FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Teaching and Learning Audit

I have been asked to join the Teaching and Learning Audit team for the remainder of the year. A number of my colleagues have undertaken audit positions over the last two years and to a person have highly recommended the role. I feel very privileged to be asked to join the team. The very specific training the Auditors receive and the professional learning they have gained from auditing schools across the state have enhanced their personal instructional leadership. This will undoubtedly place me in good stead on my return in 2015.

I am pleased to announce that Mr John Cattoni, principal of Wavell Heights State School, will be the Wilston State School principal during my absence. John has been a principal for fourteen years, the last six as principal of Wavell Heights State School. Prior to his appointment to Wavell Heights he had led Zillmere State School and has also served in various schools in and around Ipswich and South-West Queensland. I know John has built an excellent relationship with the Wavell Heights school community and undoubtedly will continue in the same vein here.

Though my role over the next five months will see me spending a significant time in locations beyond Brisbane (I am scheduled to visit schools in Cape York and Cairns as well as schools in Central Queensland.) I will continue to liaise with John if he needs clarification around particular initiatives that I have implemented over the last five years.

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WELL DONE AWARDS

Year 3
Alexandra V 3B, Caelan B 3B, Kara B 3B, Oliver W 3C, Josephine J 3C, Nick H 3C, Dylan S 3D, Annie C 3D, Amaya G 3D.

Year 4

Year 5
Patrick R 5A, Sofia T-G 4/5G, Lachlan G 4.5G.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

iPads
As part of the Great Results Guarantee initiative, we have purchased 72 iPads for use in classrooms Prep – Year 2. Last Friday, our Prep – Year 2 teachers attended a professional development session around the effective use of these devices in the classroom.

iPads do not replace quality teaching but are another tool with which to engage students and enrich their learning. The iPads are internet enabled, however as with other IT devices in the school, students will not be able to surf the net unsupervised. The use of these devices will be planned by the teacher. Teachers learned how to control access to the iPads and can ensure that students only engage within the app that the teacher wants them to use.

Teachers’ professional development around the effective use of iPads will be on-going and we look forward to sharing some innovative practices.

Please speak to your child’s teacher if you would like more information around how iPads will be used in the classroom.

TERM STATEMENTS

Term statements (Caramel) have gone home this week. These statements are to each student. 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 Invoked later.

If you wish your child to attend these activities/excursions please make payment before activity takes place. Payments are to come up to the office via the class Blue Bags. Please make sure the envelope has the child’s name and class on. We would appreciate all outstanding amounts for 2014 be paid.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Jeans for Genes Day
100% of the money we raise will go directly to the work of the Children’s Medical Research Institute. The money guarantees long-term support through our scientists researching genetic diseases like cancer, epilepsy and birth defects.

Our Free Dress Day will be held on Friday 1 August. Please bring a gold coin donation and receive a pack of Jeans for Genes coloured pencils.

Remember you MUST wear your school or representative shirt and denim jeans, shorts or skirts. (Ensure they are appropriate for school.)

FIT CLUB NEWS

From the responses that we have received it is clear to see that students are not drinking enough water during the day. Not drinking enough water can cause dehydration, lack of concentration and headaches.

Please make sure that students drink two bottles of water per day and have regular drinks from the bubbler. Congratulations to 4B for submitting the most forms, therefore they will ‘retain’ the trophy.

There will be training on at 7:50am Thursday - please be on time to warm up.

How much water do you drink per day?
- under 1 big bottle 40% (6)
- over 1 big bottle 47% (7)
- over 2 big bottles 13% (2)
- over 3 big bottles 0% (0)

StUDENT BANKING

Important dates
Due to unforeseen circumstances school banking will not be collected on the following dates: Friday 1 August and Friday 22 August. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

We have now more than 45 students eligible for a reward, if you have received a note it means you can choose from the rewards below, just send us your tokens and your completed coupon.

Rewards available are: handball, scented pencils, penguin or shark plush toy key rings, whale pencil case, tin Dollarmite money box and swimming bags.

If you have any questions please feel free to send us an email at gfinselbach@optusnet.com.au

Prep Enrolment Packs are available from the office from August 11 2014 for in catchment and siblings of students already enrolled in 2015.

https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=s3DVyVS81KfQOiZmc-s%2AJA

Mr Aldridge

Wilton State School Ever Onward
NEWS FROM HPE

We have a number of students competing at various carnivals over the next week:

City District Track and Field Carnival
Good luck to the 54 students who are representing Wilston SS at the City District Track and Field Carnival next Monday and Tuesday. We look forward to having a number of students progress through to the Metro North Carnival later in the term.

Our winning Senior A Netball team will compete at the Northside Netball Championships this Friday at Pine Rivers Netball Association. Good luck to all the girls.

We would also like to wish Charlotte all the best, as she is representing Queensland at the National Hockey Championships next week.

Rodney Bell
PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Date Claimer:
Spring Concert,
Wednesday evening
September 17th (Undercover area)
All students in choirs and strings will perform in our annual showcase event.

Miranda Charters and Bev Barnett

FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to all string students who auditioned for Honours Music Camp this week. You all put in a wonderful effort. Results will be distributed at the end of next week.

Please note that there will be no lessons this FRIDAY, August 1 as Mrs Payne will be away although String Ensemble will still be on from 7.45am.

Kathryn Payne – kpayn49@eq.edu.au
String Teacher

BRASS WOODWIND & PERCUSSION

Wildcatz

Red Hill Fair
The Catz opened the Red Hill Fair in style last Saturday and I was very proud of them. I would like to thank Mr Hendriks for his attendance as well as support for the band over the years.

2014 Studio CD
The Catz are becoming more polished in their approach to Classical music improvisation which will feature in our 2014 Studio CD “Catz Classical Improv”. As details for dates come to hand I will pass them on.

Polish Community Festival.
I would like to thank the Brisbane City Council and the Polish Club for presenting us with a cheque for $600 for the efforts last month at the Polish Festival.

Cliff Draper

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Have you considered volunteering in the Tuckshop? We would love to see you and no skill required. We provide coffee, morning tea, lunch and great conversation. It a great way to meet people and see your beautiful children.

We will be stopping brown paper bags so join up now to Munch Monitors today. Any question pop in and chat with us.

Week beginning 4 August 2014
Monday 4 Jackie Redmond, Christine Arnall.
Tuesday 5 Catherine Moulson, Elissa Howie.
Wednesday 6 Mandy Kennedy, help needed.
Thursday 7 Judith Kohl, Jacinta Gertitz.
Friday 8 Natalie Scott, Geraldine Mercer, Belinda Creed.

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.

Stock Update: Out of Stock: Knit shorts (size 8 – now discontinued item); Paterson shirts (sizes 6 and 8); senior/rep shirts (size 12).

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: Distribution of stationery top-up packs continued this week, so please check that your child has received their items. Please note that order forms will no longer be accepted – please order online or visit the shop for any stationery items that you need.

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

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Date Claimer:
The next P&C Meeting will be held on 21 August 2014. You are all welcome to attend.

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Last Friday we had a visit from the Federal Assistant Education of Minister, The Hon. Sussan Ley MP to discuss how our P&C run centre works. She was interested in talking about various issues to do with Outside School Hours Care.
This week we celebrated the Commonwealth Games with some great activities. We have made Loch Ness monsters, played Hopscotch and danced the Highland fling. We also had our own version of the Commonwealth Games.

Soccer and Homework club have started. Parents who wish their children to participate need to fill out the permission forms. The Soccer Club attracts a small fee.

Keyboard (music) lessons are going to be offered soon. Please let us know if you are interested. This will also attract a small fee.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the parent evening. We will be announcing the winners of the competition next week.

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

Good luck to Dylan A, Julian B, Will B, Sally H, Claudia K, Georgia K, Polly L and Ashley P who have qualified to compete at the Brisbane Short Course Championships this weekend.

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.

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

See you at the pool.

W: www.wilstonswim.org.au
E: info@wilstonswim.org.au
Remember when you believed in anything and everything?

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s tendencies to being tricked, fooled and misled by their peers. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this.

We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers.

To participate go to:

http://tinyurl.com/childsvq2

Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652 or rebecca.seward@research.uwa.edu.au
Wilton State School's
ART CLUB
Green Art
starting 16 June, 2014
Mon. Wed. & Fri. @ Big Lunch
Junior Art Room (F Block)
Grades 4-7