Dear Parents

Traditionally all schools in the coalition of the City Cluster of Schools commit the October Professional Development Day toward enhancing the skills of our teaching staff. This year the organising committee has invited Dr Carr-Gregg to address us. The committee has organised Dr Carr-Gregg to deliver a session during the evening and would like to extend an invitations to all parents from our schools. See advertisement below.

A City Cluster Schools Initiative
Dr Michael Carr-Gregg @ Windsor State School, Constitution Rd, Windsor Qld 4030
21st October 2013
7:00pm-9:00pm (Tea & Coffee available on arrival)
Tickets on sale soon—$10 per ticket.

The City Cluster of Schools is proud to host Dr Michael Carr-Gregg on Monday 21 October, at the Windsor State School Assembly Hall, for a special presentation to parents on “The Five Greatest Challenges for Parents in 2013”. Dr Carr-Gregg will speak to us on a number of topics including:
- Communication and strengthening connections between you and your child;
- Online safety;
- Equipping our children emotionally.

Dr Carr-Gregg is one of Australia’s best known child and adolescent psychologists and one of the country’s leading authorities on teenage behaviour. He specialises in the area of parenting adolescents and adolescent mental health. He is a founding member of the National Coalition Against Bullying and an official ambassador for the National Depression Initiative—beyondblue as well as Mindmatters, one of 16 youth suicide prevention programs run by the Federal Government. Dr Carr-Gregg has a private practice in Melbourne, and is in much demand as a speaker, educator and commentator. You may have seen Dr Carr-Gregg during one of his regular sessions on Channel 7’s Sunrise program.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Dr Carr-Gregg to our cluster and in turn we would like to welcome you to join us as a member of a very special audience.

A limited number of tickets will be available. They will be on sale from the office later in the Term.

WELL DONE AWARDS

Year 3
Tyler L of 3E, Sophia C of 3E.

Year 4

Year 5
Chayme B of 5D, Zane W of 5D Aston F of 5D.

Year 6
Joshua B of 6B, Emma TG of 6B.

Year 7
Kane J of 7B, Sarah M of 7B.

WILSTON STAR AWARD

Ruby C of 4B for helping pick up rubbish.
Severin N of 4B 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.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Statements (orange) were sent home with each student last week. This is just a reminder that all accounts are now due. Please send payments up to the office via your child’s class Blue Bag. Thank you.

2013 SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

Thank you to those parents who have already completed their Parent/Caregiver Survey form. For those parents who have been selected to fill out a School Opinion Survey and have not done so, could you please send your completed forms to the School Office as soon as possible. If you are unable, or choose not to complete the survey, it would be greatly appreciated if you could inform the school on 3352 8444 as soon as possible and return all of the survey materials.

UPDATE FROM YEAR 7 GRADUATION

CALLING ALL YEAR 7 PARENTS to a graduation meeting on Monday 5 August from 5.30-6.30pm in the Staff Room. Come with ideas and join a committee. The same meeting will be run again on Wednesday 7 August 3.15pm in the Staff Room if needed.

If we could all make the Monday meeting, it would make it easier to coordinate the committees. Please RSVP which meeting you are able to attend to dfree19@eq.edu.au.

Thank you.

Danielle Freeman. Graduation Chair

CALENDAR/CARD ORDERS

Look out!! Order forms will be sent home with your child/ren next week. We will be doing our Calendar/Card fundraising activity a little earlier this year. The children will draw their own picture and these will be made into calendars for 2014 and/or gift cards/diaries.

This artwork is completed at school with the class teacher. The cost of the calendars will be $12.00, the greeting cards (set of 8) will be $14.00 and diaries $16.50. This is a great gift idea for Christmas for family and friends.

Calendar, card and diary orders are due back at the office before FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2012. Please fill out a separate order form for each student. Orders can be sent up to the school office via the class Blue Bag. Spare order forms are available at the office.

We are looking forward to a wonderful response. Get in early for Christmas this year!!

Karen Charles and Helen Lambert Smith. Year 1 Teachers.

EXPLORAMA @ UQ

New And Exciting Workshops For Gifted And Talented students. Kids College Queensland, in conjunction with the University of Queensland, would like to invite the students to participate in EXPLORAMA. Explorama is an exciting and challenging program designed for Gifted and Talented students, students with strong learning abilities and special interests in Years 1-7. The program offers twenty unique workshops that promote problem-solving, creative and critical thinking. Explorama is guaranteed to provide children with the opportunity to do things a bit out of the ordinary and to think and challenge themselves on a variety of new and exciting levels.

The school has received packages which include a parent information letter and some Brisbane Explorama brochures. Registration is online and easy. Online registrations are now open at www.kidscollegeqld.com.au—applications close 30 August 2013.

Explorama will be held in the buildings that adjoin the Forgan Smith building and the Great Court, University of Queensland, St Lucia, Brisbane. Sunday 15 September 2013 from 8.45 to 3.00pm. Cost is $85.50. Early Bird price (closes 16 August) $95.00 (after 16 August).

Please direct any enquiries to Mr Brendan Medlin (6A) bmed-l2@eq.edu.au.
UPDATE FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Week 26 – 30 August 2013
We are getting close to that time of year when all who love reading and children’s books have a huge celebration known as Children’s Book Week.

On Thursday, 29 August there will be a dress-up parade where everyone is invited to come dressed as a favourite book character or as something related to the Book Week theme - Read across the Universe!

You can find lots of ideas in the fabulous shortlisted books we have been reading – come and check them out in the Library.

Celine Durston

NEWS FROM HPE

Track and Field
Good luck to all the students in the Wilston State School Track and Field team who are competing at the City District Carnival today and tomorrow. Students will be vying for selection into the City District Team to compete at the Met North Carnival in late August. Congratulations to Jack M who came first on the vault at the recent State Gymnastics Titles at Chandler.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Next week the Wilston Wonders are holding an open rehearsal at 8.10am in the Music Block - Friday August 9th. Parents, carers and family members are invited to come along and see what we get up to. Please note that this is not a concert and it will run as a normal rehearsal. We know it’s an early start so coffee, tea and juice will be available. The students would love to see you there!

Miranda Charters

FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

Junior Music Camp
Selected students have been nominated for the Junior Music Camp. Please note that the permission forms and payment is due back by 9 August 2013 if you wish your child to attend. If your child will not be attending please let Angela Batch know. Thank you.

All string groups will be performing in the “Spring Concert.” which will be held on the evening of Wednesday 18th September. More details to arrive soon.

BRASS WOODWIND & PERCUSSION

Wildcatz News
Thank you for a wonderful concert at the Red Hill Fair. The convenors were very impressed and it was good to see Mr Hendriks in attendance enjoying the show.

Here are some details for our Studio gig.
Sunday 3 August 2013.
Improv Ensemble.
Studio Recording Session for “The Island’s Corner” CD.
Qld Academy. 61 Musk Avenue, Kelvin Grove. “Lot 17” Studios.
Vocalists: 10.00am
Instrumentalists: 12.00 noon.

STUDENT BANKING

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS
Are you participating in the School Banking Program? It is never too late to join. You can bank as little or as much as you want, the benefits are both for our school, receiving commission from deposits made and the children learning vital financial information for life, learning how to save and set themselves goals and also getting rewarded for saving their money!

Opening an account is easy and fast, just go to any branch and request a Youth saver account for School Banking, alternatively if you are a CBA customer with access to Netbank you can go online and save time. Support your school while your child develops vital saving skills!

REWARDS
Rewards for everyone who redeemed tokens last Friday have been ordered and they are on their way.

This week we congratulate Lily C who have received a Silver certificate for her continuous effort on making 20 deposits, and the following children who have received a Bronze certificate for their great effort on making 10 deposits in the school banking program: Ava S, Nicholas H, and Henry E.

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

The School Banking Team

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop and Wilston Kids Care are looking for a food server/cleaner for 2.5 hours every day. A Blue Card is required from the successful applicant. Please contact Annie Harris or Rory Ford via the Tuckshop.

Roster for week ending 2 August 2013
Monday: Vanessa Behan and Anne Clark.
Tuesday: Cathy Mercer, Ana Malliah and Chammika Rambukwelle.
Wednesday: Peter Power, Belinda Mellino and Kristina Row.
Thursday: Angela Pratt, Clare Ponsford, Nickia Mitchell and Marty Evans.
Friday: Rory Ford, Sharon Snowden.

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

Senior Tuckshop Convenor
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.
FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

THE SHOP IS OPEN: Wednesday and Friday during Terms 2 and 3, between 8.15 and 9.45am.

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

Stock Update  New Hair Accessories:  
I have just received a new supply of hair accessories. Returning to the Shop are headbands with puffy bows, as well as some new sets of hair clips. Come and have a look!!

A very big thank you to Janice, Catherine, Annie, Dot, Robyn, Belinda, Jane and any other volunteers who have helped keep the shop running during my absence. I am incredibly grateful for your assistance. I will be following up a few outstanding issues (eg refunds, music shirt orders etc) as quickly as I can, but please come and see me if you have any issues/queries.

Stationery Top-up Packs: Thank you to everyone who placed an order for a stationery top-up pack. Your orders have been filled and were distributed to each class on Monday 29 July. If you have not yet received your order, please check with your teacher.

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

FROM THE P&C

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
P&C Major Raffle 2013
$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.

music moves

Music Moves offers piano and singing lessons in the comfort of your own home. We combine all the benefits of a large music school with the convenience of lessons in your home. Lessons are available before and after school and on Saturdays. To find out more about lessons and our teachers visit the website!

Contact Daniel on 0414 706 663
www.musicmovesbrisbane.com.au

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Another busy week for our learn to swim and squad training at the pool. Our qualifying swimmers will be competing at the Brisbane short course Championships this weekend at Chandler. Go team Crocs! We say goodbye to our head coach Anthony this week who has been with us since 2009. We'll miss you Anthony! and we are gathering momentum for Swim Club 2013-2014.

Squad Trainer of the week
Congratulations to: Term 3 Week 3.
Mini Squad - Callan J. Junior Squad - Daniel Mc.
Senior Squad - Isabella K.

Learn to Swim
This term is moving along quickly. Week 3 ending and we have vacancies for classes. Remember our pool is heated! Please email info@wilstonswim.org.au for vacancies. A request to parents to attend any accounts outstanding.

Anthony's Committee Farewell
The Committee will be presenting a gift to Anthony on Friday after school and before Squads. Please join us to say thank you, good luck, good bye and we'll miss you.

Please note: The club is aiming at minimal disruption to Squads and Learn to Swim whilst we are recruiting a new head coach.

2013 Vorgee Brisbane Short Course Champs 3-4 August 2013
Our Wilston Crocs will be competing in the Brisbane short course meet this weekend. Please join us in wishing our swimmers; Caitlin K, Sean and James O'H, Christian S, James B, Sally H, Lucy B, Georgia K, Polly L. Good luck everyone!

Our Web site - www.wilstonswim.org.au