FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome Back!

Ski Trip

Over the last few days I have taken the opportunity to speak to students and staff who attended the trip to Canberra and the snow fields during the school vacation. It would appear that the excursion was a great success and I thank all staff for their role in ensuring the tour was successful.

I would particularly like to thank Ms Vanessa Stackelberg and Ms Christina Robertson who accepted the leadership role for this activity.

ICP Conference

During the vacation I took the opportunity to attend the World Convention of International Confederation of Principals Conference in Cairns.

Guest speakers included:-

- Dr Yong Zhao – the implication of globalisation and technology on education.
- Ben Jensen – school improvement, what works.
- Dr Andy Hargreaves – Change
- Professor Louise Stoll – Sustainability of Leadership
- Professor Donna Cross – Student Health and Wellbeing
- Professor Colleen Hayward – Addressing Educational Disadvantage.
- General Peter John Cosgrove, AC, MC
- Timothy Ewen Costello AO – CEO of World Vision

Unfortunately due to the design of the program I was unable to listen to all speakers however the speeches from General Cosgrove and Reverend Costello certainly resonated with me.

General Cosgrove spoke about his perceptions of what makes a good leader. He spoke about the Big 4 + 1.

He stated that leaders should come to the task with motivation (given) then they should have:
- Integrity and be honest; moral courage; compassion and humility. The plus one is the ability to communicate.

The following morning Reverend Costello addressed us. If I am ever asked if I could name someone who possessed the attributes as expressed by General Cosgrove in abundance it would certainly be Reverend Costello. His address to us was outstanding.

Guy Hendriks
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

FAB 4 Kids Free Parent Workshop
The FAB 4 Kids workshop is aimed at assisting parents to understand childhood anxiety and to explore approaches that can be used to help children cope with challenging life events or situations. The workshop will be conducted over 2 sessions on Thursdays 15 and 22 August between 9.30 to 11.30am at the parent Education Centre, Laurel Street on the Enoggera State School campus. Please call the Centre on 3355 9202 for more information about the workshop or to enrol. There will be no cost, materials and morning tea will be provided, however numbers are limited. Please make personal arrangements for child care. Enrolments close on Friday 8 August.

COPPER’S CORNER
The safety of our children is our first priority and Police are encouraging parents to speak with their children and implement and encourage strong protective behaviours in our children.

Protective behaviours reinforce to our children that we all have the right to be safe, if they ever feel unsafe that they can do something about it and it is their job to make sure they don’t make others feel unsafe. It also informs children about early warning signs they get when they don’t feel safe (i.e. goosebumps, butterflies in tummy etc) and teaches children about things they can do when in a personal emergency.

It is important to talk to your children about the importance of safety networks. A safety network is a list of people the child trusts and feels comfortable with that they can turn to when they feel unsafe or have a problem.

If you would like any further information on protective behaviours please feel free to contact Senior Constable Diana Kratochvil from Stafford Police Crime Prevention on 33641897 or by email at Kratochvil.Diana-Marie@police.qld.gov.au.

BOOK CLUB
Your child would have received their Book Club order forms this week. Simply select any books your child would like and return the order form by Tuesday 23 July 2013. The books will then be delivered to your child in their classroom to take home. Orders are to be placed in your child’s class Blue Bag to come up to the office.

We thank you for your support as the school receives free books and/or teaching resources from Book Club that allow us to regularly update our classrooms and library with just published and favourite books.

STUDENT BANKING
Welcome to Term 3. Our first banking day will be tomorrow Friday 12 July. This term we see the release of a new reward. Our new reward is the calculator. Wallets, handballs, knuckles games and torches are still available.

To all the students who did send their reward request, please be patient as the rewards have been ordered and they are on their way.

Don’t forget every Friday is banking day!

Please contact us on gfinselbach@optusnet.com.au for any questions you may have.

Gabriela Finselbach and Alison Hill. School Banking Coordinators.

ARTSLINK IS COMING
On Tuesday 16 July, Artslink Queensland will present The Box at our school. The Box brings red nose clown, slapstick and physical comedy into one hilarious show about two clowns and a seemingly mundane box. Two clowns have a job to move a box across the room... sounds simple but nothing is ever simple when clowns are involved!

The Arts are essential to every child’s education. Artslink Queensland is committed to providing quality arts experiences for students and teachers to support educational outcomes. It recognises the significant role schools play in promoting the Arts as a part of everyday life and lifelong learning.

There is a charge of $6.00 per child for the show which will be included on this term’s invoice. We encourage you to discuss this performance with your child.

Jo Kennedy. Year 1 Teacher

2013 WILSTON SCIENCE COMPETITION
The Wilston Science Competition is being held in Term 3. The aims of the competition include:

• stimulate an ongoing interest in science
• encourage students in the process of self-motivated project work
• recognise student effort and achievement
• improve student research, writing and presentation skills
• improve links between school, students and parents.

The competition will be competitive but not compulsory to enter. Students can enter in the following divisions:

Division 1: Prep and Years 1, 2, 3
Division 2: Years 4, 5, 6
Division 3: Year 7

Students may enter individually, with a partner, or as a group of three, provided that when two or more students work together, all are eligible for entry in the same division.

Entries must be in one of the following categories:

Classified Collection
Scientific Investigation
Communicating Science
Mathematical Investigation
Models and Inventions
Environmental Action Project.

Work at home will be necessary, and we ask that all parental assistance be acknowledged. Entries close Monday, 16 September 2013 (Term 3, Week 11). A judging panel will judge the entries. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placegetters in each division. Other entries may qualify for a Highly Commended certificate. All students will receive a certificate of participation. In addition, separate prizes will be awarded for a ‘Young Scientist of the Year’ (Divisions 2 and 3) and a ‘Junior Scientist of the Year’ (Division 1).

A competition handbook providing detailed information on all the entry categories, judging criteria entry/declaration forms is available for download as a PDF on the school website http://wilstonss.eq.edu.au. Click on the LATEST NEWS tab. All queries should be directed to Mr Brendan Medlin (6A) (bmedl2@eq.edu.au).

Brendan Medlin
INTERNATIONAL PI DAY

Monday 22 July is PI Day

Wilton is celebrating International Pi Day on Monday 22 July. Students can buy party pies on the day from the Tuckshop for $1.00 (normally priced at $1.20). Pre-ordering by Friday 19 July is essential.

Pi (or π), the ratio of the diameter of a circle to its circumference, is an important mathematical constant, introduced to students in Years 6 and 7. To celebrate this number, many Australians celebrate Pi Day on 22 July (22/7). In the USA, they write the month in front of the day, so they celebrate Pi Day on a different day. US Pi Day is March 14 or 3.14, the first three digits of π. Neither of these dates are the exact value of π, but Australian Pi Day is slightly more accurate!

On Australian Pi Day, eat a pie, and think about π – you’d be amazed at where π is used in mathematics, the sciences, engineering, etc. – places which you’d think would have nothing to do with circles!

Brendan Medlin

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Please take note of our new menu out today.

Online ordering will commence during this term, Term 3!

International Pi Day will be on 22 July 2013. Students can buy party pies on the day. Orders must be placed by 19 July. $1.00 special for International Pi Day. See article on International Pi Day from Brendan Medlin previously in the newsletters.

Come in and have a coffee and meet our new Barista Julian who will be in on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Roster for week ending 19 July 2013.

Monday 15	Jackie Redmond and Marion Jones.
Tuesday 16	Rose Borham, Deanne Laurent and Michaela Butterworth.
Wednesday 17	Bronwyn Humphrey, Belinda Mellino and Kristina Row.
Thursday 18	Lorraine Windsor, Jacinda Geritz, Samarth Haridas and Andrea Martin.
Friday 19	Natalie Scott, Christine Beehler and Natalie Simi.

Annie 0411 862 426 (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) and Dot 0408 729 021(Monday, Tuesday) milnej@optushome.com.au

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

SHOP OPEN: Wednesday and Friday during Terms 2 and 3, between 8.30 and 9.45am.

** Please note that the shop is not open Mondays during Terms 2 & 3 **

Stock Update

Please visit the shop for all your uniform and stationery requirements in Term 3. Janice and Catherine are ready to help you find what you’re looking for!

Stationery Top-up Packs

This week (or possibly the next), you will receive an order form for a stationery top-up pack for your child’s year level. This will list the stationery items that your child may require to get them through to the end of the year (such as pencils, erasers and glue sticks). You’ll be able to order either the entire recommended pack, or select individual items that you know your child needs.

Purchasing a top-up pack is not compulsory – but if you wish to use this service then please return your forms directly to the Uniform Shop or via your child’s class blue bag by Friday 19 July. Orders will be sent home via your eldest child by early August.

Order Form on P&C Website

Can’t make it into the shop? Then just print and fill in the new Uniform Order Form available on the Wilston P&C website and send it in to the shop via your child’s class blue bag. I will process your order and send it home via the child nominated on the form.

Christine Matheson, Convenor. Ph. 3552 8490 (w) / 0448 633 737

Wilton State School Ever Onward
NEWS FROM THE SWIM CLUB

Welcome back to the pool! It has been a wonderful start to Term 3 with our swimmers and parents returning, and our new swim families beginning. We will be gearing up for Swim Club this term so enrol for Learn to Swim and Squads in preparation.

Welcoming New Swimmers
We welcome our new swimmers and families:
Ayla D, Alec and Hugh B., Samantha O, Timothy W, Jude E, Jacob K, Jack B., Aiden Hoffman, Lachlan E.

Squad Trainer of the week
Congratulations to:

Term 2 Week 10
Mini Squad - Sophia Carroll
Junior Squad - Luke Waghorn
Senior Squad - Henry Harris

New pricing for Adult Squads Term 3
You are invited to join us for Adult Squad on Mondays and Wednesday. Introducing a new 10 ticket for Adult Squads.
$10 single
$80 10 ticket.

Please contact Susan in the office info@wilstonswim.org.au or 3356 0874

Learn to Swim
We have vacancies for classes and our pool is heated.
Prep Parents - Consider familiarising your child in preparation of Term 4 school swimming lessons with enrolling in our Water Safety lessons (age 4 and up).

Notice to all swimmers to wear a cap and goggles in the pool.

Squads Timetable
Commencing on the 8th July 2013.

Mini
Mon-Fri 7:45am - 8:30am
Mon – Fri 3:15pm - 4:00pm

Junior
Mon – Fri 7:30am - 8:30am
Mon – Thurs 4:00pm-5:00pm
Fri 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Senior
Mon – Fri 6:45am - 8:30am
Mon – Thurs 4:00pm-5:45pm
Fri 3:15pm- 5:00pm

Adults
Mon & Wed 5:45pm - 6:45pm

and we'll see you at the pool!

Wilton Swim Club

DROP ZONE

Fete Countdown: 8 weeks
We're ready for your pre-loved BOOKS, CLOTHES, TOYS, HOUSEHOLD GOODS!
(Good, clean condition please!)

Stall Convenors will make regular collections from Drop Zone - E BLOCK
(E Block is behind Tuckshop, near the disabled car parking bay. Just follow the signs!)

PASSION FOR PEUGEOT?

Would you like to drive to school in a brand new, sleek PEUGEOT 308, turbo, limited edition, leather seats?

COMING SOON!
P & C Major Raffle 2013

The campaign will be hard, fast, furious.
(Proceeds to turbo-charge the roll-out of interactive smart boards in Wilston SS classrooms.)

$10/ticket, Book of 6 $50.

CAN YOU HELP?
GOAL is to *SELL OUT* LIMITED TICKET STOCK PRONTO and DRAW THE WINNER at FETE 2013!

KIDS LOVE DRAMA
PARENTS LOVE THE RESULTS!

Our unique drama system develops confidence and communication skills in children and teenagers.
Dynamic and structured, our programme covers speech, movement, creative drama and language development with all students participating in an end-of-year production.

Our acclaimed drama programme is implemented by dynamic teachers who work enthusiastically to bring out the very best in your child.

Affordable Fees! No Hidden Costs!
Lower Primary (5-8), Upper Primary (9–12) and Youth Theatre (12–18).

Helen O’Grady Drama Academy
Please phone the Principal Margaret Treuel B.A., Dip. Ed.
3353 0555
If you would prefer this via email in the future please advise us by emailing brisbanenorth@helenogrady.com.au

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