FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Wonders Music Fest

Last Saturday our Wilston Wonders Senior Choir competed in the Prestige Music Festival at Iona College. After singing three songs in the “Small Choir” section they were awarded a Platinum Trophy which is the highest accolade, beating gold, silver and bronze. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to perform and to also hear other choirs sing. We are very proud of their efforts! Thanks also to our parents for their wonderful support. I also thank Mrs Miranda Charters for preparing them and teaching them well and Mrs Bev Barnett (A’bear) for her accompaniment.

The three songs sung were: Banaha (African round), Brolga Dance, Dance the Boatmen, Dance!

Student Leaders 2014

The process of identifying our student leaders for 2014 started several months ago with our future leaders being required to complete a Student Leader Accreditation Booklet that acknowledges individual leadership attributes as well as the leadership a person has shown around the school; in the community; on the sporting field and in the musical arena.

Students vying for the School Captain positions will be asked to speak to the students from years four to seven on Monday 18 November starting at 9am. Students from this sector will then have the opportunity to vote on their preferred candidate. Students who poll well in the vote will then be invited to an interview later in the week. The students involved in this process will be informed of their success or otherwise by the end of this week.

House Captain positions will be finalised the following week and the Music Captains by the 6 December.

Statements

It has come to my attention that we have many outstanding statements to be paid. Statements have been sent home with your children. I would appreciate it if you could pay any outstanding amounts by Wednesday 13 November 2013. Thank you.

Measles Health Alert

Queensland Health is concerned about the number of measles outbreaks in Queensland this year. Measles is a highly infectious disease that begins with symptoms such as fever, tiredness, cough, runny nose and/or red inflamed eyes. Measles can lead to complications such as middle ear infections, pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). Measles can spread very easily. Vaccination is the only way to prevent measles. Queensland Health encourages anyone who has not had two measles-containing vaccinations, or who is not sure about their vaccination status, to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The measles vaccine is free from your local doctor for anyone born from 1966 onwards. If parents think their child might have measles, they are advised to keep them away from school and make an appointment with a doctor or phone 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) to organise medical assessment. More information is available from http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/ViralInfections/measles_fs.asp

Guy Hendriks
Principal
WELL DONE AWARDS

Year 3

Year 4
Pat C 4A, Zak F 4A, Isaac L 4C, Kieran L 4C, Lily O 4C, Corey D 4C, Connor N 4E, Jessica P 4E, Ava-Rose C 4E, Oliver M 4E, Maisy D 4E, Liam K 4E.

Year 5
William H 5A, Ellee M 5A, Henry C 5B, Felix S 5B, Zoe H 5B, Sam J 5D, Ryan H 5D.

Year 6
Mia B 6B, Connor M 6B.

YEAR BOOKS 2013

Yearbook order forms went home this week. If you wish to purchase a copy please note that orders in due in by Friday 15 November 2013.

As there are a limited number of books that are ordered. We ask you get your orders in promptly.

Thank you.

YEAR 1A AND 1E SCIENCE EXPO

Last Friday, November 1, Years 1A and 1E had a Light and Sound Expo. The students were treated to amazing hands-on science activities. This Expo was part of the C2C science unit for Term 4. Students rotated through four activities learning about light and four activities learning about sound. The Expo gave parents the opportunity to share their knowledge and guide students through these activities. The students had a fabulous day, dressing as young scientists and taking home a wealth of newly learnt information. Students were able to take home many of the completed activities. A huge thank-you to the many parents who were able to assist on the day.

Mrs Charles and Mrs Smith.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Prep Orientation Morning
Next Wednesday 13 November, we welcome our Prep students for 2014 and their parents to our school for an orientation morning. The morning will officially commence at 9.30 am and will conclude just before 11.00am.

Please meet in the Undercover Area after 9.00am to collect a name tag. Groups will rotate through five of our Prep classrooms with children participating in fun activities led by our current Prep teachers. We typically have a lot of people at this event, so we ask that you try to make alternate arrangements for care of younger siblings due to the limited space in each of the Prep classrooms.

We look forward to meeting our new Prep students for 2014 and trust that all involved will have an enjoyable morning.

WILSTON STAR AWARD

Scarlett N of 5B for helping a teacher before school.
Severin BN of 4B for picking up litter.

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 Leigh Hofmeister.

Statements
Statements were sent home with your children this week (purple). Please pay any outstanding amounts by Wednesday 13 November 2013. Thank you.

YEAR 1A AND 1E SCIENCE EXPO

Inter-House Swimming Carnivals
The Inter-House swimming carnivals will be held on various days in week 9 of this term. Below are the dates for the various carnivals. Students will be doing time trials during PE classes in the upcoming weeks to determine which races they will be competing in on the carnival days. All students are expected to compete as there will be races catering for all levels. 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 2 December - 9.00am to 11.00am
8 Years (born 2005) Carnival
9.00am to 11.00am
7 Years (born 2006) Carnival
11.30am to 1.00pm
6 Years (born 2007) Carnival
11.30am to 1.00pm

Thursday 5th December
9yrs - 13yrs Carnival Day 1
Session 1: 9.00am to 11.00am – Backstroke
Session 2: 11.30am to 1.00pm - Breastroke

Friday 6th December
9yrs – 13yrs Carnival Day 2
Session 1: 9.00am to 11.00am – Freestyle
Session 2: 11.30am to 1.00pm - Butterfly

Met North Aquathlon / Triathlon
Good luck to all the students who will be competing at the All Schools Triathlon / Aquathlon Championships at Kawana this weekend. These students will be competing to try and gain selection into the Met North Team for next year’s State Championships.

Rodney Bell
PE Specialist
CHOIR NEWS

Prestige Music Fest—Platinum!!

Our amazing Wilston Wonders Senior Choir did our school proud on Saturday. They received a Platinum Trophy, which is the highest accolade in the Music Fest Competition, beating gold, silver and bronze. We are all very proud and will be celebrating with a Pizza Party on Monday, November 11th. Parents, thank you for your support!!

Music Count Us In

Last Thursday, the whole school celebrated the event “Music Count Us In”. We sang the song “Keep On” along with other schools all over Australia to recognise the importance of music education! Our students sang with enthusiasm and the Junior Choir and Wilston Wonders finished the event with the Les Miserables Medley we performed at the Spring Concert. Well done kids!

Miranda Charters and Bev A’bear

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Lunch ordering is now available online and proving very popular with both parents and the students. 412 students have already signed up to Munch Monitors, half the school, let’s get some more!

Ice creams can not be ordered online.

Iced coffee is available now the weather is warming up!

Breakfast is now available from 8.00am.
Bacon/egg rolls
Cinnamon toast
Toasted sandwiches.

Roster for week beginning Monday 11 November 2013.
Monday: Elissa Hoey, Lisa Gratten.
Tuesday: Anna Mallah, Charmniki Rambukwelle.
Wednesday: Peter Power, Vicki Connelly, Marty Evans.
Thursday: Angela Pratt, Harriet Carter, Vicki Connelly, Catherine Dawson.
Friday: Rory Ford, Sharon Snowdon, Vicki Connelly, Annie 0411862426 (Wed, Thurs, Fri) and Dot 0408729021(Mon,Tue) milnej@optushome.com.au

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP (contd)

Stationery items can now be ordered online!!! Just select the items you need, pay for them via your account and I will then send them to your child’s class. Please note – I do not have sufficient stock to fill whole full book pack orders - these should be ordered directly from Edsco please.

Stock Update
Just arrived: New supplies of socks, house shirts and cotton polo shirts have arrived and are available for purchase now!

Essential Extras: Don’t waste time looking for all those hard-to-find extras – the shop is fully stocked with chair bags, library/music folios, art smocks, rain ponchos (great for camp!), skipping ropes and swimming gear. Come and have a look!

2014 Book Packs
It’s not too late! You can submit your orders for your 2014 book packs from Edsco at any time. But please note - delaying your order will also delay the delivery of your pack.

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.

Prep Event – Date Correction
Apologies – it seems that I had the wrong date for the Prep Orientation Day! The correct date is Wednesday 13 November (not the 20 November).

The Uniform Shop will be open that day between 8.15am – 12.30pm. I would love a few extra volunteers – please let me know asap if you can help out (even just for an hour!).

Donations Please
Have your children grown out of their uniforms? Then please consider donating them to the shop. There is a high demand for pre-loved clothing at present (especially small dresses and mocha shirts), so any well-cared for pieces will be gratefully accepted.

Christine Matheson, Convenor. Ph. 3552 8490 (w) / 0448 633 737 / chrismath1@hotmail.com

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Seeking Convenor for 2014 Beach Party

The Beach Party has become an annual Wilston State School event in March and entails a variety of social activities for both adults and children such as swimming, music, dodgeball and the bar.

There are always plenty of experienced volunteers, however we are seeking a convenor for the 2014 Beach Party to plan and bring it all together. You can make the event your own, or rely on a detailed hand-over from previous years.

If you are interested or want to know more, please contact Adam.Spencer@wilstonpandc.org.au. It’s a good opportunity to work together with a great bunch people, for the benefit of the school community

Reminder
The next P&C Meeting will be held on Thursday 21 November 2013. You are all welcome to attend.
NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

We continue to welcome new families to club, squads and learn to swim - a reminder to parents that we have adult squad training on Monday and Wednesday nights. The club farewells Susan in the office this Friday, we would like to thank Susan for her enthusiasm and contributions to the club - we welcome Kirsten into the role as of Monday next week.

Swim Meets—Congratulations to all our swimmers involved in the carnivals over the weekend, there were many fantastic swims and PB times. We were 2nd overall at the Clayton Owen Carnival on Saturday, the team did really well and it was lovely to see our younger crocs attending the carnival and enjoying the team spirit. There were a number of swimmers competing at the River City Rapids meet on Sunday and wonderful efforts by all the children involved, special mention to the children who received medals: Julian B, Samuel B, Will B, Sally H, Georgia K, Polly L, James O’H, Sean O’H and Abigail S.

Club Night – nominations are to be completed online http://wilstonswim.org.au/club/nominate-here/ by 6.00pm. Thursday night Club Night is held every Friday night with the first event commencing at 6.00pm - it is a great night for all the family and we welcome new members. If your children would like to come and try swim club, please contact the pool office during the week or email info@wilstonswim.org.au.

Please note the BBQ and canteen roster for this week:
BBQ: Del Mel, Gladman and Shepherd.
Canteen: Clare and Shaw.

Congratulations to the trainer of the week Layla S.

Maintenance Co-ordinator required to assist with odd jobs around the pool - this is a volunteer role and not a large time requirement, if you are able to assist please email info@wilstonswim.org.au.

Future Committee Meeting Dates – 12 November 2013 and 3 December 2013, held at the pool and commencing 7.00pm. New families are welcome to come along and be involved.

See you at the pool!

Disco - 23 November 2013
Don’t forget to pre-purchase your tickets to go into the prize draw this week!

Purchase via the P&C website or send your payment via the blue bag.

Lots more volunteers needed!!

Please add your name to the volunteer sheet attached to this newsletter and send it in!
Saturday Night Fever  
**Disco Roster**

**Contact**

Jillian Manly: manly@octuant.com.au  
Mobile: 0418 989 794

Jill Ireland: info@childpsychologistbrisbane.com  
Mobile: 0407 365 666

- Please fill in your name and contact phone number
- Bring back to school and place in the Blue Bag in your child’s classroom

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**School Disco Security Operations - Ben O’Hara**

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**Ticket Sales**

- Julia Jenya, Kate Leggett, Kim Allen & Nicola Bartlett
- Anne Clare, Ali Kay

**Face Painting**

- Christine Matheson, Karin Thorp

**Crazy Hair**

- Angela Pratt

**Glowies**

- Marney MacPherson, Chris Noonan

**Popcorn**

- Marlene Pearl

**Set Up (Friday 22nd 6.00pm)**

- Craig Manly

**First Aid**

- Anita Finneghan

**Decorating (Saturday 23rd 8.00am)**

- Kristina Row

**Set Up (Saturday 23rd 8.00am)**

- Jill Ireland, Jillian Manly

**Bar**

- Matt Kirkegaard, Brett Reetho

**Clean Up (Sunday 24th 9.00am)**

- Jill Ireland, Jillian Manly

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Get your pre-paid tickets early and go in the draw to win a prize!

There will be an early bird ticket draw for pre-paid tickets at each assembly in the lead up to the Disco. Purchase early to win a prize.

- Parents of children at the school volunteering to help don't require a Blue Card but any other adults helping with the night must have one.
Saturday 23 November 5-9pm
Entry $8 per child    Parents, teachers, children pre-prep and under FREE
Times: 5 - 6:30 prep-grade 3    6:45 - 8:30pm grades 4 - 7

Order Pre-purchase tickets
Please complete this coupon, place in an envelope marked “Disco Ticket Order” and place in the Blue Bag of your child’s classroom or go online to order and pay for tickets Via Pay Pal. Entry $8 per child.   Pre-order tickets by Friday 16th November.

Get your pre-paid tickets early and go in the draw to win a prize!! There will be an early bird ticket draw for pre-paid tickets at each assembly in the lead up to the Disco. Then join the express queue at the entry gate for pre-puids. No tickets will be issued, names will be on a list at the door.

Please remember the Disco is a family event and all children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Name ___________________________ Class _______ Name ___________________________ Class _______

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Children pre-prep and under FREE    Adults and teachers FREE Total $ ________________________________

Payment Method
You can pre-purchase tickets on-line at http://wilstonpandc.org.au/events.php

☐ Cash (please use correct amount) ☐ Cheque (made to Wilston State School P & C)