FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Our Wilston State School’s Improvement Agenda for 2014 focuses on -

- Maintain focus on increasing student achievement and improve the teaching of reading and spelling.
- Continue to implement the Australian Curriculum.
- Improve the teaching practice through the consistent implementation of the Wilston Way Pedagogical framework.
- Sharpen the focus on differentiation to cater for the diverse learning needs of students.

The Improvement Agenda also assumes that teachers:

- Know their students and how they learn.
- Analyse and use data to improve teaching and learning.
- Cater for the diverse learning needs of students and set individual learning goals based on data.

In line with our Improvement Agenda we have been:

- Releasing all Year 3 – 7 teachers to participate in data meetings which have focused on analysis of data in reading, maths and spelling. This data informs teachers about their students and they will now set individual goals around these areas with their students.
- Our Year 2 teachers have been released to work on a writing project (analysing writing data) and Year 1 teachers have been focussing on reading data. Our Prep Teachers have been implementing the Early Start Numeracy Assessment items with their students.

In line with our Pedagogical framework:

- Teachers are currently participating in a ‘book club’ using the book “Classroom Instruction That Works” by Ceri B Dean, Elizabeth Ross Hubbell, Howard Peter and B J Stone.
- Our Year 3, 5 and 7 teachers have been participating in web conferences to develop a whole school approach to teaching problem solving.
- Our teachers have also been attending after school professional development on the five essential elements of reading (fluency, vocabulary, comprehension strategies, knowledge of text structure and knowledge of the world).

We have been very impressed with the professional discussions teaching teams are having and we thank our teachers for their enthusiasm and dedication in implementing the WSS Improvement Agenda and Pedagogical Framework. Both of these documents can be viewed on the WSS webpage and QSchool app.

Easter Church Service

Our Easter Church Service is next Friday 04 April 2014 at St Columba’s Church. The church service for Year 1 - 3 classes begin at 9:30am – 10:15am and our Year 4 – 7 classes from 10:15am – 11.00am. If you do not wish for your child to attend the church service please inform your classroom teacher in writing.

Have a wonderful week.

Jennifer Dietz
A/Principal
**WELL DONE AWARDS**

Year 4
Eliza B 4A, Julian C 4A, Chelsea m 4C, Oscar K 4D, Christina Mc 4D, Olivia W 4B, Jonathan P 4B, 4D class.

Year 4/5
Leo K, Dougie Mac, Jonathan V.

Year 5
Zachary D 5B, Eli Hansen 5B, Christopher S 5B, Nate R 5C, Sam I 5C, Hamish M 5C, Amber Nyssen 5A, William H 5A.

Year 5/6T
Shaikyla F, Ryan H.

Year 6
Annabelle R 6A, James N 6A.

**FROM THE LIBRARY**

**Kids’ Lit Quiz, Australia**
Congratulations to our Wilston team of Lydia J, Gia C, Rory J and Flora G for an absolutely wonderful effort in our first time to competing in the International Kids’ Lit Quiz last weekend in Sydney.

Seven fantastic teams took part in the National Final on Saturday. Wilston State School was up against Bulimba State School, Queensland, Kinross Wolaroi School, NSW, Orange Public School, NSW, Canberra Grammar School, ACT, Macarthur Anglican School, NSW and St Patrick’s College, Strathfield, NSW. All these teams were worthy representatives of both their own school and State.

The national champion for 2014 with a score of 45 was Canberra Grammar School. The boys will be representing Australia at the World Final in Cornwall (UK) in July of this year. Second place was Kinross Wolaroi School with a late charge in the final round and Orange Public School came third. All of the teams should be proud of their results with only a matter of points between second and seventh.

Nicole Deans, the national organiser, has passed on her thanks for being part of Kids’ Lit Quiz Australia in 2014! All 69 teams that took part should be proud of their participation and hopefully are all the more motivated to keep reading!

A big thank you must also go to the parents for their massive support. We are all richer for the experience and look forward to next year.

**NEWS FROM HPE**

We have had a number of students attend Netball and Touch Trials in the last couple of weeks. The following students have been successful in gaining selection in the City District Teams to compete at the Met North Championships later in the semester.

Netball 11 Years: Georgina H
Touch Sam J, Josh B & Will A

**Inter-House Cross Country**
The School Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 2 April on the school oval. A copy of the program was sent home last week. Parents are more than welcome to come along to support their children throughout the day.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have helped out with swimming supervision during PE lessons. The swimming program would not run without your help. I’d like to make special mention of the Year 1 and Prep parents that have helped out in the water, in all weather conditions throughout the term.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

**CHOIR NEWS**

Dates to remember:
Friday 4 April—Easter Services at St Columba’s
- Junior Choir 9.30am
- Wilston Wonder’s Senior Choir 10.15am.

Anzac Day Assembly – Thursday April 24 Undercover area. 2.00pm.
Both Choirs will perform.

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

We wish to thank you for your donations on Crazy Hair Day. The school raised $1055.90 for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Date Claimers:
Go Blue for Autism. Tuesday 1 April 2014.
**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

A new exciting Tuckshop menu will be coming next term, another reason to sign up to Munch Monitors.

Please do not order sandwiches on Fridays, we do not have enough volunteers to make them.

Next term the coffee shop hours will be changing to 7:30 - 10:30am.

Next weeks roster

31 Mar Lisa McGrath, Leonie Crawford
1 April Louise Aston, Ellie Cayas, Michael Stein
2 April Camilla Guerin, Peter Power
3 April Sandra Harris, Nickia Mitchell, Lisa Pyne
4 April Anita Finnegon, Cynthia Wong, Naysa Cox

First week back

22 April Kaythryn Napier, Sarah Bender, Helena Kohl
23 April Sarah Moore, Sharon Darmody
24 April Angela Pratt, Harriet Carter.

Bec Macdonald 0448 804 279
Dot Milne 0408 729 021

**FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP**

**SHOP OPEN:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Term 1 (between 8.15 and 9.45am) and Wednesday and Friday during Terms 2 & 3 (between 8.15 and 9.45am).

**SHOP ONLINE:** Go to www.munchmonitor.com; Username: wilstons; Password: munch4051. All items purchased online are delivered to your child’s class.

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

Pre-Winter Specials

Buy a brand new microfibre jacket or rugby knit top and receive 10% off any second new item purchased (second item must be the same or lesser valued than first item). That means you could have a new winter jacket and pants set for only $73 or a rugby knit top and winter pants set for only $57. So come and bundle a bargain – the offer is valid until the end of May. Please note that the discount is only available directly from the Shop (excludes online orders).

Discontinued Stock Clearance – Wednesday 2 April (shop open 8.15am – 12noon this day only).

Love a bargain?

**UPDATE FROM THE P&C**

**Final Days - 2014 Annual P&C Easter Egg Raffle**

Tickets need to be returned in the blue bag no later than Friday 28th March to be entered in the draw. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 1 April 2014. A big thank you for all your donations received so far and for all the tickets sold and returned. Good luck!!

Melinda Ferrier (0438 742 409) or Emma Kelso (0402 837 693).

**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 year’s 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 and table numbers are limited.

Further information and tickets will go on sale in Term 2 2014. Any donations for raffles or lucky door prizes would be gratefully accepted. Please contact Michelle Tribe, Geraldine Mercer, Kath O’Hara or Ingrid Rosemann (michmatt@bigpond.net.au or 0419 679 343)

**NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE**

Last week in WKC we celebrated St Patrick’s Day with some Irish dancing, craft and some modified Gaelic handball. There were lots of beautiful headbands made by the children as well.

This week we will be looking for the WKC Best Hugger for the child who gives their parent the most humongous goodbye or hello hug. First prize ONE BIG box of chocolates and all parents win a humongous hug from their child/ren.

Bookings for Vacation Care are open and we would appreciate an early response for places. Unfortunately these holidays we will have to limit the number of “occasional walk in” places as we need to ensure that we maintain our staff to children ratios to comply with our licence. We still can accommodate casual bookings but we require 24 hours notice and we maintain our staff to children ratios to comply with our licence. We still need to guarantee accommodation especially for the younger children. Many of the activities planned for vacation care are worked out on the number of children booked in for that day, so booking in early is advised.
NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

To celebrate the end of season we will be having pancake Saturday on 5 April 2014 which will follow squad training - see Simon if you would like more details.

Winter swimming - we have squad and learn to swim available year round with the pool heated to 29 degrees - our current timetable will remain the same for squads in Term 2 as well as through the Easter holidays with the exception of the Friday morning squad. Swimming year round has many benefits and we encourage all our squad and learn to swim kids to maintain their skills and swim over the winter months. We will continue with our adult squads on Monday and Wednesday evenings 6.45-7.45pm throughout winter as well.

Bookings are now open for Term 2 learn to swim, please note your child's place is not automatically rolled over each term. We are also offering our Learn to Swim Intensives over the Easter Holidays from Monday 7 April to Friday 11 April 2014, we offer 5 x 30min lessons at the same time each day. Cost for the 5 days is $65. Places are limited and fees must be paid prior to the commencement of the program.

Our AGM will be held on 13 May 2014 at 7:00pm, it would be great to have some new representatives involved in the committee - it is not a large time commitment and there are many ways to be involved in our swim community. For further details or information please see Emma at club night.

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

Kelvin Grove Junior Secondary

30 April.
Open Day. 3.30 to 6.00pm

26 July.
Academic Class Entrance Exam Years 7/8

6 December.
Transition Day for Year 6, 7, 8 and 9.

A Green Thumb in Your Garden
Depending on size of job, price is negotiable
Extra for rubbish removal
Contact Camille 0431885709

Tiny Tots Time-Out
Babysitting, Blue Card holder, Registered Qld Teacher, Grange
Contact Camille on 0431885709

German, English, Humanities, Special Needs Tutor
Registered Qld Teacher, Grange
Contact Camille 33567928

Kedron State High School

You are invited to the 2014 Kedron Expo

Thursday 3 April 2014
3.30 to 7.30pm
Indoor Sports Centre
Sausage Sizzle from 4.00 to 5.00pm
Faculty displays 3.30 to 7.30pm
Information Session / Meet the Principal 6.00 to 6.45pm
Go Sport

Go Netball
6 May 2014
6 weeks
Tuesday 7.55am to 8.40am
Years 1-2 and 3-4
$105.00

Go Soccer
9 May 2014
6 weeks
Friday 7.55 to 8.40am
Years P-1 and 2-4
$105.00

Circus Classes at Wilston State School

Classes are on offer for children in Year 1-7 with Claire's Circus School on Tuesday mornings from 7:40-8:40am on the school oval.
Sign up now for classes starting in term two.
For more information call 0439 532 299
email claires.circus.school@gmail.com or visit www.clairescircusschool.com.

Non Sport

Junior Indoor Cricket

Every Saturday from 9.00am
19th April - 28th June
$8.00 per child each week

Go Soccer
9 May 2014
6 weeks
Friday 7.55 to 8.40am
Years P-1 and 2-4
$105.00

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6 May 2014
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$105.00
You are invited to
SUNDAY SCHOOL
at
St Andrew’s Anglican Church Lutwyche
(Beside Wooloowin State Primary School)
8.30am this Sunday
Enjoy Lively Music and Puzzle Sheets
Rev Sandra will be commencing shortly
First Communion classes for children
Grade 2 and upwards
Enquiries: Rev Sandra on 0404 623 423