Dear Parents

Wow, what a term we’ve had! 2014 has gotten off to a great start. Our classrooms are bustling with students learning. We thank our teachers and students for the enthusiasm with which they approach teaching and learning here at Wilston. This term we have had many students at music, maths, literacy and sporting activities and they have made us very proud.

Farewell to Staff

Last Friday, we farewelled three of our teachers who are retiring from Education Queensland - Kate Shepherd, Jo Kennedy and Robyn Hogan. Collectively these teachers have over 100 years’ experience of teaching with Education Queensland and we recognise the valuable contribution they have made to the school and the students they have taught over the years.

We thank our P&C for acknowledging the contribution of these three teachers through the provision of a lovely afternoon tea. We thank Adam Spencer, who on behalf of the P&C farewelled these three dedicated teachers. We wish them all the best in their retirement.

Electronic Wilston Weekly

This week is the very last paper copy of the Wilston Weekly ever…. From Term 2, week 2 parents can access the Wilston Weekly on our school webpage or the QSchool App. Parents who still require a paper copy are able to collect a paper copy from the front office.

Term 2

Term 2 commences on Tuesday 22 April 2014, this is a short week due to the ANZAC public holiday on Friday 25 April. On the Thursday of this week (24 April) our school will host a special ANZAC Day assembly at 1:50pm, parents and community members are welcome to attend.

There will be no Wilston Weekly this week.

Keep Watch On Our School These Holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, please keep an eye out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. The School Watch Program is a partnership between Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community. If you would like to know more about the program, please call Education Queensland’s Security Program on 3237 0874.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Jennifer Dietz
A/Principal
WELL DONED AWARDS

Prep
Dexter P PA, Caitlin P PA, Helma K PD, Lucy M PD, Will Q PF, Hannah P PF, Natasha b PC, Oliver S PC, Kyuss C PB, Tilly R PB.

Year 1
Ben C 1A, Marcus T 1A, Lachlan E 1C, Sophie B 1C, Lily M 1E, Zac V 1E, Anthony L 1F, Trion S 1F, Abby W 1B, Samuel H 1B, Bronte L 1D, Aden K 1D.

Year 2

Year 3
Sam C 3A, Abbey D 3A, Michael C 3E, Charlotte F 3E, Blake J 3F, Amber D 3F.

FROM LEARNING SUPPORT

Student Support
As usual, this term has been another very busy one. Our year 1’s have continued with a program some of them began in Term 4 in Prep. They are working with Ms Bayne and are very hard workers and we are all very proud of them! Their Term 2 programs are being discussed and parents will be notified of any changes.

We are assessing our Preps and a program will begin early Term 2. If your child is involved in this, you will receive a letter and an invitation to a parent morning.

All of our other groups, in or out of class, are being assessed by myself and the class teachers using all the data the teachers have collected this term. New or changed procedures will possibly be put into place next term to support your children. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or email for an appointment.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Chill Out room is manned by Ms Bayne, Mrs Krista and Mrs Wagorn at big lunch every day and is available to students in Years 1-7. It is an approachable place that provides support and social skilling for students who may be involved in bullying incidents, friendship issues or other social skill concerns. We would also like to thank the parents who have donated some wonderful craft items. It is greatly appreciated.

Shirley Wagorn. Student Support. swago4@eq.edu.au

WILSTON STAR AWARD
Claudia K of 3E for finding and returning Barry and Betty to Year 3 eating area.
Will R of 1B for walking to line up when the bell rang.

STUDENT COUNCIL

ANZAC Memorabilia
Student Council will be selling ANZAC memorabilia on 22, 23 and 24 April 2014. The cost of these items range from 50c to $2.00.

UPDATE FROM THE CHOIR

Don’t forget our choirs will be singing at our Easter Services tomorrow April 4 at St Columba’s Church. Juniors at 9.30am followed by the Seniors (Wilston Wonders) at 10.15am. All are welcome so please come along and help us celebrate Easter! Choir rehearsal will be as normal at 8.00am.

The students are also singing at our Anzac Service in Week 1 of Term 2 on Thursday April 24th at 2pm.

Have a wonderful holiday!

Miranda Charters and Bev Barnett

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Mother’s Day Stall
The Mothers Day Stall will be on all day on Wednesday 7th May, next to the library. Students can come to the stall with their class and choose a lovely gift for their mum (and/or other special lady). All gifts are $10 and students must bring their money on the day. The stall will also open before school on Thursday 8th May for any kids who are away or forget their money on Wednesday.

In addition, I really need some volunteers to help the kids shop – if you can spare any time between 9-2.30pm on Wednesday, please let me know or just pop by the stall.

Ingrid Rosemann (dwtemp26er@tpg.com.au or 0424 051 987)

2014 Annual P&C Easter Egg Raffle
Over 100 prizes were drawn from the 2014 Easter Raffle – congratulations to our lucky winners. A very big thank you to all in the school community who were so generous with donations and ticket purchases. Thank you also to Tuckshop/Uniform Shop staff, Michelle Tribe, Angela Pratt and Ali Kay. Thank you also to our ‘Guardian Angel’ of the donations – Annie F. Happy Easter.

Melinda Ferrier and Emma Kelso.

WILSTON KIDS CARE

Charles M is the lucky winner of the WKC Best Hugger Competition receiving the HUGE box of chocolates. We would like to report there were 57 special mentions during the course of the competition however we know that all parents were winners, receiving lots of hugs, tackles and squeezes!
WILSTON KIDS CARE (contd)

The WKC employee of the month is Emma Bannerman. She is a valued member of the WKC and is always willing to do anything and everything we ask of her. Congratulations Emma.

Due to the rain last week we had to postpone the Jumping Castles. We have now booked this event for 30 April.

Bookings for Vacation Care are open and we would appreciate an early response for places. Unfortunately these holidays we will have to limit the number of “occasional walk in” places as we need to ensure that we maintain our staff to children ratios to comply with our licence. We still can accommodate casual bookings but we require at least 24 hours advanced notice, as places are limited and additional costs will apply. Many of the activities planned for vacation care are worked out on the number of children booked in for that day, so booking in early is advised.

UPDATE FROM THE SWIM CLUB

Our Club Championships concluded last Friday with another great night of racing. Congratulations to all the swimmers who competed both at the club championships and club nights throughout the season. We celebrated the end of the season on Saturday with the club presentation night which was a huge success, it was great to see so many swimmers and their families attend. Thank you to all our swimmers, parents and volunteers who have helped to make this season a success.

To celebrate the end of term we will be having pancake Saturday this week (5 April 2014) which will follow squad training - see Simon if you would like more details.

Winter swimming – we have squad and learn to swim available year round with the pool heated to 29 degrees – our current timetable will remain the same for squads in Term 2 as well as through the Easter holidays with the exception of the Friday morning squad. Swimming year round has many benefits and we encourage all our squad and learn to swim kids to maintain their skills and swim over the winter months. We will continue with our adult squads on Monday and Wednesday evenings 6.45-7.45pm throughout winter as well.

Bookings are now open for Term 2 learn to swim, please note your child’s place is not automatically rolled over each term. Our lessons run Monday to Friday afternoons as well as Saturday mornings. We are offering our learn to swim intensives over the Easter Holidays from Monday 7 April to Friday 11 April 2014, we offer 5 x 30min lessons at the same time each day. Cost for the five days is $65. Places are limited and fees must be paid prior to the commencement of the program.

Our AGM will be held on 13 May 2014 at 7.00pm, it would be great to have some new representatives involved in the committee – it is not a large time commitment and there are many ways to be involved in our swim community. For further details or information contact Emma at info@wilstonswim.org.au

See you at the pool!

W: www.wilstonswim.org.au     E: info@wilstonswim.org.au

Go Sport

Go Netball
6 May 2014
6 weeks
Tuesday 7.55am to 8.40am
Years 1-2 and 3-4
$105.00

Go Soccer
9 May 2014
6 weeks
Friday 7.55 to 8.40am
Years P-1 and 2-4
$105.00
**Kelvin Grove Junior Secondary**

30 April.
Open Day. 3.30 to 6.00pm

26 July.
Academic Class Entrance Exam Years 7/8

6 December.
Transition Day for Year 6, 7, 8 and 9.

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**Kedron State High School**

You are invited to the 2014 Kedron Expo

Thursday 3 April 2014

3.30 to 7.30pm

Indoor Sports Centre

Sausage Sizzle from 4.00 to 5.00pm

Faculty displays 3.30 to 7.30pm

Information Session / Meet the Principal 6.00 to 6.45pm