



Wilston State School Ever onward

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DATE CLAIMERS

5 February	Prep Welcome Night
18 February	P&C Meeting. All welcome
1 March	Artslink Performance P to 6
8 March	Year 2 to Newstead House
9 March	Year 2 to Newstead House
11 March	Year 2 to Newstead House Crazy Hair Day
14 March	Young Leaders Day
12/26 April	Year 3 Cameron Stelzer Workshops
13/27 April	Year 5 Cameron Stelzer Workshops
10/12 May	Naplan
16/20 May	Year 5 to City Streets and City Beach
8/10 June	Year 6 Camp
8 June	Year 5 to Planetarium
14 June	Ruben Meerman Surfing Scientist
15 June	Sticks and Stones Artslink P to 6
13 July	Salaka Drumming Concert
3/5 August	Year 5 Camp Currimundi
5 August	Jeans for Genes Day
24 August	Year 3-5 Shake & Stir Production – Rewind Prep to Year 2 Shake & Stir – Thrice Upon a Time
5 October	Year 2 Bunyaville
6 October	Year 2 Bunyaville
13 October	Year 2 Bunyaville

Parent Information Evenings

Prep to Year 2 Monday 8 February
5.30-6.10 Prep
6.15-6.55 Year 1
7.00-7.40 Year 2

Years 3 and 4 Wednesday 10 February
6.00-6.40 Year 3
6.45-7.30 Year 4

Years 5 and 6 Thursday 11 February
6.00-6.40 Year 5
6.45-7.30 Year 6

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

2016 has started extremely well and I extend a warm welcome to our new and returning families.

It was very pleasing to note when I walked around the school this morning the excitement of our students and their parents about returning to school after a very long vacation but I also noted the support shown by our parents in ensuring our students were wearing black shoes. I only noticed a couple of students not wearing this footwear and I ask that this be addressed by the beginning of next term. Over the last twelve months my administrative team has worked very closely with the P&C in regard to enforcing our uniform policy and our agreed timeline was for 100% commitment to the uniform policy by the beginning of Term 2. The wearing of the black shoes has certainly improved the appearance of our uniform. Thank you!

The energy and engagement by our staff last week during our professional learning days was first rate. A range of topics were covered including First Aid, Code of Conduct, Student Protection and a refocusing of our explicit improvement agenda in reading and problem solving in mathematics.

I welcome a number of new and returning from leave teachers to the Wilston State School team. Transferring to Wilston State School from beyond the Metropolitan Region boundary I welcome; Ms Audrey Pluis (6B); Mr David Barrett (5D); Ms Melissa Valente (2D) and Ms Angela Romano (Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy). Transferring in from within the Region I welcome Ms Fiona Hatch (5E) and Ms Amanda Leeson-Smith (Head of Curriculum) and returning from leave Ms Susie Kewlie (6C).

There are a number of significant grounds improvement projects currently underway. In 2015 the P&C successfully wrote a grant application to acquire funds to improvement to the year one play area at the front of the school, along Thomas Street. Not only has the P&C been successful in this application but they have also contributed funds and have asked Mrs Alison Hill, parent and coordinator of the Grounds Committee to manage this project, in conjunction with the school. The work was scheduled to be completed during the summer vacation but as you can see this did not occur. We will endeavour to minimise the impact on our students but work yet to be completed includes artificial turf to the remainder of the area along Thomas Street, the painting of the concrete pathways in this area and then the repair and enhancement to areas within the Prep play area. The intent is to complete as much as possible outside of school hours including over weekends.

Please be aware of the following events that will be held within the first four weeks of the school year.

The P&C welcome to our Prep parents is scheduled for the evening of the 5 February. (Friday week).

Guy Hendriks

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL (contd)

I have tentatively scheduled our 2016 Student Leaders Badge Ceremony for Thursday 11 February, commencing at 9.00am. A personal invitation will be sent out to parents later in the week after I have confirmed this date. I have invited a number of dignitaries and I am still waiting to hear if they are able to attend.

We've had a very positive start to the year I look forward to meeting you at some stage throughout the year.

STUDENT DETAILS CONTACT UPDATE

Early next week a Student Details Contact Update form will go home with the youngest in the family. Please return this form to the office via the class Blue Bag. It is important that we are able to contact parents/carers at all times. Thank you.

ECOMARINES

Happy 2016 and welcome back to another eco-filled school year. We hope everyone had a safe, relaxing and fun summer break and you're all ready to get stuck into things. We are very excited about this year and we're ready to get straight into helping our environment.

To help kick off our missions we are looking for more committed and passionate EcoWarriors. If you are in Years 3 to 6 and would like to begin or continue helping and speaking for our marine and wildlife around Moreton Bay, please come and sign up, straight after the play bell at morning tea, next Friday 5th February in Ms Rodriguez's room (J Block top level). Once you have signed up you will need to attend the first EcoMarine meeting in Ms Rodriguez's room on Friday 12 February 11.00am (bring your morning tea).

Ms R will then introduce the EcoMarine Program, what to expect, and what we can do to help our environment. You will also receive a letter to go home to your parents detailing what the program is about and why we do it. The EcoMarine Program helps educate us on the impact of our rubbish on our Earth and helps us prevent the loss of our precious marine life and environment through Eco-Missions. We look forward to seeing you at sign up and working with you throughout the year.

DON'T FORGET, every Wednesday is WRAPPER-FREE-WEDNESDAY, so please try and pack your lunches without using glad-wrap or zip-lock bags. We will be out and about rewarding students with an entry ticket to the end of term prize draw.

GO GREEN ECOMARINE!



NEWS FROM HPE

City District Swimming Carnival

The City District Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 12 February. Students need to make sure that they return their permission notes and payment ASAP.

Class Swimming

Swimming lessons for Year 1-6 will begin next week. If you are able to assist as a parent spotter during your child's lesson can you please let your child's classroom teacher know. Students need to ensure that they have the following items for swimming lessons:

- Swimming bag/Swimming togs
- Towel
- Rashie / sun shirt
- Swimming cap

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

Happy New Year from the Uniform Shop!

Here are some important points to get you started for the year:

Munch Monitors: please update your child's class at Munch Monitors for any orders you are placing for the Uniform Shop so we can deliver direct to the classroom. Visit www.muchmonitors.com;

Check Shirts have arrived! All sizes available for girls and boys. Cost is \$30. Cool fabric for the summer months;

Girls' Dresses will be available late-February. We'll let you know as soon as they hit the shelves;

Our supply of **shorts and skorts** is running low, but don't panic! We are expecting a delivery in the next week so come and see us in a week or so for these items.

We are fully stocked with all your **stationery needs** from pencils, exercise books, pens, chair bags, library bags and dictionaries;

Uniform Shop hours: Thursday 28 January 8.15am-10.30am, Friday 29 January 8.15-10.30am. Next week will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.15-10.30am.

Contact Details: Christine/Janice/Debra—3552 8490. Email: bookshop@wilstonpandc.org.au or Christine 0448 633 737.

NEWS FROM THE P&C

And... we're back!

Over the holidays the **Kids' Care** staff have been hard at work in their busiest time of the year – the three weeks before school starts. And well done for providing great activities and entertainment for the children who attend. Elle Green deserves a special pat on the back for her work. Thank you, Elle, and **thank you** to the Kids Care team for your work over the holidays.

Happy New Year to you all and **welcome** to the new parents and students who wandered through the gates for the first time this week. WELCOME. My advice is don't worry about not knowing anyone, no one really does. But a great way to break the ice is the Prep Parents Welcome on **Friday 5 February from 7.00pm**. Come along and mix with other Prep parents. I've always found an informal chat outside of work time breaks the ice and makes the 8.30am chat so much easier.

On 18 February at 7.00pm we have our first P&C meeting for the year, and it's also the AGM. It's where we elect our office bearers – me, the vice presidents, the secretary and treasurer. Our current secretary, Adam Spencer, has given four years to the job and is finding it harder to do the job as secretary and can continue on, but would like to hand it over to someone.

Drop me an email if you're interested in the role. President@wilstonpandc.org.au

Now, about our **Tuckshop**. I want to commend our convenor Bec MacDonald who has put together one of the most healthy and affordable tuckshop menus in the state. Sushi Fridays, Pizza Thursdays!

Use the tuckshop when you need to. But also, if you can, **please give a day a term to the Tuckshop** to make sure we can keep on delivering the best tuckshop menu. Many companies offer a 'volunteer day' now. See if your company would recognise this. I'm more than happy to jump through any hoop to help working parents.

Julia Thornton



WSS PREP PARENTS

Welcome Night



Come along and meet other Prep Parents and Staff

FRI **5th** FEB

RSVP

by writing your details
on the list outside your
Preppie's classroom
no later than pick-up
on **Wednesday**
3rd February.

Venue: Staff Room, D Block (Above the Tuckshop)

 **7 PM** 
'till late

This is a FREE event.

Pizza and nibbles will be served. Drinks will be available for purchase on the night at a cash bar.

Please note: this is a licensed function and as such, children are not permitted.

Can't find a babysitter?

Wilston Kids Care will be offering a babysitting service for children aged 4.5 years+. Available from 7pm-10pm for a flat rate of \$10 per family.

You must book and pay no later than c.o.b Wednesday 3rd February. **t** 3352 6753
e wilstonkidscare@optusnet.com.au

This event is kindly supported by the
Wilston State School P&C.

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Years 2, 3 and 4

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7.50-8.35am
Years Prep , Year 1, 2 and 3
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