Dear Parents

Eco Marine

By the end of this week each student councillor will have visited the class that they have been assigned to. The student council focus at the moment is to raise awareness of the Eco Marine program that we are undertaking. The school’s objective is to have as many people, students, siblings, parents, grandparents etc registered as Eco Marines.

The student council has created a brochure that will be sent home to all families. This brochure will provide you with material regarding the program and will include the procedure necessary to register. Please consider signing up.

Generic Learning Outcomes

Over the last few weeks our staff has been revisiting the Wilston State School Generic Learning Outcomes. These outcomes are expressed as the Wilston State School Vision for our students, that is, the skills and attributes we believe are important for our students to master.

Get Started Returns For Round 2

The second round of the Queensland Government’s Get Started program is now open, offering vouchers worth up to $150 to help families pay membership fees for children to join a registered sport or recreation club. Children with a parent or guardian who holds a health care or pension concession card are automatically eligible to apply, while other families will need to submit recommendations from two referral agents. Applications are processed on a first come, first served basis.


Quotes to Consider

I include the following quotes for your consideration. I believe the first quote by Hargreaves and Fullan to be very applicable to teachers as leaders.

“All good leadership is a judicious mixture of push, pull, and nudge. This is a sophisticated practice. It’s a combination of non-judgmentalism, not being pejorative about where people are at the beginning, combined with moving them forward in the end, its best to pull whenever you can, push whenever you must, and nudge all the time.”

Andrew Hargreaves and Michael Fullan Andrew Hargreaves and Michael Fullan in “The Power of Professional Capital” in Journal of Staff Development, June 2013

“The very foundation of science is to keep the door open to doubt. Precisely because we keep questioning everything, especially our own premises, we are always ready to improve our knowledge. Therefore a good scientist is never ‘certain’. Lack of certainty is precisely what makes conclusions more reliable than the conclusions of those who are certain: because the good scientist will be ready to shift to a different point of view if better elements of evidence, or novel arguments emerge. Therefore certainty is not only something of no use, but is in fact damaging, if we value reliability.”

Carl Rovelli

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela

Guy Hendriks
Principal
WELL DONE AWARDS

Prep
Gema W PA, Samuel G PA, Matilda C PB, Aidan H PB, Willow T Prep D, Max Y PD, Lachlan E PE, Zac V PE, Emily M PF, Colby S PF.

Year 1
Maya D 1B, Laura B 1B, Ryleigh G 1C, Daisy S 1D, William W 1D, Keir N 1E.

Year 2

WILSTON STAR AWARD
Jorja McA of 1A for picking up rubbish without being asked.

Zach A of 2C for picking up rubbish.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS
Prep Information and Enrolment Packs for students starting Prep in 2014 who live in catchment or are siblings of students who will still be enrolled in 2014, are now available from the school office. When you collect your pack, you will be asked to make a 15 minute interview time for you and your child. Please direct any enquiries to our office – 3552 8444.

FROM THE HOC
ICAS English
Just a reminder that the ICAS English test will be on Monday 29 July 2013.

Fleur Provost

TERM 3 INVOICES/STATEMENTS
Term 3 Invoice/Statements have now been printed and you will receive them in the next day or two. It would be appreciated if you could kindly pay this Statement in full, including any outstanding amounts from Terms 1 and 2. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if a part payment is required. Please read the letter on the back of the statement for payment details.

Angela Spina. BSM

STUDENT COUNCIL
Jeans for Genes Wednesday 31 July
Jeans for Genes is a major fundraiser of the Children’s Medical Research Institute. The Children’s Medical Research Institute (CMRI) is an independent organisation committed to unlocking the mysteries of these diseases. Chances are you probably know someone who has a genetic disease, because one in twenty children born in Australia suffer from some kind of congenital abnormality or chronic disease. There are children suffering with conditions such as birth defects, cancer and epilepsy.

100% of the money you raise from the Genes for Jeans goes directly to the work of the Children’s Medical Research Institute. The money raised goes into fund that guarantees long-term support for our scientists.

So please wear your Jeans and school shirts on Wednesday 31 July to help raise funds for this important research.

SPEECH CONTEST

ANNUAL SPEECH CONTEST SEMI-FINALS
The semi-finals of the Annual Speech Contest were held Wednesday, 24 July 2013. A total of 21 students from Year 5, 6 and 7 presented engaging and thought-provoking speeches to their peers and a panel of two independent judges (Ms Bernadette Knight and Ms Mary Wong). The judges were impressed by the overall quality of the speeches, and the poise and confidence of the speakers. They stressed the importance of speakers engaging the audience from the beginning of the speech. The Year 5 and Year 6 divisions were treated as a straight final. An asterisk beside the Year 7 student indicates that they have progressed to the final. The speakers and their speech topics are listed below.

Year 5
1st Harry SHAW. We need to move it, move it
2nd Tony ZHONG. Chess should be a sport at Wilston
3rd Elke HOWES. Why music education rocks

Finalists
Kieran LAWRENCE. Soccer is better than rugby
Connor PEABODY. Between the flags
Jack WOOLRYCH. People should get more holidays

Year 6
1st Lydia JENSEN. A friendly face
2nd Sebastien MASEL. Too many videogames are bad for your well-being.
3rd John COOPER. Why the world needs superheroes.

Finalists
Josh BUERCKNER. Why sport is good for you.
Claire FIDLER. Why walk when you can run.
Charlotte HARRIS. Performance-enhancing drugs in sports.

Year 7
1. Lucy ASPINALL. Five reasons you should do the 40 hour famine.
2. Georgia BUCOL. I love summer.
3. *Isabella DREDGE. Tae Kwan Do should be compulsory learning in school.
4. *Ellie HARFORD. We must start looking after our marine life.
5. Emelyn KIRKEGAARD. Making a hotel for homeless people.
7. Bianca LAWRENCE. Everyone should have a pet.
8. Joey LAWRENCE. Where would we be without our fingers.
9. *Matilda MACKAY. How Cinderella has let us down.
10. Hannah MARSHALL. No more school.
11. *Maddy PREBBLE. A banana a day.
13. Isabella SIMI. Everyone should wear pyjamas to bed.
14. Emily THOMPSON. The word “eat” is in meat for a reason.
15. Chloe WILLETT. Children are taken for granted.

The final of the Annual Speech Contest will be held on Thursday, 22 August 2013, in D Block (Old Library), starting at 7:00pm. The top two speakers in the Year 5 and 6 divisions will also be invited to present their speeches at the final.

Please direct questions/enquiries to Mr Brendan Medlin (6A) on bmed-l2@eq.edu.au.
NEWS FROM HPE

Rugby League
Congratulations to the Wilston U/12 Rugby League team that played in the Metro Cup final last Friday. The boys were defeated 26-4 by a much larger Wynnum West side but performed admirably. There were some good performances and all boys contributed to the side’s performance. I’d like to thank Glenn Bradley for his work and coaching of the boys in the lead up and on match day.

Track and Field
Good luck to all the students in the Wilston State School Track and Field team who will be competing at the City District Carnival next Thursday and Friday. Students will be vying for selection into the City District Team to compete at the Met North Carnival in late August. Just a reminder that all permission forms and money need to be returned by Friday the 26 July.

FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT
This term is going to be a busy one. The following events involve the Junior, Senior and Chamber String ensembles.

22 August: Annual Speech Contest
7 September: Wilston State School Fete
9-11 September: Junior Music Camp.

BRASS WOODWIND & PERCUSSION
The Wildcatz are scheduled to open the Red Hill Fair this Saturday. The scheduled performance time is slightly earlier than before. Details are:

Red Hill Fair. Woolcock Park.
Saturday 27 July.
Arrive by 8.15am to perform at 8.45am.

Students are to wear their Catz uniform (they are available at the school office $35.00). percussionists and bass players should bring their own equipment as the smaller car I have has little storage capacity.

The Wildcatz Tour for 2013 is scheduled for Monday 26 August. Please return the permission and medical form to Mr Draper via the class Blue Bag.

STUDENT BANKING
Due to the overwhelming success of the rewards, we are having one Token Redemption Day per month instead of kids bringing in their tokens at different times. The next Token Redemption Day will be this Friday 26 of July.

What can be claimed?
There is a new reward in term 3. Students can now redeem 10 tokens for a calculator. Students can also choose from a handball, a wallet, a torch, a money box or a set of Knuckles and Bones game.

What do you need to do? Please bring in your 10 tokens and redemption coupon in with your child’s school banking if you don’t have a coupon, a clearly written note with name, class and choice of reward is enough. If you need redemption coupons they are available at the Administration Block or send us an email and we will send one to your child/dren’s class. We will then order the reward and have it back to your child as soon as we receive it. This can take up to 2 weeks.

Notifications will be placed in the school newsletter to keep you posted on future redemption days. The School Banking program is designed to encourage individual savings behaviour and to help children achieve their saving goals. For this reason pooling of tokens is not allowed.

This week we congratulate the following children who have received a Silver certificate for their continuous effort on making 20 deposits: Lachlan H, Luke J and Joshua H; and the following children who have received a Bronze certificate for their great effort on making 10 deposits in the school banking program: Ava H, Rebecca M, Georgia K, Kirsty A, Henry C, Millie W, Caitlin C, Braydon M, Connor M, Leo S, Ava H, Molly B, and Thomas J.

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

The School Banking Team.

CHOIR NEWS
Wow! It was great to see so many of the Wilston Wonders at rehearsal on time last Friday. Thanks Mum, Dads and carers for your support. Don’t forget we have an Open Rehearsal for family and friends on Friday, August 9 at 8.10am in the Music Block.

Miranda Charters

TUCKSHOP NEWS
It’s Canteen Week this week! The staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers.

PI Day was a huge success, thank you to all who ordered.

Online ordering will be up and running soon.

The position of Senior Tuckshop convenor is required for 2014. Training will commence in Term 3 this year. The position offers a flexible working environment with child friendly working hours including school holidays off. Please forward or drop in a CV to Annie Harris at the Tuckshop.

Roster for week ending 26 July 2013.

Monday 22: Lisa McGrath and Leonie Crawford.
Tuesday 23: Lisa Pyne, Kathryn Napier and Sarah Bender.
Wednesday 24: Cynthia Wong, VACANT.
Thursday 25: Sandra Harris, Angela Pratt and Harriet Carter.
Friday 26: Catherine Dawson, Anita Finnegan, Melanie Rogers.

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.

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
Thank you to everyone who placed an order for a stationery top-up pack. Your 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

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Term 3 - it’s been a busy first few weeks back at the pool. We are looking forward to a busy term ahead and preparing for Swim Club.

Welcoming New Swimmers
We welcome our new swimmers and families returning from previous years - Luke S, Luke and Niamh S, Sam & William R, Abby E, Sam & Will R.

Squad Trainer of the week
Congratulations to

Term 3 Week 1
Mini Squad - Sofia F
Junior Squad - Hilary P
Senior Squad - Christian S

Term 3 Week 2
Mini Squad - Abigail S
Junior Squad - Ryan H
Senior Squad - Abby E

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).

Swim Club 2013-2014
Planning has started for Swim Club for Term 4 and we are looking for a Canteen Convener for Friday club nights, it could be a shared role. If anyone is interested or able to assist please email info@wilstonswim.org.au

Notice - please check lost property at the canteen end of the pool.

Visit our website - www.wilstonswim.org.au

and we’ll see you at the pool!

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

Education Extra Enrich Empower Extend

Go Sport
Wilston State School Oval
Commencing Friday 2 August 2013
7.55am—8.40am
5 weeks
$85.00

Go Soccer
Prep to Year 3

Go Cricket
Year 1—4

Register at www.gosports.com.au
Sms child’s name, school, sport and mobile number 0417 614 509

Alderley Kindergarten

Taking enrolments now for Preprep 2014
Limited vacancies

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Rating Exceeding The National Quality Standard.

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3356 3675 / admin@alderleykindy.com.au

Learn more about us www.alderleykindy.com.au

Hours of Operation 8.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m

Wilton State School Ever Onward
**NORTHSIDE WIZARDS BASKETBALL**

- Term 3 programs now open
- Programs for children 4+ years
- Fun, active, social, and safe
- At an indoor venue near you

For more information please email Luc at development@northsidewizards.com or call 0419 724 392

www.northsidewizards.basketball.net.au

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**Want to exercise more?**

Would you like to increase your physical activity but struggle to stay motivated after starting a new fitness routine? If so, a new program being studied at QUT may help. The new program aims to help people stay motivated using a combination of mental imagery and motivational counselling, and has an accompanying smartphone app that helps people to apply the program in their everyday life.

The study is open to people who are aged between 18 and 65 years and do less than 90 minutes of exercise per week.

This research is part of a Master of Applied Science (Research) degree at Queensland University of Technology (QUT). To participate, or find out more, please contact Allison at allison.dobson@student.qut.edu.au.

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**Annual Mothers Of (Only) Girls High Tea Fundraiser**

- On again, Sunday 11th August
- 11.00am at Emporium Hotel
- Speaker is Alison Lee, the creator and co-ordinator of the I Love Me programme. All profits will go to Isis The Eating Issues Centre.
- Ticket Price $60. RSVP to nicky_k@bigpond.net.au by 5th August.
- A table is being organised by Sarah Campbell for Wilston mums. If you are interested in joining her contact her on sarah_j_ridgway@hotmail.com or 0411662134

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**Panthers Softball Club**

- **Sign-on Sunday 11 August**
- **10.00am to 2.00pm**
- **at Commercial Hockey Fields**
- **Finsbury Street**
- **Newmarket**

**All new players welcome**

**TBall to seniors**

Enquiries please call 0411726155

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www.faceplacebeautysalon.com
Wilton Grange Softball Club
Sunday 21st July 2013
Windsor Bowls
Blackmore Street
Windsor QLD 4030
10.00 am till 1.00 pm

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With access to up to 19 lenders, Heath can help you find the right loan to suit your needs

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It's Smart to Ask

PASSION FOR PEUGEOT?

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

TICKETS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME WITH THE YOUNGEST CHILD

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!

Email raffle@wilstonpandc.org.au if you require more raffle tickets.