FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Fete 2013
I would like to thank parents; Felicity Lawrence (Fete Convenor); Jeff Beehler (Operations Manager); Chris Noonan (Stalls Co-ordinator); Amanda Ley (Raffle and Sponsorship Co-ordinator); Matthew Cook and Michelle Tribe (Raffle and Sponsorship Team) and Naomi Ces-cotto (Communications). Their tireless work during the last twelve months certainly paid off. I also extend my appreciation to the many parent volunteers who contributed at the various stages of this event.

When I asked Felicity to provide me with the details of the team members who supported her I have taken the following paragraph from her communique with me. "The fete committee was a delight to work with: interested, committed, evaluative. We appre-ciated the input from the admin team and Leigh was particularly helpful in so many aspects. It made it much easier to co-ordinate the fete planning."

Teacher Aide Day 19 September
Across the state, Teacher Aide Day is celebrated on the first Friday of September. This is our opportunity to recognise the great work our teacher aides do to support our students and teachers. Due to the busyness of last week we decided to acknowledge their efforts this week.

The help they offer goes a long way in our classrooms, providing the extra attention some students need to get the most out of a lesson and supporting our teachers to organise engaging and educational activities each day.

Next Thursday we will hold a special lunch to say thank you to our wonderful Support Staff on behalf of our whole school community.

Timetable For Release of NAPLAN 2013 Results
2013 NAPLAN results are due for release this Friday. I anticipate that the school and class reports will be made available through our OneSchool platform (Education Queensland’s statewide database) shortly after the national release. Student reports from the QSA are now scheduled to occur in early Term 4.

School Website
Several weeks ago I mentioned that a team of my staff were involved in developing a new school website. The web address will not change, we have just changed the look and con-tent that will be housed on the website. I am happy to report that this will go live during the vacation. At this stage the go-live date is Friday 27 September. Parents with a smart phone will also be able to access this website from the QSchools app.

Guy Hendriks
Principal
WELL DONE AWARDS

Year 3

Year 2/3
Millie W, Blake L.

Year 4

Year 4/5

Year 5
Rory J of 5B, Kobe J of 5B, Luca D of 5B, Tony Z of 5B.

Year 6
Lucy R of 6B, Gabrielle O of 6B, John C of 6B.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Statements (yellow) were sent home with each student this week.

This is just a reminder that all accounts are now due.
Please send payments to the office via your child's class Blue Bag.

Payments for excursions and activities must be received well in advance in order for your child to attend.

Thank you.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Just a reminder. We have a few tickets left.

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). Cost: $10.00 per ticket (available at school's office).

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. Event details are below. For further details please contact the school office.

A limited number of tickets are now available from the school's office. Seats are limited so we encourage you to book your tickets early to this premier event so as to avoid disappointment.


SCHOOL OVAL

The oval will be aerated and fertilized during the holidays, week beginning 23 September 2013. We ask that the Oval not be used at this time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Angela Spina

CROSSING SUPERVISOR VACANCY

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Wilston State School. Remuneration of $26.90 per hour.

1.5 hours per day on a roster system—up to five days a week currently available.

Application packs available from the school office. Applications close: Friday 13 September 2013.

2013 WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Thanks to everyone in the WSS community for their support for the 2013 Earn & Learn Program. The staff and students of Wilston Kids Care did an amazing job of sticking tiny stickers on each sheet as well as the many enthusiastic families who were completed their sticker sheets at home. Through the 2013 program we have been able to order maths resources, books and CDs which were selected by the WSS teaching staff. These resources are valued at just under $2,000 from Modern Teaching Aids and should arrive in term 1 2014. The program did not run for as long in 2013 so it was great we could collect enough stickers to gain these resources.

A very big thanks to Wilston Kids Care staff and students for their patience in sticking all the stickers on, the Noonan family who emptied the box at Woolworths at Stafford on a regular basis and the school admin team for their support.

Thanks again.

Michelle Tribe email: michmatt@bigpond.net.au

2013 WILSTON SCIENCE COMPETITION

The Wilston Science Competition closes on Monday, 16 September 2013 (Term 3, Week 11). Students should submit entries at the 6A classroom (L Block) by 3.30pm.

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 3) and a ‘Junior Scientist of the Year’ (Divisions 1 and 2).

All queries should be directed to Mr Brendan Medlin (6A) bmmed-l2@eq.edu.au
NEWS FROM HPE

Gala Sport Days
Gala Sport days will be held on Friday 11, 18 and 25 October. These will be the first three Fridays of Term 4. Permission letters will be sent out to students this week. Please can parents sign the permission slip and return with payment this term please if you wish your child to attend. Please note that if no permission/payment is received by the class teacher your child will not be able to attend.

CHOIR NEWS

FETE!!
We were so proud of all our choristers who performed at the Fete on Saturday. Well done!

SPRING CONCERT WEDNESDAY SEPT 18TH
Don’t forget our final performance for Term 3 is our Spring Concert. All students in Junior Choir (Years 3-4), Wilston Wonders (Years 5-7) and the Strings Program (Years 3-7) are expected to attend.

Venue: Stage Area
Arrival Time: 6.40pm
Performance Starts: 7.00pm
Dress: Choirs are to wear formal school uniform
Seating: BYO Chair for audience members.

We are looking forward to a wonderful night of magical music!

Miranda Charters and Bev A’Bear

BRASS WOODWIND & PERCUSSION

Fete
Thank you for a great performance by the Catz last Saturday.

Wildcatz Junior Camp
The Junior Band worked hard at singing and playing their repertoire pieces. They also enjoyed their tutorials and performances with the Wildcatz. They stayed focussed the whole day and were able to apply their scales to improv as well as sight reading.

Cliff Draper

STUDENT BANKING

Next Friday 13th September will be our last banking day for Term 3. A new reward will be available in Term 4 and that is a set of earphones which will be only available for the last term of school. Our first day for banking in Term 4 will be Friday 11 of October.

This week we congratulate the following students who have received a Bronze certificate for making 10 deposits: Cayden P, Matthew M, Sophia R, Caitlin W, and Benjamin T. Congratulations as well to the students who received a Silver Certificate for their continuous effort on making 20 deposits: Sophie M, Sophie Z, Ben V, Charles W, Angus P D, Eva N, Carson P, Sophie B, Matilda J, Kayla T, Henry M and Matthew K.

Don’t forget to bring your pocket money to school every Friday. Someone in the north side will be the winner of an Ipad, all you need to do is make a deposit. Keep an eye on this space as new rules for school banking for next year will come into place.

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

TUCKSHOP NEWS

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who assisted with the running of our Election Day and Fete Stalls and especially to Prep F for their all day commitment.

Munch Monitor forms have been sent home with today’s newsletter.

Paddle Pol Lick-a-Prize is still going.

Iced coffee and iced chocolate are now also available with the weather heating up.

Slushie Day
Last day of term
Friday 20 September 2013

Roster for week ended 20 September 2013:
Monday Elissa Hoey and Lisa Gratten.
Tuesday Louise Astori, Ellie Cayas and Michael Stein.
Wednesday Camilla Guerin, Vicky Connelly and Cynthia Wong.
Thursday Larissa Jennings, Julia Kroll and Vicky Connelly.
Friday Wendy Ricato, Vicky Connelly, Anna Wareham, Josephine Parry.

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 8.15 and 9.45am.

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

Online Uniforms/Tuckshop
In Term 4, you will be able to order all your uniforms and/or stationery and tuckshop online!! You’ll simply need to set-up an account, then place and pay for your order at your convenience. Uniform orders will be filled on the next shop opening day and sent home with the child nominated. Keep watching this space for more news very soon!!

Stock Update
**New** Swim and/or library bags – new multi-purpose bags made of waterproof nylon with a drawstring top. Available in red, purple or royal blue for only $15.

Back in stock
Music shirts (sizes 6-12), School Bags and Chair bags (royal blue, red and green).

Swimwear Orders
Don’t forget to put in your swimwear order by Friday 13 September, using the order form included in last week’s newsletter or from the shop. Every effort will be made to fill orders by the end of Term 3, or by the start of Term 4. Choose from: Long sleeve sunshirts ($40), lycra swim caps ($10), microfibre towels ($18), performance goggles ($12), swim bags ($10), or the complete kit including all of the above for ($90). All items are available in school gold, or our house colours of red, blue and green.

Beat the 2014 Prep Rush
Calling all organised parents!! Do you have a little one starting Prep next year? With Prep Orientation only a short time away, why not jump the queue and buy your uniforms in Term 3?
FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP (contd)

Bring your future preppie to the Shop for a fitting now and avoid the end of year crush!!

Uniform Shop Volunteers
Do you have an hour to spare on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning every now and then? Term 4 is a very busy time for the shop, with lots of little ones coming to try on their first school uniform. If you’d like to share in their excitement, come and see me in the shop! Any help is appreciated.

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

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

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Thank you to all the parents and kids who came to say hello and sign up for Swim Club and Learn to Swim on Fete day, we look forward to seeing you at the pool. The winner(s) of the lollies competition was a combined effort by Lucy L. and Lucy B - well done girls.

Working Bee do you have some spare time this Sunday 15 September between 2.00 – 4.00pm? We are preparing for the season ahead with a working bee and cleanup around the pool. If you able to help out if only for 30 minutes, please see Susan at the pool office or email info@wilstonswim.org.au

Congratulations to Squad Trainers of the Week
Mini Squad - Lucy L.
Junior Squad - Hilary P.
Senior Squad - Sean O'H.

Sign-on Week this week – make your way to the pool to enrol for Swim Club or download the form online at www.wilstonswim.org.au/forms/. We will be preparing the Friday night BBQ and Canteen roster if you have preferred dates please advise.

September School Holidays LTS Intensive - Week 1 (23-27 September) this is filling fast so be quick to secure a spot. We offer 5 x 30min lessons Monday to Friday at the same time every day, lessons start from 8.30am and run until 11:00am. Total cost for the five days is $65, for more information or bookings please email info@wilstonswim.org.au

September School Holidays Squad - Week 1 (23-27 Sept)$25 for the week – MINI SQUADS – 3.15 – 4.00pm JUNIOR SQUADS – 3.15 – 4.15pm SENIOR SQUADS – 3.15 – 5.00pm

Please note ADULT SQUAD times - 5.00pm - 6.00pm (Monday and Wednesday).

School Holiday Spring Camp - Week 2 (30 September - 4 October) Come and join us for a week of technique coaching by our new Head Coach, Drew McGregor. We are offering two daily sessions: 8.30 – 10.00am and 3.30 – 5.00pm at a cost of $15 per session, $60 for 5 sessions or $95 unlimited sessions.

Outstanding accounts please ensure you are up to date with your invoices prior to Term 4 commencing.

Squad sessions next week – please note we will not have squad sessions available next Wednesday morning due to instructor availability – all other sessions remain the same.

For more information or bookings for Term 4 Learn to Swim, Squads and Swim Club please see Susan at the pool office or email info@wilstonswim.org.au

FREE Table Tennis Open Day
Brisbane Table Tennis is opening their doors for a free come and try day where everyone is welcome!

Come have a free hit of Table Tennis for a day of fun on the 29th September 2013
Food and beverages will be available
86 Green Terrace, Windsor commencing 10:00am-3:00pm
Don’t miss out on your participation in the world’s fastest growing sport!
For further information contact cam@tabletennisqld.org