FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Wilston Annual Speech Contest
Last Wednesday evening the Wilston Annual Speech Contest took place. This was a terrific evening and highlighted what confident, diverse and critical thinkers we have at Wilston. Fifteen very effective communicators from Year 5 to 7 spoke to us about a variety of topics. The topics ranged from having a ‘Litter free Australia’; ‘Cleaning your room—why bother?’; ‘The perils of prolonged sitting’ to ‘Discrimination against women in sport’. The evening was very entertaining and thought provoking and all of the students should feel so proud of their amazing efforts.

I would also like to thank Mr Medlin for organising and running this event. Our students are very fortunate to have such a dedicated teacher providing opportunities for them to be challenged and excel. Many thanks Mr Medlin.

Prep Information Evening
Last night we hosted our Prep Information Evening for parents of students starting Prep in 2015. Our current Prep teachers explained the curriculum and routines in Prep to help our new students and their parents to successfully make the transition into formal schooling in 2015. It was great to see so many new faces to welcome to the Wilston State School community. We would like to acknowledge and thank Lesley and Jacinda for sharing their experiences as Prep parents and our P&C Tuckshop, Uniform Shop and Wilston Kids’ Care representatives who spoke about the wonderful services that they provide for our school.

We will again welcome our new Prep students and their parents on 28 October and 4 November for their Prep Orientation afternoons where they will get to experience some activities in our Prep precinct.

Year 3 and 4 Skate Night
On Tuesday night our Year 3 and 4 students attended their skate night at Stafford Skate Centre. A big thank you to Mr Stephen Fay, Mr Adam Carrigan, Mrs Kellie Graham and Mrs Rebecca Tait who attended the evening and helped with supervision. 118 skaters (students and teachers), first-timers and experienced, had a wonderful time. Lucky-door prizes were awarded with Jaslyn in Year 3 taking home the main prize and Charlotte (Year 3) and Lily (Year 4) both winning the limbo competition – skating/sliding under a very low bar. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped to raise money for our Student Council.

The Leadership Team
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Parenting With The Brain In Mind: Raising Great Families
John Joseph will be talking at Windsor State School, Constitution Road, Windsor on 20 October 2014 from 7.00 to 9.00pm. Tickets are $10.00 (cash please) and available from the school office. Please see further in the newsletter for more details.

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.

2015 CANBERRA TOUR

Thank you to all the parents and children who signed up for next year’s tour. We have had a wonderful response so far. There are still a number of positions available. Please return your blue form and deposit payment if you would like to attend.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Skate Night
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.

ECOMARINES

Go Green for EcoMarine
We are the EcoMarine ambassadors, and together with Ms Rodriguez and our Eco-Mentors and Eco-Warriors, ‘we’re on a mission to save the bay’. With the responsibility that comes with being an EcoMarine ambassador, we are given missions to help Tangalooma EcoMarines care for and protect our marine wildlife and natural environment. Last week, we started our first weekly eco-meetings to discuss the progress of our first mission, “Spread the Word”. Over 300 students have signed up online so far and we are hoping that we can get a lot more sign up’s by next term. Signing up is easy! Go to http://www.tangaloomaecomarines.com.au/ and click the big green sign-up button on the homepage. Anyone can do it! Parents, grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles. Our second mission, “Adopt-A-Shop”, is in full-swing. We have assigned our Eco-Warriors to kindly ask local shop owners if we can help them reduce their use of plastic bags. We will be checking in with how our warriors went tomorrow during our meeting. Also, tomorrow, we have our ‘Go Green for EcoMarine’ free dress day in celebration of National Threatened Species day and support of our marine life. The money that we collect will be donated to Eco Barge Clean Seas Inc. They are an organisation that runs a marine debris removal program in Australia.

We are looking forward to seeing a SEA-OF-GREEN tomorrow when all of Wilston wears green to show their support! Until next time, thank you for you for all your help. ‘Go Green for EcoMarine! We’re on a mission to save the bay’.

Jessica B, Scarlett S, Jade T and Polly L

ANNUAL SPEECH CONTEST FINALS

The finals of the Annual Speech Contest were held on Wednesday evening, 3 September. A total of 15 students from Years 4, 5, 6 and 7 presented engaging and thought-provoking speeches to an audience of relatives and friends and two independent judges (Ms Frances Constan
tine and Mr Adrian Pauley). The judges were impressed by the overall quality of the speeches, and the poise and confidence of the speakers. It was also apparent to the many who had already heard the speeches presented at the semi-finals, how hard the students had worked on re-hearsing and improving the quality of their speeches. Results are listed below:

YEAR 5
1st – Jake H
2nd – Evangeline M
3rd – Sam R
Finalists – Lily C, Scarlett S

YEAR 6
1st – Connor P
2nd – Flora G
3rd – Lucina C
Finalists – Gia C, Christian S

YEAR 7
1st – Sebastien M
2nd – Lydia J
3rd – Jillian O’D
Finalists – Claire F, Lucy R-T

The winners of the Year 6 and Year 7 divisions, Connor P and Sebastien M respectively, will have their names added to the perpetual Annual Speech Contest shield.

Thanks are also due to the students of the Senior String Ensemble, who played up a storm in a series of entertaining musical interludes, conducted by Mrs Kathryn Payne. The Senior String Ensemble consisted of Andrew G, Jake H, Rory J, Hannah L and Sebastian M

Certificates and trophies will be presented at the whole-school assembly on Thursday, 18 September (Week 10).

All enquiries should be directed to Mr Brendan Medlin (6/7B) at bmed-
12@eq.edu.au.

2014 PRIMARY RESEARCH PROJECT T4

All interested Year 4, 5, 6 and 7 students are invited to participate in the 2014 Primary Research Project.

The Primary Research Project is an online, multiple-choice competition (40 questions on 8 different topics: Inventors & Explorers, Environmental Matters, Sport, Entertainment & Festivals, etc.) which requires a maximum of 4 hours over a 10 day period (Term 4, to be advised). Arrangements will be made for participating students to access the school computer labs for two one-hour blocks during the competition period. Students are encouraged to use dictionaries, computers, the internet and any other library resources at their disposal to answer the questions.

The Primary Research Project provides an opportunity for students to research, interpret and evaluate information. All participating students will receive a certificate. Further information can be found at www.GiantClassroom.com.au.
2014 PRIMARY RESEARCH PROJECT T4

The cost is $6 per student. Wilston State School has a total of 50 places reserved in the Primary Research Project, so register your interest before Friday, 17 October 2014 (Term 4, Week 2). Permission forms are available from Mr Brendan Medlin (L Block, 6/7B; email bmedl2@eq.edu.au).

SCIENCE CHALLENGE TERM 4

I am trialling a Science Challenge for interested students from Years 4-6 in Term 4. I am strictly limiting the places to 15, so book early to avoid disappointment. Email bmedl2@eq.edu.au for a permission form and further information by Friday, 19 September (Week 10; last day of Term 3).

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).

UPDATE FROM THE LIBRARY

CBCA Readers’ Cup State Final
Last Thursday, Wilston’s team of James N, Sienna B, Rose C and Jack O’B competed in the State Final of the Children’s Book Council of Australia’s Readers’ Cup. Eighteen Regions from across the State were represented and the competition was fierce. Points were extremely close and excitement was high. Our team has been reading and practising ever since they made the final in June, and once again they kept us on the edge of our seats by putting on a late spurt and rise up the leader board. They even scored full points in one round - very hard to do! We are extremely proud of their 4th place. Bravo to Rose, Sienna, Jack and James for a marvellous achievement, and a huge thank you to their parents for all their efforts and support.

Congratulations to the winning teams:
- First place - Pacific Paradise State School from the Sunshine Coast
- Second place - Moura State School
- Third place - Bardon State School

Celine Durston

NEWS FROM HPE

Summer Gala Days
Students in Years 5-7 have been given permission notes for the upcoming Gala Days. These need to be returned to their classroom teacher before the holidays. Students will be invoiced for the Gala Days on their Term 4 statement.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Wilston Wonders

ST ALBANS SERVICE THIS SUNDAY!!!
Selected Students Only
Arrive 8.30am, Service starts 9.00am
Morning tea 10.00am
FREE DRESS

SPRING CONCERT REMINDER – STRINGS AND CHOIRS
This Wednesday September 17th
6.30pm arrival
Concert starts 7.00pm sharp
Undercover Area
SCHOOL UNIFORM
Audience members BYO Chair

Kind regards
Miranda Charters and Bev Barnett

FROM THE STRINGS

The Spring Concert is coming very soon. There will be some extra rehearsals in the lead up to the Spring Concert. Please add these to your diaries to ensure your child brings their instrument on the correct days. Each rehearsal is important.
FROM THE STRINGS (contd)

- Dolce Strings (year 4s) rehearsal on this Friday morning.
- All Year 3 students need to bring their instruments on Wednesday, September 17 for a rehearsal at 2.00pm.
- All students who are playing the Lion King will rehearse at 2nd break on Wednesday, September 17 with the choir students.

String Recruitment for 2015
A reminder that all Expression of Interest forms are due back via the Blue Bag by this Friday, 12 September. If you have any questions regarding the String Program, please email Mrs Payne at kpayn49@eq.edu.au

TUCKSHOP NEWS
The term is drawing to an end so we want you to be prepared. There WILL BE NO manual orders next term. All orders will be on line. It's very easy to get started, log on to munch monitors - User Name wilstonss and Password munch4051, then click sign up and follow the prompts.

A big thank you to Clare Purnell who we purchased the Thermomix from. Her services and advice have been a huge help.

With the new term we will need help in the Tuckshop. If you have some time you can give, we would love to see you once a month or even once a term. Come down and see us say hello and have a coffee.

Rosters for Tuckshop week beginning 15/9/14
Monday 15th
Lisa McGrath, Leonie Crawford
Tuesday 16th
Louise Aston, Micheal Stein and Ellie Cayas
Wednesday 17th
Camilla Guerin, Peter Power
Thursday 18th
Lisa Pyne, Chloe Smith, help needed
Friday 19th
Cynthia Wong, Gayle Tilbury, Louise Spark, help needed.

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) and Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Term 4 (between 8.15 and 9.45am).

*** Please note – the shop will be closed on the last day of term – Friday 19 September ***

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 4, 6 and 8); Senior/rep shirts (size 12); dress (size 10); swim towels (red).

Uniforms
New stock: Come and check out the new formal 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? All order forms should now be returned to ensure delivery before the end of Term 3. Late orders will be accepted on Munch Monitors or directly from the shop.

Get Your Preppie Ready
Beat the end of year rush - come and have your preppie fitted with a brand new uniform now! The basic uniform pieces include:
Boys – hat with yellow ribbon, polo shirt and shorts, black shoes (not available in the shop!)
Girls – hat with yellow ribbon, dress (optional), blouse or polo shirt, shorts or skort, black shoes (not available in the shop!)

If you have any questions about what your preppie needs to start school, then please drop by.
Christine Matheson, Convenor. Ph. 3552 8490 / 0448 633 737 / chrismath1@hotmail.co

STUDENT BANKING
Our last day for school banking this term will be tomorrow Friday 12th.
Our first day in Term 4 will be Friday 10 October.

Rewards
In Term 4 we see two more rewards added: the Sea Streamers (for swimming pool play) and also the LED Deep Sea Savers Cup. From now on children will have the whole range of rewards to choose from until stocks last with the exception of the toy plush penguin which has been depleted.

A few notes to remember when banking:
- Please complete deposit slip as this is your record that you are sending money and how much.
- Make sure you are sending Australian currency only.
- If redeeming tokens for a reward please do not pool your tokens with siblings as the rewards are based on individual effort. Also our ordering system works on the actual number of deposits made by each child which means the system only lets us order rewards if your child has banked 10 times.

Calling for Volunteers—We Need Your Help!
Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer to help with processing the students deposits. This only takes a small amount of your time on Monday mornings. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising. Please indicate your interest in volunteering for this great program by contacting us via gfinselbach@optusnet.com.au

NEWS FROM THE P&C
FATHER’S DAY STALL WRAP-UP
A big thanks to the wonderful ladies who volunteered to make the Father’s Day Stall last week a great success: Lesley Hubczenko (and kids!), Tracy Phillips, Megan Pointer, Angela Pratt, Alison Hill, Christine Matheson, Carolyn Mckibbon, Angela Patel, Julia Jenyns, Cathy Hughes, Dani Sharpe and Megan Beattie.

My appreciation again to Leigh Hofmeister & Gavin Reiger for their assistance, and to all the teachers and teacher aides for bringing their classes through the stall.

We hope all the Wilston dads had a great day on Sunday and enjoyed the gifts that their kids put a lot of effort into choosing.
Ingrid Rosemann
NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Farewell to Shannon Lea, our very capable Education Coordinator. Shannon has taken up a teaching position in the Northern Territory and will leave WKC at the end of term. We would like to thank Shannon for all her fantastic work planning our WKC programs. Thanks to her we have some great new initiatives and greater participation with the school. We wish her all the best for the future.

Vacation Care - Only a few weeks to go so please book in early - on many days we will have limited vacancies (especially on our excursion where we are limited by bus capacity). This vacation we require prior booking for all children attending.

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

Maddie Groves, Commonwealth Games medallist and former Wilston Crocodile, will be visiting the school next Thursday 18 September. She will be speaking on assembly and will be at the pool to meet our swimmers from 3:00 - 3:30pm.

Swim Club Sign On is continuing at the pool each afternoon. Please come up to the pool office between 3:00 and 5:00pm to join. Swim club recommences Term 4 with our first club night Friday 10 October 2014 - we are looking forward to using the new timing system and online results for club nights.

Bookings for Term 4 Learn to Swim are open. Learn to swim will also return on Saturdays in Term 4.

We are offering our popular Learn to Swim Intensives Program over the September school holidays from Monday 29th September to Friday 3rd October. We offer 5 x 30min lessons Monday to Friday, at the same time everyday, with the same experienced learn to swim instructor. Lessons commence from 8:30am. Total cost for the five 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 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.

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.

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

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Wilston Crocs Swim Camp September 2014

Wilston Swim Club is again holding their popular swim camp. 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.

Date: Monday 29 September to Friday 3 October 2014.
Times: 3:00- 5:00pm.
Cost $15 per session or $60 for 5 sessions.
For more information on both the LTS intensives or the squad camp please see Kirsten in the office or email info@wilstonswim.org.au
Sports Tuition

23-25 September 2014
School Holiday Survivor Camp for 8-13 year olds ($210)
    Bus service also available ($55)
    Activities include; fishing in electric powered boats, canoeing, rock climbing, archery and open fire cooking.
Also, the following activities may also be of interest...

17-19 October 2014
Family Fishing Weekend ($215)
    Open to all. At least one parent must participate. Grandparents also welcome.

14-16 November 2014
Bluefin Lake Maroon Fishing Classic (Senior $30, Junior $15)
    Over $55,000 in prizes.
    Every junior entrant receives a sample bag...approx $90 value.

www.sportstuition.com.au

You are invited

Thank you God for Spring
Friday 3rd October 2014
9:00am to 3:00pm
St John the Baptist Enoggera
All primary school aged children are invited!!

There will be an exciting program of fun activities – Ordinary Time craft, bible stories, songs, prayer, drama, plays and games.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided by the parish.
Cost $5.00 per child

To organise catering, we need to know numbers by Wednesday 1st October 2014

Please contact the Parish Office for further details or for a registration form kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au or 33521730

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169 Neuramet Road, Wilston QLD 4051
Limited Vacancies available for our 2015 Kindergarten Program!
Contact Tracey / Cassie on 33568100 (or) wilston@littleducks.com.au

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Parenting with the Brain in Mind: Raising Great Families
John Joseph “The Brain Man” @ Windsor State School
A City Cluster Schools Initiative

Constitution Rd, Windsor Qld 4030
20th October 2014
7:00pm-9:00pm (Tea & Coffee available on arrival)
Cost: $10.00 per ticket (available at school’s office)

John Joseph is a former teacher, a former university teacher-educator, tradesperson, businessman and trainer. He grew up in Adelaide South Australia and left school before completing his Year 10 studies. After working in the family business for 11 years, he returned to formal education and graduated with a Masters Degree in Mathematics and Science Education. John is a leading authority on education and has worked with more than 300,000 delegates from more than 3,500 schools across 26 countries. John has a real passion for neuroeducation. His focus is on learning: how it happens; how to maximize it; how to inspire it in students; and practical strategies to enhance it. John is a parent of two young adults.

Parents are crucial partners in the learning process because they are children’s first and most important teachers. “Parenting with the Brain in Mind” is designed to achieve three broad goals: 1) Provide parents with an understanding of what the school is seeking to achieve with their children. 2) Give practical strategies for supporting children’s academic learning and emotional development at home. 3) Describe the conditions necessary to raise great families.

- Weighted Elements: why there is an achievement gap between students and how to support your child to engage with school.
- Motivation and Confidence – developing “I can do it” concepts with your children.
- Allotess – why parents and their children get stressed! Managing family stress when times are tough.
- The four World Model – creating and education for the heart, the hands, the intellect and the future. Creating the conditions for harmonious families.
- Brain Cycles – the critical role of sleep in learning and behaviour. Developing healthy sleep patterns for the whole family.
- Emotional Intelligence – exploring the role of emotions in learning and relationships.
- Creativity – teaching our children how to develop thinking skills, creativity, group skills and entrepreneurial skills.
- Learning and Career Profiling – assessing each child’s strengths and career interests, building personal learning plans with the future in mind.
- Making homework more productive – ways to work smarter, gain better results from study in less time and create balanced approaches to study, family and leisure time.
- Conversations with our kids – using questions to engage our kids in conversation.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome John Joseph to our cluster and in turn we would like to welcome you to join us as a member of a very special audience. Event details are above. For further details please contact the school office. A limited number of tickets are now available from the school’s office. Seats are limited so we encourage you to book your tickets early to this premier event so as to avoid disappointment.

http://www.focuseducation.com.au

THIS IS A PARENT SESSION ONLY...PLEASE DO NOT BRING CHILDREN TO THIS SESSION.
Wilton State School

HANDS ON ART

Festival 2014

26 October 2014
1-4pm

- Family fun
- Live music
- Craft markets
- Kids activities
- Wearable art
- Interactive art
- WSS Dance Troupe
- Wine and nibbles
  and much more!

www.facebook.com/hoafestival

Wilton State School Ever Onward