Dear Parents

NAPLAN Report Highlights Positive Results


Since testing began in 2008, Queensland is the most improved state with significant gains made in 9 out of 20 areas over this time.

Overall our student results are very good. I am particularly pleased with our Year 3 results. The Year 3's have achieved excellent results in all domains tested. I commend our students on the results they have achieved and our teachers for the pedagogical foci that they have committed to improving on. Over the next few weeks our staff will go through the NAPLAN results in much greater detail to look closely at the areas where we can build on our performance.

Although NAPLAN results form a useful piece of information, they are not the be all and end all upon which to judge a school's success.

It is important to remember the results represent a point-in-time testing over a few hours each May. The NAPLAN results are important but are just one of the many pieces of information our school uses to improve learning outcomes for our kids.

School-by-school NAPLAN results are available at [https://naplan.qsa.qld.edu.au/naplan/](https://naplan.qsa.qld.edu.au/naplan/).

Raising funds for…………………………..

It has come to my attention that some students are coming to school and have taken it upon themselves to sell such things as chocolates as an enterprise for fundraising for their dance school, club etc. I will ask my staff to ensure all students are made aware that this practice needs to stop.

There are a number of reasons for this; we do not allow red foods at school, except on certain occasions; parents of students who are purchasing these wares may not be aware their child is doing so and our policy states that all fundraising needs to have approval of either the P&C or for school matters the Student Council.

Keep A Watch On Our School These Holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Oval Maintenance

The school oval will be undergoing some much-needed maintenance over this coming holiday break. This is the next step in improving the standard of the oval surface, and making it a good, safe facility for our students. The work will include soil testing, aeration, soil treatments, fertilising and lots of watering (if there is no rain).

I would remind families again that, with the exception of a few pre-arranged user groups (including Wilston Kids Care, tennis court keyholders, Lococo Tennis and the Wilston North Junior Cricket Club), the school grounds are closed outside school hours.

It will be particularly important that no activity occurs on or near the oval after this Friday and then during the coming spring school holiday period. This is necessary both for safety reasons, and to ensure that the maintenance work is not disrupted. Non-essential entry gates will be locked and signage will be in place around the oval to remind any would-be users that the oval is ‘off limits’ during this period and we ask all school families to respect this and assist us in restricting access.

Guy Hendriks
Principal
WELL DONE AWARDS

Prep
Sonny Mc PA, Nick C PA, Tom S PB, Kirsty A PB, Tirion S PC, Ben C PC, Finn S PE, Kayla T PE, Oren H PF, Kenta H PF.

Year 1
Charles W 1A, Alec M 1A, Arabella A 1B, Bridie Mc 1B, Gabrielle I 1C, Austin B 1C, Natasha V 1D, Natalie S 1D, Lizzie S 1E, Ashley F 1E.

Year 2

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. 21 October 2013. 7:00pm-9:00pm (Tea and 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. Visit http://www.michaelcarr-gregg.com.au/ to check out his resources, blog and other publications.

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.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

On the 28 August 2013 an amount was deposited into the school bank account from Stafford City. The only reference being ‘Cash Dep Branch Stafford City’. If this was your payment please can you contact Angela Spina on aspin4@eq.edu.au.

Statements
Blue Statements were sent out with your child this week. Please pay any outstanding amounts. Thank you.

Gala Day
Gala Day commences the first Friday of Term 4 (11 October 2013). If you wish your child to attend please send payment of $25.00 to the office via the class Blue Bag before this date together with permission slip.

ANNUAL SPEECH CONTEST FINALS

The finals of the 2013 Annual Speech Contest were held on Thursday, 22 August. Entrants from Years 5 to 7 delivered speeches on a wide range of topics, impressing the judges with their poise and presentation qualities.

Final results are listed below:

YEAR 5
1st HARRY (5B) We need to move it, move it
2nd TONY (5B)
3rd ELKE (5A)

FINALISTS KIERAN (5C)
CONNOR (5B)
JACK (5C)

YEAR 6
1st LYDIA (6A) Safe haven at school
2nd SEBATIEN (6A)
3rd JOHN (6B)

FINALISTS JOSH (6B)
CLAIRE (6A)
CHARLOTTE (6B)

YEAR 7
1st TILLY (7B) Why Cinderella has let us down
2nd MADDIE (7B)
3rd ISABELLE (7A)

FINALISTS LUCY (7B)
BELLA (7B)

The judges for the final were: Ms Frances Constantine, Mrs Judith Mayell and Ms Noriko Tsuji. A big thank you as well goes to Jillian O’Dowd for acting as compere, Mrs Angela Batch and the Wilston Strings Performers for the musical interludes during the evening; and to Mrs Brandt who acted as timekeeper.

Trophies and certificates were presented on Thursday, 19 September at the whole school assembly.

WILSTON REGATTA 2013

The tenth annual Wilston Regatta was held on Wednesday 11 September between students from 6A, 6B and 7A.
WILSTON REGATTA 2013 (contd)

The regatta consisted of a series of time trial races over 25 metres in different divisions (solo, pairs and groups). The boats competing in the regatta were constructed by students at home, with the primary flotation provided by plastic containers and other recycled materials. The races were hotly contested, but in a spirit of fun and sporting behaviour. Thank you to all the parents who helped out on the day transporting craft to and from the school, and to those who acted as timekeepers and marshals, or provided the audience. The students greatly appreciated the contribution of the parents in making a success of the regatta. The Wilston Regatta perpetual trophy was presented to the winning crew at the whole school assembly in Week 11.

Final results are listed below:

Solo Division Ronald (Samuel) 15.52s
Pairs Division The Boogie Monster (Georgia B, Georgia W) 18.02s
Groups Division Milk Mobile 17.94s

Milk Mobile was crewed by Isabelle, Bianca, Isabella and Isabella.

Grand Final (All Divisions – 6 fastest times) Ronald (Samuel) 15.36s

Note: In the heats, Ronald (above) recorded a time of 14.16s – the fastest in the history of the regatta.

NEWS FROM HPE

Gala Sport Days
These will be held from the first week in Term 4 being Friday 11, 18 and 25 October 2013. Each student should have brought home a permission form which must be returned to the school office via the class Blue Bag. Please ensure this has the student’s full name and class and the payment ($25.00) is enclosed with the permission slip. Unfortunately if the student has not returned this they will not be able to travel on the bus.

Class Swimming
Just a reminder that class swimming will begin in the first week and continue throughout the term. Students will be required to have the following equipment:
- Togs/sunshirt
- Swimming cap
- Towel and swimming bag.
All items need to be clearly marked.

CHOIR NEWS

Well done to all students and staff who presented at the Spring Concert last night. What a talented bunch of musicians and singers we have here at Wilston! Thanks to all those who attended, it was a great night!

NO CHOIR THIS FRIDAY FOR WILSTON WONDERS!

Wilton Wonders Senior Choir (Years 5—7) Term 4
Prestige Music Festival – We will be going ahead with our performance at this Choir Competition (Saturday November 2 – Iona College, approx 1.00pm). Confirmed details will be sent out at the start of next term.

New Start Time For Choir Rehearsal – Next term rehearsals will start at 8.00am on Friday mornings and there will be a practice on the first Friday.

Gala Days – There are three Gala Days scheduled for Term 4. On those days choir rehearsals will run as usual. Students will be released a little earlier and will be in class by 8.45am. Please remember this is not an excuse to miss rehearsal.

FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

Junior Music Camp
Congratulations to all the students who attended the Northside Junior Music Camp from the 9 to the 11 of September. You did a fantastic job and the concert was phenomenal.

Spring Concert
All groups will be performing at the Spring Music Concert on Wednesday 18th September. Please wear your music uniform, which is the white music shirt with school shorts. Please arrive at 6.50pm for a 7:00pm starting time.

Angela Batch

BRASS WOODWIND & PERCUSSION

Junior Band Rehearsals
The Junior Band members will be joining the Senior Band after the holidays. Here is their new rehearsal time.
8.15am Monday—until the end of fourth term. They should be going over their new repertoire music. Good luck in the new band!

Cliff Draper

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Slushie Day
$2.00
Last day of term
Friday 20 September 2013

Online ordering for the Wilston State School Tuckshop will commence on Tuesday 8 October 2013, this will be the first day back for Term 4. Over the holidays sign up to start your account with Munch Monitor via www.munchmonitor.com.

Roster for week ended 11 October 2013:
Monday: Public Holiday
Tuesday: Lisa Pyne, Kathryn Napier, Sarah Bender.
Wednesday: Kate Leggett, Julia Jenyns, Christina Georges, Nicola Bartlett, Kim Allan.
Thursday: Sandra Harris, Nickia Mitchel.
Friday: Amanda Barr, Anita Finnegan, Melanie Rogers, Vicky Connelly.

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

Wilston State School Ever Onward
ONLINE TUCKSHOP/UNIFORM SHOP

Online Tuckshop/Uniform Shop Goes Live in Term 4

It is with much excitement that the Wilston SS P&C announce the introduction of online ordering for the Tuckshop and Uniform/Bookshop!! The service will be available for use by all Wilston State School families from Term 4.

What will it do?
- Lets you pre-order your child’s tuckshop and uniform/book items at your convenience (up to 4 weeks in advance).
- Lets you manage your child’s spending and purchases using a pre-paid keycard.
  - Saves you time and energy – no more waiting in queues or searching for change for those paper bag orders!

How do you use it?
Log on to www.munchmonitor.com,
- Enter Username: wilstonss and Password: munch4051 then click Sign Up.
- Set up a family account (this will cost just $2.50 per term).
- Place your orders!
- Manage your account (preferable limit your top-ups to $50).

Not ready to sign up?
That’s fine! Whilst we would love you to register for this service, it is not compulsory to do so. All brown bag Tuckshop orders will still be accepted, and the Uniform/Bookshop will remain open for over-the-counter sales.

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

The shop is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Term 4, between 8.15 and 9.45am.

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 a family 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.

Stock Update
The shop is bursting with stock! Come and see me if your child needs anything.

Swimwear Orders
Thank you to everyone who placed a swimwear order. All orders have been distributed via your child’s class this week – please check with your teacher if you haven’t received yours yet.

Order period extended!! Term 4 orders will be accepted up until 25 October, with delivery by early November. So if your child still needs some swimwear, it’s not too late!! Just send in the order form that came with the newsletter or come visit the shop.
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.

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.

P&C Meeting
The P&C Meeting will be held tonight Thursday 19 September in D Block at 7.00pm. You are all welcome to attend.

Save the Date
Wilston SS Disco
Saturday 23 November
Prep—3 5.30—6.30pm
Year 4—7 6.45—8.30pm.

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Wilston Kids Care
Don’t forget that this is the last week of Term 3 and if you need Vacation Care please contact the office.

Enrolments 2014
We are now taking enrolments for 2014 – all parents must complete the documentation to have a place allocated. Even if your children currently attend, we need a new form or a place will not be made available. The procedure for 2014 is as follows:

1. Contact the WKC Office or go to http://www.wilstonpandc.org.au/forms.php and complete the 2014 application.
2. Forward the application to WKC office.
3. Receive a “Hubworks” logon and password (this allows secure access to the WKC computer system).
4. Sign in and complete all relevant information on the registration form, with particular attention to:
   a. Contact details
   b. Emergency contacts
   c. Health & Medical.
5. Once WKC system is updated, WKC staff will initiate requested bookings.

Please note that a place will not be allocated until the completion of the registration form and, where appropriate, medical action plans established.

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Unfortunately Drew McGregor has informed us he has been offered another opportunity and will no longer be able to take on the role of head coach. We had significant interest in the position with many applicants and I am pleased to announce Simon Smith has accepted the role and will commence on 30 September 2013.

Simon has been a head coach for 20 years, he has extensive experience in both Australia and New Zealand implementing successful learn to swim programs and coaching junior to elite level squads. Simon has had swimmers compete at national titles and enjoys working with and motivating kids. Simon has a keen interest for swimmer technique and development, he looks forward to commencing as head coach and will start with the spring camp on 30 September 2013.
NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB (contd)

Sign-on
Term 4 Learn to Swim and Squad for any enquiries please see Susan at the pool office or email info@wilstonswim.org.au

Swim Club
Week 1 commences – 6.00pm on 11 October 2013, enrolments are still open for club – please see Susan at the pool, email info@wilstonswim.org.au or download and complete an enrolment form online www.wiltonswim.org.au/forms if you have a preferred date for the BBQ and canteen roster please let Susan know.

September School Holidays LTS Intensive - Week 1 (23-27 September) – we are fully booked, enrolments are now closed.

September School Holidays Squad - Week 1 (23-27 September) – $25 for the week with daily sessions:
MINI SQUAD – 3.15-4pm
JUNIOR SQUAD – 3.15-4.15pm
SENIOR SQUAD – 3.15-5pm
Please note adult squad times are Monday and Wednesday 5-6.00pm

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

Congratulations to Squad Trainers of the Week:
Mini Squad - Kassidy B.
Junior Squad - Ashley P.
Senior Squad - Georgia K.

Committee Meetings
Please note future meeting dates:
8 October,
12 November and
3 December
held 7.00pm in B Block.

Thank you to all the parents and swimmers who came and helped with our working bee on the weekend. Please note there will be no swimming on the Labour Day holiday 7 October 2013, fees have been adjusted to account for the public holiday.

JUNIOR INDOOR SOCCER & JUNIOR INDOOR NETBALL
Age groups – U/7 (soccer only), U/8, U/10, U/12, U/14, U/16
Soccer – 11 weeks, every Saturday from 5 October-14 December
FREE “Come & Try” day
9am-11am Saturday 5 October
Netball – 9 weeks, every Tuesday from 8th October-3rd December
1st session 3.50pm Tuesday 8th October
Cost is just $8.00 each week
there are no sign up or registration fees
To register your team, please visit www.brisbanecityindoorsports.com
Individual players also welcome – we will find a team for you
For more information please call 3856 4194
Brisbane City Indoor Sports, 117 Mina Parade, Newmarket

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Where:
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When:
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Next course commences 8 Oct for
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please contact Tods:
07 3018 2852
info@educationextra.com.au

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Wilston State School Ever Onward
Alliance Française French classes at Wilston State School

TERM 4 starts Monday 14 October and finishes Monday 09 December
No class on 21 October - Pupil free day

Monday - 7-11yo Higher Beginner A1 - 7.30-8.45am - $220

Monday - 4-6yo Any level - 3.15-4.30pm - $220

Kedron Brook Catholic Community

Reconciliation 2013 (2nd offer):
Online Registration NOW OPEN - CLOSES 9 OCTOBER
(Some ‘Mac’ devices have difficulties using this link so please ring the office if you need help)

Reconciliation 2013 link:

These children will then be ready for Confirmation and 1st Communion preparation in 2014. Reconciliation preparation usually starts around the age of 7 but not exclusively.
If you are unsure if your child is ready for this Sacrament, there is no rush nor pressure and you may wish to start at a later age.
Please call the office if you would like to discuss this further. 3352 1730