FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

The Wilston Wonders Senior Choir received a ‘Platinum’ trophy at the Prestige Music Fest on Saturday. Well done to all the students and thank you to Miranda Charters and Stephen Fay.

Prep Orientation Sessions
The two Prep Orientation Sessions went really well. I’d like to thank our Prep teachers, Shelley Davies, Marina Nicklin, Katelyn Bibby, Mel Grim, Monika Hillier and Rebecca Tait for giving up their afternoons. A big thanks also to Debbie Mill and Danielle Freeman for ensuring that both sessions ran smoothly.

Going on Holidays
If you are going on holidays and will not be returning by the start of the school year (Tuesday 27 January) please contact the office as you will be required to complete the necessary documentation.

Leaving at the end of the year?
The Christmas vacation is a time when some families relocate out of the Wilston area to move interstate, out of town or move suburbs. If you know your child won’t be at Wilston State School in 2015 please complete the form sent out last week via the Parent Liaison email list or email info@wilstonss.eq.edu.au. We would appreciate this information as early as possible.

Statements
It has come to my attention that we have outstanding statements to be paid. Statements have been sent home with your children weekly. I would appreciate it if you could please pay any outstanding amounts by Wednesday 19 November 2014.

Thank you.

Wilston Sign
If you’ve noticed the unchanged messages on the school sign please bear with us as it is currently broken. We’re currently exploring options to have it repaired or replaced.

G20 Summit Holiday
Just a reminder that Friday 14 November is a Public Holiday.

John Cattoni
Principal
WELL DONE AWARDS

Year 3
Sienna B 3A, Annie F 3A, Joshua H 3B, Isabella S 3B, Riley C 3D, Reuben K 3D, Nika F 3D, Deedee C 3F, Lily V 3F.

Year 4

Year 5
Liam K 5C, Oliver S 5C, Nate R 5C, Connor N 5C, Hugh C 5C, Ruby Mcl 5C, Maya W 5C Jack P 5A, Georgina H 5A, Blake M 5B, Lily O 5B.

Year 6
Piper McD 6A, Lily W 6A, Emma B 6A.

VACANCY SCHOOL CROSSING

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Wilston State School.
Remuneration $27.49 per hour. 1.5 hours per day on a roster system—up to five days a week currently available. Application packs available from the school. Applications close on 14 November 2014.
For further information, please contact Deb Jackson, BSM.

SALVATION ARMY FOOD/GIFT CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2014

Again this year we are collecting for the Salvos.

We are always amazed at the generosity of our school community and the excitement we see in our children when they place a gift of food for a child or adult that they do not know. What a wonderful way to teach our student about the true meaning of giving.

You will find our Christmas tree in the office foyer in C Block. Bring the children to have a look. There will be gift tags with boy/girl, adult, grandad etc for those who would like to place a gift under the tree. Canned goods are always welcome as well as everyday items such as cereal, biscuits, sauces.

A representative from the Salvation Army will address the children at our final assembly where they will be presented with our gifts.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and generosity.

TERM PAYMENTS

Thank you again for your ongoing support and generosity.

White Statements went home this week.
Thank you to all those parents that have paid their term fees. This is just a reminder to those paying directly into the school bank account to please remember to put the family ID number or their child’s full name in the reference. We have received a number of payments with either no reference or a first name which is making it hard to match up.

All payments for Term 4 excursions and activities are now due.

2014 WILSTON YEARBOOK

Order forms for our 2014 Yearbook have gone out. If you wish to purchase a copy please send in your order before Wednesday 19 November 2014. The cost this year is $30.00 per book.

Once you have completed the order form, please place this and the cash or cheque in an envelope clearly marked Yearbook Order and the name and class of the student. As an order form needs to accompany payment we are not accepting direct banking.

The order form is available on our school webpage.

If any parents have photographs of school events and activities they think we could use, please email them to dfree19@eq.edu.au.

2015 CANBERRA SKI TRIP

There are still 14 positions available. If you would like your child to attend the Canberra Ski Trip please see Vanessa Stackelberg or email vstack1@eq.edu.au. We would like to pay our deposit to the Ski Tour company before the end of the year.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Fundraiser for Act for Kids - Wednesday 12 November 2014
The whole school will be participating in a Teddy Bears’ Picnic on the school oval, lunch time on Wednesday November 12. It will be a free dress day with the theme of Teddy Bear’s Picnic. Students are reminded to wear appropriate sun safe clothing, closed in shoes and bring their hats. Parents are invited to join their children for lunch. There will be a competition for the best dressed teddy bear as well.

Students are asked to bring a donation for Act for Kids.

Bring your regular lunch, order your tuckshop and enjoy a picnic on the oval. A sausage sizzle will be available at $2 each. Zooper Doopers will be sold for 50 cents.

All money collected will be going to a worthy cause.

ECO MARINES NEWS

Hi there! Here’s an update on our progress since our last news report. At the end of Term 3, we adopted 10 shops around our local area, even our own 7-Eleven. These shops have vowed to help decrease their use of plastic bags. You can help to by using re-useable bags when you go shopping or say ‘NO’ (thanks) to plastic bags. You can help to by using re-useable bags when you go shopping or say ‘NO’ to plastic bags when you’ve only purchased a few items. It’s that easy!

A few weeks ago, we attended another EcoMarine event call ‘THE WAVE’ to share with all the other EcoMarine ambassadors and support crews what we have done so far.
We received a certificate of recognition for our contribution to Moreton Bay Marine conservation.

Only recently we were interviewed by 612 ABC Brisbane and our segment aired last week. If you would like to hear our interview you can go to, http://blogs.abc.net.au/queensland/2014/10/school-children-hope-to-get-moreton-bay-from-b-to-a.html?site=brisbane&program=612_breakfast. We’ve had some great feedback on our segment, even from people outside of our Wilston School community. So, go and check it out! ‘We sound MAD!’

Our next mission is ‘ADOPT-A-STREET’.
To ADOPT-A-STREET, you have to be committed to walk your street at least once a week and pick up rubbish. It’s pretty easy really, especially if you go for walks in the morning or afternoon with your family, friends or dog. If you would like to be a part of this mission, you don’t have to be an eco-warrior or an ambassador, go and see Ms Rodriguez in E Block and she will give you a form that has to be filled out and signed by your parents and returned to your Ecomarine ambassadors by Tuesday 11th November. Our plan is to adopt as many streets as possible. We would also like those students that are adopting-a-street to take a picture while picking up rubbish or with their street sign, so we can create an Eco-Wall of photos in library of all our accomplishments. Remember to be very careful when picking up rubbish. For tips on ‘safely picking up rubbish’, go to www.tangaloomaecomarines.com. If you want to know more about our mission, just ask us or Ms Rodriguez.

We’re on a mission to save the bay!

Jessica B, Scarlett S, Jade T and Polly L

NEWS FROM HPE

Met North Triathlon/Aquathlon Trials – November 9
Good luck to all students competing at this Sunday’s All Schools Triathlon and Aquathlon championships at Kawana. These races are used as selection trials for the Regional Teams.

School Swimming Carnival Dates
December 1 & 2 – Junior Carnival
December 4 & 5 – Senior Carnival (students born 2001 – 2005)

Queensland Primary Schools Relay Carnival
All students in the swimming relay teams that are competing at the Chandler Relay Carnival need to ensure that they have returned their notes and payment to Mr Bell. Via the class Blue Bag.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Congratulations to our Wilston Wonders Senior Choir for receiving a "Platinum" trophy at the Prestige Music Fest last Saturday. Our students sang with confidence, control and enthusiasm and certainly represented our school with pride. Thank you to Mr Fay, Mr Hendriks and all our parents for coming along to support this event.

Don't forget to return the "Platinum Pizza Party" forms at choir tomorrow (Friday).

FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

String Recruitment: All successful and unsuccessful students for 2015 will receive a letter this Friday. If you do not wish for your child to accept their offer, please let Mrs Payne know so that I can reassign the position. Parents of all successful students are required to attend the Parent Information Evening on Tuesday, November 25 which will be held in D block starting at 6.30pm.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

No Coffee Shop during the last week of term.
Please note:
Tuckshop will only be open Monday and Tuesday during the last week of school.
There will be no Tuckshop on Wednesday 10, Thursday 11, and Friday 12 December 2014. (Week 10).

Christmas Party – 4 December
The “thank you” Christmas party for all Tuckshop and Uniform Shop volunteers will be on Thursday 4 December at Bec’s house. Please RSVP to us or to Bec if you’d like to come along.

Munch monitors is going great, to save your time in this busy world go online and order your lunches with munch monitors.

Don't forget Disco tickets are also available online with munch monitors.

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

SHOP OPEN: Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Term 4 and Term 1 2015 (between 8.15 and 9.45am). Open Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd January between 8.30am and 11.30am. Closed for the public holiday on Monday 26 January, and open on first day of Term 1 on Tuesday 27th January 2015.

SHOP ONLINE: Go to www.munchmonitor.com; Username: wilstonss and Password: munch4051. All items purchased online are delivered to your child’s class. Please note: Munch Monitors has recently been upgraded and will not run correctly with older versions of Microsoft Internet Explorer (less than Version 9) – simply upgrade or choose an alternative internet browser to ensure log-in and ordering functions.

Stock Update: Out of Stock: Paterson shirts (sizes 4, 6 and 8 – new shirts expected Term 1 2015); Senior/rep shirts (size 12); dress (size 10); swim towels (red); red swim tops (med).

2015 Book Lists
Place your order as soon as possible to ensure early delivery. All orders placed before 9 January are freight free. Order by logging on to the Edsco website (www.edsco.com.au) and following the prompts. Remember to select Wilston State School! Otherwise, return your forms via the blue bags in the classrooms.
Please note: You may see a price difference between the online book pack list and the paper version. This is because the online lists have all the list items pre-checked, including anything listed as an additional/carry-over item. If you do not need any these additional items or other items in the basic pack, just untick the boxes before submitting your order.

‘LAST CHANCE’ UNIFORM CLEARANCE – 1-10 December
All discontinued uniform items must be cleared before the end of the year. All items will be $5 (except for remaining house polos which will be $20). Items on sale include:
* old-style house polos
* old-style winter stock (bootleg pants and microfibre track pants)
* old style shorts
* knit shorts
* printed polos
* blouses
* old style hats
There are limited sizes – many of them large!!
Sale dates will be: Monday 1st, Wednesday 3rd, Friday 5th, Monday 8th and Wednesday 10th December.
Come and search for a bargain!!!

Christmas Party – 4 December
The “thank you” Christmas party for all Tuckshop and Uniform Shop volunteers will be on Thursday 4 December at Bec’s house. Please RSVP to us or to Bec if you’d like to come along.

Stocktake Volunteers
The final stocktake for 2014 will be held on Wednesday 10 December from 10.00am. Any help with counting stock would be much appreciated. Just let us know if you have some spare time.
Christine Matheson and Janice Nykiel, Convenors
Ph. 3552 8490 / 0448 633 737 / chrismath1@hotmail.com

P&C NEWS

School Glitter and Glam Disco
Don’t forget the school disco is on Saturday 22 November 2014. There are two sessions for the disco, with the Preps to Year 3 children attending from 4:30pm until 6.00pm and the Years 4 to 7 children from 6:15pm until 8.00pm.

Tickets are now available through Munch Monitors via the School Shop page.

Ticket sales close 9 am Friday 21 November. We need parent helpers for set up and on the night. You can easily choose what you would like to help with and the time from our volunteers sign-up page at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4da92ca7fd0-disco
For any further information please contact Saskya saskya_hunter@hotmail.com or Claire glenandclaire2@bigpond.com

STUDENT BANKING

New Competition
This term we have an exciting competition happening “The clam of fortune” and every deposit made turns automatically into an entry (up to 6 entries).
Prizes are:
40 GoPro Hero3 White Edition Cameras
150 Slip N Slide Double Wave Riders


NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Club Captain Nominations are open for those students who will be in Year 6 in 2015. If you haven’t already received a nomination form please contact Kirsten in the office for details. Nomination forms must be returned by Friday 7 November 2014.

Good luck to all our swimmers representing the Wilston Crocs this weekend at the Clayton Owen and River City Rapids meet.

Congratulations to Trainer of the Week - Kiara G.

This week the following families are on BBQ and Canteen duty:
BBQ
Gladman, Stuart and Lucas
Boyle, Sampson and Pauli.

Canteen
Bec.

Club night nominations close Thursdays at 6:00pm. If you miss nomination, you will not be able to swim on that particular Club Night.

There is limited availability for Term 4 Learn to Swim which also runs on Saturdays this term. Please see Kirsten in the pool office for availability.

Term 4 swim fees are now overdue. Please see Kirsten in the pool office if you are unsure if you have any fees outstanding.

Future Committee Meeting dates: 7:30pm poolside - 11 November 2014 and 7:00pm poolside on 9 December 2014.
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- Come to our free 2-hour seminar!

Parents of teenagers are invited to take part in new research by attending a seminar based on the successful Teen Triple P: Positive Parenting Program.

Dates: October to December, 2014
Venues: PVCY Bayside, Carindale, Inala and UQ St Lucia

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E: parentingteens@uq.edu.au
P: 3362 7206 or 3362 7303

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We require more stall holders.
Do you have some extra STUFF lying around that could be turned into cash?
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Please book a site:
Contact: ssscampfundraising@gmail.com or call 0421 679 198.
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WHERE:
Stafford State School
Cnr Stafford & Webster Roads STAFFORD.
COST:
$20 per car boot site or $25 per market stall.
Each year your children are picked up from school over 200 times and over 400 other families are doing the same thing. At Wilston State School we are committed to doing everything we reasonably can to ensure that no child is injured while they are being dropped off or picked up from school. For many years we have all felt frustration as people use the loading zones in different ways.

The 2 minute loading zones on Thomas and Pinnaroo Streets operate the Look Out program. This program is designed to ensure reduced congestion and the safety of our students.

We know all families do not use these loading zones but we want you to know how the program works. Remember we want safe efficient loading zones.

Our monitors do a fantastic job and you can help by following the guidelines in this newsletter when you use the zone. If you see a problem and have a suggested way to fix the problem please let us know.

How does the program work?

Each afternoon these 2 minute loading zones are monitored to ensure they are functioning effectively and safely.

Our monitors ensure there are no unsafe practices in the loading zone area such as:

- children loading into double parked cars,
- loading into the driver side of the vehicle,
- vehicles standing for more than 2 minutes, and
- vehicles entering or leaving the zone in an unordered manner.

When you drive into the 2 minute loading zone the monitors will call your children from the waiting area. The monitors will allow for the first 3 vehicles to load and move on before allowing any further vehicles to load.

If you child is not waiting for you when your vehicle gets to the front of the queue, you will be asked to move on and re-join the end of the queue.

If you have not already registered, please contact the office for your registration form and visitor name tag.

Load & Leave Safely

How to Use the Look Out Program

1. families queue and display their family name tags on the dash. (Drivers do not leave their vehicle).
   The first three vehicles will be loaded at any one time.

2. Wait while a monitor on the footpath calls for your children.
   (If your children are not waiting, you will be asked to move on and join the end of the queue. It is suggested you do not arrive at the loading zone prior to school finishing and it is likely you will be asked to move.)

3. Slay in car, a monitor in the school grounds will send out your children.

4. Look Out for your children. The caller confirms with children that this is the family vehicle.

5. Load and leave safely after your children have arrived. Do not let children load school bags into the boot of the vehicle and please ensure the children enter the vehicle from the passenger side. Move out of the zone in order.

6. The next vehicles in queue move to the front boys. Process begins again.

Reminder:

The loading zone is a two minute zone by law. If your children are not able to be loaded within the two minutes, the law requires that you move on. Every effort will be made to locate your children and avoid the need for you to move on without picking them up. When your children are not at the loading zone prior to you, you will be asked to move on and join the end of the queue.

We understand this is inconvenience however keeping the line moving provides a benefit to all parents.

"Please be courteous and patient!"

Have you arrived early at the loading zone? Do you children know to come straight to the loading zone?