FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome Back

I hope that you had a terrific holiday and are now ready for a hectic and productive finish to the school year. We look forward to your support and co-operation as we move forward.

Student Free Day

Monday 20 October is designated as the Pupil Free Day for Term 4. Parents will need to make suitable arrangements for student supervision on this day. Teachers will be engaged in a busy program of professional development and planning activities.

Swimming

Classes commence this week. Teachers have advised you of their class swimming days. Please ensure that children have all the necessary requirements: bathers, towel, cap if needed, sun-shirt all in a sturdy bag.

Summer Gala Days

For the next three Fridays students in Years 5, 6 & 7 will participate in interschool gala days.

Exemptions from Compulsory Schooling and Compulsory Participation - Information for Parents

Every parent of a child of compulsory school age or a young person in the compulsory participation phase has a legal obligation to ensure their child is enrolled and attending school or participating in an eligible option. Parents can apply for an exemption when their child cannot attend or it would be unreasonable in all the circumstances for their child to attend school or participate in an eligible option for a period of more than 10 consecutive school days. Situations where an application for an exemption may be made include:

- Illness
- Family reasons
- Cultural or religious reasons

If your child is exempted from compulsory schooling, you are excused from your obligation in relation to compulsory schooling or compulsory participation.

The school principal is not responsible for providing an educational program to your child, however they may provide advice on other educational options available.

Who decides to grant or not grant an exemption?

Decisions about exemptions for up to one school year are made by the principal of the school. Decisions about exemptions for more than one school year are made by the relevant Regional Director of the Department of Education, Training and Employment, responsible for the supervision of the school your child attends.

Applying for an exemption

You are encouraged to discuss with the school whether an application for exemption is a suitable option. The school can provide you with an application form for an exemption. It is important that supporting documentation and evidence are attached to the application.

When a decision about the exemption has been made, you will be informed in writing whether or not the exemption has been granted and if any conditions have been imposed. If you are not satisfied with the decision made, you can make a submission for the decision to be reviewed.

John Cattoni
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

The school community wishes Lucy R-T of 7A all the best at the International Futsal Competition (indoor soccer) in San Francisco in October. We hope you have a wonderful time and enjoy the experience. Good luck to your team Lucy.

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 held this term. These talks are in class groups with 2 x 90min sessions. A letter will be going home to parents detailing the program this week. 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.

Parents at Assembly
It is great to see so many parents attending our sector assemblies, however, it has become increasingly difficult for our teachers to access seating close to their class. Could parents attending our assemblies please avoid sitting on the seats beside classes as teachers need to be able to supervise their children. Parents are welcome to use any other seating available in the Undercover Area.

FROM HEAD OF CURRICULUM

How do children learn to spell?
When we observe children at different ages, it becomes clear that there are certain recognisable stages they move through on their way to competent spelling. These stages are developmental, meaning students naturally move through them and with appropriate support, can become good spellers. At every stage, students can learn to spell using a three pronged approach. In writing, students attend to certain features of words at each stage. These features are increasingly complex, but the brain is able to take what it already knows and connect it to the new features. Through reading, the student is able to recognise features and patterns in new contexts. This builds the ability to connect learning. Through proofreading, their writing, students are able to apply in a concrete way what they have learned. All three parts are essential if students are to become competent spellers.

### Stages of Development

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Next Issue - How will My Child Learn Words?

GRANTS UPDATE

Great news – Wilston State School has been successful in obtaining a $1,200 grant for girls soccer and sports’ uniforms. This is a great result for our girls sporting teams. I would like to thank the Telstra Kids Fund for their continued support of community organisations. A special thanks to Jake from Year 5, who contacted his Aunt Carly who supported our grant. Without this support, we could not have been successful, so thanks to Jake for showing his initiative.

Thanks also to Catherine Howells, Year 5 teacher, who coordinated the quotes. This grant was completed in exceptionally short time frames but we have had a fantastic result.

We look forward to watching our girl’s sporting teams run out in their new uniforms.

If there are any other Telstra Employees out there with a connection to Wilston, let me know and we might be able to provide some other items around our school. Thanks to everyone who assisted with this grant application.

Bernie O’Dowd. Grants Coordinator

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council would like to thank everyone for their donations at the Free Dress Day to support the Queensland Institute of Medical Research. The school raised $1014.45.

2015 CANBERRA TOUR

Bookings numbers for the 2015 Canberra Tour are to be confirmed with the travel agent next week. There are still a number of places available. Please return your blue form and deposit payment if you wish your child to attend.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of lost property in the Art Room under C Block. Items that are named are returned to students via the teacher pigeon holes.

Please can you make sure that all your children’s items of clothing etc are clearly marked with their names. With the swimming season starting this term, please check that all these items are marked as well.

UPDATE FROM THE LIBRARY

Dress-up Parade for Book Week
We will be holding the Dress-up Parade to celebrate Children’s Book Week next Thursday morning, 16 October. Everyone is invited to come dressed as a favourite book character or – if you are wanting to be really creative - as something related to the 2014 Book Week theme – Connect to Reading.

Costumes can be as simple or as elaborate as you like. It is not a competition. The focus is on celebrating our wonderful Australian children’s books and their authors and illustrators. A hat, a mask, a tail – this is enough to be part of the fun. I have suggested that children can bring the book with them or pin on the character’s name.

The Parade will start soon after 9.00am and should last about half and hour.

Celine Durstan
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 bmedlinz@yahoo.com.au).

NEWS FROM HPE
Summer Gala Days
Students in Years 5-7 will be heading off tomorrow for their first of three Gala Interschool Sports Days. Students need to have returned their permission notes to participate in these days.

Student requirements for Gala Days:
- Playing equipment (if required)
- Full sports uniform
- Wide brimmed hat
- Water bottle and lunch.

AFL
- O’Callaghan Park, Zillmere.

Baseball
- Hendra Allstars, Oriel Road, Hendra.

Diamond Cricket
- North District Cricket, Shaw Park, Wavell Heights.

Flipperball
- Wilston A
- Wilston State School.

Wilston B
- Wooloowin SS and Eagle Junction SS.

Touch Football
- Valleys Hockey, Shaw Park, Wavell Heights.

Good luck to all students representing Wilston SS on these days.

School Swimming
School swimming in PE classes has begun this week and will continue throughout the term. It is essential that students have the following equipment to swim:
- Togs
- Sun shirt
- Swim cap
- Towel
- Swimming bag
- Goggles (optional)

Any assistance with supervision during these lessons is very much appreciated. If you are able to help out, contact your child’s classroom teacher.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS
Wilston Wonders rehearsals resume this Friday at 8.00am. As we are preparing for the Music Fest in week 4 it is essential that we have a full cohort of our wonderful choristers! Students will be released a little earlier to get to their Gala Day assembly areas.

Miranda Charters

TUCKSHOP NEWS
We are now totally online for orders in the Tuckshop. It’s very exciting with the changes and when you go online check out our new menu. Mad Mexican Monday is back and so are yummy salads. Any problems with munch monitor just pop in to Tuckshop and we will help you out.

Week beginning 13 October 2014
Monday 13
Jackie Redmond, Christine Arnall
Tuesday 14
Elissa Howie, Help needed
Wednesday 15
Mandy Kennedy, Andrea Martin
Thursday 16
Judith Kohl, Jacinta Geritz
Friday 17
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: Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Term 4 and Term 1 2015 (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.

Welcome!
A big welcome to Janice Nykiel! Janice will be convening the Uniform Shop on Wednesdays.

2015 Book Lists
Yes, it’s that time of the year! The book lists for the 2015 book packs have been distributed this week. Orders are due back by 24th October to ensure freight free delivery by 5th November 2014.

How to order – the quickest and easiest method is 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.

Plastic book covers – the slip-on book covers are now included in the book lists as an optional extra. The correct number of covers has been determined for each year level – just add them to your order to save yourself hours of book wrapping!

Uniforms
Swimwear for Term 4
Does your child need a long-sleeve rashie/top, cap, goggles, swim bag or towel for swimming this term? All these items are available from the shop now.

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 skirt, black shoes (not available in the shop!).

Wilston State School Ever Onward
FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP (contd)

If you have any questions about what your preppie needs to start school, then please drop by.

Christine Matheson and Janice Nykiel, Convenors
Ph. 3552 8490 / 0448 633 737 / chrismath1@hotmail.com

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Hands on Art
Thank you to the many classes who helped to bring in recyclables from home for Hands on Art. Milk bottles will be used to make an igloo, other plastic bottles will be used as planters in our garden, cardboard items will be used in the Global Cardboard Challenge and all other items will be used for some of the fun, hands on activities on the day. It was a great recycling effort by everyone, however there was one clear winner. We are pleased to announce the winning class was Prep E. Your certificate and tuckshop prize is on its way. Well done!

Natalie Gardiner

Wilston School Disco
Just a reminder that the school disco is this term. Keep Saturday 22 November free so you can come along. The theme for the disco is Glitter and Glam. This was decided by the Student Council. The disco is divided into two sessions with the Preps to Year 3 children from 4.30pm until 6.00pm and the Year 4 to 7 children from 6.15pm until 8.00pm. Tickets will be available from Munch Monitors shortly and we do need parent helpers on the night. We will be sending out an online sign up link shortly.

For further information please contact us, Saskya saskya_hunter@hotmail.com and Claire glenandclaire2@bigpond.com

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Welcome to Term 4. We have had a great week with lots of craft activities on offer as well as a return to homework, music and soccer clubs.

The shade sail for the Prep playground should be installed soon and we really are glad that we were able to get this necessary structure up in time for the summer term.

We are going to be advertising for a position at WKC shortly.

Don’t forget that Monday 20 October is a Student Free Day and we are offering vacation care for that day, from 7.00am to 6.00pm. We have planned to have a dual waterslide for the day so bookings are essential.

The WKC Committee met this week on Tuesday night. All parents are welcome to attend the next meeting in November. Meeting nights have changed to Tuesday, usually the second week of the month from 6.00pm with childcare available.

We would 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
Free Parenting Workshop
Feel prepared for the holiday period!

The team from the Triple P-Positive Parenting Program are inviting separated or divorced parents to participate in a free, half-day parenting workshop. The workshop targets concerns such as how to improve personal coping skills, reduce conflict between parents, improve family relationships, and best support children during this time. Parents accessing the workshop will be asked to complete a study survey. If you are interested please access the study webpage here - https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/familytransitions.

The first workshop parents may be allocated is on Saturday the 25th of October.

For further information or any questions, please email familytransitions@uq.edu.au

Athletics and Running Club
Athletics and running club is held every Tuesday and Friday mornings at 7.30am.

Meet by the gate on the oval.

Cost is a gold coin.

Train with fully accredited Australian track and field coach Mr Tim Class-Auliff.

Ring 0416171904 for more info.

Go Sports
Go Cricket
24 October
5 weeks
Friday
7.55-8.40am
Prep to Year 4
School Oval
$85.00

Go Netball
21 October
5 weeks
Tuesday
7.55-8.40am
Year 1 to 4
Netball Court
$85.00
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.
- Alloras’s - why parents and their children get stressed! Managing family stress when times are tough.
- The four World Models – 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 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.