FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Wow, what another busy term we’ve had! A big thank you to our teachers and students for all their hard work and dedication to learning. We have visited many classrooms this term and have seen our teachers engaging with their students and explicitly teaching and unpacking the Australian Curriculum. We are fortunate to have such willing learners and enthusiastic teachers. It has been wonderful to see students and teachers working with interactive panels, problem solving activities using ‘Think Boards’, sorting their Words Their Way spelling lists and incorporating iPads into their class routine.

We also need to mention the wonderful art work that is happening in preparation for the Art Show in Term 4. Thank you to the parents and teachers leading these weekly activities.

Our students have been involved in a variety of excursions, competitions, musical performances, camps and special celebrations involving the wider community this term, thank you to everyone who has supported these events.

Spring Concert

Last night the Wilston Community were entertained by our Junior Strings, Junior Choir, Dolce Strings, Wilston Wonders Senior Choir and Vivace Strings. This spectacular performance showcased the magnificent talent of our students and staff. Thank you to Mrs Barnett, Mrs Charters, Mrs Payne, Mr Fay, Ms Darling and Ms Rodriguez for organising the event and working tirelessly with our students every week. Your efforts were greatly appreciated by all the parents and the numerous grandparents in attendance.

Farewell to Staff

Last week we were informed that James Morley (Year 3B) has been successful in gaining a permanent position with our Department. Sadly James will be leaving us to take up a permanent position in Townsville. We wish James and his family all the best and we know the parents and students have greatly appreciated his enthusiasm and commitment to teaching students here at Wilston.

Congratulations to Maria Berriman who has been successful in gaining a permanent position as Principal at Mitchelton State School. We acknowledge the wonderful contributions that Maria has made to our school and we wish her all the best in her new position.

Term 4

We wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday. A reminder that the first day of school in Term 4 is Tuesday 07 October 2014.

Keep A Watch On Our School These Holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The Leadership Team
WELL DONE AWARDS

Prep C
Teon B PC, Emerson B PC, Leilani B PD, George L PD, Hugh G PF, Tahlia W PF.

Year 1
Cleo L 1A, Harper L 1A, George S 1B, Samantha M 1B, Johnathan S 1C, Amelie S 1C, Sylvie E 1D, Sonny M 1D, Asher E 1E, Sophie C 1E, Elizabeth B 1F, Oliver C 1F.

Year 2

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Preparing for Puberty
We are pleased to be able to offer this program again. The ‘Preparing for Puberty’ talks for our Year 5, 6 and 7 students will be early Term 4. These talks are in class groups with 2 x 90min sessions. A letter will be going home to parents detailing the program in week 1 Term 4. The cost of this program is $10 per child which will appear on the Term 4 statement. Parents/Guardians of Year 5, 6 and 7 students are welcome to attend the Parent Information Session on Monday 13 October 2014 at 6.00pm in the D Block Staffroom to gain a full understanding of the content and answer any questions. We request no children attend this session please.

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 in 2015 (D.O.B. 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010) 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.

FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM

WTW (Words Their Way)
We have recently implemented a new word study program called ‘Words Their Way’. The program focuses primarily on the patterns and sound features within a word, as well as the history behind our English language. Teachers in Years 2-6 will be sending these word sorts home instead of their previous spelling lists.

Brain Research and Impact on Spelling
In the past 20 years, there has been a flurry of research done that looks at how the brain retains and accesses information. The brain research has translated into concrete classroom practices designed to help learners access and remember increasingly complex information.

In the past, we understood that learning meant providing time and opportunity to fill the brain with knowledge. To that end, we would provide students with lists of words to memorise and we would test them on their ability to recall words. This skill and drill allowed us to utilise only a small portion of the brain. For most of us, learning spelling meant cramming for Friday’s test and forgetting all the words by the next Monday. We know the brain strives to organise information into meaningful chunks. To learn new words, we must connect what we know to what we are trying to learn. The information must be meaningfully organised in order for the brain to make the most sense of it.

Next issue – How do children learn to spell?

Danielle Freeman

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

Badges
Badges for the new student councillors will be presented at a whole school assembly on the first week of Term 4 being Thursday 9 October 2014 at 2.00pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Free Dress Day
The next Free Dress Day is on Wednesday 8 October. This is to help raise money for the Medical Research Institute of Queensland. The MRIO is one of the leading research groups looking into cures for many cancers and blood diseases.

ECOMARINES

Wow! Since last Thursday’s eco-update, our online EcoMarine Tangalooma sign-ups have risen to over 550. This is great news! Last Friday, we had our ‘Go Green for EcoMarine’ day and raised $743.85. Ms Rodriguez spoke with Libby Edge, Founding Chair, of Eco Barge Clean Seas Inc. and she was ecstatic to hear that we are donating to their program, so thank you for all your donations. During our eco-meeting we discussed our current mission, ‘Adopt-a-Shop’ and we have officially adopted nine shops in our local area so far. We want to thank everyone that was involved, including parents, brothers and sisters, in helping our Eco-Warriors speak with shop owners to convince them to reduce their use of plastic bags. Next term we will be completing another mission to help keep our streets clean. Parents of any Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 students can sign-up their child online as a member of Tangalooma EcoMarines, so go to www.tangaloomaecomarines.com.au/ and find the big GREEN sign up button on the homepage and fill out the boxes. You will need a valid email address and we can assure you, you won’t be sent any spam mail. Becoming an Eco Marine means that you care about our environment and want to learn how you can keep it beautiful for years to come. By signing up to become an Eco Marine, you can take a pledge and have your word heard! We are looking forward to continuing our work after the holidays.

HAPPY and SAFE HOLIDAYS and don’t forget, ‘We’re on a mission to save the bay’

Eco-fact: Marine debris removed from the Whitsunday islands since July 2009 = 114,288 kilograms. That is approximately the weight 190 blue whales or 60 of your family’s car.
INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY

International Peace Day is approaching on 21 September. To raise awareness of human rights abuses, the tireless work of Amnesty International in defending human rights and the importance of peace in our community, there will be an installation of “origami peace cranes” in St John’s Cathedral until 27 September. This will also coincide with a UN-led International Day of Peace Celebration at the Cathedral on 21 September 2014.

All Wilston SS children are invited to participate in this “Peace Crane Project”.

Interested students can come along to the library at lunchtime on Friday, 19 September to compose a peace message or drawing and make cranes. White origami paper, pens and lots of help will be provided.

LOTE NEWS

Soranbushi (Fisherman’s Dance)
The Soranbushi was amazing. To dance it was a big workout. We used actions from fishing ships; pulling ropes, throwing nets, and tossing fish onto the ship. It was really fun to do and the demonstration (by volunteer Mika Kinoshita) was fantastic.

James Noonan
Year 6 Wilston Student

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.

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).

2014 WILSTON SCIENCE COMPETITION

The Wilston Science Competition is being held in Term 3. The aims of the competition include:

- 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).

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).

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

Congratulations!!

We are very proud of all the students who performed last night at our annual Spring Concert! Our enthusiastic children entertained us with a wonderful array of music and enjoyed watching each other sing and play. Thank you to the teachers, staff and parents who helped pull the night together.

Thanks also to the students and parents who attended the “Children’s Service” at St Albans Church last Sunday.
CHOIR NEWS

Our children proudly lead the congregational singing.

Wilston Wonders Term 4
A note will be sent home this week about dates coming up in Term 4. Please remember that students are still required to attend choir rehearsal on Gala days. They will be released in time to meet their team.

Kind regards

Miranda Charters and Bev Barnett

BRASS WOODWIND & PERCUSSION

The 2014 Wildcatz Studio CD has been recorded and mastered and hopefully available for sale at the Customs House Concert. The CD will be a fine teaching tool for the future, as our other CD’s have proven to be. The cost will be $5.00.

The uniforms are available at a cost of $25.00 (a great price for a hat and shirt) and should be worn at the Customs House Concert. The current Year 6’s should wear black if they don’t have a uniform as they will not need one next year.

Here is a list of our current October concerts. At this time of year the Wildcatz concerts become particularly high profile and I would like to thank the Wildcatz families for their support of our concerts and musical standards.

Sunday 12 October: 2014 Wildcatz Customs House Concert. Entire Wildcatz Ensemble (including this year's beginners). Arrive 1.30pm to perform at 2.00pm. Wildcatz uniform.


STRINGS UPDATE

String Recruitment 2015: All Expression of Interest forms should have now been returned to the office. I will begin testing all interested students in the first few weeks of Term 4. If you have not handed in your form, please email Mrs Payne at kpayn49@eq.edu.au.

Music Fest is on Saturday October 18 at Ferny Grove SS hall. Children are to wear their music polo shirt with school shorts/skorts, black shoes and white socks. Dolce Strings are to meet at 1.00pm for a 2.00pm performance and the Vivace Strings are to meet at 4.30pm for a 5.30pm performance.

Honours Music camp was held last week where 11 of our string students had a fabulous time. This was held at Craigielea SHS and Craigielea SS. The children had the opportunity to play and perform in a large string ensemble, a symphony orchestra and a mass choir.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

THERE WILL ONLY BE ONLINE ORDERS IN TUCKSHOP AS OF THE FIRST WEEK BACK. MUNCH MONITORS IS EASY AND QUICK TO USE.

Log in to Munch Monitors. The user name is wilstonss and password munch4051, this will get you started. Watch out for the new menu on line with munch monitors. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Rosters for the first week back from holidays .
Week beginning the 6th October 2014

Monday 6th       Pupil free day
Thursday 9th      Angela Pratt, Harriet Carter, Angela Patel
Friday 10th       Angela Rose, Hayley Haggerty, Sharon Snowdon, Andrew Quintan

UNIFORM SHOP

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 ***
UNIFORM SHOP (contd)

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 skirts). 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
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- Boys – hat with yellow ribbon, polo shirt and shorts, black shoes (not available in the shop!)
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If you have any questions about what your preppie needs to start school, then please drop by.

School Survey:
A survey will be sent out to all families in Term 4 seeking your opinion on the possible introduction of a formal unisex shirt into the Wilston uniform collection. Watch out for this flyer next term!

Have a great holiday break!

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

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

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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. Nominations are now open for the first two weeks of Swim Club. To nominate for Club Night events, access the club web page (www.wilstonswim.org.au) and click on the nomination link. Nominations close Thursdays at 6:00pm. If you miss nomination, you will not be able to swim on that particular Club Night. The Club Night calendar can be found on the website.

Volunteers are needed for BBQ and canteen duties on Club Nights. Each family can nominate one date for each term (one for BBQ and one for canteen) - alternatively you will be allocated dates. Please email Kirsten in the pool office for more information.

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 and the 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.

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Saskya saskya_hunter@hotmail.com and Claire glenandclaire2@bigpond.com

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Remember that Vacation Care starts next week. This vacation week we require prior booking for all children attending.

We have lots of exciting activities planned these holidays, including in the first week a waterslide, go karts, pyjama day and a trip to the Stafford Skate Centre.

In the second week we continue the fun with a Master Chef day, spray paint tattoos, a jumping castle and a tie dye workshop. All this and our usual art and craft days and robotics ensures that kids will have a great September break.

Please book in early - on many days we will have limited vacancies (especially on our excursion where we are limited by bus capacity. 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

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Hands On Art Festival

www.facebook.com/hoafestival

Wilston State School Ever Onward
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 7,600 schools across 26 countries. John has a real passion for neuroeducation. His focus is on learning: how it happens; how to maximise 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.
- Alloters – 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 Care – 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 your 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.
CIRCUS CLASSES AT WILSTON SCHOOL

Circus classes are fantastic for building coordination, confidence, core strength and flexibility.

Children in grades 1 to 7 can attend classes with Claire’s Circus School on Tuesday mornings from 7:40-8:40am starting on the 7 October.

For more information or to make a booking, email claires.circus.school@gmail.com or call 0439 532 299
Banana Bash is a Motorsport event organised by Queensland Rovers. Each crew can build and maintain their own car and bring it to Banana Bash to test their driving skill. Sunday 5 October is your chance to come and check it out! So bring your Scout groups, family and friends to enjoy the day out.

Address: Opposite 81 Samford Rd, Camp Mountain
Gates open at 8:30am and will close at 5.00pm.
Passes will be sold at the gates as follows:
$10 Adults
$5 for children under 15
and 11 and under are FREE!
Food and drink sold onsite or feel free to bring your own.
For more info visit www.bananabash.com.au
Any other questions can be answered by Owen Wilson via ot.wilson@hotmail.com

After her informative and practical parenting advice sessions in schools around Brisbane, Clinical Psychologist, Dr Judith Locke, is offering a 2-hour parenting session (with 15 minutes of question time) to parents of children in Year 6 - 9. Judith uses latest research and her clinical experience to show positive and effective strategies parents can use to help their child become confident and capable, manage tricky teen behaviour, and maintain communication with their teen.

After this session, Judith will be offering a one-hour session on ideal ways to prepare your child to start high school (Year 7 or 8). The sessions will be offered at QUT Counselling Clinic at Kelvin Grove on Sunday 26 October at 9.00am and 12.00pm. She also has sessions coming up for parents of younger children, including helping your child prepare for their first year at school. You can purchase tickets at www.confidentandcapable.com

I am a part-time worker at Wilston State School, looking for a 2 bedroom home to rent in Brisbane north/west from mid October.
Ideally around Wilston.
Excellent rental history.
Non Smoker and no pets.
Please contact Fiona T: 04900 58444 or E: fiona.denham64@gmail.com