FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

NAPLAN
In May this year Years 3, 5 & 7 students participated in the 2014 NAPLAN Testing Program. Tomorrow your child will receive an individual report detailing their performance in each of the literacy and numeracy tests. It also contains a detailed guide on what was assessed in each test and how to interpret these results. Parents and carers are encouraged to thoroughly read the report and the explanatory notes. While these tests are important 'point-in-time' indicators or 'snapshots' of student achievement in literacy and numeracy, the results should be considered along with other information collected by our school about your child’s performance. Congratulations to the students for their hard work and to the teachers for their continued efforts in improving literacy and numeracy outcomes.

Attendance is important in the last week of term
As we enter the second half of the year, parents are reminded that children must attend school on every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse for being away such as illness. Under Queensland law, you must make sure that your child attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent. Regular attendance at a non-sanctioned external education service provider during school hours is not acceptable. Routine medical or other health appointments are best made either before or after school or during the school holidays. More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/docs/parent-fact-sheet.pdf

U9 Rugby League
I was fortunate enough to see the U9 rugby league team play at Suncorp Stadium on Monday. The team played superbly. I’d like to congratulate the boys on their efforts and thank Rod Bell for the time he put into preparing the team.

ARD Visit
Our hardworking Assistant Regional Director Karen Howes visited the school yesterday to meet with the admin team. During the meeting she unpacked Wilston’s Headline Indicator Report which looks at a range of school data including student academic performance and attendance rates. She also negotiated ongoing support for the school in order to further progress the key improvement priorities, strategies and targets for 2014 as identified in the Annual Implementation Plan.

I’ve once again enjoyed my time visiting classrooms this week, speaking with teachers and students and sharing in their achievements.

John Cattoni
Principal
WELL DONE AWARDS

Last week we acknowledged our new Care for Class winners. The students across all P-2 classes have been caring for our school, others, their learning and themselves and have received many green slips.

The winning classes for this five weeks are:
- Prep A
- 1E
- 2B.

These classes retain their trophies until the last week of term when we will announce the next Care For class winners.

STAR Awards

Our new STAR awards recognise students who always show the Care Fors at Wilston. Two students are selected each term and are presented with a special certificate and badge. STAR students can wear their badges until the end of the year. Congratulations to our first P-2 Wilston STAR award winners:
- Prep: Rowan F PA, Eamon C PA, Matilda R PB, Henry C PB, James K PC, Sierra W PC, Angus P PD, Tia H PD, Nicholas C PE, Zoe B PE, Dylan J PF, Remy K PF.
- Year 1: Sebastian S 1A, Angus W 1A, Jonny S 1C, Jada N 1C, Gabi F 1D, Jarrell M 1D, Harper L 1E, Luke S 1E.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Prep Enrolments for 2015

Prep enrolment packs are now available from the school office. Students who are age-appropriate for Prep (D.O.B. 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010) in 2015 and reside in-catchment or have siblings already enrolled at Wilston State School in 2015, are eligible to enrol at our school. Children who meet the enrolment criteria and have an approved Delayed Entry to Prep will also need to collect and complete the enrolment forms for 2015.

Information about Prep at Wilston State School and key dates are contained in the pack.

TERM STATEMENTS

Term statements (dark green) have gone home this week. These statements are to each student. Below please find a list of activities/excursions for Term 3.

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Payments made via our direct banking must include a reference number which can be found on the term statement. We have had a number of payments with no reference numbers. This makes it hard to match up and with the bank taking up to 7 days answering our queries students may miss out on activities/excursions.

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

Skate Nights
- Prep Year 1 and 2: Tuesday 2 September 2014, 6.00pm to 8.00pm.
- Year 3 and 4: Tuesday 9 September 2014, 6.30pm to 8.30pm.
- Year 5, 6 and 7: Tuesday 16 September 2014, 6.30 to 8.30pm.

Stafford Skate Centre. $9.00 entry fee. Blade hire $3.50 and skate hire $2.50. Parents please have the correct change. No Eftpos is available.

KIDS ARTWORKS

Calendar, Card and Diary Fundraising Activity

This week teachers are busy completing classroom artwork for the calendar, card and diary fundraising activity. These make PERFECT Christmas gifts for family and friends, especially grandparents. Please return individual order forms and payment by 22 August via the class Blue Bags.

A reminder that costs are:
- $13.00 per calendar
- $14.00 per pack of cards
- $15.00 per diary.

Multiple copies of any item can be ordered. The end products look FANTASTIC. So don’t miss out! This is a great fundraising activity for the school. Payment may be made by either cash, cheque or credit card.

Karen Charles (1E) and Helen Lambert-Smith (1A)

ICAS SCIENCE

Earlier in the year students in Years 3-7 were invited to participate in the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) Science Test. Overall we had over 150 students sit the test which comprised of 30-40 multiple choice questions. The following students received outstanding results:

HIGH DISTINCTIONS (Scored in the top 1% of their year level)
- Year 4 – Josh B.
- Year 6 – Omar R.

DISTINCTIONS (Scored in the top 4% of their year level)
- Year 3: Claudia K, Kalen E, Hannah Mc, Tom C.
- Year 4: Damon C, Matthew H, Oliver M, Sophia Z, Abigail S, Jonathon V.
- Year 5: Callan J, Samuel R, Alexander K, Kieran L.
ICAS SCIENCE (contd)

Year 6 – Rory J, Jarvis L, Piper Mc, Jessica J, James N.

Congratulations to our high science achievers and all students who participated in this assessment. All students will receive a certificate and notification of their results this week.

Danielle Freeman

UPDATE FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Week Dress-Up Parade
We will hold our Children’s Book Week celebrations next term. We have been busy reading the shortlisted books in the Library but there are so many activities happening around the school we have decided to hold the Dress-Up Parade in Week 2 next term. (16 October 2014). Everyone is invited to come dressed as a favourite book character. You can find ideas in the fabulous shortlisted books we have been reading – come and check them out in the Library!

2014 ANNUAL SPEECH CONTEST

Annual Speech Contest Semi Finals
The semi-finals of the Annual Speech Contest were held Wednesday, 20 August 2014. A total of 31 students from Years 4, 5, 6 and 7 presented engaging and thought-provoking speeches to their peers and a panel of two independent judges (Ms Bernadette Knight and Mrs Judith Mayell). The judges were impressed by the overall quality of the speeches, and the poise and confidence of the speakers. They stressed the importance of speakers engaging the attention of the audience from the beginning of the speech. The speakers progressing to the finals are listed below.

Year 4/5
Lily C  Litter free Australia
Jake H  Less homework is more
Evangeline M  Cats are a man’s best friend
Sam R  Why kids should be leaders
Scarlett S  Go nude food

Year 6
Gia C  The perils of prolonged sitting
Lucina C  We should all read more books
Flora G  We deserve to be heard
Connor P  Want want want
Christian S  Cleaning your room – why bother?

Year 7
Claire F  Why pop divas are the new face of feminism
Lydia J  The happy habit
Sebastien M  We don’t speak good no more
Jillian O’D  Save the Sunlander
Lucy R-T  Discrimination against women in sport needs to stop

The final of the Annual Speech Contest will be held on Wednesday, 3 September 2014, in D Block (Old Library).

Please direct questions/enquiries to Mr Brendan Medlin (6/7B) bmedl2@eq.edu.au.

2014 WILSTON SCIENCE COMPETITION

The Wilston Science Competition is being held in Term 3. The aims of the competition include:
- stimulate an ongoing interest in science
- encourage students in the process of self-motivated project work
- recognise student effort and achievement
- improve student research, writing and presentation skills
- Improve links between school students and parents.

The competition will be competitive but not compulsory to enter. Students can enter in the following divisions:
- Division 1: Prep and Years 1, 2, 3
- Division 2: Years 4, 5, 6
- Division 3: Year 7

Students may enter individually, with a partner, or as a group of three, provided that when two or more students work together, all are eligible for entry in the same division.

Entries must be in one of the following categories:
- Classified Collection, Scientific Investigation, Communicating Science, Mathematical Investigation, Models and Inventions, Environmental Action Project.

Work at home will be necessary, and we ask that all parental assistance be acknowledged. Entries close Thursday, 18 September 2014 (Term 3, Week 10). A judging panel will judge the entries. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placegetters in each division. Other entries may qualify for a Highly Commended certificate. All students will receive a certificate of participation.

In addition, separate prizes will be awarded for a ‘Young Scientist of the Year’ (Divisions 2 and 3) and a ‘Junior Scientist of the Year’ (Division 1).

A competition handbook providing detailed information on all the entry categories, judging criteria entry/declaration forms is available for download as a PDF on the school website.
https://wilstonss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx

All queries should be directed to Mr Brendan Medlin (6/7B) bmedl2@eq.edu.au

NEWS FROM HPE

Metropolitan North Track and Field Carnival
Good luck to the 18 Wilston State School students that are representing City District at the Regional Track and Field Carnival next week. Good luck also to the 4 Wilston relay teams that will be representing the district in the regional relays.

Metro Cup Finals Day
Well done to the U9 boys that played in Metro Cup finals day on Monday. They played two demonstration games and drew 8-8 with Collingwood Park SS; then backed up to defeat Bray Park SS 12-0. This was a great experience for the boys, to play on the hallowed turf at Suncorp Stadium where so many great footballers have played over the years.
CHOIR NEWS

The Wilston Junior Choir has had a fantastic 2014 so far! The commitment and attendance has been most commendable and the students have worked hard to produce a lovely sound! There are two special performances coming up before the end of term.

Assembly Performance
Thursday 11 September 2014
Assembly at 1.50pm in the Undercover Area.

Spring Concert 2014
Wednesday 17 September in the Undercover Area
6.40pm arrival
7.00pm start
8.30pm finish (latest)
School Uniform
BYO folding chair.

We look forward to presenting our fabulous concerts.

Wilston Wonders

Choir Competition – Prestige Music Fest
A number of students have not returned their response form for this event. Entries are due at the end of this month so we need to know numbers ASAP. Please return the blue note by tomorrow at our morning rehearsal.

Upcoming events:
Our singers are performing on assembly today (Thursday) and will no doubt do a fantastic job!

Sunday September 14th - St Albans Church Centenary 9-10am.
Free Dress (Selected singers only).

Wednesday September 17th - Spring Concert, Undercover Area
6.30pm arrival, 7.00pm concert. (School Uniform).

Miranda Charters

TUCKSHOP NEWS

To use Tuckshop online ordering go to Munch Monitor.com. The username is wilstonss and password: munch4051. All items purchased online are delivered to your child’s class.

Stock Update: Out of Stock: 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: The P&C has recently endorsed a number of changes to the WSS uniform, including:
- Knit shorts have been discontinued and replaced with a cotton drill short (same fabric as the cargo pants and shorts). These new shorts remain priced at $25 each.
- A new green shirt will be chosen for Lawson house, and all house shirts will be an improved quality and printed with the school emblem.
  • A lighter weight (poly cotton) fabric for the dress. Small changes to the design of the dress are still being discussed (eg replacing the white collar with a check collar). The new style dress will hopefully be available by mid-2015.

Swimwear orders for Term 4:
The swim season is just around the corner!! So, order forms for Wilston and house-coloured swimwear will be distributed via the classroom very soon. Items available to order include long-sleeve rashies/tops, caps, goggles, swim bags and towels. Orders will be due back by early September to ensure delivery by the end of Term 3.

Stationery:
Year 6 and 5/6 composite novels: Online orders placed last week for either the Year 6 novel “45+47 Stella St” or the Year 5/6 novel “Life and Other Stuff” have been delivered via the classroom. If your child has not received their copy, please let me know as soon as possible. The shop has plenty of these novels in stock, so order online or visit the shop to get your copy.

Top-up packs: The final distribution of stationery top-up packs will occur this week. For all your stationery needs, please order online or visit the shop.

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

NEWS FROM THE P&C

P&C Meeting
7.00pm on 21 August 2014 in the Staff Room (D Block). You are all welcome to attend.

Father’s Day Stall
This year’s P&C Father’s Day Stall will be on again all day on Wednesday 3 September, next to the library. Students can come to the stall with their class and choose a great gift for their dad (and/or grandfather etc). All gifts are $10.00 and students must bring their money on the day.

Vanessa Behan, Naysa Cox.
Kathryn Napier, Sarah Bender, Helena Kohl.
Sharon Darmody, Sarah Moore.
Angela Pratt, Harriet Carter, Angela Patel
Angela Rose, Hayley Haggerty, Sharon Snowdon, Andrew Quintan.

Bec Macdonald 0448 804 279 60huet@gmail.com
Dot Milne 0408 729 021
Fathers Day Stall
The stall will also open before school on Thursday 4 September for any kids who are away or forget their money on Wednesday. In addition, I really need volunteers to help the kids shop—if you can spare any time during classes (9.00 to 2.30pm) on Wednesday, please let me know or just drop by the stall.

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

2014 Father’s Day Luncheon
Book out the date for all work and get tickets now !!!!! Please pass the word around to as many friends and let’s get the tickets sold early..
It will be a great day with laughs and will support a great charity organisation.
Everyone is welcome so help get the tickets moving now........

We are proud to announce our guest speaker for the day will be Tony Shaw. Tony was a rugby flanker who played 36 tests for the Wallabies between 1973 and 1982, including some matches as a lock or number eight. He captained the Aussies for 15 of his international matches. He is Australian cap number 565. 112 matches for Queensland. Tony was inducted into the Wallaby Hall of Fame in 2012. Current President of the QRU and Vice President of the ARU.
See below for further details…….

Life is busy, it can be hard finding time for mates to just catch up and have a beer. So, on the eve of Father’s Day, we have organised a lunch for dads to do just that.

Held at the Alliance Hotel, Spring Hill the lunch includes beers on arrival, courtesy of new craft brewery Fortitude Brewing served with charcuterie, bread and dips.

This will be followed by a main course of either Angus Pure Sirloin with trimmings, or a parmesan and thyme crumbed Veal Cutlet, hot mustard slaw and roast kipflers, followed by dessert. Each course will be served with a matching craft beer and the price includes craft beer from arrival until 4.00pm.

During the lunch you will be entertained by a guest speaker, and the beer and food pairings will be presented by Australian Beer Writer of the Year, Matt Kirkegaard.

Most importantly, you will just get the chance to relax and catch up with some other busy dads over a beer, while raising money for a great cause.

All profits from the lunch will be donated to Roses in the Ocean.

Limited tickets available. Please see link below……

Please contact Kirsten in the pool office for more information.

Our popular swim camp will also run in the second week of the school holidays, 29 September- 3 October 2014. Come and join us for a week of technique coaching by our Head Coach, Simon Smith. Swimmers must be able to swim a minimum of 50m in all strokes and a 100m IM to sign up for this camp. Further details will follow next week.

Swim club recommences Term 4 with our first Club Night Friday 10 October 2014 – we are looking forward to the using the new timing system and online results for club nights.

Sign on week is fast approaching and will be held at the pool each afternoon from 1-5 September 2014. Bookings for Term 4 Learn to Swim will also commence from 1 September 2014 for students who are enrolled in Term 3 classes and 8 September 2014 for all other swimmers.

Term 3 swim fees are now overdue and must be paid before bookings can be accepted for Term 4. Please see Kirsten in the pool office if you are unsure if you have any outstanding fees.

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, lessons run Monday to Friday afternoons from 3:15- 5:15pm. Both learn to swim and squad sessions are 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 at the pool Tuesday 9 September 2014 at 7:00pm.
W: www.wilstonswim.org.au
E: info@wilstonswim.org.au

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

We are offering our popular Learn to Swim Intensives Program over the September school holidays from Monday 29 September – Friday 3 October.
We offer 5 x 30min lessons at the same time every day, with the same experienced learn to swim instructor. Lessons commence from 8.30am. Total cost for the five days is $65.00. Places are limited and all lesson fees must be paid in advance.
Fathers Day Stall

KEEP CALM AND LOVE DAD

Wednesday 3rd September

Kids, come to the P&C stall with your class and choose a cool gift to say thanks to your great dad (and/or granddad, godfather etc). We have lots of new gifts to pick from this year.

All gifts $10

The stall will also open on Thursday 4th September (8-9.15am) for kids who are away or forget their money on Wednesday.

Parents, can you spare time on Wednesday to help 800 kids choose a gift? If so, please contact Ingrid (042 405 1987).