FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Class Parent Liaison Officers
I hope that you found the parent teacher evenings, which were conducted earlier in the week, very insightful.

One of the great initiatives that we ask teachers to speak to their parents about is the role of the Parent Liaison Officer (PLO). The primary role of the PLO is to assist their child’s teacher. Assistance could be in the form of communicating with other parents in class regarding an upcoming activity. i.e. an excursion, spotters for swimming etc.

We also ask our PLOs to assist in communicating with parents. Over time this network of parents and has shown that the role they play has allowed us to formalise parent involvement thus strengthening the positive, participative and collaborative relationship with our school.

Master Teacher
Late last year Wilston State School was provided with one of three hundred Master Teacher positions that were being allocated to schools throughout the state. A rigorous selection process was implemented to ensure those teachers identified as Master Teachers have the curriculum expertise and relationship building qualities that will have a positive influence on the entire school. Improved student outcomes will be delivered through enhancing the skills of our already very competent teachers.

Mrs Danielle Freeman was appointed to this position in November of last year. Danielle had been our Head of Curriculum and certainly has the skill set required of this position. All Master Teachers across the state attended a two day training session at the Brisbane Convention Centre on Monday and Tuesday and principals were invited to attend the final session. This gave me the opportunity to gain a clearer understanding of the Department’s expectations and Danielle and I were able to begin meaningful dialogue as to how the role will be enacted at Wilston.

Student Leaders
Last week our four school captains attended a student leadership workshop at Kelvin Grove State College. To assist them develop their skills throughout the year they have been provided with two high school mentors. These outstanding high school students are currently enrolled at the Queensland Academy of Maths and Science at Towong. Throughout the two days our leaders had the opportunity to meet and work alongside the other student leaders from across our cluster.

This program is the initiative of Dr Regan Neumann, Executive Principal of the college. Dr Neumann is very passionate about student leadership and this program is offered to all schools in the Brisbane City Cluster.

I intend acknowledging all of our student leaders at a special parade scheduled for Tuesday the 24th of February commencing at 9.00am. I have invited the State Member for Stafford, Dr Anthony Lynham MP and our P&C executive members, our president, Mr Kevin Mercer and secretary Mr Adam Spencer.

Parking
A number of local residents have contacted the school airing their frustration at a number of parents who have parked across their driveways. Could I ask that you be mindful of the residents whose houses surround our school and park appropriately.

Guy Hendriks
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Student Update Details
If you have recently changed your phone number or address please complete the student update details form attached to the newsletter.

Sun Safety and Jewellery
- Brown wide brimmed hats must be worn for all outside activities. The school has a NO HAT NO PLAY policy as part of its Sun Safe Policy. (No signing or writing on hats apart from students name).
- Children are expected to wear appropriate swimwear while swimming. Bathing caps must be worn. In line with our Sun Safe policy children are required to wear Sun Safe shirts or t-shirts and apply sunscreen before entering the pool. No shirt, no swimming.
- UV safe sunglass are acceptable.
- Jewellery is not permitted. Watches are the responsibility of the owner and should be discreet. Plain studs or sleepers should be worn in pierced ears.
- Medical alert bracelets may be worn following consultation with administration. Supporter bands are not allowed unless initiated by the school. (Exceptions can be made on a one to one basis following approval by administration).

A huge thank you to Anne Clare and Kath O’Hara for organising a successful evening on behalf of the P&C. It was wonderful to see so many of our Prep parents attend and get to know each other, especially as this year we welcome many new families to Wilston.

PREP WELCOME NIGHT

We welcomed a large amount of new families to the school community on Friday night and celebrated with others who attended their last Prep Welcome function.

A big thank you to all the staff and parents who attended; Edsco and Susan Young who not only provided five fabulous lucky door prizes but, to the Prep teachers surprise and delight, also donated a box of wonderful resources for each Prep classroom. Thank you Edsco. Another big thank you to new members of our school community – Matt and Kylie Devine who looked after the bar supplies (must be a thing with those called Matt!). Thank you to Leigh Hofmeister, Gavin Reiger, Deb Mill, Guy Hendriks, Kevin Mercer and all the parents who helped out with the evening.

Anne and Kath.

NEWS FROM HPE

City District Swimming Carnival
This Friday is the City District Swimming Carnival at the Valley pool. We have a strong team of 41 swimmers competing and aiming to gain selection into the City District Team to compete at the Regional Carnival on the 25th February. Good luck to all swimmers competing tomorrow.

Class Swimming
Swimming lessons for Year 1-6 are up and running. Prep swimming will also begin next week. Student’s need to come to swimming with all their required equipment: Togs, rash shirt/sunshirt, swim cap, towel and swimming bag. 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.

Rodney Bell
PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Thanks to parents for getting their children to our first choir rehearsal on time last week!! It’s an early start and almost everyone was there at 8.00am.

It is essential that all students bring an A4 folder to rehearsals. Please make sure your child has one for this week. Music cannot be taken home unless it is safely stored in the folder.

Our choir is sounding great already and it’s wonderful to see so many committed singers coming along!

Miranda Charters

TUCKSHOP NEWS

The Tuckshop is still holding unclaimed platters from the 2014 Graduation Ceremony. If you had a student who graduated last year, please check at the Tuckshop to see if your missing platters are there.

WE NEED YOU
Thank you to all those who have put their names on our Tuckshop roster it is greatly appreciated.
We are still looking for a few people on the TUESDAY roster, remember it’s only ONCE A MONTH OR ONCE A TERM.
We have a couple of new ice blocks and some changes to our menu. Check them out on Munch Monitors.

Week beginning the 16 February 2015:
Monday 16: Jackie Redmond, Elena Hoffman, Tracey Woolaston
Tuesday 17: Marion Jones, Jenny Rossen, Suzie McDonald
Wednesday 18: Kate Usher, Liezel Boshoff
Thursday 19: Jacinta Geritz, Megan Beattie, Chris Shume
Friday 20: Natalie Scott, Chris Beehler, Geraldine Mercer, Kath O’Hara, Jessica Draper

Bec Macdonald 0448 804 279 60huet@gmail.com
Dot Milne 0408 729 021

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

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*** Please note – the SHOP will be CLOSED – Wednesday 11, 18 and 25 February *** (but online orders will be processed and delivered via the classroom)

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Stock Update: Out of Stock: Seniorrep shirts (size 12); dress (size 8 & 10); embroidered polo shirt mocha (size 6); various stationery (see website for details).

Volunteers Needed
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FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP (contd)

Music Shirts
The strings program will continue to use the existing white music shirt, with the intention to transition to a new music shirt once available (this new shirt will also be used by the senior choir for performances). All existing members of the strings program can use their current shirts, and new members can purchase their music shirt for $30 when advised. Available sizes range from 6 to 14.

Hair Accessories
New stock has arrived! New styles are available, including bow headbands, bow elastics and small bow clips. There are also plenty of house coloured headbands and curly ribbons to compliment your Friday outfit! Come and have a look!

Beach Party Tickets:
You can buy your tickets to the Beach Party on the 7 March by visiting the school shop section of Munch Monitors website. Please note that no paper ticket will be issued - your child’s name will be added to the pre-paid ticket list at the entry gate.

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

NEWS FROM THE P&C

WILSTON STATE SCHOOL
PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY. 7.00PM D BLOCK.

Nominations are now open for officer positions on the WSS PCA.

Whilst we welcome nominations for all positions, we do have some incumbents nominating again this year, and we’re seeking in particular nominations for the following positions:

President
Vice-President (2 positions)

The WSS PCA has a proud history of supporting the educational needs and aspirations of the school and our kids alike, and is pivotal in ensuring a great sense of community at WSS through operating before and after school care, the tuckshop and swim club as well as a number of wonderful family social events.

Being part of the P&C Executive is a very rewarding experience representing the families of WSS and collaborating with the school to continually develop our children’s educational experience.

Please consider getting involved.

Nominations can be sent to the Secretary at: adam.spencer@wilstonpandc.org.au
See you at the AGM!

Kevin Mercer. WSS P&C President

BEACH PARTY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for 2015 BEACH PARTY
We need your help this Saturday 7 March to make this year’s party a success. Please consider volunteering for any of the activities, this is a nice way to get to know people in the school and have fun. All we need is an hour of your time, check out our volunteer roster by clicking on the following link www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4DAFA92CA7FD0-beach1.

Some of the attractions for the night are swimming pool open from 4.00-6.00pm, face painting, dunk tank, surfing, bungee run, dodge ball, kids slide and kids movie, as well as food, cold drinks and bar.

Tickets are available from www.munchmonitor.com or www.wilstonpandc.org.au.

For further information please contact Jason on jdfinselbach@optusnet.com.au or Gabriela on gfinselbach@optusnet.com.au

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Welcome to all our new parents using WKC for the first time. We look forward to an exciting year.

WKC Bookings
We are pleased to announce that we have over 100 children attending Before School Care and 200 at attending After School Care from Mondays through to Thursdays. We are at capacity for those days.

We may reluctantly need to reintroduce a waiting list but for the time we are meeting demand.

After School Coordinator
Michelle Mc Donald and has joined us as the new ASC coordinator. We welcome her to WKC and we hope she settles in well. She has 200 children and lots of staff to coordinate so she will be busy!

Committee Membership
All parents are invited to join the WKC Committee. We meet every second Wednesday of the month at 6.00pm at WKC. Childcare and snacks are provided.

Enrolment Information for 2015
To comply with our licence we need all enrolment information updated for 2015. All parents wishing to use Wilston Kids Care have to supply a new enrolment form for 2015. These forms can be downloaded from http://www.wilstonpandc.org.au/index.php/wilton-kids-care/forms.

All information provided in 2014 is not automatically transferred and so you will need to complete new medical and known allergens advices.

Opening and Closing Times
WKC opens at 6.30am for Before School Care and closes at 6.00pm for After School Care. There is a fee charged for late collection of children.

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/index.php/wilton-kids-care/important-parent-information

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at the Brisbane Sprint Championships last weekend. Many PBs were swum and it was great to see so many swimmers wearing the new club shirts. A special mention to Claudia K and Josh A who both won individual medals.

Good luck to all swimmers competing at the Albany Creek A Grade meet this weekend.

Congratulations to last week’s trainer of the week- Tasmin B.

If you have recently left Wilston State School to attend high school you are most welcome to remain with the club. Swim Club is not age specific and we encourage older swimmers to remain with the Wilston Crocs.

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This week the following families are on BBQ and Canteen duty:
BBQ. Woolmer, Dent, Ireland
Canteen. Taylor, Shepherd, Moore.

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

The next Committee Meeting will be held pool side on Tuesday 17 February at 7.00pm.

**Save The Date** - Our Trophy Night will be held on Saturday 28 March 2015. More details will follow shortly. If you are able to assist with the preparation of this night please see Kirsten in the pool office or email info@wilstonswim.org.au.

See you at the pool.

W: www.wilstonswim.org.au
E: info@wilstonswim.org.au

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**Go Sports**

**Cricket**
Commences Friday 13 February
7.55 to 8.40am
6 weeks—$105.00
Prep to Year 3
Oval

**Netball**
Commences Monday 16 February
7.55 to 8.40am
6 weeks—$105.00
Year 2 to year 5
Netball Court
Greg Martin 0417 614 509

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**Grange Thistle Soccer Club**

would like to advise that there are still some **spots available in the U6 to U11 age groups** (children born in 2004 to 2010).

If you would like to register to play soccer at Grange in 2015 go to [www.grangethistle.com](http://www.grangethistle.com) for links to the online registration system.

Please hurry because we need to **finalise team numbers by 13th February.**

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**Wilton Grange Junior AFL Club Sign On**

Days - Feb 8th & 9th
Gorillas Den, Hickey Park, Babarra Street, Stafford.
Saturday and Sunday 7th and 8th February
10am to 2pm

New players please bring Birth Certificate.

Any enquiries please email Jo Jardine on jo.jardine@gorillas.com.au or wgjafc@optusnet.com.au or phone 3166 8379
Ironing
Catch up weekly or fortnightly
Pick up and deliver
Phone: 0401 368 286
On behalf of the Wilston State School P&C we would like to invite you & your family to the Wilston Family 2015 BEACH PARTY

7TH MARCH SATURDAY
4 - 8.30 PM

$20 / FAMILY
($25 at the gate on the day)

Attractions include: Face painting, Dunk tank, Surfing, Slushies, Popcorn, Music, Kids movie, Glow sticks, Box building, Bungee Run, Dodge ball, Little kids slide, Food, Cold drinks & Bar

Swimming 4 - 6pm
(swimmers must be accompanied by an adult to gain entry to the pool)

Event to be held at Wilston State School
Please complete the details below and return to the school Administration Office, via the class Blue Bag, for records to be updated.

**WILSTON STATE SCHOOL**

**Student Contact Details Update**

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**CUSTODY DETAILS:** □ No □ Yes

**BILLING DETAILS:** If Fee Allocation is to be shared between parents, please contact Deb Jackson/Leigh Hofmeister for further information.

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

*(NOT PARENTS/GUARDIAN/CARERS LISTED ABOVE)*

Please ensure that the emergency contact names you provide are people you feel are totally trustworthy to collect your child from school if you cannot be contacted. A friend, neighbour or relative may be your choice but **it is important you check that they are willing to be recorded on your child’s records as an emergency contact.**

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