FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

I am very happy to be back from an extended period of long service leave and I thank Mrs Dietz for leading the school well in my absence.

My wife and I spent our leave travelling through Vietnam and Cambodia. Our journey started with a cruise on the Mekong River from the Vietnamese city of Ho Chi Min to the Cambodian city of Siem Reap. It was a lovely way to travel and see the country side at the same time. This method of travel allowed us to visit many of the local villages on the way. Two of our day trips were to local schools and I’m sure I’ll never complain about resourcing ever again.

We then flew back into Vietnam and spent some time in the coastal town of Ho An and Ho Chi Min City.

We had a wonderful time. We found both the Cambodians and Vietnamese to be very welcoming of tourists and went out of their way to ensure we had a very pleasant time. At times I found aspects of our trip to be quite confronting. In Cambodia we visited some sites that were significant to the Pol Pot regime and in Vietnam we visited the War Museum and the Cu Chi tunnels.

Wilston State School Cross Country

I congratulate all members of the Wilston State School Cross Country team for their excellent result at the City District meet. A first place in this competition is a fantastic achievement. Well done! I would also like to acknowledge the great coaching that is taking place that enables our young athletes to be very competitive.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL (contd)

NAPLAN testing
On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known.

Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing.

Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.

More information is available on the NAP website (http://www.nap.edu.au/).

If you have any concerns, please contact your child’s teacher and they will refer you to the appropriate staff member (probably me) if they cannot answer your question.

WELL DONE AWARDS

Year 4

Year 5
Jake H 5A, Ruby C 5A, Maisy D 5C, Sam R 5C, Hamish M 5C, Lucia C 5C.

KIDS MATTER

As part of our focus on the wellbeing of our community at Wilston State School, we have initiated the Kids Matter Framework.

What is Kids Matter Primary?
Kids Matter Primary is a national initiative that aims to contribute to improving student mental health and well being. It works both on its own and as an umbrella under which our school’s existing programs can comfortably fit. We will be auditing our programs and conducting surveys in the near future (next few weeks).

Over the course of the term, keep an eye out for pertinent information in the Wilston Weekly. For further details visit the Kids Matter website.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Skate Night
13 May Prep , Year 1 and 2. 6.00 to 8.00pm
17 June Year 3, 4 and 5. 6.30 to 8.30pm
24 June Year 6 and 7. 6.30 to 8.30pm
Cost is $9.00 plus $2.50 for skate and $3.50 for blade hire.
No Eftpos available. Please have correct change.

STUDENT BANKING

This term we are giving students the opportunity to win a share of sunk-en treasure found in the Lost City of Savings. Students simply need to make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2, regardless of the value, and they will automatically be entered into the competition to win some fantastic prizes including:

Major student prize
Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast, VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast, Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure and a $3,000 travel gift card to get them there.

Runner up student prizes
130 Toys”R”Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on their favourite toys.

REWARD UPDATE

In Term 2 there are two new exciting rewards available for students who save 10 tokens. The rewards available this term are:

Shark or Penguin Keyring NEW
Handball
Scented Pencils.

It is never too late to join the school banking program, if you have any questions on how to join please contact us on gfinsel-bach@optusnet.com.au.

NEWS FROM HPE

City District Cross Country
Congratulations to the Wilston SS Cross Country team that won the City District Cross Country yesterday. The depth and effort across the whole team was the catalyst for such a great results.
NEWS FROM HPE

We had some outstanding individual performances with seven students gaining selection into the City District Team to compete at the Met North Cross Country Championships on the 27th May.

We also had two students finish on the podium.
3rd 10 Year Old Girls: Ruby M
1st 11 Year Old boys: James B

City District Team Reps: Ruby M, Polly L, Josh T, James B, Sam J, Charlotte H and Aiden B. Well done to all members of the team.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Wilston Wonders
A pink note was sent home last week with upcoming information for Term 2. Students need to return the form regarding the Wilston Winter Gala Days on Thursday 15th May and Friday 16th May.

Congratulations to Charlotte H and Ryan H who have been selected in the Met North Hockey Teams to compete at the upcoming state championships.

Miranda Charters and Bev Barnett

FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

Junior Music Camp
Just a reminder that forms and payment are due back by Friday 16 May 2014. If your child will not be attending the camp, please return the invoice stating this.

Fanfare
Invoices went out for students wishing to attend Fanfare. Please return payment by the due date. If your child does not wish to attend please can you return the invoice stating this.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

We are enjoying Munch Monitors at Tuckshop. Are you? Easy, convenient and no more looking for small change.

Want to know more, come down to Tuckshop and chat with Bec and Dot

Tuckshop Roster

Monday 12th
Lisa McGrath, Leonie Crawford
Tuesday 13th
Louise, Aston, Ellie Cayas, Michael Stein
Wednesday 14th
Camilla Guerin, Peter Power, need help
Thursday 15th
Sandra Harris, Nickia Mitchell, Lisa Pyne
Friday 16th
Cynthia Wong, Gayle Tilbury, need help.

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

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Discontinued Stock Clearance
I am keen to sell all discontinued stock items including: girls' blouses ($18), panel skirts ($15), printed polo shirts ($10), microfibre tracksuit pants ($15), and girls' bootleg pants ($15). Some items have only limited sizes and quantity, so be quick (includes online orders)!!

Christine Matheson, Convenor. Ph 3552 8490 / 0448 633 737 / bookshop@wilstonpandc.com.au
NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE (contd)

We are experiencing difficulty in contacting parents of absent children—could you please advise of absences, and ensure that your contact number is monitored for messages at all times.

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Term 2 Swim fees are now due. Thank you to the families who have settled their accounts, a number of fees also remain outstanding from Term 1. Please see Kirsten in the pool office or email info@wilstonswim.org.au if you are unsure if you have any outstanding fees.

Winter swimming – we have squad and learn to swim available year round with the pool heated to 29 degrees – our timetable remains the same as Term 1 for squads in Term 2 with the exception of no Friday morning squad. Please see our website for the complete squad timetable.

There is still some availability for Term 2 Learn to Swim, our lessons run Monday to Friday afternoons as well as Saturday mornings from 7:30am.

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at the Sunnybank Swimming Club short course meet on Sunday. The Wilston Crocs had a great result in cold conditions with special mentions to Georgia K, Claudia K, Josh A, Dylan A, Julian B, Damon C, Abbi E, Aston F, Sally H, Polly L, Rachel O, Fraser W and Layla S who all won individual medals.

Our AGM will be held next week 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 an agenda, further details or information please contact Emma at info@wilstonswim.org.au

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

2014 WSS P&C Trivia Night - Saturday 24 May
Theme - COLOURS

Arguably Brisbane’s best Trivia Night is back in 2014 – and what a spectacle it is! Get your thinking hats on for your theme colour for this year’s trivia night. Simply dress your table in the same colour or take on last years winners (Airline Crew) and come as black and white penguins, multi-coloured rainbows, 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.

If you have not done so already, please contact Michelle Tribe on michmatt@bigpond.net.au once you have purchased your table / ticket so we can confirm your colour / table theme.

Any donations for raffles or lucky door prizes would be gratefully accepted.

KIDS TRIVIA!

Kids – you don’t miss out completely. Answer the following question correctly and win a tuckshop voucher (depending on your year level). Send your entry up to the office (please include your name and class) via the blue bag before 9.00am each Thursday and the winners will be announced on assembly in the lead up to the trivia night.

Answers to week 1 questions were:

Prep to Grade 3 question:
Q: Name the three people the sporting houses at Wilston State School are named after.
A: Henry Lawson, Andrew Barton ‘Banjo’ Patterson and Adam Lindsay Gordon.

Grade 4 to 7 question:
Q: What is the Indigenous name for the largest rock in the world?
A: Uluru.

Questions for week 2 (to be announced on assembly on 16 May):

Prep to Grade 3 question:
How many slippery slides are there at Wilston State School?

Grade 4 to 7 question:
If an electric train is travelling north at 55 kilometres an hour and the wind is blowing to the west, which way is the smoke blowing?
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