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
Principal
FROM THE PRINCIPAL (contd)

I have tentatively scheduled our 2016 Student Leaders Badge Cerem-
ony for Thursday 11 February, commencing at 9.00am. A personal invi-
tation will be sent out to parents later in the week after I have confirmed
date. I have invited a number of dignitaries and I am still waiting to
tell 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 on an 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 WRAP-
PER-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 you may 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 stu-
dents who wandered through the gates for the first time this week. WEL-
COME. 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 Wel-
come 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. Presi-
dent@wilstonpandc.org.au

Now, about our Tuckshop. I want to commend our convenor Bec Mac-
Donald 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

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

7PM '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. 13352 6753 e wilstonkidscare@optusnet.com.au

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

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Prep to Year 6
$49 per Child

We offer highly skilled coaches and a structured program that caters to a variety of age groups and skill levels. Get in early to avoid missing out as numbers are limited.

Don’t forget to bring a snack, Waterbottle, sunscreen, a hat and running shoes.

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2016 Harvey Normal NRL Touch Football
All Stars Super Clinic
Thursday 11 February 2016
Brisbane Metropolitan Touch Association, Whites Hill Reserve, Boundary Road, Camp Hill.
3.00 to 4.30pm
Age 6-12 years
No Cost
Children will be coached through a range of skills and drills by some of Australia’s elite Touch Football players and coaching staff.
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Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis (GBJT) conducts weekly Tennis Fixtures at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson and The University of Queensland for children up to 18 years of age.
Grading day for new players is to be held on Sunday 7 February at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson from 3pm to 5pm.
Further information is available at www.gbjt.org.au or by phoning Mrs Peta Davis on 3374 0516.

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