FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

P&C Fundraiser
Each year we approach our parents to support a Voluntary Contribution Scheme that enables us to provide a greater range of resources for student learning.

A mutual agreement between the school and the P&C has led us to suspend our request for this money in 2014.

The P&C is about to conduct a substantial raffle which hopes to raise enough funds to install interactive panels in the remaining classrooms spaces so that all students at Wilston State School can benefit from their use.

The Voluntary Contribution Scheme within our school enables the provision of resources that would not normally be affordable.

I encourage you to support our P&C with their current raffle venture and to continue to support our school with the Voluntary Contribution Scheme in 2014.

Final phase of the Daniel Morcombe child safety curriculum now available
The Department of Education, Training and Employment has released the Years 7 – 9 (Junior Secondary) phase of the Daniel Morcombe child safety curriculum. This is the third and final phase, completing the suite of lesson plans available for Queensland schools in all year levels from Prep to Year 9.

The lessons have been developed by a high-level government working group including Queensland child safety ambassadors Bruce and Denise Morcombe to develop students’ personal safety and awareness including cyber and phone safety.


Welcome
During the semester break Ms Rhiannon Gane was asked to undertake the role of principal St Paul’s State School. This school is located on Moa Island in the Torres Strait. I welcome Ms Katrina Rodriguez as our 2E teacher for the remainder of the year.

Rugby League
This Friday our school’s 12 year old rugby league team plays a representative game against Wynnum West State School. As district champions our team has now entered the Metropolitan Cup. This competition involves schools from the Greater Brisbane Region.

I wish the players, Mr Glenn Bradley (parent and coach) and Mr Rodney Bell (PE teacher and manager all the best for this game.

Guy Hendriks
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Prep 2014
We are finalising enrolment information for our Prep students in 2014. If your child is age appropriate for Prep in 2014, or you have been approved for delayed entry into Prep, you will be able to collect your enrolment pack in the next few weeks. We will advertise the availability of these packs for parents of students in catchment or siblings of students already enrolled at Wilston State School in 2014, in the Wilston Weekly and on the school notice board. These should be available by the end of July.

BOOK CLUB
Just a reminder that Book Club orders are due back by Tuesday 23 July 2013. Please send orders to the office via your child’s class Blue Bag.

STUDENT BANKING
Earlier this week I received an email from a parent asking how to join the school banking program. Unfortunately due to a computer crash I lost my emails therefore I can’t reply to this email personally but here it goes.

The School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular saving. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once your child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards items. School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Taking part in School Banking is easy.
If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every Friday using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. If your child has misplaced their Dollarmites deposit book or deposit wallet, just ask for one and we will send it out to you.
If your child does not have a Youthsaver account, you can open one at any Commonwealth Bank branch, no forms to fill in! Alternatively, if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with access to NetBank you can apply online. Join the program at any time!

Term 3 Competition - Stay cool at school this summer by saving in Term 3
Win a CommBank Marquee for your school or an iPad mini for yourself just by depositing to your CommBank School Banking Account.
The School with the highest percentage of active students making at least one school banking deposit in term 3 will win a marquee. Every student who completes a minimum of one school banking deposit in term 3 will be in the running to win a cool iPad mini or a Dollarmite Backpack! For you chance to win, students need to simply make one or more School Banking deposits during Term 3

Things to know before you can: Competition opens 08/07/13 and closes 27/09/13. Competition is open to all Queensland school banking Schools. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124. Full terms and conditions available in Branch.

Please contact us on gfinselbach@optusnet.com.au for any questions you may have.
Gabriela Finselbach and Alison Hill. School Banking Coordinators.

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
Wilston 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 pi. Neither of these dates are the exact value of pi, but Australian Pi Day is slightly more accurate!
On Australian Pi Day, eat a pie, and think about pi – you’d be amazed at where pi is used in mathematics, the sciences, engineering, etc. – places which you’d think would have nothing to do with circles!

Brendan Medlin

Good luck to all the students representing Wilston State School in the Metro Cup Rugby League competition on Friday.

Cliff Draper

You should now have our new Term 3 menu. Please note that there are a few new daily specials as well as winter favourites…. Apple crumble and chicken noodle soup!

We are again getting foreign coins filtering through with the Tuckshop orders, please make sure when putting in payment for the order only Australian currency is used.

Keep an eye out for the upcoming installation of on-line ordering……..

Please have all ‘Pi’ Day orders in by Friday 19 July 2013.

Roster for week ending Friday 26 July:
Monday 22 Lisa Gratten and VACANT
Tuesday 23 Louise Astori, Ellie Cayas and Michael Stein.
Wednesday 24 Kate Leggett, Julia Jenyns, Christine Georges, Nicola Bartlett and Kim Allen.
Thursday 25 Felicity Lawrence, Larissa Jennings and Julia Kroll.
Friday 26 Wendy Ricato, Anna Wareham and Josephine Parry.

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

NAB AFL Auskick

Wilston State School
First session is Monday 29 July
3.20-4.20pm
8 weeks
$60.00

When you participate in Auskick you also receive your very own football, backpack with a hat, drink bottle, pump plus heaps more!

For more information visit aflauskick.com.au
Or call 3865 8700

The Grange Kids Club

Term 3 Starting 19 July
Friday nights from 5-7pm
At Grange Baptist Church
Cnr Carberry St and Wilston Rd
Primary school kids welcome for a night of fun, food and games!!

For more information contact Andrew Lawton
0402 066 534
Are you aged 6 to 11 and want to learn FUNdamental Basketball skills?

Dragons Club is again conducting their highly successful B.L.A.S.T.™ 6eleven non-competitive skills development program from Saturday July 13 for 10 weeks.

Now in its eleventh season, over 370 children have participated in B.L.A.S.T.™ since inception.

Numbers are strictly limited and filling fast. For further information, email blast@northbrisbanebasketball.com.au or visit our website www.northbrisbanebasketball.com.au

Wilston Grange Kindergarten & Preschool (affiliated with C&K) is having an open day.

When:
Saturday 27th July 2013, from 10am to 12noon
Where:
Wilston Grange Kindergarten & Preschool
Lanham Park,
Sellheim Street,
Grange Qld 4051

Everyone is welcome so come in and have a look around. Play on our brand new fort and check out the chickens.

Hope to see you there!

Computer Extras
Conveniently located at Wilston State School, Computer Extras gives students the chance to consolidate what they learn in school, and learn lots of new computing skills.

Wednesdays 3:15-4:15pm,
starting Wednesday 24 July.
Computer Lab, F Block
(corner Inglis and Primrose Streets)
$20 per hour ($160 for 8 lessons).
For more details or to register, please contact Jodi:
Tel 07 3018 2852 info@EducationExtra.com.au

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23 July 2013
Tours 4.00 to 6.00pm
Information
6.00-7.00pm

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