FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Welcome back.

Audits

This semester we are scheduled to have both a Teaching and Learning Audit and Discipline Audit conducted. I believe two auditors will be present at our school on the 4th and 5th of August. The audits will consider our current practices in both teaching practice and the managing of student behaviour. After the review I will be presented with a report that highlights the areas that we are achieving well in but it will also inform us of the areas we need to build capacity in.

During their study of the school they will be visiting classes to talk to students and teachers. I would also expect that they will want to speak to Mr Kevin Mercer, our P&C President.

The information gained from this audit will also be incorporated into the Wilston State School Strategic Plan 2015-2018.

How to Raise Caring Children

What does it take to raise a compassionate, moral child? Researchers have found that, worldwide, this is parents’ number one priority — instilling caring is more important to them than their children’s achievement. But how much difference can parents make? Are some children born good-natured and others mean-spirited? Studies of twins suggest that up to half of people’s propensity to be kind is inherited — which means that parents and the environment account for the rest.

Suggestions: Praise is more effective than rewards. If we want to reinforce caring, rewards run the risk of leading children to be kind only when a carrot is offered, whereas praise communicates that sharing is intrinsically worthwhile for its own sake.

Praise character, not actions. Say “You’re a very nice and helpful person”, which helps children internalise being helpful as part of their identity.

Nouns work better than verbs. It’s better to encourage a child to “be a helper” than “to help”, and it’s better to say, “Please don’t be a fibber” than “Please don’t fib”. When our actions become a reflection of our character, we tend to choose the moral. In time it becomes part of us.

Model caring and generous behaviour. Children pay more attention to what adults do than what they preach. Children learn generosity not by listening to what their role models say, but by observing what they do.


Guy Hendriks
Principal
TERM STATEMENTS

Term Statements (yellow) will go home this week. Below please find a list of activities/excursions for Term 3.

Whole School Term 3: Life Education $9.00
Prep: FIZZ Performance $7.50
Hearing Screening $20.00
Bunyaville Bush Play $20.00
Year 1: Strawberry Fields $23.50
Year 3: Caboolture Historical Village $17.00
Year 4: Old Petrie Town Camp $146.00 (Due Now)
Dance Students To be invoiced separately $14.00
Individual students Brisbane Writer’s Festival $20.00
To be advised Honors Music Camp Invoiced later.

If you wish your child to attend these activities/excursions please make payment before activity takes place.

We would appreciate all outstanding amounts for 2013 be paid. Thank you.

CANBERRA TOUR 2014

Over the school holidays 8 staff and 48 students from Years 6 and 7 attended the seventh successful Canberra Tour which included visits to Old and New Parliament Houses, War Memorial, Questacon, Canberra Deep Space Centre, AIS and three days of skiing. We had a fabulous trip and we look forward to planning for next year.

Vanessa Stackelberg. Team Leader

KIDS ARTWORK FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY

Look out!! Order forms will be sent home with your child/ren next week. We will be doing our Calendar/Card Fundraising Activity a little earlier this year. The children will draw their own picture and these will be made into calendars for 2015 and/or gift cards/diaries.

Wilton State School has conducted this fundraising activity for many years. Next week order forms will be sent home with all the children for 2014.

This artwork is completed at school with the class teacher. The cost of the calendars will be $13.00, the greeting cards (set of 8) will be $14.00 and diaries $15.00. This is a great gift idea for Christmas for family and friends.

Calendar, card and diary orders are due back at the office before FRIDAY 22 AUGUST 2014. Please fill out a separate order form for each student. Orders can be sent up to the school office via the class Blue Bag. Spare order forms are available at the office. A percentage of money raised is given back to the school to be used on future projects with the children.

We are looking forward to a wonderful response. Get in early for Christmas this year as they are great gift ideas!

Karen Charles and Helen Lambert Smith. Year 1 Teachers.

ART CLUB

Art Club is up and running again - Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes, Years 4-7 students, Junior Art Block. We have many pvc totem poles to paint, a seedpod sculpture to create and cardboard collages to design.

Winter “Knit-Athon"
We plan on yarn bombing the tuckshop! Knitters unite - we need scarf size pieces of knitting - any colours, any lengths. A great chance to use up all your unfinished balls of wool. All contributions most welcome.

Donation Drive
Please continue to collect recycled materials and drop in to the boxes at the office. We desperately need more strong plastic bottles (eg brightly coloured laundry liquid bottles), seedpods and all shapes and sizes of plastic bottle tops.
STUDENT BANKING

School Banking will resume tomorrow, Friday 18th of July.

New awards are available for redemption this term. Rewards are: Penguin or Shark plush toy key ring, Dollarmites (Tin) moneybox and Swimming bag.

Students who joined the program during term 2 will receive a reward in the next few days.

Don’t forget Friday is banking day.

Any questions in regards to the school banking program email gfinselbach@optusnet.com.au

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

SHOP OPEN: Wednesday and Friday during Terms 2 and 3 (between 8.15 and 9.45am).

SHOP ONLINE: Go to www.munchmonitor.com; Username: wilstonss and Password: munch4051. All items purchased online are delivered to your child’s class.

**SHOP CLOSED** Please note that the shop will be closed on Friday 25 July **SHOP CLOSED**

Stock Update: Out of Stock: Knit shorts (size 8 – now discontinued item).

Uniforms
Discontinued stock clearance: All discontinued stock must go!!! These items are well below cost price, so come and grab a bargain!!! Discontinued uniforms include: blouse (s. 4-14) – $10; bootleg pants (s. 2, 14 & 16) - $5; microfibre track pants (s. 10-16) - $5; panel skirts (s. 4, 6, 8, 14, 16) - $5 and print logo polo shirts (s. 10-16) - $5. The offer is available at the Shop or online until the end of Term 3.

Uniform changes: There is ongoing discussion between the P&C and school administration about possible changes to the uniform and the associated uniform policy. All families will have a chance to comment on these changes very soon, so stay tuned!

Stationery
Top-up packs: Top-up pack orders have been distributed via the class-rooms, so please check that your child has received their items. For any orders that were received on the last day of term or later, delivery is expected next week. No more order forms will be accepted – please order online or visit the shop for any stationery items that you need.

Thank you
A very big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with the inventory count at the end of last term. It was a big job that went very smoothly thanks to your willingness to get in and get the job done!!

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

CHOIR NEWS

Wilston Wonders Senior Choir
There is no choir rehearsal this Friday (July 18th) due to the Year 5 camp and the Ringbalin Choral Camp. Choir rehearsals will resume next Friday July 25th.

New Members Welcome:
Does your child love to sing? Term 3 is a great time for new members to start.

Come along to our first rehearsal next Friday morning July 25th at 8.00am in the music room. Our choir is open to all students from Years 5 - 7.

PEMULWUY Male Voice Festival:
Congratulations to Alex K, Jack P, Lewis A, Sebastien M, Jack W and John C for participating in the Pemulwuy Festival last weekend. This event culminated in a stunning concert held at QPAC on Sunday afternoon with approximately 600 boys and men joining together in song. Well done to our fabulous singers!

Miranda Charters and Bev Barnett

BRASS WOODWIND & PERCUSSION

Wildcatz Concert Reminder
Red Hill Fair (Opening Act)
Saturday 26 July 2014
Woolcock Park
Arrive 8.15am to perform 8.45am.
Please note change in time from earlier note.

Cliff Draper

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Big News
We have a new Tuckshop Menu, that includes sushi on Wednesdays, burgers on Mondays, homemade hommus and small hot dogs available everyday called puppies. Check out all the changes on munchmonitor.com.au

Rosters for Tuckshop week beginning 21/7/14
Monday 21: Lisa McGrath, Leonie Crawford
Tuesday 22: Louise Aston, Micheal Stein and help needed
Wednesday 23: Camilla Guerin, Peter Power
Thursday 24: Sandra Harris?, Nickia Mitchell, Lisa Pyne
Friday 25: Cynthia Wong, Gayle Tilbury, Louise Spark.

NEWS FROM THE P&C

P&C Meeting
The P&C Meeting will be held tonight in the Staff Room. You are all welcome to attend.

P&C Election Day BBQ
Wilston State School is a polling booth location for the Stafford by-election this Saturday 19th July. Please support the P&C Election Day BBQ when voting by grabbing yourself a bacon and egg roll, sausage or a drink!

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Welcome back to Term 3. We look forward to some great activities and fun at WKC. This week we are celebrating NAIDOC Week and we have a series of activities planned which are designed to provide an insight into Indigenous culture.

These activities range from dot painting, handprints, clap sticks and games. Also we were able to hire the services of a didgeridoo player who not only incorporated traditional playing but introduced some “funky” elements into his performance.
NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE (contd)

All children enjoyed a free show on Tuesday.

This term we will be introducing a new category of fees to cater for the small number of “walk ins” we sometimes have to manage.

WKC is governed by strict adult to children ratios and therefore we roster our staff accordingly. This new fee is to cover the additional staffing required when we need to bring in educators at short notice. The new fee is called a “no booking fee”.

The other fees have remained unchanged and are listed in the table.

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We would also like to remind parents they can always access the policies and procedures for WKC from our website at http://www.wilstonpandc.org.au/parent-info.php

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Term 3 Learn To Swim and Squads - there is still some availability for Term 3 learn to swim, please see Kirsten in the pool office or email info@wilstonswim.org.au for details - our lessons run Monday to Friday afternoons from 3:15-5:15pm. Both learn to swim and squad is available year round with the pool heated to 29 degrees - refer to our website for the complete squad timetable.

Please note bookings for Term 3 are not able to be processed until outstanding fees are paid.

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at the Chandler A Grade Meet over the school holidays. Most swimmers achieved personal best times. A special congratulations to Georgia K who collected a gold, silver and bronze medal. We have also had 16 swimmers qualify for the Brisbane Short Course Championships next month which is a great result.

Adult squad - just a reminder that we have introduced a Tuesday morning squad which runs from 6:15-7:15am and this replaces the Monday evening squad. Wednesday evening will remain the same from 6:45-7:45pm.

Our next committee meeting will be held on Monday 11 August 2014 at 7:00pm.

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

Lost Property

During winter months there is always a large amount of lost property in the C Block Art Room.

Please can you ensure all your children’s clothing, etc are visibly named in order that these items may be returned to them.
Circus Skills for Grades 1-7
Circus classes are on offer at Wilston State School on Tuesday mornings from 7:40-8:40am on the school oval.
Learning circus skills is a great way for children to increase coordination, balance, strength and flexibility.
For more information visit www.clairescircusschool.com or phone Claire on 0439 532 299.

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Please phone the Principal Margaret Treuel B.A., Dip.Ed.
3353 0555
If you would prefer this via email in the future please advise us by emailing brisbanenorth@helenogrady.com.au

Are you aged 6 to 11 and want to learn FUNdamental Basketball skills? Dragons Club is again conducting their highly successful B.L.A.S.T.™ 6eleven non-competitive skills development program from Saturday July 19 for 9 weeks. Now in its thirteenth season, over 450 children have participated in B.L.A.S.T.™ since inception.
Numbers are strictly limited and filling fast.
For further information, email blast@northbrisbanebasketball.com.au or visit our website www.northbrisbanebasketball.com.au.

Go Sports
Go Netball
29 July 2014
5 weeks
Tuesday 7.45-8.30am
Years 1—4
Netball Court
$85.00

Go Soccer
1 August 2014
5 weeks
Friday 7.45-8.30am
Prep to Year 3
School Oval
$85.00
The St Columba’s Primary Great Fete, on Saturday 26 July, promises to be bigger than ever with the support of Councillor Vicki Howard (Central Ward) and Councillor Fiona King (Marchant Ward) ensuring the rides are the best yet, as well as Radio 96.5 FM broadcasting live from the school oval from 10.00am. There will be all the traditional favourite stalls and delicious bites to eat - home-grown fresh produce, home-baked cakes, cookies and sweets and sensational jams, spreads and conserves, second-hand treasures and high-end craft, including for the first time, a Christmas craft stall; all not to be missed. Enjoy a day of excellent fun for all the family, from 10.00am to 4.00pm, showcasing live entertainment, both hair-raising and gentle rides, delicious food, fabulous crafts and a chance to win or bid for some fantastic prizes. 204 Kedron Brook Rd, Wilston. See more at: www.stcolumbasgreatfete.com.au.

Homestay families required to host Japanese students:

Sun: 24th August to Sat: 27th September
(single male students)

Sun: 24th August to Sat 22nd November
(single female students)

Families are paid $260 per week and provide breakfast, lunch and dinner Monday to Sunday.

Students are attending QUT Kelvin Grove to learn English. English must be spoken in the home and the home must be easy access to QUT Kelvin Grove busway (behind P Block)

For more information phone or email Cora cora@bluearrow.com.au Mobile: 0411957502

Brisbane Martial Arts

Children’s Self Defence Classes

Thursdays

3.15 to 5.15pm

Wilton State School Undercroft/Oval

For more information phone 3268 5501

www.bmaa.biz

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Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home

www.studentexchange.org.au

1300 135 331 (cost of local call)

Children’s Yoga

First Class Free to Try!

WEDNESDAYS

23/7/14

3:30pm-4:30pm

Ages: Prep - Year 2

St James Church (Forest Hill Playground)

58 Enoggera Rd, Newmarket

9 Weeks $120

THURSDAYS

24/7/14

3:30pm-4:30pm

Ages: Years 3-7

Wilton Scout Hall (Brisbane Grammar Library)

5th St, Grange

8 Weeks $105

To register call Christina on 0422 074 648

WWW.CREATEYOUYOGA.COM

Come and enjoy the joyous sounds of the Scattered People’s Choir

Sunday 20th July 2014

3.00pm

Tickets: Adults $15 Concession $10

Includes afternoon tea

Trinity Grove Wilston Uniting Church

Cnr Kedron Brook Rd and Hawdon Sts, Wilston

The Scattered People ‘choir’ as it became known, rose organically out of the Asylum Seeker Centre in West End, Brisbane in 1998. Traumatised refugee claimants from various countries (El Salvador, Chile and Colombia; Ethiopia, Eritrea and Russia; Bosnia, Iran, Sri Lanka and East Timor etc) used music to create solidarity with one another, to express their pain collectively and to fortify their hopes.