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.

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- 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.


FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

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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 different 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: wilstons 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 / christmath1@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

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 (nehillpratt@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.wiltonswim.org.au
E: info@wiltonswim.org.au

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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

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 or www.gaythornekindy.com

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@zemail.com for more info.

Fundraising by Wilston Scout Group for the Australian Jamboree

relationshipcentral.org/parenting-teenagers-course

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

BAZIL grumble

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.

Confidence, communication, interaction and imagination. Practical presentation and public speaking skills.

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