FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Frozen Berries Recall

Our Tuckshop has advised us that the frozen berries that they use are not on the recall list nor are they distributed by the same company. As a precaution however, they have removed frozen berries from the relevant items and these are being replaced with fresh berries.

Brisbane City Cluster

On Tuesday afternoon after school all teachers from the City Cluster of schools attended moderation workshops in a number of selected schools across our cluster. We hosted the Year 1 teachers and the exercise they were asked to engage in was led by Mrs Debbie Mill (Deputy Principal), Ms Kelly Thorburn (Head of Curriculum) and Mrs Danielle Freeman (Master Teacher.)

Working across schools, teachers were asked to engage in the Australian Curriculum through our state’s Standards Elaborations. The main objective of the moderations is for teachers to be able to consistently make an on balanced judgement on student achievement in mathematics.

The City Cluster is an established network that consists of the following schools; Ascot State School, Brisbane Central State School, Eagle Junction State School, Hamilton State School, Hendra State School, Kelvin Grove State College, Milton State School, New Farm State School, Newmarket State School, Petrie Terrace State School, Qld Academies, Royal Children’s Hospital School, Wilston State School, Windsor State School and Wooloowin State School.

Through our relationship we are able to offer a very rich program to our students and teachers. Each year we have a Teacher Conference that in recent times has been hosted by Windsor State School. The conference organisers have been able to source guest speakers of the calibre of Dr Michael Carr-Gregg and Mr John Joseph. The conference also allows us to focus as a collective on the Department’s priorities.

Students have been offered enrichment programs through the High Achievers program, aimed at students in Years 5 and 6, offered through Kelvin Grove State College; the Young Scholars program offered through the Queensland Academies and the three Mini Festival as writers, scientists and as thinkers.

Student Resource Scheme

Earlier this week I sent home a letter seeking support for our consumable resource scheme. I had asked all teachers to speak to you about this scheme at our recent Parent Information evening.

I would like to assure all parents that the money you provide us will go directly to your child’s teacher. It is a requirement by the Department that if you are willing to support this request that you complete the paperwork attached to the letter.

P&C AGM

Tonight is the P&C AGM. I would encourage you to become involved in this committee. The meeting starts at 7.00pm and is held in our staffroom in D Block.
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Out of Catchment Waiting List - Prep 2016
The out of catchment waiting list will open from 9.30am on Tuesday 17 March 2015. Names can be placed on this list by phoning the school on 3552 8444. Your child’s name and information will be recorded on the waiting list in order of receipt and no calls will be taken prior to this time. We often receive a high volume of calls, so your patience is appreciated. Information received on the answering machine will not be accepted. A position on the waiting list does not guarantee a Prep placement at Wilston State School in 2016. Typically offers for any out of catchment places are not made until the end of Term 4.

Student Absences
Parents are required to advise the school of and explain the reason for student absences. This can be done in a variety of ways:
• Send a brief written note to the teacher
• Phone the Student Absence Line on 3552 8460 before 9.00am,
• Email the class teacher.
This information is kept on school record. Unexplained absences will appear on student’s report cards. Please remember that the Education Act requires children between the ages of 6 and 15 to attend school each day unless there is a valid reason for absence. Parents are requested to complete an Application for Exemption from Compulsory Schooling when the absence will be ten consecutive days or longer. Forms are available from the school office and documentary evidence may be required.

GO GREEN ECOMARINE
We’re back! It’s 2015 and it’s our year to GO GREEN! We’ve got some really exciting missions this year and we’re already started with a bang with having fresh new faces join our EcoWarrior team. Our first mission this year is to ‘Spread the Word’. We are passionate about helping our environment but we know that it’s a massive job to save the world, but we can help by ‘Spreading the Word’ and letting everyone know what we can do to reduce plastic and rubbish waste from going into our waterways.
All you have to do is go to www.tangaloomaecomarines.com.au and click the BIG GREEN sign on button and pledge. You don’t have to do much, just be more aware in making our environment cleaner and healthier. If you haven’t signed up already, please help and support our school and our ecomarine friends.

IMPORTANT DATE: We will be participating in Clean-Up Australia Day on Friday the 27th of February at Wilston State School. We will be coming to your class sometime next week to tell you what time and where to meet.
FACT: Each aluminium can recycled saves enough electricity to run your TV for 3 hours.

Thanks, and remember to GO GREEN FOR ECOMARINE
Scarlett, Jade, Jessica and Polly

NEWS FROM HPE

City District Swimming Carnival
Last Friday our swim team competed at the City District Swimming Carnival at the Valley pool. We had a very successful day with Wilston State School again being crowned the 2015 A School’s Champion. All students contributed to the win with 18 students gaining selection into the City District Team to compete at the Regional Championships next Wednesday the 25th February.

City District Reps:

All students in the City District team need to return their forms and money to Mr Bell by Friday.

The City District AFL and hockey trials are on shortly. Students need to listen for trial notices from Mr Bell if they are interested on trialling in these sports. For students to be considered for these trials they need to be playing the sport competitively and at a high level.

WELL DONE AWARDS
Well done to the following students who received Well Done Awards at our Assembly today.

Year 1
Lucy H 1A, Nayyana W 1A, Dylan J 1A, Tia H 1B, Zoe B 1B, Will Q 1B, Arabella G 1C, Heidi S 1C, Nicholas W 1C, Sam C 1D, Rosie B 1D, Savanah D 1D, Nicholas K 1E, Poppy M 1E, Millie B 1E, Jude L 1F, Nicholas C 1F.

Year 2

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist
**CHOIR NEWS**

**Choral Honours Camp**
Nominations have been submitted in for those Year 6 students who were interested in participating in the annual Metropolitan Choral Honours Program. Students should be notified of their acceptance this week. Those not accepted on the first round will be put on a short list for second round offers.

**Uniforms – Wilston Wonders Senior Choir**
We are in the final stages of ordering our new choir shirts. Thanks to Christine Matheson from the Uniform Shop for her help in organising the design and lining up suppliers.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Are you enjoying the changes to the menu? We have freshly made rice pudding cups and fruit sorbet (both made in our Thermomix), apple slinkies, frozen grape cups and fresh new pasta salad. Jump on line to Munch Monitors and check out these and other great ideas on the new menu.

We still looking for help on a Tuesday and Friday. If you can help it is only once a month or once a term. Pop in and chat with Bec or Dot in Tuckshop we would love to see you or email us any questions.

Preps can order Tuckshop and some options for them are little hotdogs called hot puppies, hot chicken fingers and rice pudding cups.

**Week beginning 23 February 2015**

Monday 23  Lisa McGrath, Leonie Crawford
Tuesday 24  Catherine Moulson, HELP NEEDED
Wednesday 25 Anne, Roxanne Gorman, Cybil McGuire
Thursday 26  Melinda Jennison, Sian Pratt, Megan Charmers
Friday 27  Amber Frazer, Louise Blake, Bob and Sue Behan, Pruscila Camisa, Yazim Verde.

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

**FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP**

**SHOP OPEN:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Terms 1 and Term 4 2015 (between 8.15 and 9.30am).

Please note – the SHOP will be CLOSED – Wednesday 11, 18 and 25 February 2015 (but online orders will be processed and delivered via the classroom).

**SHOP ONLINE:** Go to www.munchmonitor.com; Username: wilstonss and Password: munch051. All items purchased online are delivered to your child’s class. PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR CHILD’S CLASS WHEN PLACING AN ORDER TO ENSURE SPEEDY DELIVERY.

**Stock Update:** Out of Stock: Senior/rep shirts (size 12); dress (size 8 & 10); embroidered polo shirt mocha (size 6); various stationery, including whiteboards for problem solving (see website for details).

**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.

**Seniors Shirts**
All Year 6 students are permitted to wear the Senior/representative shirt (the one with the two-colour diagonal design on the front). This will be the final year for these shirts, so come and buy one before they run out. Sizes 8 to 14 are available - size 12 shirts are currently out of stock but will be available soon in full cotton only. More information about the printing of senior shirts will be distributed in the coming weeks.

**Beach Party Tickets**
You can buy your tickets to the Beach Party to be held on 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 prepaid ticket list at the entry gate.

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

**STUDENT BANKING**

**Competition Time**
This term we are giving students participating in the banking program the chance to win a backpack full of Dollarmites merchandise: amongst all the things included are a raincoat, bubble juice, Rubik’s cube, student planner, torch, wallet, reading light, scented pencils, pens, money boxes and much more. Every deposit made will give the children an entry. The winner will be drawn in early Term 2 during assembly.

**Bank Account Sign on Day**
We would like to invite parents and students to come and open an account on Monday 23 February from 8.15am in the Staff Room (above the Tuckshop). Staff from the Commonwealth Bank will be there to facilitate the process of opening an account. Parents need to bring a valid ID. During the session we will be displaying the new range of rewards as well as the competition backpack. Come and find out how your child can learn the most important lesson in life.

Feel free to contact me on gfinselbach@optusnet.com.au for any questions you may have in regards to the program.

*Gabriela Finselbach – School Banking Coordinator*

**NEWS FROM THE P&C**

**WILSTON STATE SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 19 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!!
BEACH PARTY 2015

We are URGENTLY looking for a convenor for the Box Building activity for the upcoming Beach Party. Without a convenor the activity may not happen. Please consider helping out, it is an easy task and children love playing and building with boxes.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

After School Activities

There are many outside providers that offer after school activities and lessons. We know that often working or studying parents do not have time to take their children to these activities and so we are happy to help.

Students who attend WKC are able to access these activities while in care. We currently, for example, take students to and from swimming lessons, tennis and drama. To allow this to happen we do have some requirements and these include:

Parents are to provide an activity permission form.
All children “sign in” at WKC and before being escorted by the activity coordinator.
Where parents collect children directly from activities (without prior arrangement) then the parent is still required to complete the “sign out” procedures.

Any child who goes direct to an activity and does not sign in will be considered missing.

Committee Membership

At last week’s Committee Meeting it was decided to reintroduce Homework Club and to also look into the reintroduction of keyboard lessons. Further information will follow as to how to book in to these activities. 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.

Opening and Closing Times

WKC opens at 6.30am for Before School Care and closes at 6pm 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/wilston-kids-care/important-parent-information
WANTED
Room to Rent
Friendly student looking for a room to rent in Wilston or neighbouring suburbs.
Ready and willing to move in straight away.
Please contact Elsa on 0413 799 827.

Athletics Running Club
Come and get ready for the cross country and athletics seasons.
7.30am Tuesdays and Thursdays on the Oval
ATFC accredited coach Mr Tim Class-Auliff invites all students to come and train
Cost is a gold coin
For more information please call Tim on 0416 171 904

Ballymore Kindy Alumni Family gathering
Sunday 1st March from 10am–12 noon
Gould Road Park (off Fagan Rd), Henston
This is a great way for Ballymore families past and present to stay in touch.
Please bring along any toys, food/drink that you will need for your family.
We look forward to seeing you there.
SELF DEFENSE CLASSES
MOON LEE TAE KWON DO

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
6.00PM TO 7.00PM

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HAWDON ST
WILSTON (OFF KEDRON BROOK RD)

FOR MORE INFO
CALL SENIOR INSTRUCTOR TIM 0416 171 904

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Australian Associate of Music on both
piano and violin.
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piano to children of any age or level.
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Contact Phoebe on 0477 513 794

Sausage Sizzle in
Grange Library Park

Friday 27th February
from 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Have a night off cooking! Feed the family snags.
Come down for a play, a chat or a walk in the park.

Fundraising by Wilston Scout Group
for the Australian Jamboree
BEACH PARTY 2015

Interhouse dodge ball from 4.00pm, come wearing your house colour

Dunk your teacher and School Captains from 4.00-7.30pm

Ride the Mechanical Surfboard

Run along the horizontal bungee

Free inflatable slide for the little kids

Cool down at the pool from 4.00pm-600pm (swimmers must be accompanied by an adult to gain entry to the pool)

Other activities include:

- Face painting
- Slushees
- Popcorn
- G Movie and PG Movie from 7.00pm
- BBQ and other food options
- Bar and cold drinks

Strictly no drop off, all children must be under the supervision of an adult at all times.
On behalf of the Wilston State School P&C we would like to invite you & your family to the Wilston Family Beach Party 2015.

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*

**Get your tickets online at**
www.munchmonitor.com
or
www.wilstonpandc.org.au
(ticket sales will close the morning of Friday March 6 2015)