



Wilston State School Ever onward

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DATE CLAIMERS

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 Skate Night – Year 3 and 4
12 May	Naplan – Year 3 and 5 Skate Night – Prep and Year 1 and 2
13 May	Naplan – Year 3 and 5 WKC Committee Meeting
14 May	Naplan Year 3 and 5
19 May	Yr 5B to Southbank Skate Night Year 5 and 6
20 May	Yr 5A to Southbank Choral Fanfare – Wilston Wonders
21 May	Yr 5C to Southbank P&C Meeting 7.00pm. All welcome.
22 May	Gala Day
28 May	City District Rugby Union Trials
29 May	Gala Day
31 May	Wilston Wonders to Wilston Winter Market Festival
2 June	ICAS Science Year 6 Only Met North Cross Country
3 June	Yr 5 and 4/5F to Planetarium ICAS Science
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
28 July	ICAS English

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Kelvin Grove State College

A number of our families live within the Kelvin Grove State College catchment area and the College is requesting that any parents wanting to send their children to Kelvin Grove State College in 2016 please complete their enrolment by the end of Term 1.

2017 enrolments for Year 5 students will be accepted from the start of Semester 2 this year. This applies to students in Year 5 both inside and outside of the Kelvin Grove State College catchment area.

Helping Students Seek Help

What do help-seeking behaviours reveal about students' perseverance, intellectual curiosity and mindsets? Some students ask for help before they even start thinking about a problem, while others avoid seeking help even after struggling fruitlessly on their own. To get help successfully, a student has to understand that he or she has a problem, decide whether and whom to ask for help, do so clearly and process the help that's given. The term 'help-seeking' suggests a deficit, but we need students to think of this as managing resources to solve a problem. Students need to understand we are always in the process of learning, and therefore we never know as much as we should. We have to learn the skills to acquire the knowledge we need.

Help-seeking is both academic and social in nature and adolescents see their classrooms as an academic and social minefield.

This can lead students to devise their own kinds of help like copying a classmate's homework just to get it done rather than asking for help to really understand the work - which involves admitting that you don't understand it.

Asking for help

If the teacher can get rid of the class mindset that 'I don't want to look like a loser' that will be a huge step for many students. It can also make a big difference if teachers make very explicit the protocol for asking for help – when, how, and of whom. Make it explicit, and let students practise it so that they know it is a normal part of learning. An important skill for teachers is to be able to identify students who aren't asking for help and find out which unspoken message is on a student's mind:

I'm afraid to ask.

I don't know how to ask.

I don't know what I don't know.

I don't need help.

Research has found that the way students who are attentive lean forward in their seats is similar to that of students who are confused and frustrated, but there's a subtle difference. Engaged students lean forward more steeply, taking their backs off their chairs, whereas struggling students lean forward but keep their body posture more upright. The irony is that getting help all the time doesn't produce better long-term achievement. There's an important distinction between asking for detailed help on a problem and getting help building problem-solving skills.

Students need resources to help them make sense of their work themselves and that is the best help their teachers can give them.

Acknowledgement: "Studying the Ways Students Get Help with Classwork" by Sarah Sparks in *American Educator*, Winter 2014-15

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

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Say No To Bullying

Thank you to all of the students and staff who wore something orange on Friday to recognise the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Teachers discussed the issue of bullying with students and many classes engaged in a variety of activities to better understand and deal with this issue. Our High 5 strategy was reiterated and practised as a method for students to use when dealing with most negative situations.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN writing test to include two prompts from 2015

This year's NAPLAN writing assessment will have two writing prompts—one for Year 3 and 5 and a different prompt for Years 7 and 9—instead of the previous single prompt for all year levels.

The change has been made following consultation with content and assessment experts, as well as with states and territory representatives and other educators and researchers. These experts looked at data from the last few years, including the 2014 data which saw a downward trend in persuasive writing achievement. After reviewing this data the experts concluded that the NAPLAN writing assessment would be better served by two writing prompts, one for Years 3 and 5 and a different one for Year 7 and 9 to allow more age-appropriate writing prompts.

Both writing prompts will be on the same type of text—either narrative or persuasive—students will not have a choice of genre. The genre will be revealed on the day of assessment.

Test dates: Tuesday 12 May
 Wednesday 13 May
 Thursday 14 May 2015.

WELL DONE AWARDS

Prep

Majella E PA, Abigail B PA, Angus C PA, Ruben L PA, Samuel C PB, Kira G PB, Lauren V PB, James K PB, Aum B PC, Matilda Y-J PC, Max H PC, Bella Y-J PC, Annabel C PD, William B PD, Eliza O' PD, Daisy S PE, Samara W PE, Samuel T PE, Sophie M PE, Nicholas E PF, Sydney L PF, Esther E PF.

Year 1

Sigrid S 1A, William S 1A, Dylan J 1A, Klara R 1B, Angus P 1B, Jade S 1B, Lucy S 1C, Aidan N 1C, Brayden E 1C, Oliver B 1D, Leilani B 1D, Emerson B 1D, Harry K 1E, Sophie H 1E, Cash P 1E, Henry C 1F, Isla B 1F, Joshua Mc 1F.

Year 2

Samantha M 2A, Cameron G 2A, Freya E 2C, Benjamin C 2C, Charlotte H 2C, Thomas W 2E, Elizabeth Y 2E, Thomas S 2E, Chris B 2D, Zach 2D, Aaliyah N 2D, Colby S 2F, Maya H 2F, Sebastian S 2F, George S 2B, Jessica M 2B.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Crazy Hair Day

Thank you to all those of you that donated a gold coin. The Student Council raised \$998.55.

Skate Night

Tuesday 5 May Year 3 and 4
Tuesday 12 May Prep, Year 1 and 2
Tuesday 19 May Year 5 and 6.

ECOMARINE

Adopt a street is this term's EcoMarine Mission. With a total of 19 streets already, it is great to see our Warriors and Ambassadors embracing the challenge already.

The aim of this mission is to encourage our Warriors to adopt their local street and show us how they can make a difference by picking up litter.

This is a safe, enjoyable and educational experience, giving the students at Wilston the opportunity to contribute to a healthier and cleaner local environment.

Did you know that Queensland has 174,000km of state and local maintained roads. With our 19 adopted streets so far, we are improving the cleanliness of around 1,900m of road already. So get on board and join our Marines as you adopt your street. We challenge you to sign up today and make a difference too!! You don't need to be an EcoMarine to help clean!! Make it your mission to make a difference as every little bit helps.

NEWS FROM HPE

Congratulations!

Josh A and Georgia K have been selected into the Queensland Primary Schools Swimming team to compete at the National Championships.

Cross Country

The school Inter-house Cross Country will be held next Tuesday 31st March on the school oval and surrounds. Students received an information note last week with details and approximate times of races. The carnival will also double as selection races for students born 2003 to 2006, to pick the Wilston SS team to compete at the City District Carnival on Tuesday 5 May.

Approx Times

9.15am	8 Years (2007) Boys and Girls – 1km
9.30am	9 Years (2006) Boys and Girls – 1km
9.45am	10 Years (2005) Boys and Girls – 2km
10.10am	11 Years (2004) Boys and Girls – 3km
10.45am	12 Years (2003) Boys and Girls – 3km
11.15am	Morning Tea Break
11.40am	Prep Boys and Girls – 300m
11.55am	6 Years (2009) Boys and Girls – 300m
12.10pm	7 Years (2008) Boys and Girls – 600m
12.30pm	Presentations

Parents are more than welcome to come along and support their children during the carnival.

School Swimming

I'd like to thank all parent and carers who have assisted as helpers during swimming lessons throughout the term. This support is essential in the successful implementation of the aquatic program and any help is always appreciated.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

We are looking forward to singing at the Easter Church services today (Friday). Parents are most welcome to attend! Juniors 9.30am and Seniors 10.15am.

Miranda Charters and Bev Barnett

TUCKSHOP NEWS

With the holidays fast approaching make things a little easier for lunch and order online with Munch Monitors. It's quick easy and a time saver.

We are only using fresh berries in our Tuckshop menu. If you have any questions just pop in and see Bec or Dot in Tuckshop.

Week beginning the 30th March 2015

Monday 30: Mirella Fyimoto, Sharon Waddingham

Tuesday 31 Louise Astori, Ellie Cayas
Wednesday 1: Sharon Darmody, help needed
Thursday 2: Harriet Carter, help needed
Friday 3: GOOD FRIDAY

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 on Mondays in Term 2.**

SHOP ONLINE: Go to www.munchmonitor.com; Username: wilstonss and Password: munch4051. All items purchased online are delivered to your child's class.

Stock Update: Out of Stock: dress (size 8 and 10); embroidered polo shirt mocha (size 6), senior shirts (size 14), tights (size 10-12), prep hat ribbon, girls' winter stretch pants (size 8).

Senior Shirts

I have spare senior shirts available for purchase – size 8's in polyester cotton (\$33) and size 10 and 12 in full cotton (\$28). Order your spare shirt today!!

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.

Winter Items

When that cold snap finally arrives, visit the shop for all your winter uniform items. There are plenty of jackets (\$46), long-sleeve rugby polos (\$30) and cargo pants (\$30) in stock. There is limited stock of girls' stretch pants (\$30) in varying sizes, and a limited stock of tights.

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



NEWS FROM THE P&C

2015 Annual P&C Easter Egg Raffle Final Days -

Tickets need to be returned in the blue bag TOMORROW, Friday March 27, to be entered in the draw. The draw will take place early next week and during the Easter Parade. Good luck!! Kath O'Hara kohara@bigpond.net.au 0411 699 867.

Mother's Day Stall

This year's P&C Mothers' Day Stall will be on again all day on Wednesday 6 May, next to the library. Students can come to the stall with their class and choose a lovely gift for their Mum (and/or grandma etc). All gifts are \$10 and students **must** bring their money on the day. The stall will also open before school on Thursday 7 May for any students who are away or forget their money on Wednesday.

In addition, I'd appreciate any volunteers who can come and help the students shop—if you can spare any time during classes (9.00 to 2.30pm) on Wednesday, please let me know or just drop by the stall.

Ingrid (0424 051 987)

Save The Date

SATURDAY MAY 30—TRIVIA NIGHT

Tickets will go on sale early next term - numbers will be capped this year so get in early.

The Fate of the Fete...

Following last week's P&C Meeting, a small group of parents have put their names forward to ensure that this year's Fete goes ahead.

Held every two years, the Fete is the biggest event on the P&C's calendar. The Fete raises funds for our school, promotes the talents of our students and develops links with our local and business community.

The Fete is a whole of school event. To make it successful, all classes and all families are asked to contribute. There are many ways for you to participate – there are jobs leading up to the day and jobs on the day. Contact us now and we will send you our list of vacancies – we need your help with stalls, entertainment, sponsorship and logistics. **Natalie Gardiner** (nataliegardiner@optusnet.com.au) and **Jacqui Sawley** (jacqui_sawley@yahoo.com)

The first **Stall Holders meeting** is on next **Tuesday, 31 March at 7.00pm** in the Staffroom (D Block). A representative from each class is asked to attend this meeting. Thank you to our Parent Reps for helping to nominate a representative from your class. Questions about this meeting can be directed to **Angela Pratt** (nehilpratt@optusnet.com.au) and **Marteena Pearl** (thepearls@bigpond.com) our Stalls Conveners.

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Club Championships commenced last Friday night with some great racing. We look forward to our final night of racing for the season this Friday. The **Club Presentation Night** is being held on Saturday 28 March 2015 from 6.00pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there to celebrate a great season of swimming.

Congratulations to all swimmers who competed at the Brisbane Relay Championships at Chandler on the weekend. The Wilston Crocs had some great swims.

Winter Swimming – we have squad and learn to swim available year round with the pool heated to 29 degrees. Swimming year round has many benefits and we encourage all our squad and learn to swim kids to maintain their skills and swim over the winter months.

Bookings are now open for Term 2 Learn to Swim. We are also offering our **Learn to Swim Intensives** over the Easter holidays from Tuesday 7 April 2015 to Friday 10 April 2015, we offer 4 x 30min lessons at the same time each day. Cost for the 4 days is \$52. Please contact Kirsten in the office for bookings.

Club night duties this week:

BBQ – **Bridgefoot, Evans, Scott**

Canteen – **Allen, Lucas, Carley.**

See you at the pool!

W: www.wilstonswim.org.au

E: info@wilstonswim.org.au



WILSTON GRANGE KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL
SAVE THE DATE

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

VICTORIA PARK GOLF CLUB
SATURDAY MAY 23, 2015,
11AM - 4PM

Open Day 2015

Craigslea State High School

...Striving for Excellence...

Sunday 3 May
1.30 - 4.00pm



Academic Excellence
Traditional Values
Excellence Programs:
Science Music Volleyball

1.30 pm - Meet the Staff and Students
2.00 pm - Presentation: Year 7 2016
2.30 pm - Tour the School
3.00 pm - Afternoon Tea
School Assembly Hall

For more information please call - 3326 5222 Visit Website: craigsleashs.eq.edu.au 685 Hamilton Rd West Chermside Qld 4032

Sausage Sizzle in Grange Library Park



Friday 27th March
from 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Have a night off cooking! Feed the family snags.
Or, organise for your class party to enjoy a sausage sizzle!
Special packages.....Email scoutjamboree2016@gmail.com
for more info.

Fundraising by Wilston Scout Group
for the Australian Jamboree



relationshipcentral.org/parenting-teenagers-course

got teenagers
 got 'em coming

the parenting teenagers course

So which is it for you?
If you've already got teenagers, or would like to be prepared, the Wilston Presbyterian Church is running *the parenting teenagers course*.
The course is running over 5 weeks in May 2015.
For details contact stuart on 33564124

Positions Available at Gaythorne Kindergarten. Play - Explore - Learn
Nestled in a quiet, tree-lined pocket of Gaythorne, backing up to the Enoggera Military Barracks, Gaythorne Community Kindergarten provides early childhood educational programs for children aged 2 years to 5 years. Our professional and dedicated teachers provide a program that enables children to learn through exploration and stimulating experiences. We aspire to create an environment that provides enjoyable and creative learning. This is achieved through activities designed to support your child in all areas of growth.

Our quality early childhood program is based on C&K Early Years Learning Framework curriculums.

Session Times: **Monday to Friday: 8:30am - 2:30pm** across the school term

Age Group: **Children aged 2 years to 4.5 years (your child must turn 4 by 30 June the year they attend Pre-prep)**

To nurture our future generations of thinkers, play remains an essential part of the Gaythorne Kindergarten experience. Please drop in during office hours to take a tour.

For further information please contact the kindy on [3355 6181](tel:33556181) or www.gaythomekindy.com

BAZIL grumble

CREATIVE ARTS EXPERIENCES

DRAMA CLASSES

Shining Stars (Prep to Year 2)
Held in **G Block Upstairs Music Room**
from **3.10pm — 4.15pm**
on **Tuesdays** from 28 April.

Masterclass (Year 2 to 6)
Held in **G Block Downstairs Music Room**
from **3.10pm — 4.15pm**
on **Tuesdays** from 28 April.

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