FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Even though we realised there would be inclement weather on Friday afternoon in truth we weren’t prepared for the severity and 3.00pm could not have been a worse time for the storm to hit. In future if an event like this presents itself I will not allow students out of their classes. If you arrive and students are not around then please either park your vehicle and if possible come in and pick up your child(ren) or wait the storm out and your child(ren) will be released in due course.

A little after 3.00pm last Friday I realised that a number of students were becoming very stressed; parents with younger siblings were unable to leave their vehicles and parents who had come into the school grounds were having trouble finding their children.

I asked a number of staff to assist me help out students and parents and I am very grateful for this assistance. Without their assistance the school would not have been cleared as quickly as it was.

I would publically like to thank my staff who graciously assisted your children last week. My Deputy Principals for ensuring the office ran well and Miss Lilly Vee, Mrs Judy Ries, Ms Sharyn Williams, Miss Maggie, Ms Donna Bee and Mrs Kathryn Moulson. Your calmness when surrounded by students who were very upset is greatly appreciated.

Guy Hendriks
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

AEDC
The Australian Early Developmental Census is a nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well and what can be improved. Our Prep teachers will be completing this census over a two week period commencing on 25 May. Parents/carers of our Prep students should have received information about this census last week. If you did not receive this communication, please see your child’s Prep teacher. Parents/carers who wish to opt-out from having information about their child included in the census, need to complete the tear-off section at the bottom of the information form and return it to school by Friday 22 May.

Under 8’s Day
This year our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students will be celebrating Under 8’s Day on Friday 22 May from 11.30am until 1.00pm. As in recent years, students will move around the school and participate in a range of fun activities. An information letter will be sent home in the near future providing further details of the activities on offer on the day. Under 8’s day is always an exciting and highly-anticipated event for our younger students and is always well-supported by our junior school parents. If you are able to help on the day by supervising a small group of students, please complete the tear-off section on the information letter and return it to your child’s teacher. As some of the activities on the day involve food, there will also be a section for you to complete if you do not wish your child to participate in these activities.
WELL DONE AWARDS

Prep

Year 1
Nayyana W 1A, Jordan W 1A, Jenna M 1A, Zane C 1B, Mia B 1B, Madalda C 1B, Suraya M 1B, Caitlin P 1C, Eliza B 1C, Sofia G 1C, Nathaniel W 1D, Darcy A 1D, Lydia J 1D, Hannah P 1E, Grace A 1E, Archie M 1E, Addison B 1F, Lilly R 1F, Bridie S 1F.

Year 2
Jacob K 2A, Lucinda W 2A, Teo B 2C, Emily M 2C, Ava S 2C.

TERM STATEMENTS

This week statements (white) went home to the youngest in the family. On the back of the statement is a letter explaining all the payments that are due. If you wish your child to attend any of these excursions and activities please make payment before the event.

Prep Hearing Screening $20.00
Prep Bush Play Adventure $22.50
Year 1 My Place, Your Place, Our Place 7/5/15 $2.50
Yrs 4 to 6 Gala Days – 22/5/15, 29/5/15 & 5/6/15 $25.00
Year 5 & 5F Planetarium Excursion – 3/6/15 $16.00
Year 5 (Not 5F) Southbank Excursion – May 2015 $19.50
Yr 6 Edmund Park Camp – 3 to 5 June 2015 $290.00

Individual Students High Achiever Program $130.00
Individual Students Senior Choir $10.00
Individual Students Junior Choir $10.00
Individual Students Senior Choir Competition – 20/5/15 $6.50
Individual Students Northside Jnr Strings Camp $85.00
Individual Students 2015 Canberra Ski Trip $887.00
Term 1, 2015 All outstanding amounts due.

STUDENT BANKING

A huge thanks to our new banking volunteers! We’re looking forward to continuing with an amazing team. We have a few items to note this week:

- Importantly, school banking will be on hold for two weeks. There will be NO banking this Friday, 8th May and Friday 15th May. Banking will resume on 22nd May.
- Our school banking competition will be drawn at assembly on 21st May. Each deposit in Term 1 qualified as one entry to win an amazing Commonwealth Bank backpack choc-full of Dollarmites merchandise. Good luck everyone!
- Term 2 Outer Space Savers rewards are hugely popular, especially the Intergalactic Rocket. We suggest redeeming your rewards ASAP before they are out of stock!

Please forward any banking queries to Sharon Snowdon (sharon.snowdon@gmail.com)

STUDENT COUNCIL

Skate Night
Prep to Year 2 12 May 2015 6.00 to 8.00pm
Year 5 and 6 19 May 2015 6.30 to 8.30pm
$9.00 entry fee. Blade hire $4.00 and skate hire $3.00.

YEAR 6 CAMP

Year 6 camp forms were sent out via the students last week. Please return these forms by Wednesday 13 May 2015 if you wish your child to attend. Thank you.

NEWS FROM HPE

Cross Country
Congratulations to all students that competed at the District Cross Country on Tuesday. There were some outstanding performances and all students represented Wilston admirably. Wilston SS finished second in the A Schools competition behind Ascot SS. This is first time that any other school has been able to wrestle the trophy away from Wilston since its inception. This gives us great incentive to get it back where it belongs next year.

Wilston Placegetters
9 Years Girls: Arabella A 3rd
11 Years Girls: Ruby M 1st
Congratulations to the following students who have gained selection to compete for the City District Team at the Met North Championships on the 26 May.
10 yrs George B
11 yrs Josh T Ruby M Hilary T
12 yrs Jake E Dylan A

Hockey
Congratulations to Georgina H for gaining selection into the Metropolitan North Hockey team to compete at the state championships later in the term.

Track and Field Dates
Monday 22nd June – Pre Carnival Events
Tuesday 23rd June – Pre Carnival Events
Wednesday 24th June – 9 to 12 Years Track and Field Carnival
Friday 26th June – Prep to 8 Years Track and Field Carnival

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Wilton Wonders
Thanks to those who have returned the green permission forms for the Choral Fanfare Competition. There are still a few outstanding notes so please send them in ASAP.

We also have the Wilston Winter Market Festival coming up on Sunday May 31. Students will be bringing a note home about this tomorrow.

FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

Junior Music Camp
Just a reminder for those attending the camp to please return their permission form and payment to the office via the class Blue Bag.

BRASS WOODWIND & PERCUSSION

Wildcatz
The Wildcatz concert season is upon us. I have received calls from the Polish Club and the Red Hill Fair and both these organisations are very keen to have the Wildcatz back again this year. A few concerts do not have dates attached as the times are yet to be organised.
**Sunday 24 May Polish Club Fair.** Polish Club Milton. Improv Ensemble and vocalists. Arrive: 11.00am to perform at 11.40am (Opening act).

**Monday 1 June Wilston SS Wildcatz Concert.** Entire Wildcatz Ensemble. Arrive: 6.00pm to perform at 6.30am.


**Annual Customs House Concert (TBA)**
The Wildcatz may be asked to perform at other venues during the course of the year. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Year 6's for their willingness to assume the mantle of leadership in the Catz, in the absence of the Year 7.

**Junior Band**
The Junior Band is scheduled to perform with the Wildcatz on Monday 1 June (arrive 6.15pm). The Catz will perform first and the Junior Band will follow. An information evening for our Juniors will ensue the Junior Band performance.

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Munch Monitors has had an update recently so if any of your favourite items from the menu are missing just let us know.

New items are vegemite scrolls made in our Thermomix, beautiful homemade pies and fresh fruit ice cream.

We are looking for volunteers again as the weather changes, we need more help on the roster. If you can help please pop in and say hello and grab a coffee.

**Week beginning the 11 May 2015**

Monday 11  Tracey Woolaston, Jackie Redmond, Elena Hoffman
Tuesday 12  Marion Jones
Wednesday 13 Kate Usher, Liezel Boshoff
Thursday 14 Megan Beattie, Chris Shume, Jacinta Geritz
Friday 15  Nat Scott, Chris Beehler, Geraldine Mercer, Jessica Draper.

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**NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE**

**Mothers’ Day**
This week we have been busy with Mothers’ Day activity. We hope that all the Mums have a wonderful Sunday.

**Wristband Trial**
At the last committee meeting it was decided to trial a wrist band identification. Initially this will be trialed with our children enrolled in Prep. It will involve a soft rubber wristband that will identify the child as being enrolled at WKC. We can use this as an added precaution for our supervisors to easily recognise WKC students from other students on the campus during outside school care hours. We will be looking at the logistics for fitting, reusing and cleaning these wristbands.

**Committee Meeting**
All parents are invited to attend our WKC Committee Meetings. These are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6.00pm in B block. Child minding is 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](http://www.wilstonpandc.org.au/index.php/wilston-kids-care/important-parent-information)

**NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB**

**Swim Club News**
The Swim Club Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday 12th May 2015 and we are keen to introduce new Committee members for the coming season. The following positions will become vacant - Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Computer Operator, Carnival Organiser and Canteen Convenor.

It is not a large time commitment and there are many ways to be involved in our swim community. For further details or information contact swim@wilstonpandc.org.au

**Winter swimming – we have Squad and Learn to Swim available year round with the pool heated to 29 degrees.** Please see our website for the complete squad timetable. 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. Our adult squad also runs Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 6:15- 7:15am and will continue throughout winter as well.

There is still some availability for Term 2 Learn to Swim. Our lessons run Monday to Friday afternoons as well as Saturday mornings from 8:00am. Please see Kirsten in the pool office or email swim@wilstonpandc.org.au for bookings.
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
Register online at www.gosports.com.au

2015 WSS P&C Trivia Night - Saturday 30 May
TRIVIA FOR THE KIDS
Round 2 - this week's questions are:
Prep – Year 3:
What kind of biscuits do Grandma Poss and Hush eat in Adelaide?
Year 4 – Year 6:
Martin Handford created which hard to find character?
Place your answer in an envelope marked KIDS TRIVIA and return to the blue bag. Winners will be announced at assembly.
The answers to last week's trivia questions are:
Mr McGee lives under a tree. What kind if tree is it?
Answer: Apple
Who live in a 52-storey treehouse? What are they training in their Academy?
Answer: Andy and Terry. Ninja snails
Contact Michelle Tribe (michmatt@bigpond.com.au) or Kath O'Hara (k-ohara@bigpond.net.au) if you have any queries.

Arguably Brisbane's best Trivia Night is back in 2015 – and what a spectacle it is! Get your thinking hats on for what theme you would like to come in for this year's trivia night.
The theme for 2015 will be BOOKS. Go through your children’s books (or adults’ books if you dare) and come as a Dr Seuss book, ‘Cinderella’, ‘Bob the Builder’ or any other version of a book that you can think of. Possibilities are endless! Great prizes to be won.
Tickets will cost $200 for a table of 10 or $20 per individual ticket and we will organise a table for you. Please book through the P&C website using PayPal and then contact Michelle Tribe or Kath O'Hara on michmatt@bigpond.com.au or k-ohara@bigpond.net.au to let us know your theme to ensure there are no double-ups.

Please note that this is an adults only night.
Table numbers will be limited to a maximum of 30 tables – there are only so many parents in costumes we can cope with! For further information contact Michelle Tribe (michmatt@bigpond.com.au) or Kath O'Hara (k-ohara@bigpond.net.au).

Country Markets –
500 jars of Homemade Jams,
Chutneys and Sauces WANTED!

Yah, it is Fete time again! Time to get ready for the Country Market Stalls.

Step 1. Collect as many small to medium size jars as you can (ideal size is 500ml). Large jars are too hard to fill. Lids need to be metal.
Step 2. Start looking for recipes and produce that is in season.
Step 3. Sterilise Bottles! (the internet gives great tips on this)
Step 4. Cook, Cook, Cook!
Step 5. Keep a list of all ingredients as these have to be listed on bottle for sale.
Step 6. Decorate! Cut material in large circles to prettify up the bottles for sale.

Alexis and Cara
0422183032

Second-hand Clothes, Books and Toys
for the
Wilton School Fete, Saturday 12 September

Do you feel like your home is overrun with toys, puzzles and fancy dress costumes? Is your bookshelf jammed full of books you just know will never be read again? Think there's something in the minimalist wardrobe?

Please remember to save all of your much-loved but now unwanted clothes, books and toys for our second-hand stalls at the Fete. Items must be clean and undamaged.
There's no better time to declutter!

A classroom will be open daily during Term 3 for drop off. Stand by for further details.

Thank you!
WILSTON STATE SCHOOL ANNUAL
TRIVIA NIGHT
SATURDAY MAY 30TH
7PM START - TABLES CAN BE SET UP FROM 6PM

THE THEME IS BOOKS
PRIZES FOR THE WINNER AND BEST DRESSED TABLE
ADULTS ONLY LICENSED EVENT – NO CHILDREN PLEASE
RAFFLES AND LUCKY SEATS
BYO FOOD

PLACES ARE LIMITED SO GET IN QUICK!

To reserve your table and its theme, payments can be made via the P&C website http://www.wiltonpandc.org.au/events.php
then contact Michelle Tribe michmatt@bigpond.net.au
or Kath O’Hara k-ohara@bigpond.net.au with your theme details.