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DATE CLAIMERS

16 October Book Week Dress Up
P&C Meeting
18 October Vivace Strings and Dolce Strings will be performing in the Music Fest Principal’s Conference
17 October Summer Season Gala Day
20 October Pupil Free Day
Wildcatz (Improv Ensembles only) performing at Metro Brisbane Principal’s Conference
23 October Preparing for Puberty Yr 5, 6 and 7
24 October Summer Season Gala Day
26 October Art Show
27 October Preparing for Puberty Yr 5, 6 and 7
27 Oct/7 Nov Primary Research Project
28 October Prep Orientation (Sumames A–L)
30 October Music Count Us In – Whole School Sings
31 October Preparing for Puberty Yr 5, 6 and 7
1 November Prestige Music Festival – Wilston Wonders
3 November Preparing for Puberty Yr 5, 6 and 7
4 November Prep Orientation (Sumames L-Z)
5 November Preparing for Puberty Yr 5, 6 and 7
7 November WKc Committee Meeting
11 November Teddy bears Picnic.
Funding for ‘Act for Kids’
14 November G20 Summit Holiday
20 November Year 2 to Twelfth Night Theatre
P&C Meeting
22 November School Disco
25 November Yr 1 to Twelfth Night Theatre
27 November Yr 7A & 6/7B to Parliament House
28 November Christmas Service – St Columba’s
1/2 December Junior Interhouse Swimming
Carnivals
4/5 December Senior Interhouse Swimming
Carnival
7 December Choir to Wilston Presbyterian Church
9 December WKc Committee Meeting
11 December Year 6 and 7 Graduation
12 December Last day Term 4
2015
27 January First day of Term 1
20 March National Young Leaders Day
2 April Last day of Term 1
3 April Good Friday
20 April First day of Term 2
25 April ANZAC Day
3-5 June Year 6 to Camp Laidley
8 June Queen’s Birthday

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Great Results Guarantee 2015

In 2015 the Queensland Government is investing $183 million in Great Results Guarantee funding for state schools. Here at Wilston the estimated 2015 allocation is $247 600 to continue the great work we started this year to improve our students performance.  www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee

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.

Staffing

2015 may see a reduction of two in overall class numbers at Wilston with the Year 7 move to junior secondary. The process of creating classes takes a considerable amount of thought. All state schools are staffed on the number of students enrolled on the eighth day of the new school year. If you intend moving your child to another school in 2015 please advise your sector Deputy Principal by email or complete the tear off section in the letter that will be sent to all parents next week. At this time of year, parents often begin to ask about class placements for next year. All parents are reminded that allocation of students to classes is the professional and operational responsibility of school staff and that a great deal of care and time is taken when making such decisions. Whilst many factors are relevant, I will outline here for parents the main criteria that are considered:

• Ability levels - we aim to have an even spread of ability levels across each class. All children have strengths and weaknesses in different areas of the curriculum and these needs are taken into consideration.
• Teaching/learning styles - we take into consideration the match between individual children’s learning styles and the teaching style of individual teachers where possible.
• Friendships - we try to ensure that all children are in a class with those of whom we feel they are likely to form friendships. At other times, we may choose to separate students who, whilst being friends, are a distracting influence on each other in a classroom, where one is the dominant partner in a friendship or where they are over-reliant on each other to the exclusion of others and need to be encouraged to increase their friendship circle.
• Group dynamics—we try to ensure that we have an even spread of personality styles, behavioural styles, etc. and that the group dynamics are such that each class will bond well and harmonise as a group.

As you will appreciate, consideration of all these factors makes class placement a very time consuming and thought provoking process. Each child is considered carefully, our ultimate aim being to ensure that each child is placed in a class where they will be given the optimal chance for happiness and success. We feel positive that the extensive time and care that we give to this process, together with the talented and committed team of staff into whose classes we are placing each child, mean that we are able to produce the best possible class combinations to benefit each and every child. Your trust in our decision-making, your appreciation of the time and care that goes into this process and your respect for the competence and dedication of every member of our staff team are greatly appreciated.

If there are any educational needs that we need to be aware of when placing your child, please convey these needs in writing to the appropriate Deputy Principal. For students currently in Prep to Year 2, the sector Deputy Principal is Mrs Debbie Mill and her email address is dmill108@eq.edu.au and for students currently in Years 3 – 6, either Mrs Dietz or Mrs Boge and their email addresses are jdiet5@eq.edu.au and lboge1@eq.edu.au.

John Cattoni
Principal

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL (contd)

The Deputy Principals will reply to acknowledge receipt of your emails.

This advice should centre around information pertinent to the placement of your child for educational, social and emotional reasons e.g. students who do not work or interact well together. Requests for particular teachers, male or female teachers, requests not to be in composite classes or a reluctance to have permanent part-time teachers will not be considered.

Please note that if you have in previous years communicated with us regarding your child and the situation has not changed, please put this in writing again and submit to the relevant Deputy Principal.

The process of forming classes for next year begins now. There will be a time mid-way through the term when the Deputy Principals will meet with teachers from each level to start placing students into their 2015 classes. It is unlikely that changes will be made after this time, due to the potential ripple effect of moving students. If you believe there is something we need to know about your child you will need to convey that information to us by the end of Week 4 (31 October).

FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM

ICAS ENGLISH

Last term students in Years 3-7 were invited to participate in the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) English Test. Overall we had 152 students sit the test which comprised of 30-40 multiple choice questions. The following students received outstanding results.

DISTINCTIONS (Scored in the top 4% of their year level)

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Congratulations to our high English achievers and all students who participated in this assessment. All students will receive a certificate and notification of their results this week.

How Will My Child Learn Words?

Since we want to support children with recognising and transferring spelling words into their long-term memory, we use a strategy called word sorting. Word sorting uses about 20 words that follow contrasting features (like soft g words and hard g words), and asks children to place them into categories. These sorts are more beneficial than writing words over, using sentences, or other more traditional methods of practice because they force the child to learn and attend to the features of the words.

At home as your child is working with their spelling lists and sorting their weekly words into categories, ask them what the features of their words are, how are they the same or different?

Most children at Wilston are explicitly taught the features of their words on a Monday, before they come home as part of their homework. Sorting their words is reinforced at home and in the classroom through the week.

Next Issue: Why do the words seem easier than when I was in school?

BOOK CLUB

Book Club order forms have now been distributed to all students. This will be the last Book Club for 2014.

Orders are due back at the office, via the class Blue Bag, by Wednesday 22 October 2014.

These will make great Christmas pressies. Get your orders in early!!!

STUDENT BANKING

Welcome to term 4. This term we have a couple of new rewards in offer: the projector cup and the sea streamer. I would like to remind you that pooling of tokens is not allowed when redeeming as the program is designed to reward individual saving efforts.

This term we have a new competition called Clam of Fortune giving away to regular banking students the chance to win:

- 40 GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
- 150 Slip N’ Slide Double Wave Riders

Entry into the promotion is for every School Banking deposit made during the competition period, the student will receive one entry into the competition (up to a maximum of 6 entries). So the more they save, the more chances they have to win a prize. Competition period: 20 October — 30 November 2014.

For more information, or to view the full competition terms and conditions, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers

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. Next year he program will require two volunteers to help out school banking coordinator with processing the students deposits. Without volunteers the program will not be able to continue. 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

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 bmed-12@eq.edu.au).
Summer Gala Days
Students in years 5-7 will participate tomorrow in their second of three Gala Interschool Sports Days. From all reports there we had some very good results from a number of teams last week and we hope that continues this week. I have also had very good feedback on the behaviour or Wilston SS students during the gala day.
Student requirements for Gala Days:
- Playing equipment (if required)
- Full sports uniform
- Wide brimmed hat
- Water bottle and lunch
Good luck to all students representing Wilston SS on Friday.

Queensland Primary School Invitational Relay Swimming Carnival
The Annual Invitational Relay Swimming Carnival will be held at the Brisbane Aquatic Centre at Chandler on Friday 21 November. Once again I will be looking to nominate teams for this carnival. I will be running trials for interested students in the lunchtime next Wednesday and Thursday. Interested students need to nominate by putting their name down on the sign on sheet outside my room.

Met North Triathlon/Aquathlon Trials – November 9
Any students born in 2004 or earlier that are interested in trialling for the yellow T-shirt, brown shorts/skorts, black shoes, white socks.
12.15pm arrival, perform at 1.15pm. School Uniform, to discuss the string program will be held on Tuesday, November 25 at 6.30pm in D Block. If you have any questions regarding the string program, please email Mrs Payne at kpayn49@eq.edu.au.

CHOIR NEWS

Upcoming Dates
Hands On Art. Sunday October 26
1.00pm arrival, perform at 1.15-1.30pm. Meet at the Assembly area, free dress.

Music Fest Competition Saturday November 1st at Iona College
12.15pm arrival, perform at 1.15pm. School Uniform, yellow T-shirt, brown shorts/skorts, black shoes, white socks.

FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

The Dolce Strings and the Vivace Strings will be performing in the Music Fest this Saturday at the Fern Grove State School Hall. Students must wear their music polo shirt, brown school shorts/skorts, black shoes and white socks. We wish all students the best at this event. Times are as follows:
Dolce Strings (Year 4s): Meet at 1.00m for a 2.00pm performance.
Vivace Strings (Years 4-7): Meet at 4.30pm for a 5.30pm performance.

String recruitment testing has begun for those interested Year 2 students. Testing will continue over the next few weeks and offers will be made to students by the 7th of November. A Parent Information Evening to discuss the string program will be held on Tuesday, November 25 at 6.30pm in D Block. If you have any questions regarding the string program, please email Mrs Payne at kpayn49@eq.edu.au.

BRASS WOODWIND & PERCUSSION

Wildcatz
Congratulations to the Wildcatz for performing so well at our annual Customs House Concert on Sunday. The solosists were poised and the Grade 5s performed their tunes accurately.

I think they enjoyed playing in such beautiful surrounds.

The Improv Ensemble members are scheduled to perform on Monday 20 October (Pupil Free Day) at 7.30am for the Metro Brisbane Teachers Conference at Windsor State School. They will be playing for their teachers at the conference.

Cliff Draper

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Munch Monitors is working well and the new box system is also a success.

All volunteers please save the date 4th December. It is our Christmas party. More details to follow.

There will be no Coffee Shop open during the last week of school.

Week beginning 20th October 2014
Monday 24th  Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 25th  Rose Borham, Megan Beatie, Megan Poynter
Wednesday 26th  Bob and Sue Behan
Thursday 27th  Melinda Jenison, Slan Pratt
Friday 28th  Josephine Parry, Louise Blake, Amber Fraser.

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.

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).

2015 Book Lists
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!

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.

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.
FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP (contd)

Prep Orientation Volunteers
The shop will be open from 3.00pm during the Prep Orientation afternoons scheduled for Tuesday 28 October (Surnames A-L) and Tuesday 4 November (Surnames M-Z).
If you can help fit our new Preppies on one or both of these afternoons, please let us know asap.

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

NEWS FROM THE P&C

HANDS ON ART - only 10 more sleeps!
Volunteers are needed - Hands on Art is new so we need your help to make it a great event.

Friday 24th October
from 12.00pm - We have hundreds of pieces of junior artwork to pin up in the library.
If you have a little bit of time, or a lot of time, your help will be most welcome.

Sunday 26th October
8.00am-10.00am Set Up Crew - plenty of jobs for both mums (yarn bombing!) and dads (furniture placement!).
From 4.00pm - Pack Up Crew - we would love to see many hands at the end of the day to help pack up.
1.00pm - 4.00pm - General - we still need volunteers for first aid and security. Both roles allow you to mingle and enjoy the event.
1.00pm-4.00pm - Activities - Face Painting and Art Activities - email me if you have not heard from your parent rep or our activity co-ordinators.

Please email me if you can assist with any of these roles.

Natalie Gardiner (nataliegardiner@optusnet.com.au)

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

Homework, soccer and music clubs will be starting again – we will let you know the proposed timetable in the next few weeks. Currently we have Homework Club on Monday afternoons only.

The shade sail for the Prep playground is installed.

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 WK Committee met last week on Tuesday night. It was agreed to purchase a defibrillator for WKC and for use across the school and for P&C events. We are very pleased to be able to add this to our first aid resources. All WK staff have had training in its use through their first aid training. We will advise all relevant staff regarding access once we have received the machine.

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

Swim club recommenced on Friday night and it was great to see so many old and new families at the pool for what was a great night of racing. Many swimmers all swum personal best times and qualified for the 50m events.

Swim Club duties this week- BBQ: Kelso, Crook and Taylor families.
Canteen: Beaman, Andrea and Evans families.
Club Night nominations close Thursdays at 6:00pm. If you miss a nomination, you will not be able to swim on that particular Club Night.

Congratulations to last week’s trainer of the week- Hilary T.

Good luck to all our swimmers competing at the Redcliffe Leagues Swim Club Spring Qualifying meet this weekend.

All learn to swim and squads will run as normal on Monday 20 October- the Pupil Free Day.

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.

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

Wilton State School Ever Onward
Go Sports
24 October
5 weeks
Friday
7.55-8.40am
Prep to Year 4
School Oval
$85.00

Go Cricket
5 weeks
Thursday
7.55-8.40am
Year 1 to 4
Netball Court

Go Netball
21 October
5 weeks
Tuesday
7.55-8.40am
Year 1 to 4
Netball Court

Be like the
KARATE KID
Children's Self Defence
Classes at YOUR SCHOOL

Venue: Main Undercover Area
When: Thursday Afternoons
Time: 3:10pm – 4:10pm
Phone: (07) 3268 5501

BRISBANE MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY
BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT
Limited spaces available

THE GRANGE KIDS CLUB

Term 4 Starting 17 October
Friday nights from 6-7pm
At Grange Baptist Church
Enr Carberry St & Wilston Rd
Primary School Kids welcome for
a night of fun, food and games!
For more information contact
Andrew Lawton - 0402066534

26 October 2014  1-4pm
Timetable of Events

1:15PM  SENIOR CHOIR

2PM   WEARABLE ART FASHION PARADE

2:30PM  JUNIOR CHOIR

3:30PM  DANCE TROUPE

Also including:
• Face painting
• Art and craft stalls
• Prep - Year 3 individual artworks
• Year 4 - 7 collaborative artworks
• Hands on Art activities
• Global Cardboard Challenge
• Sticker wall
• Garden display using recycled materials
• Entertainment
• Food and bar
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.

DO YOU NEED TO RENT FOR 6-12 MONTHS?

5 bedroom family home on the park with pool is available to rent.

Rent negotiable.

Call Hazel on 0409769399
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 primal 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.
- Allostasia – 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 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.