKCC Committee Meeting
11/13 June Junior Music Camp (select students)
19 June P&C Meeting
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
17 July P&C Meeting
16 July WKCC Committee Meeting
16/18 July Year 5 Camp Currimundi
29 July ICAS - English
31 July/1 Aug City District Track and Field
12 August ICAS - Maths
14 Aug/2 Sept Life Education (whole School)
13 August Royal Queensland Show

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WELL DONE AWARDS

Year 4
Connor H 4A, Tori J 4A, Sophie G 4B, Ashley G 4B, Campbell S 4D, Alix C 4D, Keeley B 4C, Ben M 5C.

Year 4/5
James M, Charlie P.

Year 5

Year 5/6T
Aston F, Olivia G, Kieran L.

Year 6
Kyrel S-Y 6A, Grace K 6A.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

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.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Family statements went home with the youngest in the family last week. The colour of these was yellow. 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.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council would like to acknowledge that the following boys are also ‘Shaving for a Cure’ but will be at district sport on Friday: Joshua K and Connor P. Henry H, our school vice captain, is also being brave and shaving. Well done boys for showing such commitment to a great cause.

WILSTON STAR AWARD

Zac D of 5B for helping a staff member carry things.

Julian B of 4C for being reliable in helping in a medical emergency.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club went home on Monday with the students, please check their bags if you have ordered. If there are any issues please contact your classroom teacher.

Many thanks for supporting Book Club. The school is able to purchase $1600 worth of resources for our school.

STUDENT BANKING

Sign on/Account opening Day
We would like to invite all students who are not yet enjoying the benefits from the School Banking Program to bring Mum or Dad along to our Sign on/Account opening day. We will have Angela Marshall, our School Banking Specialist who will be able to sight documents and facilitate the process of opening bank accounts on Wednesday 26 March from 8:00am in the Staff Room (right above the Tuckshop). All parents need is some form of ID such as driver’s license. Angela will be here to answer any questions and help you get started.

Rewards
If you have received an award certificate it means that you know have enough tokens to redeem for a reward. This month we have a handball or scented pencils.

We would also like you to know that it is very important that you fill in your deposit slip as this is your only proof of how much money you are sending in. We have too many books to go through and don't have enough time to fill them in, this also can cause confusion. Another thing to look for is foreign currency, please avoid sending coins from overseas as we cannot accept them. And finally just a reminder that this is a service provided by parent volunteers. If we make a mistake or forget to put a token in, just send us a friendly note and we will follow up and take care of it. Don’t forget that Friday is banking day!

Any questions you may have feel free to contact us on gfinselbach@optusnet.com.au

School Banking Team

CHOIR NEWS

Rehearsals are running very smoothly as we prepare for our first performances of the year – the Easter Services at St Columbus and our Anzac Day ceremony. Please find the details and times below.

Easter Service
Friday April
Junior Choir 9.30am
Wilton Wonders Senior Choir 10.15am

Anzac Day Ceremony
Thursday April 24
Under cover area 2.00pm

We hope to see you there!

Miranda Charters and Bev Barnett
FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

Last Wednesday, several string students from Wilston attended the Northside Celtic Strings Workshop held at Windsor State School. The day was led by Emma Nixon who is highly regarded in the Celtic music world in Brisbane and Australia. It was a fantastic day where the children learnt a great deal about Celtic music and the different techniques involved in playing the music. The day concluded with a concert for the parents.

The Pizzicato Strings Workshop will be taking place on Wednesday, April 2 in the staffroom and will showcase our beginner string students and the progress they have made over the last term. More information to come in the coming week.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED ON ESPECIALLY ON FRIDAYS!!

The Coffee Shop is open daily from 7.30 - 11.00am, come and try our delicious food and coffee.

We need everyone who uses the Tuckshop to sign up to Munch Monitors, it saves so much time. Please can you help by signing up!

We plan to have no more paper bag orders by the end of Term 3.

A big thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who continue to help!!

Next Weeks Roster

Monday 17/3/14 Jackie Redmond, Megan Poynter
Tuesday 18/3/14 Catherine Moulson, Elissa Howie,
          Deane Laurent
Wednesday 19/3/14 Belinda Mellino, Kristina Row, Mandy Kennedy
Thursday 20/3/14 Judith Kohl, Andrea Martin
Friday 21/3/14 Natalie Scott, Christine Beehler.

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

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. All items purchased online are delivered to your child’s class.

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

Stock Update

Out of Stock: Small socks (9-2: available in Term 2)

Uniforms

Winter items: Is your child looking for something warm to wear already? Then visit the shop for all your winter uniform items, including microfibre jackets ($46), rugby-style tops ($30), cargo pants ($30) and straight leg stretch pants ($30).

There are also limited new sizes in the discontinued microfibre track pants and the bootleg pants (now only $22), and plenty of pre-loved items to search through! Drop by and have a look!

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

NEWS FROM THE P&C

2014 Annual P&C Easter Egg Raffle

We are in the final weeks of collecting for the Annual Wilston State School Easter Raffle. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 1st April.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. 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 should have received tickets – please return asap. Should you require more tickets, contact Melinda Ferrier (0438 742 409) or Emma Kelso (0402 837 693).

Mothers Day Stall

Date Claimer: Wednesday 7 May 2014—with classes all day. Thursday 8 May 2014—before school only.

SAVE THE DATE

2014 WSS P&C Trivia Night - Saturday 24 May

Arguably Brisbane’s best Trivia Night is back in 2014 – and what a spectacle it is! Get your thinking hats on for what theme you would like to come in for this year’s trivia night. The theme for 2014 will be COLOURS. Simply dress in the same colour or take on last years winners (Airline Crew) and come as black and white penguins, multi-coloured rainbows, black and yellow bumble bees, white brides or blue smurfs …. Possibilities are endless! Great prizes to be won.

Tickets will cost $200 for a table of 10 or $20 per individual ticket and we will organise a table.

Please note that this is an adults only night.

Remember table numbers are limited. Further information and tickets will go on sale in Term 2 2014.

For further information contact Michelle Tribe, Geraldine Mercer, Kath O’Hara or Ingrid Rosemann (michmatt@bigpond.com.au)

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

This week three staff member from Wilston Kids Care, Ellie, Owen and Emma will be shaving and colouring their hair in support of the Leukaemia Foundation on Crazy Hair Day, Friday 14 March. Children attending WKC on that day can have their hair coloured (wash out) too. On Thursday 27 March at WKC there will be two Jumping Castles. All WKC kids are invited.

The parent committee for the WKC meets every second Wednesday at the school from 6.00 to 7.30pm. Please feel free to come along. Refreshments and child minding are provided.
NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

This Friday is the last Club night before Club Championships commence on 21 March 2014. Nominations have now closed - we look forward to a great two weeks of racing. The Club Presentation Night will be held on Saturday 29 March 2014 from 6.00pm. Thank you to all who have volunteered to assist with the preparation.

We had a great turnout at training last Friday afternoon with Grant Irvine from the Australian Olympic Team attending. Grant assisted Simon with coaching and all the kids participated in a skills session with him and he also signed many autographs for the kids. We wish Grant well at the upcoming Australian Swimming Championships.

Congratulations to our trainer of the week: Patrick C.

Club night duties this week:  
BBQ: R Anderson and D Taylor  
Canteen: Cameron and DeMel
If you can help out on the BBQ this week please see Terri in the canteen on arrival.

Good luck to all our swimmers who are competing at the Morningside Flyers Southside Carnival this weekend. We will be having our next pancake Saturday training session on Saturday 29 March 2014 to celebrate the end of term.

Our AGM will be held 13 May 2014. It would be great to have some new representatives involved in the committee. For further details please see Emma or Bernie at club night.

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