Dear Parents,

One of the projects we will be funding through the Great Results Guarantee is to introduce iPads into classes from Prep and Year 1. As part of this initiative we are upgrading our wireless capabilities; exploring the appropriate apps (applications) to enhance student learning and to support our staff through professional development to ensure these devices are used effectively.

Having grown up as a student in the remote areas of Papua New Guinea, with no television or radio I became an avid reader and the enjoyment of reading is still with me. Over the years I have slowly transitioned from a hard copy book to the reading on my iPad through the Kindle program. I still enjoy visiting my local library and reading from a book however the ease of storing a number of books on the one device certainly is a consideration when I travel.

As one of our foci this year is improving our teaching of reading in the school I read the following article with interest.

**Using Kindles To Motivate Reluctant Readers**

Kindles motivate the most reluctant students to read and good reading habits boost their overall achievement.

**Why This Approach Is Effective**

- Reading on a Kindle is 'cooler' among peers, especially outside of school; it cuts through the stigma of reading and allows struggling students to covertly self-identify as readers.
- Reading on a Kindle lets students disguise the fact that they're enjoying a children’s book like *Charlotte's Web*.
- A well-stocked Kindle gives students a wide range of choices.
- Up to six students can read the same book at the same time when your Amazon account allows one book to be shared among six devices, allowing students to form book groups.
- The Kindle allows students to increase the font size to make dense text more readable. With fewer words per page, struggling readers can experience the joy of finishing pages and wondering what will happen next.
- Students say the interface makes it easier to concentrate. There are no distractions – just the reader and the words.
- The Kindle is slim and portable, making books that are hundreds of pages long less intimidating.
- Students take better care of their loan Kindles than of physical books.

**How To Launch A Classroom Kindle Project**

- Start small, perhaps with one reluctant student, and watch the buzz begin.
- Spread the word that you're looking for used Kindles. Many people have moved on to tablets and smartphones for their reading and have a Kindle they’re no longer using so are prepared to donate.
- Create a separate Amazon account not associated with your personal credit card.
- Invest in excellent books, building an eclectic high-interest collection.
- After buying eversions, listen to what students say about their favourite titles and follow their lead.
- Name your Kindles so they’re easy to track, and load up the books.
- Keep the Kindles charged.

Acknowledgement: “Rekindle the Love of Reading” by Mark Isero in *Phi Delta Kappan*, April 2014
From the Principal (continued)

NAPLAN
On the whole our students have approached these tests well this week. I thank the senior school deputy principals and our teachers for ensuring our students are well prepared and for ensuring a calm approach to these yearly tests.

WELL DONE AWARDS

Prep
Nick K PC, Sierra W PC, Braydon E PD, Tia H PD.

Year 1
Emily M 1B, Benjamin R 1B, Phoebe L 1C, Benjamin Mc 1C, Dimity W 1D, Jarrell M 1D, Liam T 1E, Harper L 1E, Maya H 1F, Charlie P 1F.

Year 2
Shirley W 2A, Ryleigh G 2A, Clementine S 2B, Oliver F 2B, Oliver A 2C, Bridie M 2C, Arabella A 2D, Oscar R 2D, Keerthan D 2D, Sarah S 2E, Liam K 2E.

Year 3
Poppy P 3A, Ben B 3B, Aoife H 3B, Ava H 3C, Tom C 3C, Callen M 3C, Charlie M 3D, Erza N 3D, Aaliya S 3E, Zac L 3E, Harry G 3F, Olivia K 3F.

Kids Matter

The role of schools is important in improving and maintaining children’s mental health and wellbeing.

Schools, with the full support of families and the community, are currently one of the best places to comprehensively support children’s mental health and wellbeing for the following reasons:

* School is the most significant developmental context, after family, for primary school-aged children, with almost all children attending school at some time in their lives.
* Through their role in supporting children’s learning and learning behaviour, schools play a crucial role in building children’s self-esteem and sense of competence. Conversely, when children’s learning and wellbeing needs are not met at school, their overall development and mental health may be undermined.
* Schools can act as a safety net and assist in protecting children from circumstances that affect their learning, development and wellbeing.
* School mental health programs have been shown to be effective in improving students’ learning and emotional wellbeing, and in treating mental health difficulties.

When teachers and school staff are actively involved in comprehensive mental health programs, the interventions can reach generations of children.

School-based interventions can provide students with experiences to strengthen their ability to cope with environmental stresses and help them to feel supported.

The KidsMatter way forward.

It matters that my school believes in me.

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.

JELLY BEAN GUESSING COMPETITION for Mater Little Miracles
Hi. My name is Layla Shume and I’m in 5A. On the 1st of June I will be doing the Mater Little Miracles 5k’s with my family and friends. Our team is called ‘Drew’s Super Turtles’.

My baby cousin, Drew, was born with a life threatening condition called ‘Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia’ in January this year. The doctors told my Aunty that the baby would probably not survive. There was a hole in her diaphragm which meant that her stomach, liver, intestines and spleen were inside her chest, not her abdomen. These organs crowded her lungs which meant they couldn’t grow and she couldn’t breathe. She had an operation at 10 days old to repair the hole and move all her organs back to their normal place. Drew spent four months at the Mater Intensive Care Unit and was looked after extremely well by the doctors and nurses. There were times that she almost died, but Drew is a miracle super baby! She survived and is now at home in Lismore and improving every day.
STUDENT COUNCIL (contd)

I need your help to raise money for the babies and children, just like Drew, who are being cared for at Mater Hospitals around the state. On Tuesday 20th, Thursday 22nd, Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th of May, there will be a JELLY BEAN GUESSING COMPETITION in support of the Mater Little Miracles. Guess how many jelly beans are in the jar for just 50c per guess. The student with the closest or exact guess will win the jar of scrumptious jelly beans. The winner will be notified at the Senior Assembly on Thursday 29th May.

NEWS FROM HPE

Gala Days
City District Gala Days begin next Thursday 22 May. Wilston students will be involved in a variety of sports during these days and are required to have all their relevant protective equipment to be able to take the field and participate. Students will also need to ensure that their permission notes and payment has been returned by Monday 19 May 2014.

Dates:  
Day 1 22 May  
Day 2 29 May  
Day 3 5 June

Congratulations to Alex R who gained selection into the Met North Tennis team as the number one player. He will be representing Met North at the upcoming State Tennis Championships.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Wilton Wonders Senior Choir
Upcoming performances (Years 5-7 only):
Friday May 30th: Open Rehearsal for family and friends
Music Block 8.00am
Sunday June 1st: Wilston Winter Market Festival
(Homezone – Newmarket Rd)
9.45am arrival, 10.00am performance
Free Dress

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

Volunteers are still needed for Wednesday Thursday and Friday are you free? You can meet wonderful ladies and have a coffee on us. Come down to Tuckshop and say hi to Bec and Dot.

Roster for week beginning the 19th May:
Monday 19th Vanessa Behan, Naysa Cox
Tuesday 20th Kathryn Napier, Sarah Bender, Helena Kohl
Wednesday 21st Sharon Carmody, Sarah Moore

Thursday 22nd Angela Pratt, Harriet Carter
Friday 23rd Angela Rose, Hayley Haggerty, Simone Rosergen.

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

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

SHOP OPEN: Wednesday and Friday during Terms 2 and 3 (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.

Opening Hours: Please note that the shop is closed on Mondays during Terms 2 and 3, except in exceptional circumstances (such as the cold snap last weekend!). However, any orders placed through Munch Monitors will be checked and distributed on Mondays via the classroom.

Stock Update

Out of Stock: Tights (all sizes) – stock in Australia is scarce so supplies are unlikely this winter.

Back in Stock: Small socks (9-2); hair accessories in brown and gold – headbands and clips.

Uniforms

Winter items: 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

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 / 60huet@gmail.com

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Just a reminder that the P&C Meeting will be held tonight in the Staff Room, D Block at 7.00pm. You are all welcome to attend.

Mother’s Day Stall Wrap
A big thanks to the fantastic ladies who volunteered their time to make the Mother’s Day Stall last week a great success: Ira McDonnell, Tracy Philips, Megan Pointer, Angela Pratt, Alison Hill, Christine Matheson, Marnie Macpherson, Leslie Hubczenko, Jennifer Skinner, Megan Beat-tie, Sarah & Louise.
My appreciation again to Leigh Hofmeister and Gavin Reiger for their assistance, and to all the teachers for bringing their classes through the stall.

We hope all the Wilston mums had a great Mother’s Day and enjoyed the gifts thoughtfully chosen by your children.

Ingrid Rosemann
NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

The lucky winners of the Mothers’ Day competition were:
1st Prize – Michelle Turkovic
2nd Prize – Renu Patel
3rd Prize – Shani Jackman

We also raised $132.05 to donate to breast cancer research. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Last week two members from the WKC Parent Committee attended a session with the Queensland Children’s Activities Network (QCAN). This information session was for P&C run Outside School Hours Care facilities. It covered topics such as the National Quality Framework, legislative requirements, effective governance, service management practices, staffing and human resources and the My time, Our Place framework for School Aged Care. Bridget and Claire found the evening to be very interesting and enjoyed the opportunity to meet parents and staff from other P&C run OHSC facilities and discuss topics that are relevant to all of us.

The next Parent Committee Meeting for WKC is on Wednesday 11 June at 6.00pm. All parents are welcome.

We would also like to remind parents they can always access the policies and procedures for WKC from our website at http://www.wilstonpandc.org.au/parent-info.php

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Term 2 Swim fees are now overdue. 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. Please see Kirsten in the pool office or email info@wilstonswim.org.au for bookings.

Our AGM was held this week and we thank all who attended. Our next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 July at 7:00pm poolside.

See you at the pool!

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

TICKETS ON SALE NOW AND SELLING OUT FAST!

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 year’s 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. Buy your tickets through the P&C website: http://www.wilstonpandc.org.au/make-payment.php

Please note that this is an adults only night and table numbers are limited.

Contact Michelle Tribe on michmatt@bigpond.net.au once you have purchased your table / ticket so we can confirm your colour / table theme as soon as possible.

Any donations for raffles or lucky door prizes would be gratefully accepted.
Windsor School Age Care Centre – Now Open 7 Days and until 10.00pm Every Night. Windsor School Age Care Centre (WSACC) is Brisbane’s only school age child care centre now open weeknights until 10.00pm and weekends. WSACC is a community based not-for-profit primary school-age child care centre, providing quality, affordable and accessible care for primary school aged children on north-side Brisbane. We are community based, we place absolute priority in the wellbeing of the children and pride ourselves in providing children with a sense of belonging and a place where they feel secure, supported and confident. WSACC has been serving the local community and is an integral part of the north-side Brisbane community for more than 35 years. With the support of the Australian Government Childcare Flexibility Fund, WSACC has extended its opening hours to include weeknights to 10.00pm and Saturday and Sunday from 6am to 10pm. While WSACC is based at Windsor, its services are available to families across Brisbane. The centre supports families with full-time and part-time working parents and carers, single parents and parents working evening shifts or extended hours. Please call us on (07) 3357 9848 www.wsacc.org.au

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.

Last week’s winners were Kara B (3B) and Liam C (3A).

**Answers to week 2 questions were:**

**Prep to Grade 3 question:**
Q: How many slippery slides are there at Wilston State School?
A: 9 or 10 (the double slide in the Prep playground could be counted as one or two slides).

**Grade 4 to 7 question:**
Q: 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?
A: There is no smoke – the train is electric!

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Contact Amanda Karo, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(07) 3115 6202 / 0417 436 183
or amanda.karo@thesmithfamily.com.au

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The program is funded by AIA and the Australian Government.
Trivia Night

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For more information contact Leigh on 33542022 during school hours.

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