FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

P&C President

Last Thursday night the P&C held their AGM. I congratulate Mr Bernard O’Dowd on his successful nomination to be our P&C President this year. When I first arrived as principal of this school, Mr O’Dowd was an executive member of the P&C, and has continued to be involved in the P&C in a range of roles.

I thank Mr Kevin Mercer, our now immediate past President and the other executive members who have stepped down from their positions. The P&C has truly gone from strength to strength over the last five years and I certainly appreciate the wisdom, drive and commitment that has been clearly evident by all members.

School Leaders

On Tuesday all of our student leaders for 2015 were presented with their leadership badges at a specially convened assembly. I thank the many parents, friends and grandparents that were able to attend and participate in this event.

The guest list included the Minister for State Development, Mines and Natural Resources, the State Member for Stafford, Dr Anthony Lynham; Mr Bernard O’Dowd P&C President, Mr Adam Spencer P&C Secretary and Mr Kevin Mercer our immediate past P&C President.

I would particularly like to acknowledge the very insightful leadership message that was presented by Dr Lynham. The message was very clear and well-crafted and this ensured all of our students irrespective of their ages understood what attributes good leaders possessed.

I look forward to seeing our leaders grow over the next ten months and I know our younger students are already responding well to their lead.

I believe one of the first events they will be organising is a paper plane flying competition. This event should be communicated to the school over the next two weeks.

Beach Party

This wonderful school community event takes place in two weeks time on Saturday 7 March. Mr Jason Finselbach, convener of this event, spoke at the P&C meeting about events on the day. I have no doubt the students (and parents) will have a fabulous time. Please join in.

QSchools App

Have you considered using the Queensland Government QSchools App which is now available on the Google Play Store and also the Apple App Store. Using this app will allow you to view the Wilston Weekly newsletter on your phone or tablet device. You may also view other school information.


The newsletter is also available on the Wilston State School web page.

Guy Hendriks
Principal
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.

FROM THE BSM

Term 1 Statements
Term 1 statements will be going home this week with the youngest student in the family, together with the school’s Refund Policy.

With regards to the Student Resource Scheme, if you have completed and signed the Participation Agreement Form, the amount of $30.00 (per student) may appear on your Debtor Statement as we have not receipted your payment at this point in time. We therefore ask that you DO NOT pay this amount again. The reference for this on your statement will appear as SRS- then the class.

If you have any queries regarding this, please contact either myself or Leigh Hofmeister. Thank you.

Deb Jackson

STUDENT COUNCIL

Crazy Hair Day
This will be held on Thursday 12 March. This is a special event where people can colour their hair to help support the Leukaemia Foundation. There will be a special assembly at 9.00am for this event and Tuckshop vouchers will be awarded to the best hair in each class.

So please do your hair up crazy on Thursday 12 March 2015 and bring in a gold coin donation to help raise funds for this important research.

STUDENT BANKING

Redeem your tokens!
We have noticed that lots of children have more than 10 tokens ready for collection. If you are one of them, don’t forget to send them in this Friday 27 February as it is redemption day! This term we have available the E.T. Movie DVD and a space handball. Some rewards from last year are available such as a cup protector, swim bag and tin money boxes.

GO GREEN ECOMARINE

Our EcoMarine Warriors have started their second challenge, ‘Adopt-a-Street’. For this challenge we have to adopt a street and commit to walking it at least once a week with our friends, parents or pets and pick up any litter left lying around. Our EcoWarriors are very careful when picking up rubbish, making sure they are looking out for any dangers such as cars, broken glass or any other objects that may harm them. If you are interested in doing this challenge and you are not an EcoWarrior, that’s ok because you can still take part. Just go and see Miss Rodriguez (3A) or Miss Doneley (3B) in J Block and they will give you a form to take home and fill out with your parents. It’s not hard to ‘Adopt-a-Street’, it’s free and it makes a big difference to our environment and marine life.

Important date: This Friday 27th February, is Clean up Australia Day. Wilston State School will be taking part to clean up our school grounds. Look out for the flyers around the school and in your classroom for more details.

Wasteful Fact: Australia is the second highest producer of waste per person in the world at approximately 650 kilograms per person. This is second only to the United States America, which produces approximately 715 kilograms per person.

…and remember, GO GREEN ECOMARINE

Scarlett, Jessica, Jade and Polly

CHOIR NEWS

Choral Honours Camp
Congratulations to Alexander K, Samuel R, Evangeline M, Jack P and Hamish P for being offered the opportunity to attend the Metropolitan Choral Honours Camp in March. The organizers had a recorded number of 207 nominations with only 100 places on offer. We are proud of all our Year 6 students who nominated and they are presently on a wait list in case places become available.

Miranda Charters

TUCKSHOP NEWS

We still have Berry Crunches on our menu and we will be using fresh fruit until further notice. The Tuckshop hasn’t used the frozen berries brand that is in the news and will continue to use the fresh fruit.

We would like to thank all those who have volunteered to help in Tuckshop and if anyone else was thinking of helping, we would love to see you too.

For all new parents, have you been to our lovely coffee shop? It’s right outside Tuckshop. Bec makes beautiful coffees including lattes, flat whites and cappuccinos. Come down and say hello and enjoy the coffee and conversation. You never know who you might meet.
TUCKSHOP NEWS (contd)

The new menu is on Munch Monitor, go online and check out all the delicious options.

Week beginning the 2 March 2015.
Monday 2:  Mirella Fyimoto, Sharon Waddingham
Tuesday 3:  Louise Astori, Ellie Cayas
Wednesday 4:  Sharon Moore
Thursday 5:  Angela Pratt, Harriet Carter, Angela Patel
Friday 6:  Gayle Tilbury, Josie Parry, Paige Osleibhin, help needed.

Bec Macdonald 0448 804 279 60hu@e.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 ***  (but online orders will be processed and delivered via the classroom).

SHOP ONLINE:  Go to www.munchmonitor.com; Username: wilstonss and Password: munch4051.  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 and 10); embroidered polo shirt mocha (size 6); various stationery, including whiteboards for problem solving (see website for details).

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 will be available from Monday 2 March.  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 on Saturday 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

NEWS FROM THE P&C

New P&C Executive
I would just like to thank the Wilston Community for electing me as the P&C President for 2015.  For those of you who don’t know me, I am Bernie O’Dowd.  My family have been at Wilston since 2006, and I have been actively involved with the P&C since then.  I have served previous terms as Vice President and also been Vice Chairperson for Swim Club until last year, and have been involved with grants and fund raising for many years.

The new executive also includes Craig Parravicini as Vice President, Luke Moulson as Treasurer and Adam Spencer returning as Secretary.  I would like to thank all of these parents for taking the time to invest in the P&C Executive.

I am hopeful of finalising the second Vice President at next month’s P&C meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a big thank you to the outgoing P&C Executive, Kevin Mercer after four years, Allison McKelvie, Nathan Macpherson and Chris Noonan.  This group of people have done an incredible job in their time on the Executive and have handed over a very well-structured organisation and a wonderful financial platform for the future.  If you see any of them around, please take the time to say thanks to them for their efforts.

I look forward to seeing you at the Beach Party and throughout the year.

Bernie O’Dowd
P&C President

Fete Organising Committee Required Urgently

The Wilston State School Fete is a wonderful event for our children and the broader community, which has taken place every two years (alternating with St Columbus).

This year we still do not have an organising committee and so may not be able to have a Fete.  Many components of the Fete are actually already in place.  There are volunteers for key roles (e.g. Operations Manager, Treasurer, Stall Convenors), rides have been booked and the previous Fete committee are still available and willing to share their experiences.  We just need a small group of people to pull all the pieces together.  Organising the Fete is a great way to engage with the school community and further your event management and leadership skills.  It can be as big or small an event as you choose and a rewarding experience for a group of old or new friends to share together.

If you can help ensure we have a Fete this year, please contact P&C Secretary Adam Spencer (adam.spencer@wilstonpandc.org.au) and/or come to next month’s P&C Meeting on 19 March at 7.00pm.  A decision will be made at the next P&C meeting, if the fete can proceed without an organising committee in place.
2015 BEACH PARTY

Saturday March 7 (4.00-8.30pm)
Get the kids out of the house and off those electronic devices. Your kids will have a ball and you will love the community atmosphere. Parents wear your favourite Beach gear, children wear your house colours!

It’s not long until this great Wilston event so buy your family ticket on Munch Monitor NOW.

Activities include:
- Swimming (4.00-6.00pm)
- Bungee Run and Mechanical Surfboard
- Dunk Tank and Dodge Ball
- Kids slide and Box Building
- Face Painting and Glow Sticks
- Live band and bar
- BBQ, popcorn and slushees
- Movie.

We URGENTLY need parent helpers on the night especially at Tuck-shop and BBQ. Please don’t be shy and help, just one hour of your time will be appreciated. You can choose what activity you can help with and the time from our volunteers sign up page at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4dafa92ca7fd0-beach1

ANNUAL P&C EASTER EGG RAFFLE

It is that time again for the Annual Wilston State School P&C Easter Raffle. Last year we were able to give more than 100 children a range of big and small prizes to take home.

We need donations of Easter goodies/eggs/chocolates/baskets/plush toys/craft including allergy free items. When you are out shopping please add in a little something for the Easter raffle. All donations will be gratefully received and should be delivered to the Tuckshop.

Over the next couple of weeks all students will receive a book of 5 raffle tickets. The ticket price is $1 a ticket. For SOLD tickets please write your child/children’s name and class or ticket holders name and phone number clearly on each ticket and return with payment to your class Blue Bag. Please make sure the envelope is clearly marked “Easter Raffle”. Please also return any unsold tickets.

If you have any queries contact Kath O’Hara 0411 699 867 or k-ohara@bigpond.net.au

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

This week at WKC students have been creating some Cherry Blossom using recycled bottles. Come and have a look at some of the creations.

Keyboard and singing lessons
We have been successful in obtaining the services of a qualified music teacher. Keyboard and singing lessons will begin on 2 March. Singing and Keyboard will attract a fee of $6.50 per session and be charged to your WKC account. Please book in early as places are limited.

Homework Club
Homework Club has commenced. This service is offered to assist those parents who find it difficult to fit homework in around work and study commitments.

Activities Levy
Further information about the proposed levy will be forwarded to parents.

WKC Committee
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.

We would also like to remind parents they can always access the policies and procedures for WKC from our website at http://www.wiltonpandc.org.au/index.php/wilton-kids-care/important-parent-information

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at the Queensland Sprint Championships last weekend. A special mention goes to Josh A for winning a bronze medal and Will B for making the finals.

Good luck to all swimmers who are competing in the Ascot Cup, a three way meet with Ascot and Eagle Junction Schools, this weekend.

This week the following families are on BBQ and Canteen duty:

BBQ Boyle, Sampson and Matyear
Canteen Babnik, Kelly and McNamara.

Please note- if you are not available to work on the bbq/ canteen on your rostered night, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

Nominations for all remaining Club Nights including Club Championships are now open. Club Night nominations close Thursdays at 6:00pm. Nominations for Club Championships close Monday 2 March at 6.00pm.

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.

Our next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 March at 7:00pm poolside.

W: www.wiltonswim.org.au
E: info@wilstonswim.org.au
Athletics Running Club
Come and get ready for the cross country and athletics seasons.
7.30am Tuesdays and Friday 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

Please help to make this event as successful as previous years.

We kindly ask for donations of Easter eggs/baskets/plush bunnies/craft/allergy free items to be brought along to the Tuckshop.

Raffle tickets are only $1 each and will be sent to all students shortly.

If you have any questions please call Kath O’Hara
0411 699 867 or email k-ohara@bigpond.net.au

Sausage Sizzle in Grange Library Park
Friday 27th Feb 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
**SELF DEFENSE CLASSES**  
**MOON LEE TAE KWON DO**  
**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**  
6.00PM TO 7.00PM  
**THE UNITING CHURCH HALL**  
**HAWDON ST**  
**WILSTON (OFF KEDRON BROOK RD)**  
**FOR MORE INFO**  
**CALL SENIOR INSTRUCTOR TIM 0416 171 904**

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Please contact Elsa on 0413 799 827.

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from 3 February to 31 March.  
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**NORTH’S JUNIOR RUGBY UNION**  
**SIGN ON DAYS**  
Saturday 31st January &  
Sunday 1st February  
10am - 2pm  
Norths Clubhouse  
150 Shaw Rd, Wooloowin  
or register online today at:  
www.northsjuniorrugby.com.au

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Visit: 115 Newmarket Rd, Wilston  
Electronic Mail: info@willowandspoon.com.au  
Surf: willowandspoon.com.au

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**VIOLIN AND PIANO LESSONS!**  
I am former WSS student now studying a  
Bachelor of Music at the University of Queensland. I have been awarded an  
Australian Associate of Music on both  
piano and violin.  
I am available for teaching violin and  
piano to children of any age or level.  
Rate: $25 for 30 minute lesson  
Contact Phoebe on 0477 513 794
BEACH PARTY
7th March 4-8.30pm

Only a few weeks to go! Make sure you have purchase your family ticket via www.wiltonpandc.org.au/index.php/events or www.muchmonitor.com. We are also looking for volunteers and we have lots of spaces to fill, check our volunteer register on www.SignUpGenius.com/go/2OF0D4D4FA22GA7FDD0-beach.
We cannot run the event without the help of parent volunteers.

No tickets will be issued, just come to the entry gate between the Admin Block and Undercover area and get your name ticked, and the kids will receive a wrist band.

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Strictly no drop off, all children must be under the supervision of an adult at all times.

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BEACH PARTY

Beach Party Dodge Ball Competition
Rules of the Competition

General:
1. Each player’s family must have paid the entry fee for the Beach Party to participate – receive a wristband at the entry gate before taking the court.
2. All Games are to be played on the undercover area. The court will be set up by the P&C with assistance from the Year 6 Leadership Group.
3. There will be 2 competitions Years 3-4, Years 5-6. Year 2 children may play with Parental consent and oversight.
4. House Captains must organise their house to maximise the number of players on the court at the start of each game.
5. Players are to wear house colours – in the spirit of the beach party also use house colour zinc cream or face paint.
6. Games will start at 4pm.
7. There will be one game between each of the houses in each of the competitions;

   I. Grade 6 Demonstration – Does not count to points – mixed teams across 3 houses.
   II. 3-4 Gordon V Patterson
   III. 3-4 Lawson V Patterson
   IV. 3-4 Gordon V Lawson
   V. 5-6 Lawson V Patterson
   VI. 5-6 Gordon V Lawson
   VII. 5-6 Gordon V Patterson
   If time Students V parents game (does not count to points)

Rules:
- Each team to start with as many players as they can within the year group who have paid entry fee to the Beach Party.
- 6 balls – placed on the centre line
- A player will be out if they cross the centre line.
- A player is out if a ball directly hits the player on the full or bounce (below the shoulder) and he / she does not catch it.
- If a player catches a ball on the full, the player throwing the ball is out and the catcher can bring a player back into the game.
- The referee’s decision is final – a player will be immediately called out if any disagreement with the referee occurs.
- Each game will go until 1 team has no players or for 5 minutes.
- Each team will have a captain who will be responsible for the conduct of his / her team.

Points will be awarded based on;
- 30 points for winning a game i.e. the other team has no players left.
- 10 points to each team if a game finishes in a draw after 5 (4) minutes – both teams have players left.
- Each team will be awarded additional points for players left on the court at the end of the game based on:
  - 3 points for a player in the younger year (year 3 or year 5)
  - 1 point for a player in the older year (year 4, or year 6)

The P&C Cup will be awarded to the House with the most points after the completion of all 6 games

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