FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

On Tuesday, the deputy principals and I attended the Metropolitan Region Principals Forum which was held at the Brisbane Convention Centre.

The theme of the day was on “Even Better Learning Through Structured Teaching.”

Our Regional Executive Director, Mr Mark Campling spoke to us very briefly on a number of operational matters that might impact on schools before our keynote addresses commenced. In regard to good teaching Mr Campling asked the following questions. These questions would be asked of all school personnel involved in the teaching process. with regard to practices in spelling and reading, these are our pedagogical focus in 2014.

What is good practice? What does this look like? Can our teachers describe in a deep and meaningful way this practice? I can confidently state that our response to these questions would be positive.

Our presenters Dr Doug Fisher and Dr Nancy Frey held three workshops throughout the day. I found the concepts at times thought provoking and at times reaffirming of the approach to continuous improvement that we are undertaking.

The morning session had the focus of, “Effective learning follows a progression where teachers gradually do less of the work and students gradually assume increased responsibility.” The model they spoke to aligns well with our approach of “I do”; “We do” and “You Do” in the constructing of student learning. They also have a collaborative stage that considers “You Do It Together”. They very practically explained their thinking around this stage exceptionally well. In time this will be an area that we will reflect on and engage in.

The second workshop addressed, “In stating a purpose, we make our expectations for learning clear. When teachers have high expectations for students communicate those expectations and provide the support necessary to achieve them, student performance soars.” Our work at Wilston State School around ensuring teachers articulate their lesson intent, unit intent and by working with students around setting individual goals aligned with this workshop. The final session dealt with, “We believe that no school improvement effort will be effective, maintained and enhanced unless school culture and academic “press” (academic focus, sense of responsibility, intention and urgency) are both addressed and aligned.”

Further information regarding their work can be found at www.fisherandfrey.com

Guy Hendriks
Principal
WELL DONE AWARDS

Year 4/5G
Sarah L, Rhys C.

Year 4
Henry W 4D, Maya F 4D, Hannah B 4C, Josh B 4C, Charles S 4A, Jessica B 4A, Scarlett S 4B, Vivanya W 4B.

Year 5
Callan J 5C, Bella Mc 5C, Elora B 5C.

BOOK CLUB

Its Book Club once again! Book Club order forms for Issue 1 were distributed to students this week and are due back to the school by MONDAY 2 June 2014.

The following methods of payment are available:
- Cheque made payable to “Scholastic Australia”
- Credit Card Phone payment 1800 557 908 (24 hours) and write receipt number on the order form
- Credit Card on-line payment www.scholastic.com.au and write receipt number on the order form
- Correct cash in an envelope attached to the order form.

Please return your Book Club orders to your class teacher to come up to the office via blue bag. Thank you.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Skate Night
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.

STUDENT COUNCIL (contd)

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.

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 20, Wednesday 21 and Friday 23 May and Tuesday 27, Wednesday 28 and Friday 30 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.

KIDS MATTER

What comes to mind when you think of “mental health”?... Did you think of resilience, persistence, confidence, getting along, organisation??

Kids Matter is about promoting and maintaining HEALTHY MINDS.

Good mental health and wellbeing is integral to academic learning. Mentally healthy students arrive at school ready to learn and are more likely to achieve academic success. They are more motivated learners, have fewer behaviour problems, and show greater commitment to their schoolwork. They are also more likely to experience success after primary school, with a greater likelihood of graduating and better prospects for constructive employment.

Conversely, poor mental health reduces students’ ability to learn and can lead to school failure and drop out. Academic failure has lasting consequences, as the failure to learn in school limits a person’s chance to succeed in the future. www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Watch for our Wilston Kids Matter parent survey coming out soon.
NEWS FROM HPE

Gala Days
City District Gala Days begin today. Students in Year 5-7 will be involved in a number of sports for the next three weeks.
Venues for the sports:
- Rugby League: Norths Rugby League – Bishop Park Nundah
- Boys Soccer: Brisbane Grammar Playing Fields – Northgate
- Girls Soccer: Gregory Terrace Playing Fields – Tennyson
- Netball: Downey Park – Windsor
- Tag League: Gregory Terrace Playing Fields – Tennyson

Good luck to all students participating over the next three weeks.

Interschool Track and Field Carnivals
- 9yrs -13yrs Track and Field Carnival – Wednesday 25th June
- Prep – 8yrs Track and Field Carnival – Thursday 26th June
A number of events will be run pre carnival on the Monday and Tuesday of the week of the carnival.

Met North Cross Country
Good luck to the seven students representing the City District at the Met North Cross Country next Tuesday. These students will be attempting to gain selection into the Regional team to compete at the State Championships next term.

RODNEY BELL
PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Wilston Wonders Senior Choir
Nomination Forms – Choral Festivals
Forms are due for Ringbalin (Years 6-7). Please return to Mrs Charters as soon as possible.

Pemulwuy Male Voice Festival nominations are to be made online before June 1 for early bird rates.

Upcoming performances (Years 5-7 only):
- Next 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

A reminder to parents that I will be in on Thursday 22 May instead of Friday the 23 of May.

Fanfare is on Tuesday June 3. Please make sure your child has their music polo shirt from the Uniform Shop so that we will look our best. Payment for the bus is also due this week.

Junior Music Camp is on from the 10 to 12 June. This is a fantastic event for all our 2nd year string players.

Kathryn Payne. Kpayn49@eq.edu.au

STUDENT BANKING

Don’t forget about our competition. This term students have the opportunity to win some fantastic prizes.

Students simply need to make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2, and they will automatically be entered into the competition.

The major student prize is a five nights accommodation at the Sea World Resort and 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 are 130 Toys“R”Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on their favourite toys.

This week we will send a note to let you know if you are eligible to claim a reward. The rewards available this term are:
- Whale Shark Pencil Case NEW
- Shark or Penguin Keyring NEW
- Handball
- Scented Pencils.

It is never too late to join the school banking program, join this term and get a reward instantly, we have wallets and money boxes to choose from. If you have any questions on how to join please contact us on gfinseebch@optusnet.com.au

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Have you used Munch Monitors our great new online ordering system? We have many of our school families already signed up and enjoying the benefits.

Week beginning 26th of May 2014
- Monday 26th: Jackie Redmond, Catherine Scott
- Tuesday 27th: Catherine Moulson, Elissa Howie
- Wednesday 28th: Belinda Mellino, Mandy Kennedy
- Thursday 29th: Andrea Martin, Jacinta Gertitz
- Friday 30th: Natalie Scott, Christine Beehler, Geraldine Mercer, Belinda Creed.

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 & 3 (between 8.15 and 9.45am)

SHOP ONLINE: Go to www.munchmonitor.com; Username: wilstons 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 & 3, except in exceptional circumstances. However, any orders placed through Munch Monitors will be checked and distributed on Mondays or Tuesdays via the classroom.

Stock Update
- Back in Stock: TIGHTS!!!! (sizes 3-5, 6-9, 10-12); Hair accessories in brown and gold – headbands, elastics and clips.

Uniforms
- Final 2 weeks!!!! 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.
FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP (contd)

Please note that the discount is only available directly from the Shop (excludes online orders).

Changes to the Uniform: Over the coming weeks you will have a chance to have a say in some possible changes to the Wilston uniform. Samples of the new items will be on display at the uniform shop, including a dress, formal shirt and shorts, and school and house coloured polo shirts. Come and have a look and tell me what you think!!

Stationery
Top-up packs: Order forms for topping up your child’s stationery supplies will be distributed soon. Ask your child’s teacher to find out what your child needs and start your list - pencils, erasers, glue, exercise books, etc.

Christine Matheson, Convenor. Ph. 3552 8490 / 0448 633 737 / bookshop@wilstonpandc.com.au

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Wilston Centenary Building Project
In 2020, Wilston will turn 100. I would like the parent body to work towards delivering a lasting project for the school for the Centenary. The school pool underwent a transformation in 1970 for the 50th anniversary and I would like to look at doing something for the school pool for the Centenary in 2020. I know it is early, but the sooner we start the more options we will have and the more time to fund and do the work. The P&C is supportive of generating a few options for a future P&C meeting to consider.

I would like to generate a range of ideas and options from parents of the school. If you would like to contribute, please drop me a line on bernie@odowd.net.au. I am currently looking at a few options, so if there are any drafters, designers, architects, business consultants, parents with a spare hour or two out there, drop me a line, I’d be delighted to hear your ideas.

Bernie O'Dowd.

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Last week the monthly meeting for the parent committee was held and part of the agenda included an idea raised by Shannon, the Education coordinator. We felt it should be shared with all parents from WKC. Shannon is keen to get an indication of interest from parents for some after school clubs or lessons that the WKC could coordinate.

The committee discussed some ideas such as music lessons, (keyboard or guitar), dance class and even a supervised homework club but we would welcome any feedback or ideas from other parents. Obviously risks and costs would need to be factored into any decisions.

If you do wish to provide some feedback please either email WKC at wilstonkidsicare@optusnet.com.au or attend the next committee meeting.

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

Adult squad - we have introduced a Tuesday morning squad which runs from 6:15-7:15am. This will replace the Monday evening squad as a trial during the winter season. Wednesday evening will remain the same from 6:45-7:45pm.

Winter swimming - squad and learn to swim is available year round with the pool heated to 29 degrees. 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.

Term 2 swim fees are now overdue. Thank you to the families who have settled their accounts. Please see Kirsten in the pool office or email info@wilstonswim.org.au if you are unsure if you have any outstanding fees.

Our next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 July at 7:00pm.

See you at the pool.

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

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

TICKET SALES NOW CLOSED

Only two sleeps to go and we are looking forward to seeing everyone in their colours. Some themes sound very interesting! Feel free to set up your table from 5.00pm with the fun beginning from 7.00pm.

If you have not already paid for your tickets please contact Michelle Tribe on michmatt@bigpond.net.au.

Just a reminder that this is an adults only night.

Thanks to Tweed Billabong Holiday Park, Nirvana Personal Training, Wilston Vet, Viet Lotus Restaurant, Vanilla Zulu Cooking School and Councillor Vicki Howard for providing prizes on the night.
KIDS TRIVIA!

Kids – thanks so much for your support for the 2014 Wilston State School Trivia night.

Last week’s winners were
Nick K and Lilly R from Prep C, and Tyler L from 4C and Jonathon from 4/5G.

Answers to week 3 questions were:

Prep to grade 3 question:
Q: Name at least two streets that border around Wilston State School?
A: Primrose, Thomas, Inglis or Carberry Streets.

Grade 4 to 7 question:
Q: There are two white statues or busts at the front of the school – who are they? Hint: one was an excellent sailor while the other used words in his career.
A: Captain Cook and William Shakespeare.

EVERTON PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN DAY
Tuesday 27 May 2014
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OPEN DAY
3:00pm to 6:00pm

3:00pm Registration
3:15pm Principal's address
3:30pm Classroom visits & tours of the school
4:30pm Junior Secondary School & Senior Secondary School Pathways
5:30pm Enrolment Information

RSVP Enrolment Officer: lscho22@eq.edu.au
Babysitter Wanted

I am looking for a babysitter for my 3 year old child. The times and dates I need help with aren't set, and are largely negotiable – as is the pay rate – although they would include from time to time:

- Some Friday/Saturday nights
- A few hours on a Saturday/Sunday during the day
- Picking up my child from childcare occasionally when I need to work late.

A license, although not a car, is preferable in order to assist with childcare. This role may suit a university student or a retired person.

If you're not able to meet every single one of these needs, please still get in touch with me, as I'm happy to have a couple of different babysitters on hand who can each do different things. We live very close to Wilston State Primary School and my child is happy and easy going and loves to read books, draw and do craft.

Contact Alison if you are interested in this job on 0401 842 342.
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