

Wilston State School Ever onward

Term 1. Issue 7. 12 March 2015.

DATE CLAIMERS

13 March	City District Soccer/Touch
16 March	Yr 6 to Brisbane Urban Environ
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19 March	Yr 6 to Brisbane Urban Environ P&C Meeting 7.00pm. All welcome.
20 March	National Young Leaders Day Yr 2 to Sciencentre
24/26 March	Met Region Choral Honours Day – Selected Yr 6 students
27 March	Easter Service
28 March	Swim Club Trophy Night
31 March	Cross Country
2 April	Easter Hat Parade Last day of Term 1
3 April	Good Friday
16 April	P&C Meeting 7.00pm. All welcome.
20 April	First day of Term 2
22 April	WKC Committee Meeting
23 April	School ANZAC Ceremony
25 April	ANZAC Day
28 April	2A and 2C to Newstead House
29 April	2B and 2F to Newstead House
30 April	2D and 2E to Newstead House
5 May	City District Cross Country
13 May	WKC Committee Meeting
19 May	Yr 5B to Southbank
20 May	Yr 5C to Southbank
21 May	Yr 5D to Southbank P&C Meeting 7.00pm. All welcome.
22 May	Gala Day
28 May	City District Rugby Union Trials
29 May	Gala Day
2 June	Met North Cross Country
3 June	Yr 5 to Planetarium
3-5 June	Year 6 to Camp Laidley
4 June	Forensic Science Workshop
5 June	Forensic Science Workshop
5 June	Gala Day
8 June	Queen's Birthday
10 June	WKC Committee Meeting
18 June	City District Softball Trials P&C Meeting 7.00pm. All welcome.
26 June	Last day of Term 2
8 July	WKC Committee Meeting
13 July	First day of Term 3
16 July	P&C Meeting 7.00pm. All welcome.
24 July	City District Cricket
30 July	City District Track and Field
31 July	City District Track and Field

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Beach Party

I extend my thanks and appreciation to Jason Finselbach and his team of parent volunteers for organising such a wonderful beach party. The number of families that supported this event was significant and the students certainly threw themselves into the activities that were on offer.

I could see that a number of parents took this as an opportunity to catch up with other families that they may not have been in touch with over recent months. The atmosphere was wonderful!

Paper Planes

Currently our school captains are holding a paper plane flying (distance measured) competition. Their intent is to identify a champion from each of the grades from Year 3 to Year 6.

This year our school captains are being mentored by two wonderful student leaders from the Queensland Academy of Creative Industries and these leaders visited Wilston State School on Wednesday.



Crazy Hair Day

Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser. All funds raised will be presented to the Leukaemia Foundation.

Parent Liaisons

On Monday I had the opportunity to meet with a significant number of parents who have volunteered to be this year's Parent Liaison Officers. I certainly appreciate the role they undertake in primarily assisting your child's teacher communicate with other parents in the class. You will be asked whether or not your contact details can be provided to other parents from your class group. Please ensure your wishes in regard to personal details are clearly articulated to your parent representative.

In essence I have asked that all communication through this channel is kept to a minimum on the hope that the messages presented to you are read.

“Talk straight, demonstrate respect, create transparency, right wrongs, show loyalty, deliver results, get better, confront reality, clarify expectations, practise accountability, listen first, keep commitments and extend trust.”

Stephen Covey's trust behaviours, quoted in "The Character of a Coach" by Kay Psencik in *Journal of Staff Development*, Feb 2015

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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.

Easter Service

Our Easter Service will be held on Friday 27 March 2015 at St Columba's. Year 1 to 3 will attend from 9.30am and Year 4 to 6 from 10.15am.

TEMP TEACHER AIDE (LANA)

Expression of Interest. Temporary Teacher Aide (LANA)

Expressions of Interest are invited for a position of Temporary Teacher Aide. The position is for 20 hours per week from 20.04.2015 to 27.11.2015 (excluding school holidays).

Role of the Teacher Aide—LANA (Literacy and Numeracy Assistants)

- * Contribute to the provision of quality educational service by assisting and supporting teachers with the enhancement of learning and associated activities.
- * Support activities with the objective of improving learning outcomes of students in literacy and numeracy.

Selection Criteria

SC1: A demonstrated capacity to follow the direction of the class teacher to provide support and instruction to groups of junior primary children in the areas of literacy and numeracy.

SC2: A capacity to build and maintain relationships with staff and students in a professional manner.

Application Process

- Applicants should refer to the generic position description for Teacher Aides.
- Applicants need to provide a written CV and brief application addressing the selection criteria, of no more than two A4 pages.
- Applicants are subject to a 'working with children check' as part of the employment screening process.
- Applicants should also provide the names and contact details of two referees.
- Applications will be short-listed and interviews will take place prior to the end of term.
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Enquiries should be directed to:

Debbie Mill
dmill108@eq.edu.au
A/Deputy Principal
Wilston State School
Primrose Street
Grange 4051

Closing date for applications: Monday 23 March 2015.

STUDENT PAYMENTS

Thank you to those parents who have made payment on the term fees and the Student Resource Scheme.

This week statements (yellow) went home to the youngest in the family. Payments are now due for excursions and activities.

Just a reminder when paying directly into the school bank account. Please can you put your student ID number as the reference or the student name. We have had a number of payments with no reference. Thank you.

2015 ICAS

Just a reminder that the ICAS permission forms and payment are due back by **Friday 27 March 2015**.

Please make sure a separate permission form is completed for each of your children. Please return this to the office via the class Blue Bag in an envelope clearly marked with the students name and class.

YEAR 6 COMMEMORATIVE SHIRTS

Year 6 Commemorative Shirts

Just a reminder that payment and shirts are due by **Wednesday 18 March 2015**. We wish printing to start as soon as possible after that date in order that students have more time to wear their shirts.

Please place your completed forms and your freshly laundered school shirt in the collection box provided in your child's classroom by Wednesday 18 March 2015. Please label your shirt/s VERY CLEARLY and place in a plastic bag. These can be purchased at the Tuckshop for \$33.00.

Send your payment of \$10 per shirt for the printing to the office via the class Blue Bag in a clearly named envelope marked Year 6 Commemorative Shirt printing. Payment must be received by no later than Wednesday 18 March 2015 if you wish to be included in the printing.

2015 CANBERRA SKI TRIP

All completed forms are due back to the office by Friday 13 March, 2015. Please make sure the white insurance form is completed.

The second payment for the trip is **now due**. The amount of \$750 is on this terms statement.

EASTER COLOURING IN COMPETITION

Colouring In Competition

In addition to the Easter Raffle the P&C are holding an Easter colouring in competition with the winners to be announced at the Easter Parade.

Some teachers will choose to participate in this activity as a class and some will send the competition sheets home. All entries are due to class teachers by Wednesday March 25. Unfortunately no late entries will be accepted. Prizes will be given to winners in each class from Prep – Year 3. In years 4, 5 and 6 there will be some prizes for the cohort. Happy colouring!

Kelly Thorburn

NEWS FROM LEARNING SUPPORT

Hearing Screening Program for Prep Students

Just a reminder that permission forms are to be returned to Learning Support via the class Blue Bag by Thursday 12 March 2015. If you wish your child to take part in this program please make sure forms are sent up this week.

NEWS FROM HPE

Wilston SS students have been very successful in the past couple of weeks across a variety of sports.

Swimming

We had 18 students compete at the recent Met North Swimming carnival and all students performed well. The following students have gained selection into the Regional team to compete at the state carnival later in the term: Georgia K, Doug M, Hilary T, Ashley P, Josh A and Lucy B.

Hockey

Congratulations to Georgina H, Kobi D, Chris S and Fraser W who were successful in gaining selection into the District Hockey team.

Netball

Well done to Georgina H and Emily C for being selected into the district U/12 netball team to compete at the regional trials.

AFL

We had more success at the District AFL trials with Jack M, Dan M, Dylan A and Julian B gaining selection in the City team to compete at the Regional carnival.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Choir Competition

Thanks to those parents who have returned the yellow forms regarding the Qld Youth Music Awards. Unfortunately there is a clash of dates with this competition as the final coincides with the Year 6 Camp. Because of this we have decided to go with another competition that is also held in May - Choral Fanfare. This competition is run by Education Qld and will be held in school time. A note will be sent home within the next week regarding dates and transport arrangements.

Choir Uniforms

An official decision has been made to delay the introduction of choir uniforms until 2016. The T-shirts would not be available until Term 3 so it would seem unfair to expect parents to buy the outfit for such a short time. They will be introduced next year for both the choral and strings program (Years 4-6). We appreciate your understanding.

Miranda Charters

TUCKSHOP NEWS

The beach party was a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped out. An extra big thank you to Angela Pratt for putting in the hard yards keeping everything running smoothly in the Tuckshop.

Munch Monitor is the easy and convenient way to order from Tuckshop and all the new menu items and changes are online.

To get started you just go to www.munchmonitor.com and sign up using the following codes.

Enter User name: wilstonss

Enter Password: munch4051

After this you can customize your child's profile begin to order all the yummy foods.

There is a different special on every day jump on line and check it out.

We are not using any frozen berries in Tuckshop only fresh.

Week beginning the 16 March 2015

Monday 16 Jackie Redmond, Elena Hoffman, Tracey Woolaston

Tuesday 17 Marion Jones, Suzie McDonald, Jenny Rossen

Wednesday 18 Kate Usher, Liezel Boshoff, Zoe Constance

Thursday 19 Jacinta Geritz, Megan Beattie, Chris Shume

Friday 20 Natalie Scott, Chris Beehler, Geraldine Mercer,
Jessica Draper.

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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).

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: dress (size 8 & 10); embroidered polo shirt mocha (size 6).

Seniors Shirts

All Year 6 students are permitted to wear the Senior/representative shirt this year (the one with the two-colour diagonal design on the front). Sizes 8 to 14 are available for purchase for \$33. Size 12 shirts are now in stock, but in cotton only. A limited quantity of size 10 shirts in cotton is also available. Cotton shirts are slightly cheaper at \$28 each. Printing of 2015 commemorative shirts is being organised now – forms to be distributed soon. Representative or plain gold shirts bought directly from the shop can be held for printing once they are named and submitted with all necessary forms. Online orders will be sent home via the classroom for naming.

Music Shirts:

All year 4-6's (not Year 3's) require a white music shirt to participate in orchestra performances. These shirts are available in sizes 6-14 for \$30 each.

Stationery

Key stationery items are now back in stock, including whiteboards for problem solving, whiteboard pens and erasers, dictionaries, atlases and headphones.

Christine Matheson and Janice Nykiel, Convenors

Ph. 3552 8490 / 0448 633 737 / chrismath1@hotmail.com

P&C UPDATE

The Fate of the Fete meeting will be held on 19 March at 7.00pm in the Staff Room at the school. (D Block), as part of the regular P&C monthly meeting. Feel free to stay for that issue only, if you have some input. This will be one of the first points discussed.

Get your babysitter lined up if you want to see a fete this year.

The last fete contributed a substantial amount to resources and facilities for the school, and we won't get another chance until 2017 to raise that highly necessary funding.

We have many active parents in our community who are ready to be led by an organised and capable fete convenor.

P&C - Get Involved

As President I am delighted to see new faces come along to the P&C meetings (held every third Thursday at 7.00pm at the school), and get to know the parents who come along as regulars.

I look around at pick up and drop off, or when I'm working on the BBQ at the pool, and think about how much expertise we have in our community and want to encourage everyone to feel they have something to offer. While active contributions are welcome, intellectual contributions are also welcome.

What does the Wilston P&C do?

The P&C - or Parents and Citizens - is the body which supports Wilston State School. We run Wilston Kids Care; the Uniform, Bookshop and Tuckshop; and the Swim Club.

We run a number of fundraising events throughout the year and this money goes directly to the school and student resources. In the past we've provided air-conditioning for classrooms, laptops and curriculum assistance, among many other items. We also actively seek out grants available from the private sector and government to build infrastructure and provide extras such as uniforms for sports teams.

**Bernie O'Dowd
President.
WSS P&C**

BEACH PARTY WRAP UP

Thanks to everyone who came along to enjoy and help at this wonderful Wilston community event. We had 300 families attend and it was great to see plenty of new faces and all of the kid's smiles. The beach theme was certainly embraced with all of the splashing, slurping, surfboard riding, sliding, dunking and rocking going on. The bungee run was a hit with heaps of thrills and spills and let's not forget the beach BBQ. Wow those sausages were popular.

Thanks to the school captains and teachers for being great sports and getting dunked. Especially Mr Hendriks and Miss Grim who seemed to get dunked more than most. Well done and thank you to Felicity Lawrence for making the Dunk Tank program once again one of the highlights of the Beach Party.

It was a fantastic team that organized and ran this event and it has been a pleasure working with you all. We can't name everyone here, however we would like to especially thank Angela Pratt for running the Tuckshop/BBQ and Andrew Nehill for handling the bar, Matthew Crook for running the dodge ball event and providing all that info on how previous events were run, Michelle Tribe for managing the pool and arranging the blow up toys that had the kids so enthralled.

Thanks to Craig Parravicini for taking on the box building role and managing a fairly controlled affair with only a few destroyed boxes, Kate Cross, Jo Vickers and Alison Hill for convening the very popular Bungee Run, Kids Slide and Mechanical Surfboard.

Isn't it great to hear a live band playing great music! Well done and thanks to Stu Garraway and the band for the tunes. Didn't those preppies like the dancing?

The Face Painting was as popular as ever and kept the artists busy. Thanks to Amanda Boone for arranging. There were plenty of kids glowing in the dark and they were easy to find for Nathan McPherson on security so thanks to Ingrid Rosemann for running the Glowies stand.

Thanks to Marteen Pearl for again running the popcorn stand and to Anne Clare for handling the ticket sales with a fairly joyous bunch. Was that a bottle of Champagne we saw with the box of wrist bands? Well done to Rose Bornham for the great looking flyers and marketing material.

Thanks to Saskya Hunter for arranging and maintaining the volunteers register on Sign up Genius, Chris Noonan on First Aid and Leigh Hofmeister for the fantastic support with organizing from school admin.

Also all those quiet achievers that booked in to help for one hour and ended up staying for three including those that helped with set up and clean up.

It has been a great start to the year and it's wonderful to see the Wilston community embrace these events.

Thanks very much for your support

Jason & Gabriela Finselbach

ANNUAL P&C EASTER EGG RAFFLE

The countdown has begun for the Annual Wilston State School 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 your help now with donations of Easter goodies. When you are out shopping please add in a little something for the Easter raffle and send it into the Tuckshop. Please consider donations of allergy free items, colouring books, stickers or Easter craft items. **All donations will be gratefully received and should be delivered to the Tuckshop.**

Students will receive their book of tickets over the next couple of days. Please contact me should you require more tickets.

Kath O'Hara 0411 699 867 or k-ohara@bigpond.net.au

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

This week at WKC students have been making waffles along with all our games and art and crafts.

Vacation Care

The program for Vacation Care has been circulated with highlights such as skating at Stafford, pyjama party day and a water slide. Parents can make bookings now using the booking form. These forms are available through the WKC office.

Homework Club

This service is offered to assist those parents who find it difficult to fit homework in around work and study commitments. Homework Club generally starts after 4.30pm so that students have time to have something to eat and a play with friends. Please see the office if you want your child to participate.

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.wilstonpandc.org.au/index.php/wilston-kids-care/important-parent-information>

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Bookings for Term 2 Learn to Swim will commence on Monday 16 March. Class preference will be given to swimmers currently enrolled in our Term 1 program. **Learn to swim and squad continue year round and the pool is heated to 29 degrees in the winter months.**

Information regarding our Easter holiday swim program will be confirmed shortly.

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at the Junior Metropolitan Championships at Chandler on the weekend. The Wilston Crocs achieved great results with many swimmers achieving personal best times and making the finals. A special mention to the following swimmers who all received medals:

Gold- Georgia K 200 Butterfly, Claudia K 50 Butterfly, Joshua A 50 Breaststroke
Silver- Ashley P 100 Breaststroke
Bronze- Georgia K 400 Freestyle, Will B 200IM

Congratulations to last week's trainer of the week- **Allie G.**

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

BBQ: **Ernst, Paull and Wolrath**
Canteen: **Edgson, Carley and Rees.**

Nominations for **Club Championships** have now closed. Please check the noticeboard this Friday night and confirm all details are correct. **Reminder - all swim fees must be up to date prior to Club Championships commencing or you will not be able to swim. There are a number of fees from the Christmas holidays and Term 1 currently outstanding.** If you are unsure if you have any outstanding fees please check with Kirsten.

Our **Trophy Night** will be held on **Saturday 28 March 2015** from 6:00 - 9:00pm in the school's Undercover Area. Following the formal presentations there will be pizza for the children and a disco. More details will follow shortly.

See you at the pool.

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

Child Minding Services Available

I am a niece of a local Wilston family, 20 years old and a part time student.

I'm looking for a family that needs a regular nanny. I'm available full days Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sundays.

I have had lots of experience with Wilston families as well as an overseas nanny posting. Blue card and References from local families available.

For more information contact Sian on sian.thomas1@hotmail.com
OR 0481136562

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

Host an International Student DO YOU HAVE A SPARE ROOM?

Kelvin Grove State College has students from all over the world looking to study and live in Australia with real Aussie families.

The KGSC International Homestay program, the largest in Brisbane has an established team and dedicated staff who provide:

- Initial interview and informative home visit
- Considered placement process
- Ongoing support for Homestay families
- 'Aussie experience' student trips
- Student support and encouragement to succeed both personally and academically.

Some Homestay requirements include:

- *Nearby transport to KGSC
- *Bedroom with desk and wardrobe
- *Warm family environment
- *Blue card

2015 Weekly rate: \$263 - Short and long term Homestays required

INTERVIEWING NOW FOR APRIL AND JULY INTAKE

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Or call Sue Rainbow on 04210 40210



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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 Columba's).

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 this month's P&C Meeting on 19 March at 7.00pm.

A decision will be made at this P&C meeting, if the fete can proceed without an organising committee in place.

The 2015 Annual Wilston State School P&C Easter Raffle.



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
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