Dear Parents

Mr Bernie O'Dowd

Earlier this month Mr Bernie O'Dowd stood down from the position of P&C President for personal reasons. My tenure at Wilston State School extends back six years and I know Bernie's involvement in the school pre dates my arrival. The P&C Executive of that time and parents such as Bernie have always made me feel very welcomed and I thank him sincerely for that. Bernie has given a lot to the school including being our Grant Writer for many years, he has held the position of Circus Convenor and has also worked tirelessly for the Swimming Club. I respect his decision to stand down as our P&C President and wish him well.

Wildcatz

I took the opportunity to listen to the Wildcatz perform last weekend at the Polish Club Fair in Milton. The Catz have a distinct style which the audience certainly appreciated. The short solo interludes within each piece truly allows our young musicians a chance to demonstrate their gifts. The Wildcatz are a unique band within the primary school setting as most bands come from the one school, however the Catz are made from three.

Gala Days

I have been informed that last week’s Gala Day went well. I’m looking forward to visiting some of the games this week to see our students compete. I would like to thank our many parents who assisted us by staying out of the two minute zones at the beginning and the end of the day. This allowed the six buses, that were tasked to move our three hundred students from and to the school, to access the school safely. I ask you to make the same consideration this week on Friday as our students travel to their respective games.

Under 8’s Day

There was great excitement around the school last Friday as we celebrated Under 8’s Day. It is always a highlight of our Prep to Year 2 students’ year to take part in these fun and varied activities.

It was lovely to see so many parents here to share this wonderful experience with their child/ren and to support our students’ participation.

Guy Hendriks
Principal


DATE CLAIMERS

28 May City District Rugby Union Trials
29 May Gala Day
30 May Trivia Night
31 May Wilston Wonders to Wilston Winter Market Festival
1 June Wildcatz/ Junior Band to perform Wilston State School
2 June ICAS Science Year 6 Only Met North Cross Country
3 June Year 4 and 4/5F to Planetarium ICAS Science
3-5 June Year 6 to Camp Edmund Park
5 June Gala Day
8 June Queen’s Birthday
9/10 June Junior Strings Camp
10 June WKCD Committee Meeting
18 June City District Softball Trials P&C Meeting 7.00pm. All welcome.
22 June Pre Track and Field Carnival Events
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24 June 9 to 12 years Track & Field Carnival
24 June Prep A to Bunyaville Environ Ed
25 June Prep B to Bunyaville Environ Ed
26 June Prep to 8 years Track & Field Carnival Last day of Term 2
8 July WKCD Committee Meeting
13 July First day of Term 3
14 July Prep C to Bunyaville Environ Ed
15 July Prep D to Bunyaville Environ Ed
16 July P&C Meeting 7.00pm. All welcome.
22 July Yr 4-7 Poetry To The Rescue
25 July Wildcatz to perform Red Hill Fair
28 July ICAS English
30 July City District Track and Field
31 July Prep E to Bunyaville Environ Ed City District Track and Field
5/7 August Year 5 Camp (Currumbin)
7 August Prep F to Bunyaville Environ Ed
11 August ICAS Math
12 August EKKA Public Holiday WKCD Committee Meeting (TBA)
20 August P&C Meeting 7.00pm. All welcome.
7/8 September School Photos – Class
9 September WKCD Committee Meeting
10 September School Photos – Groups
12 September School Fete
16 September Spring Concert
17 September P&C Meeting 7.00pm. All welcome.

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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Under 8’s Day
Last Friday students from Prep to Year Two celebrated Under 8’s Day by participating in a range of fun, interactive activities. The children enjoyed biscuit icing, sand art, bubble blowing, making juggling balls and fairy bread as well as a wonderful array of arts and crafts activities. There were also two magnificent science shows presented by Steve from Street Science. The children learnt a lot about how fireworks are made, how to make clouds from dry ice and the science behind nappies! It was also wonderful to see the children on the oval during Under 8’s Day participating in the AFL and tennis activities on offer. A huge thank-you to AFL Queensland and Lococo Tennis for their support of this event.

Many students finished the day with their passports covered in stamps and their bag bulging full of the treasures that they had created. A huge thank you to all of the mums and dads who came along and assisted the students as they moved around the school and to the teachers and staff for organising such varied and engaging activities. We would also like to acknowledge our P&C for again contributing funds to support this event. It was a great opportunity for our younger students to play, create and interact with each other as they celebrated being under eight!

Administration of Medication
Administration staff accept responsibility to give medication to students during school hours only when it is absolutely necessary. Guidelines set by Education Queensland are as follows:

- Oral medication will be given strictly in accordance with instructions supplied by the student’s medical practitioner and must be in writing. Non-prescribed oral medications e.g. analgesics/cough syrups will not be given.
- Where a staff member is to administer long-term medication, the instructions provided should be typed by a pharmacist at the doctor’s direction. The staff member will not accept the instructions solely of a parent. The medication container needs to specify the student’s name, specific times at which the medication is to be administered as well as the dosage.
- Medication provided for one student will not be administered to another student (excluding use of an Epipen in an emergency situation).
- Medication will be kept in a secure place at all times.
- All unused medication will be returned to the parents. Medication will not be sent home with a student.

Should your children require medication (short or long-term), a Request to Administer Medication at School form needs to be completed by the parent. The form outlines details of the illness, the medication (as above) and gives permission for the staff member designated by the Principal to administer the medication.

TERM STATEMENTS

Payments are now due for the following: Orange statements were sent home this week.

- Prep Hearing Screening $20.00
- Prep Bush Play Adventure $22.50
- 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
- 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.

If you wish your child to attend any of these excursions and activities please make payment well before the event.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Jelly Bean Guessing Competition For Mater Little Miracles
Hi, my name is Layla. I’m in 6B. I’ll be doing the Mater Little Miracles Fun Run this Sunday 31st May with my team, Drew’s Super Turtles. I’m running a Jelly Bean Guessing Competition in Week 6 and 7 this term to raise much needed funds for the sick babies who are born at Mater hospitals around the state. Mater Little Miracles is special to me because my little cousin, Drew, was diagnosed prior to birth with Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia.

This is a condition where the diaphragm has a hole in it causing all the abdominal organs to grow in the chest area, making no room for her lungs to grow. She was born in January last year and spent the first four months of her life in PICU (Paediatric Intensive Care Unit) at the Mater. Drew was so sick that the doctors weren’t sure if Drew would survive.
She fought through several operations to keep her heart working and to move her organs back. Drew is a miracle. She is now a happy, healthy 16 month old toddler. She is still on oxygen support 24 hours a day but this doesn’t stop her from leading a normal life. The photo on the left is Drew before her life saving operation, and the photo on the right is Drew now.

If you would like to help the Mater create more little miracles please donate to our team page. We’re called ‘Drew’s Super Turtles’. If you would like to join our team on the day, simply click on ‘join team’. 
Thanks for your support.

Layla Shume

ECOMARINES

EcoMarines and the Issue with Plastic Water bottles
Did you know plastic bottles generate an enormous amount of waste that is ending up in landfill or even worse in our environment? Here are some environmental impacts of plastic bottles.

- **In production:** Most bottled water is packaged in PET (polyethylene terephthalate) plastic bottles which are derived from crude oil.
- **In transportation:** Transportation of bottled water around the world requires burning of fossil fuels.
- **In landfill and the litter stream:** Although plastic bottles are recyclable, many end up in landfill and take up to 1000 years to break down. When littered they often end up in the sea where they break up in small pieces, killing marine life that mistake them for food.

YOUR CHALLENGE: Remember to pack a reusable water bottle.

To remind you to pack your water bottle every day, can you please design a bag tag that you can use on your school bag. Every student that designs a bag tag will receive a free reusable water bottle from us. Your design will also enter a competition where the best entry will be made into a real bag tag and given to all the students here at school. 

Entries close Tuesday, 9th June, so get designing and good luck!

Thanks from the EcoMarine Team

Layla Shume

STUDENT BANKING

School banking has returned stronger than ever thanks to our new volunteers. We can always use more help; if you have a spare hour on a Monday morning after drop-off, feel free to come and give us a hand. Contact sharon.snowdon@gmail.com for more details.

We were fortunate to have Tina from Commonwealth Bank visit our assembly last Thursday to talk about school banking and present Mr Hendriks with commission earned from Term 1 school banking deposits - an impressive $808.21! This commission is earned from your weekly deposits and converts into valuable school resources. Well done school bankers!!

Abigail A from 2B was the lucky winner of our Term 1 banking competition, winning a backpack full of Dollarmites merchandise. We will run this competition again in Term 3 when each deposit made will earn an entry into the draw.

NEWS FROM HPE

Gala Day Sports
Gala Days will be held on Friday 29 May and 5 June 2015.
Boys’ Soccer: Grammar Playing Fields, Northgate
Girls’ Soccer: Virginia United soccer Club, Northgate
Netball: Pine Rivers Netball Assoc, Francis Road, Lawnton
Rugby League: North's Rugby League, Bishop Park, Nundah
League Tag: Valleys Hockey, Shaw Road, Wavell Heights.

Please note that a canteen will be operating at boys’ soccer at the Grammar Playing Fields.

CHOIR NEWS

Wilston Wonders
Choir rehearsals are cancelled Fridays May 29 and June 5 due to Gala Days and Year 6 Camp. Rehearsal will be made up during school hours.

DON'T FORGET – WILSTON WINTER MARKET FESTIVAL
THIS SUNDAY!!! Wilston Wonders arrive at the Northey St City Farm at 10.45am in free dress. We perform at 11.00am and will be singing four songs. Please assemble at the stage area and parents will need to collect their children immediately after the performance.

Thanks.

Miranda Charters

BRASS WOODWIND & PERCUSSION

WSS Concert
The Catz are scheduled to open the concert on Monday 1 June at Wilston State School. Please arrive by 6.00pm to perform at 6.30pm.

Junior Band
The Junior Concert Band Concert and Information Evening is scheduled for Monday evening at 6.00pm at Wilston State School. The uniform to be worn that evening is the school uniform.

Cliff Draper

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Please note we have a few changes to our menu.
There will be no hot dogs on Friday
Pizza will be on Wednesday
Sausage Sizzle on Thursday
Sushi on Friday

We have shaken up the menu to keep everyone on their toes.
There are still hot puppies available and lots of other interesting menu items.

The menu is all online at Munch Monitors and we can answer any question you have, just pop in and say hi.

We will be running a canteen at Grammar Playing Fields for boys soccer this Friday and next, but it will be limited. If you can help we would love to see you.

**Week beginning the 1 June 2015**

- **Monday 1**   Amanda Burke, Jodie Murdock, help needed
- **Tuesday 2**  Kathryn Napier, Sarah Bender, Bennett family
- **Wednesday 3**  Mandy Kennedy, Peter Power
- **Thursday 4**  Lisa Pyne, Chloe Smith, Sally Carson
- **Friday 5**  Sharon Royal, Ange Rose, Kathy Davies, Janice Nykiel, Sharon Snowdon, Andrew Quinland.

**Stock Update: Out of Stock**

- dress (size 8 & 10); embroidered polo shirt mocha (size 6), senior shirts (size 14), prep hat ribbon, girls’ winter stretch pants (sizes 6, 8, 10 & 12), large socks.

**New Uniform**

Last Thursday night, the P&C and school administration endorsed the updated uniform for the school. There will be more information to come about the new school uniform pieces and uniform policy, but the key changes are:

- an everyday polo shirt – modified style combining mocha and gold, to replace all existing mocha and gold polo shirts;
- a button-up shirt – using the same checked fabric as the dress; and
- a modified dress – using a lighter poly-cotton fabric and updating the collar and overall style.

The new uniform items will be transitioned into the school over several months, and the majority of students will be permitted to continue to wear current uniform styles. New students to the school in 2016 may be required to purchase one new style shirt (either polo or button-up), however siblings of current students will be permitted to wear pre-loved garments to lessen uniform costs to families.

Production of the new uniform items will take several months, and new items are not expected to be available for purchase until towards the beginning of Term 4. Some current stock will run low during this time and will not be replaced. Thanks for your patience and understanding as these changes occur.

**Hair Accessories**

New stock has arrived!!! New style headbands, elastics and hair clips are now available, as well as some old favourites (like the curly brown and gold streamers). Come and have a look!!

**Stocktake Volunteers**

Counting of all stock is scheduled for Thursday 25 June, from 9.00am.

We need volunteers to assist with this count, so please let us know if you can spare an hour or so (and bring a friend!). You will be rewarded with great coffee, home baked cakes and lollies!!

Christine Matheson and Janice Nykiel, Convenors
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**NEWS FROM THE P&C**

**Entertainment Books**

Don’t forget to order your Entertainment Book NOW. Order forms will be going home with the youngest in the family. You may also order your book or your digital membership securely online. Visit www.entbook.com.au/2219876. For any queries please contact Jacinda Geritz on jmgeritz@bigpond.com.

Once ordered the books will be handed to your child. They are not available for collection at the school office.

**NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB**

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at the Yeronga Park Short Course swim meet over the weekend. A number of swimmers achieved personal best times with a few also winning medals.

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM. We would like to welcome all our new committee members. All positions were filled as below and we look forward to a great new season.

**Our next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 June at 7.00pm poolside.** We look forward to seeing you there.

Wilton Swim Club has a new email and website address. Our new email address is swim@wilstonpandc.org.au
Our new website address is swim.wilstonpandc.org.au

Could you please update your records as the old address will expire at the end of this month.

**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.

See you at the pool!!
TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2015 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Finland will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.
Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

2015 WSS P&C Trivia Night - Saturday 30 May
Theme – ‘BOOKS’

2 MORE SLEEPS
Our Trivia Master, PK, is ready and waiting to go. This is one of his favourite nights of the year and he promises it will be bigger and better!!

Information about the Trivia Night has been sent to all Table Captains. Please contact us immediately if you have not received any information.

It is not too late if you want to come along. We have a couple of tables left. PayPal has been closed down so please contact us directly if you would like to take a table.

Watch this space next week as we announce our Trivia Winners and Best Dressed Table.

Please note that this is an adults only night.

Michelle and Kathryn
michmatt@bigpond.com.au or k-ohara@bigpond.net.au

TRIVIA FOR THE KIDS
Last Round - this weeks questions are:

Prep – Year 3:
Who created the characters Mrs Tiggy-Winkle, Peter Rabbit and Jemima Puddle Duck?

Year 4 – Year 6:
Who is Charlotte referring to when she writes the words ‘some pig’?

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 weeks trivia questions are:

Name the boy who gets very annoyed when his story is interrupted by the wrong book characters?
Answer:
Nicholas Ickle

Violet, Klaus and Sunny Baudelaire appear in which series of books
Answer:
A Series of Unfortunate Events

Contact Michelle Tribe (michmatt@bigpond.com.au) or Kath O’Hara (k-ohara@bigpond.net.au) if you have any queries.

Laure McBeath, a former Wilston State School student is offering Singing and Drama lessons for budding enthusiasts.

Laura is completing her university degree in Fine Arts Drama. Currently she is performing in various theatre productions.

For further information please contact Laura 0416 541 311
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 it's theme, payments can be made via the P&C website
then contact Michelle Tribe michmatt@bigpond.net.au
or Kath O'Hara k-ohara@bigpond.net.au with your theme details.