FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

GALA Days

I would like to thank Mr Bell (our PE specialist) and all staff who travelled with our sporting teams last Friday. Throughout this week I have spoken to many students and all have indicated their enjoyment of the sport they participated in.

Earlier in the week when we realised how hot Friday was expected to be, Mr Bell sought clarification from our Sports Board regarding whether or not the day should be cancelled. The advice we received was that they day need not be cancelled however, student safety should be foremost in our planning. Modifications were made to the program. In some venues games were played in quarters rather than halves, students were continually encouraged to remain under shade whilst not playing. Sunscreen and regular hydration were encouraged by the staff caring for our students.

Professional Learning Day

Next Monday the City Cluster is holding a professional development day for our teachers and teacher aides at Windsor State School. The keynote address will be delivered by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. This will be delivered over two sessions. The first session’s theme is, “Student Wellbeing-strategies to enhance mental health” and the second address is titled, "Digital Natives – the latest research and practical strategies to deal with Generation Y and the issues of Cyber-safety”.

Throughout the afternoon teachers will have the opportunity to access learning on a range of subjects.

There is still an opportunity for our parents to attend the 7 pm to 9 pm, evening session with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. Tickets can be purchased at the entry point to the Windsor State School hall.

Turn your phone into a life saver

The Australian Red Cross has released a free first aid app for smartphone users.

The app guides users through the correct response for many incidents including heart attacks, strokes, diabetic episodes along with the more common burns, sprains and strains.

The app is easy to use and features vital life-saving information, videos and quizzes to test your first-aid knowledge on correct treatments for children and adults.
Learning the skills to save a life through first aid training is one thing, but remembering what to do when under pressure is where this first aid app can help most.

This new Smartphone app is available from www.redcross.org.au/first-aid-app.aspx or the Google Play and Apple app stores.

Social media, smartphones and children
Parents who are concerned about their children’s use of social media and smartphones can check out the ‘Who’s chatting to your kids?’ section of the Queensland Police website for information and advice. Visit www.police.qld.gov.au and follow the links.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

ICAS
The results of the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Mathematics test have arrived. 161 students in Years 3 -7 participated in the test and should be congratulated on their effort and achievement. We wish to acknowledge the outstanding results of the following students:

High Distinction
Year 3 - Clarinda H

Distinction
Year 3 - Julian B, Josh B, Liam N, Caleb B, Jonathon V
Year 6 - Claire F
Year 7 - Mia G, Bianca L, Jaxon E, Madeline P, Hannah M, Isabella S

Congratulations to all students who participated in the ICAS tests in 2013.

Fleur Provost, Head of Curriculum

PREP ENROLMENTS 2014

We are now finalising Prep interviews for students commencing school in 2014. If you have not yet collected a Prep pack from the School office, please do so as soon as possible.

PREP INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 23 October
6.30 - 7.30pm
Undercover Area (in the middle of the school)
This evening is for parents only. It is an informative overview and insight into the Early Years’ Curriculum and classroom experiences at Wilston State School and a look at the Prep classrooms for new families.

BOOK CLUB

The order forms for our last Book Club for 2013 were distributed to the students last week. Book Club order forms need to be returned via the blue bag by WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER. Many thanks for supporting our school Book Club to enhance our school library. Books make great Christmas presents!

Book Club Co-ordinator

2013 PRIMARY RESEARCH PROJECT

All interested Year 4, 5, 6 and 7 students are invited to participate in the 2013 Primary Research Project to be held in Term 4.

The Primary Research Project is an online, multiple-choice competition (40 questions on 8 different topics: Inventors & Explorers, Environmental Matters, Sport, Entertainment & Festivals, etc.) which requires a maximum of 4 hours over a 2 week period (Term 4, Weeks 4-6, 1-15 November). Arrangements will be made for participating students to access the school computer labs for two one-hour blocks during the competition period. Students are encouraged to use dictionaries, computers, the internet and any other library resources at their disposal to answer the questions.

The Primary Research Project provides an opportunity for students to research, interpret and evaluate information. All participating students will receive a certificate. Further information can be found at www.GiantClassroom.com.au.

The cost is $6 per student. Wilston State School has a total of 40 places reserved in the Primary Research Project, so register your interest early. Permission forms are available from Mr Brendan Medlin (L Block, 6A; email bmedl2@eq.edu.au).

NEWS FROM HPE

Gala Days
The year 5-7 students will have their second Summer Gala Day competition this Friday. All students going to Gala Days need to have a hat, water bottle, lunch and all their appropriate playing gear. At some venues, canteens will be operating with “canteen style menus”. Students need to ensure that they are eating appropriate nutrition throughout the day. Good luck to all participating students this Friday.

School Swimming
School class swimming will continue throughout the term. Students are required to have the following equipment: togs / rash shirt/ swimming cap/ towel and swimming bag. Classes will require parent spotters and helpers during these lessons in accordance with Departmental guidelines. If you are able to assist could you please inform your child’s classroom teacher.

Inter-house Swimming Carnivals
The inter-house swimming carnivals will be held on various days in week 9 of this term. Below are the proposed dates for the various carnivals. More information will be available in the coming weeks. The 9 years – 12 years carnival will also be used to select the Wilston team to compete at the City District Carnival early next year.

Monday 2nd December - 9.00am to 11.00am 8 Years Carnival
Tuesday 3rd December - 9.00am to 11.00am 7 Years Carnival
Tuesday 3rd December - 11.30am to 1.00pm 6 Years Carnival
Thursday 5th December - 9Yrs -13yrs Carnival Day 1
Friday 6th December - 9ys – 13yrs Carnival Day 2

Met North Aquathlon / Triathlon
Any students born in 2003 or 2002 that would like to trial for the Met North Aquathlon, or students born in 2001 or 2000 that want to trial in the Triathlon can see me for forms and information regarding nominations and entry into the event.

Rodney Bell, PE Specialist
TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop Roster for week beginning 21.10.13

Monday: 21st
Pupil free day

Tuesday: 22nd
Michaela Butterworth, Rose Borham, Deanne Laurent

Wednesday: 23rd
Belinda Mellino, Vicki Connelly, Camilla Guerin

Thursday: 24th
Loranne Windsor, Jacinda Geritz, Vicki Connelly, Adrea Martin

Friday: 25th
Natalie Scott, Christine Beehler, Natalie Simi, Vicki Connelly

Do not forget to sign up for Munch Monitors - it is becoming very popular. Life is made a lot easier with online ordering.

To set up your online Munch Monitor account follow these quick and easy steps:

• Go to www.munchmonitor.com
• Enter Username: wilstonss and Password: munch4051
• Click Sign up

Iced coffee and iced chocolate now available at the Wilston Cafe.

Annie 0411862426 (Wed, Thurs, Fri)
and Dot 0408729021 (Mon, Tue)
milnej@optushome.com.au

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

SHOP OPEN: Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Terms 4 & 1, between 8.15 and 9.45am

Online Uniforms:
There are now even more items to order on the Munch Monitors online uniform shop! Register today by entering username: wilstonss and password: munch4051 to order all your swim gear as well as your essential uniform pieces. And stay tuned – stationery items will be online very soon.

Stock Update:
The shop is stocked with swim gear for term 4 lessons. You can buy long sleeve sunshirts ($40, small-XL), swim caps ($10), microfibre towels and performance goggles ($12). All items are available in school gold, or our house colours of red, blue and green. And keep all your gear together in the new swim bags, available in red, blue or purple for $15.

Swimwear Orders:
Order period extended!! You can still order all the above swimwear directly from the supplier. Term 4 orders will be accepted up until 25 October, with delivery by early November. Just send in the order form via your child’s class blue bag or drop it in to the shop.

2014 Book Packs:
The 2014 text book and stationery requirements lists were distributed this week. If you have not received yours, please ask your teacher, the Office or at the Uniform Shop. Orders placed by Friday 25 October will ensure delivery of the book packs by 6 December 2013. Orders will still be possible after this date, but will result in later delivery of the packs.

How to order: For quick and easy ordering and payment, visit www.edsco.com.au and click on the red “Order Your Book Pack” tab. Alternatively, complete the book pack form and return it to the shop via your child’s class blue bag.

New Preps Events:
The Uniform Shop will be open the following days and times for the 2014 Preps introduction events:
- Wed 23 October from 6pm – 8.30pm
- Wed 20 November from 8.15am – 12.30pm (volunteers still required please).

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

CHOIR NEWS

Choir Photos
Junior Choir and the Wilston Wonders will have their group photos taken this Tuesday Oct 22. Please make sure students are wearing their school uniform (not sports) on the day.

Music Fest Choir Competition – Wilston Wonders (Yrs 5-7)
A note has been sent home with the final details for this event. Here is a summary:

Date: Saturday November 2nd
Arrival Time: 11.50pm
Performance Time: 12.48pm
Address: Iona College
85 North Road, Lindum
Dress: School Uniform – Girls - school dress
Boys – brown polo shirt - brown shorts

There has been some discussion over which school uniform to wear as there are many variations. We are hoping that some students may be able to borrow from a friend if they need a specific uniform item that’s listed above.
Please refer to the note sent home for details on entry fees for audience members.

Miranda Charters and Bev A’Bear

BRASS WOODWIND & PERCUSSION

Below are the concert reminders for the term 4 concerts:

Sunday 20 October - Customs House Concert (Entire Wildcatz Band) - please bring your own music stands. Arrive at 2.00pm - perform 2.30pm (the beginner vocalists are invited).

Monday 21 October - Brisbane Teacher and Principal Conference - Pupil Free Day (Improv Ensemble and Vocalists only) Windsor State School. Arrive at 8.00am - perform 8.30am (Concert finishes at 9.15am).

Our new CD “The Island’s Corner” will be on sale at Customs House for $5.00.

Cliff Draper, Instrumental Music

STUDENT BANKING

Due to the Monday pupil free day we will not process any banking this Friday 18th October, we will resume on Friday 25th, which will also be our next redemption day.

This term we see the release of a new reward: the headphones also worth 10 tokens. You can still choose from a handball, torch, calculator and knuckle bones.
NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Urgent reminders:
• Don’t forget Monday 21st October is a pupil free day and we will be operating a full day service (7.00am to 6.00pm) for those needing care. Please book early so we can arrange sufficient staff.
• Enrolments are due for 2014 – please ensure you complete your form – there is no automatic carry forward from 2013 so new forms are required.
• Direct debit is operational – please help keep fees down by using this form of payment.
• Our last formal meeting for 2013 is Wednesday 13th November – we are having a great year which reflects the commitment of the current committee. Please ensure 2014 is as good by attending our meeting at 6.00pm (light meal and free child minding available). The last meeting will include establishing the way forward so your input is important.

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Our first club night was held last Friday night and it was wonderful to see so many new and returning families. Thank you to all our volunteers that help make club night a great evening for everyone. Congratulations to the trainer of the week Angus K.

Club Night Nominations – close 6pm Thursday night, nominate online at http://wilstonswim.org.au/club/nominate-here/. Club night is held every Friday night with the first event commencing at 6pm, sticker books will be available this week. Please note the BBQ and canteen roster for this week: BBQ: Kelso, Crook, Finselbach
Canteen: O’Hara, Taylor

We are still taking enrolments for swim club, please come along on Friday night if you have any questions committee members are able to assist, alternatively you can see Susan in the pool office during the week or email info@wilstonswim.org.au you can also download and complete an enrolment form online www.wilstonswim.org.au/forms

Swim Meet – the River City Rapids swim meet is being held Sunday 3 November 2013 and is a great opportunity for our competitive swimmers to get qualifying times for upcoming meets at Chandler. If you have any questions please see Simon at the pool, details are on the notice board and nominations are to be emailed to Kathryn Donaldson kathryn.donaldson06@gmail.com by the end of this week.

Please note all fees are now due for Learn to Swim, Squad and Club, places are now limited for Learn to Swim. For any enquiries please see Susan at the pool office or email info@wilstonswim.org.au

Squad Timetable – please note changes commencing this week for the Monday to Friday morning squad sessions due to squad numbers and to better coordinate coaching time for each of the sessions.

MINI - Monday to Friday 7:45 – 8:30am
Monday to Friday 3:15 – 4:00pm
Saturday 7.00 – 7.45am

JUNIOR - Monday to Friday 7.15 – 8.15am
Monday to Thursday 4.00 – 5.00pm
Friday 3.15 – 4.15pm
Saturday 7.00 – 8.00am

SENIOR - Monday to Friday 6:30 – 8:15am
Monday to Thursday 5:00 – 6:45pm
Friday 3:15 – 5.00pm
Saturday 7.00 – 8.45am

ADULT Monday and Wednesday nights 6:45 – 7:45pm

Future Committee Meeting Dates – 12/11/13 and 3/12/13.