FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Quadrennial School Review (QSR)

We are currently undertaking a four yearly review of school operations. Once the review process is completed we will develop a four-year Strategic Plan. As part of this process, and in order for us to better understand your perceptions of our school and how we meet the needs of your child/children, we are kindly asking that you list three things, on the survey, that you feel we are currently doing well as a school and three things that you would like to see improved or changed. The survey will be sent out to you via your Class Parent Liaisons this week.

Teacher Aide Day

Next Thursday we will celebrate Teacher Aide Day. This is an occasion where we celebrate the significant contributions of our hard working teacher aides. The P&C have generously offered to provide morning tea for the aides on Thursday. On behalf of the whole school community I’d like to recognise the contributions of our Teacher Aides.

Thanks P&C

I’d like to thank the P&C for kindly establishing a fund to support extra curricula student activities. The fund will allow teachers to access funds to establish and/or maintain various projects during lunch hours or before/after school.

NAPLAN

Last week children received an individual report detailing their performance in each of the literacy and numeracy tests. The school once again performed strongly across all domains.

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*National Minimum Standards

Check out the Queensland Skills Gateway during National Skills Week

During National Skills Week students (and maybe some parents as well) who are thinking about a future career path should check out the Queensland Skills Gateway. You can search for training courses and providers, learn what skills or qualifications are needed for different occupations and find out if you are eligible for government subsidised training. This is a great way to learn about the opportunities vocational education and training can lead to. http://www.skillsgateway.training.qld.gov.au/

John Cattoni
Principal
WELL DONE AWARDS

Year 2
Oliver SS 2B, Raeka M 2B.

Year 3

Year 4
Oscar H 4D, Hudson L 4D, Gabriella R 4C, Savannah R 4C, Jackson M 4A, Jake S 4A.

Year 5/6
Hayden B, Annisia D.

Year 6
Lucina Churchill 6A, Felix Sparksman 6A.

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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS NEXT WEEK

Just a reminder parents that our school and class photos are next week. On Tuesday 02 September our Year 3 – 7 classes and the Dolce and Vivace strings photos will be taken, on Wednesday 03 September it will be our P – 2 classes and on Thursday 04 September it is our sport teams, band, choir and other special group photos. Family photos will be taken every day from 8.00 – 8:45am, at morning tea and big lunch. Students are to bring the photo envelope on the day of the photo please.

We request that students wear the correct school uniform for the class, sport and special group photos with the exception for City District, Met North and Qld Rep teams and Strings and Band groups who can change into their special uniform just before the photograph.

Many thanks for your support.

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.

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 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).

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!

NEWS FROM HPE

Sports Photos
Students need to wear their school sports uniform with the exception of City District, Met North and Queensland Reps. These students will need to wear their district, regional and state uniforms.

CHOIR NEWS

Wilston Wonders
The Wilston Wonders were “wonderful” on assembly last Friday. I was so proud of our singers as they entertained the audience!
CHOIR NEWS (contd)

Our upcoming performances are listed below. Please note that it would be helpful for students to arrive at the St Albans event by 8.30am so we can have a run through.

**Sunday Sept 14**th - St Albans Church Centenary 8.30am-10am. Free Dress (Selected singers have been notified)

**Wednesday Sept 17**th - Spring Concert, undercover area 6.30pm arrival, 7pm concert. (School Uniform and BYO chair for audience)

Prestige Music Fest Competition
Our date has been confirmed as Saturday November 1**st** with the session running from 12pm. Our performance time is TBA. Full school uniform will be required for this event.

Miranda Charters and Bev Barnett

FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

Members of the Chamber Strings group will be performing at the Speech night next Wednesday, September 3. They need to arrive at 6.45pm to tune and set up. The night finishes at 9.00pm but the children are welcome to leave once they have finished performing.

Last Thursday, several Year 6 and 7 students attended the Kelvin Grove SC “Big Day In”. Students learned three new pieces that day and then performed them at a concert for parents at the end of the day. This day involved several other students from other schools in the area as well.

The Spring Concert is approaching and all string students are performing. It is on Wednesday 17 September in the Undercover Area. 6.30pm arrival for a 7.00pm start. 8.30pm finish (latest). Year 3 students wear school uniform. Year 4-7 students wear a Music Polo Shirt (available from the Uniform shop) with school shorts/skorts. BYO folding chair.

Strings Recruitment Concert: There will a concert for all Year 2’s in the Music Room on Tuesday, September 2 starting at 2.20pm. Expression of interest forms will be handed out at the end of the concert. These must be returned in the Blue Bag if you wish for your child to be considered for the String Programme in 2015. Alternatively, you can email me with your child’s instrument preference to kpayn49@eq.edu.au.

Kathryn Payne

BRASS WOODWIND & PERCUSSION

Wildcatz Studio Date
The Improv Ensembles and vocalists are scheduled to record their Classical Improv CD at QACI, 61 Musk Avenue, (Lot 17 Studios) on Saturday 30 August 2014.

The singers will be recording at 10.30am and the instrumentalists at 12.00noon.

It is an exciting opportunity and I’m sure the Improv Ensembles will gain from the focusing of their creative talents.

Cliff Draper

TUCKSHOP NEWS

The Thermomix is helping greatly in Tuckshop. Look out for fresh fruit sorbet in the new term made with our Thermomix. Please finalise any outstanding monies for kids forgotten lunches or crows taking lunches next week.

Week beginning 1st of September 2014
Monday 1**nd**
Tuesday 2**nd**
Wednesday 3**rd**
Thursday 4**th**
Friday 5**th**

Jackie Redmond, Christine Arnall
Elissa Howie, help needed
Mandy Kennedy, Andrea Martin, Chloe Smith
Judit Kohl, Jacinta Geritz
Natalie Scott, Geraldine Mercer, Belinda Creed, Christine Beehler.

Bec Macdonald 0448 804 279 60huet@gmail.com
Dot Milne 0408 729 021

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

SHOP OPEN: Wednesday and Friday during Terms 2 and 3 (between 8.15 and 9.45am); Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Term 4 (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: 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.

New stock: Come and check out the new cotton drill short (made from the same comfortable fabric as the cargo pants and skorts). These hard-wearing shorts are priced at $25 each.

Swimwear orders for Term 4:
Does your child need a long-sleeve rashie/top, cap, goggles, swim bag or towel for swimming next term? Then place your order by Wednesday 10 September by returning the order form or via Munch Monitors to ensure delivery before the end of Term 3.

Stationery
Year 6 and 5/6 composite novels: The shop still has plenty of the Year 6 novel “45+47 Stella St” ($15.95) or the Year 5/6 novel “Life and Other Stuff” ($15) in stock. If your child requires a copy, simply order online for delivery to the class or visit the shop.

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

NEWS FROM THE P&C

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.

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 b the stall.

Ingrid Rosemann (dwtaylor@tpg.com.au or 0424 051 987)
NEWS FROM THE P&C (contd)

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…. 

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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…..

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NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

To celebrate Father’s Day on September 7th WKC will be spending the week creating some great Father’s Day gifts for dad, grandad or a special person.

We are also running a competition with a grand prize of tickets for a parent and child to attend the opening game of Brisbane Roar at Suncorp Stadium on Saturday 11th October. More details to follow in our newsletter.

Only 4 weeks to Vacation Care so please think about booking in early. This vacation care includes a trip to the Stafford Skate Centre as well as a lot more fun activities.

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

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

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

Each year Swimming Australia recognises and rewards swimmers aged 9 to 13 years through their JX program (Australian Junior Excellence Program). Swimmers who accomplish times set by Swimming Australia qualify at Gold, Silver, Bronze or Green standard depending on their performance/s during the season.


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 5 days is $65. Places are limited and all lesson fees must be paid in advance. 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 from 3.00pm – 5.00pm. Come and join us for a week of technique coaching by our Head Coach, Simon Smith. Swimmers must be able to competently swim a minimum of 50m in all strokes and a 100m IM to sign up for this camp. Cost for the camp is $15 per session or $60 for all 5 sessions.

Swim club recommences Term 4 with our first Club Night on 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.

Our next Committee Meeting will be held at the pool on Tuesday 9 September 2014 at 7:00pm.

See you at the pool!
W: www.wilstonswim.org.au
E: info@wilstonswim.org.au
**LITTLE ATHLETICS**

Windsor Park, Grafton Street, Albion.

**COME AND TRY COMPETITION DATES 2014**

We are holding two ‘Come and Try’ Competition Days for New Athletes on:

- **Saturday 30 August 2014**
  - At 1.30pm
  - The cost is $10 which is then credited to the registration fee if you join.

*This is an opportunity to try Little Athletics which includes events such as Sprints, Middle Distance, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus and High Jump.*

All the events that children compete in school athletics and more!

This exciting season of athletics runs from September 2014 to March 2015 (with a break over Christmas).

All level of athletes, aged from 5 years up to 17 years are welcome to attend these ‘Come and Try’ Days.

For further information contact Shane EGAN-0437 555 603 or David NYSSEN-0410 657 252

Or visit the website [www.citynorthlas.asn.au](http://www.citynorthlas.asn.au)

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**Craigslea State High School Open Mornings**

Would you like to see Craigslea State High School in action? To follow up on the Craigslea State High School Open Day we are offering Open Mornings on the first and third Friday of each month. This is an opportunity to see classes, meet staff and students and to take a tour of the school.

These mornings will run from 9.00am to 10.00am. Our next Open Morning will take place on Friday, 5 September.

You are warmly invited to attend.

For further details please see the flyer below.

**2015 Year 7 and 8 Enrolments**

Year Seven and Eight Enrolment Interviews have commenced for 2015. Interviews are available on the following dates: 8, 10, and 18 September. Enrolment packs may be collected from the Craigslea State High School Administration office. To book interviews please contact our Administration staff on ph: 3326 5222.

Please make bookings for your enrolments early as recent enrolment afternoons have been fully booked.
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).
YOU
AIN'T
THAT
BUSY!

Life is Busy... Find time to catch up with Mates

2014 Father's Day Luncheon

FRIDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2014 - 12:30pm
THE ALLIANCE HOTEL, 320 Boundary St, SPRING HILL
Craft Beer & 3 Course Meal Included

Tickets on Sale NOW
Purchase Tickets @ www.eventbright.com.au
(search “2014 Fathers Day Luncheon”)
Wilston State School

HANDS ON ART Festival 2014

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