FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Cross Country
Congratulations to the students from Paterson House, who are this year’s winners of the cross country. I have every confidence that the team selected to compete at the District trials next term will be a strong one.
I thank Mr Rod Bell and his support staff for a successful day. Our students were well prepared and the meet ran exceptionally well.
This photo was taken after the first race of the day. The first three place getters with their proud mothers. Well done to all participants.

Wilston Robot Club
Building on from the outstanding success of the Wilston Warriors and Wilston Wavelengths in 2015, we are planning to get together from 6.00-8.00pm on Monday 27 April in B Block.
This is to have our first ‘Robotic Club’ session for 2015 for Wilston open to students in Years 4, 5 and 6. The plan is for parents to stay and have a chat about how we will support the kids, and what competitions we will enter, while the students hone on their skills. It is BOY laptop and a memory stick. There are limited spaces, so if you are interested please RSVP to chris@noonanfamily.org.

Keep A Watch On Our School These Holidays
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.
The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.
If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.
Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.
If you would like to know more about the School Watch program, please call our Emergency and Security Management Unit on (07) 3034 6013.

I hope you have a safe holiday. My niece who teaches in Mount Isa is expecting her first child and my wife and I intend traveling north-west to catch up with her and her family. It has been over ten years since I served in Mount Isa and I’m looking forward to revisiting.
STUDENT BANKING

What is School Banking and how does it work?
School Banking is a fun, engaging way for children to learn lifelong money-management skills. All children should learn about the importance of saving and smart money management and when it comes to a child’s education, knowing how to manage money is as essential as English, maths, science or the arts.

Students are encouraged to participate in the school banking program where they earn Dollarmites tokens which they can redeem for great rewards. Our school also benefits because it receives a commission on every deposit and $5 for every activated account via the program. These commissions convert into valuable resources for our school.

Every week parent volunteers help with processing deposits and distributing rewards. The help of these parents is vital to the success of the program. We are now looking for parent volunteers. As you all know the more hands, the lighter the workload. All we need is 1 to 2 hours of your time one day a week or fortnightly to process deposit slips and count money. The more parent helpers we have, the less time it takes. It really is very simple. If you are interested in helping out please contact me on gfinselbach@optusnet.com.au for further information.

Please note that banking will be collected on Friday 24 April and Friday 1 May but will be suspended until further notice.

I have had a fantastic time running the School Banking Program since 2011 and I will miss having a nice chat to the volunteer mums that help every week run this program. Alison Hill is taking on the role of School Banking Co-ordinator. Happy Savings!

CHOIR NEWS

Congratulations!!
Well done to our Wilston Wonders and the Junior Choir for their beautiful Easter performances at St Columba’s last Friday.

Congratulations also to Year 6 students Evangeline M, Sam R, Alexander K, Jack P and Hamish P for attending the Metropolitan Choral Honours Camp last week. The camp ran for three days, culminating in a stunning concert at the Old Museum.

Happy Easter!

Miranda Charters and Bev Barnett

NEWS FROM HPE

Cross Country Results
1st – Paterson 433
2nd – Lawson 360
3rd – Gordon 347

Age Champions
6 Years
Boys: Jayden T / Hudson S
Girls: Ava T
7 Years
Boys: Tom W
Girls: Alexandra S
8 Years
Boys: Ben V
Girls: Annabel B
9 Years
Boys: Hayden H
Girls: Arabella A
10 Years
Boys: George B
Girls: Tess G
11 Years
Boys: Josh T
Girls: Ruby M
12 Years
Boys: Jake E
Girls: Georgia K

Rodney Bell
PE Specialist

TUCKSHOP NEWS

The holidays are here and we wish you a safe and happy Easter.

Tuckshop will be open Monday 20 April for all your Tuckshop needs. The Coffee Shop will have a facelift over the holidays by having the area painted white. Come down and sit at the new tables and chairs and admire the upgrade.

We are only using fresh berries in the muesli crunches.

Monday 20: Lisa McGrath, Leonie Crawford, Wendy Bensley.
Tuesday 21: Elissa Hoey, Sabrina Rau.
Wednesday 22: Anne Clark, Roxanne Gorman, Sybil McGuire.
Thursday 23: Min Jennison, Sian Pratt, Megan Chambers.
Friday 24: Prucilla Camisa, Amber Frazer, Bon and Sue Behan.

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 and 3.

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 & 10); embroidered polo shirt mocha (size 6), senior shirts (size 14), tights (size 10-12), Prep hat ribbon, girls’ winter stretch pants (size 8).

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.

Happy Easter!

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 and Colouring In Competition
Over 150 prizes were drawn from the 2015 Easter Raffle, a new record – congratulations to our lucky winners. Congratulations to the students who won the colouring competition.
The winners are
Year 3  Evie A, Ben V, Arabella A, Maya D, Cooper S, Joshua S, Oliver S, Anita Z, Jack T and Tasmin B.
Year 4  Hugh B, Deedee C, Alex V, Katie C.
Year 5  Eliza B, Liam N, Hannah B, Caleb B.
Year 6  Chloe C, Ruby M, Isabella S, Jaden F.

A very big thank you to all in the school community who were so generous with donations and ticket purchases. A big thank you to Bec, Dot and Christine from the Tuckshop/Uniform shop for all of your work in collecting and storing the donations. Another big thank you to all the mums who volunteered on Sunday afternoon to wrap and put all the prizes together. Both jobs were enormous and it was such a wonderful help. Thank you also to Leigh and Kelly for again providing such wonderful support.

Happy Easter.

Kath O’Hara

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Our Club Championships concluded last Friday with another great night of racing. Congratulations to all the swimmers who competed both at the Club Championships and Club Nights through the season. We celebrated the end of the season on Saturday with the Club Presentation night which was a huge success, it was great to see so many swimmers and their families attend. Thank you to all our swimmers, parents and volunteers who have helped to make this season a success.

Winter Swimming – we have squad and learn to swim available year round with the pool heated to 29 degrees. Our current squad timetable will remain the same for squads in Term 2 with the exception of no Friday morning squad.

There will be no squad training through the Easter holidays.

Bookings are now open for Term 2 learn to swim. Our lessons run Monday to Friday afternoons as well as Saturday mornings. We are offering our learn to swim intensives over the Easter Holidays from Tuesday 7 April to Friday 10 April, we offer 4 x 30min lessons at the same time each day. Cost for the 4 days is $52.

Our AGM will be held on 12 May 2015 at 7.00pm. A number of positions will become open and it would be great to have some new representatives involved in the committee – it is not a large time commitment and there are many ways to be involved in our swim community.

See you at the pool!

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

Term 2
Join us for all the fun!

Soccer
Prep to Year 3
Commencing Friday 8 May
7.50-8.35am

Netball
Year 2 to Year 5
Commencing Friday 8 May
7.50-8.35am
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- Ali M. (Member since 2009)

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