Dear Parents

Deputy Principal

I take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Debbie Mill for her success in gaining the junior school Deputy Principal position at Wilston State School. This position was well contested with a number of very worthy applicant’s vying for the position. Debbie has been acting in this role for over two and a half years and she has clearly demonstrated excellent instructional leadership of the junior sector of the school. The good practices that are in place in the junior school are testament to her leadership skills.

After School

I have been approached by the coordinator of the Wilston State School Outside School Hours Care program to broadcast the following message. There are a number of parents remaining in the school grounds after school to care for their children, some who might be attending a number of after school activities for example, tennis, jujitsu and drama to name a few.

Many of our parents bring their younger children or look after their school aged sibling while their other child attends their activity. The Outside School Hours Care program has expanded significantly over the last five years and all of our play areas are generally being accessed by students in this program. I would ask that while you are in the school grounds after school if there are students from the Outside School Hours program in the play area that you ask your child not to go onto that playground. This will allow the Outside School Hour Care supervisors the opportunity to clearly identify the students under their care.

It is a school expectation that no child access the playgrounds from 3:00 pm to 3:20 pm as the volume of students and parents entering and departing the school is significant. We have noticed recently that a number of students are playing with friends at this time and their parents are waiting longer than necessary for their child.

Time-Out as a Tool to Teach Self-Regulation

The most common use of time-out is as a judgment-free way to respond to a student’s misbehaviour while maintaining the momentum of learning in the classroom. But time-outs can serve an even more important function: teaching students to improve their ability to monitor and regulate their own behaviour – to recognise when they’re getting frustrated or just losing focus, and to give themselves a break so they can regroup and return to productive learning.

Steps to Follow

Introduce time-out as an aid. Explain time out as something that can help anyone stay calm and focused. Everyone forgets or has trouble following the rules sometimes and when that happens, there are several ways to help them out, including using words or a non-verbal cue to remind them, having them sit next to the teacher, or having them step away from the action to pull themselves together.

Act before frustration builds. Use time-out at the first signs of tension. Noticing a student whose brow was furrowed during a maths class, his pencil tossed to one side, sighing loudly, you can guess an outburst is coming and can quietly suggest that he take a break. This helps the student avoid an embarrassing crying fit or melt-down and shows him how effectively he can control his own behaviour.

Observe children carefully. This requires a keen eye for the individual students’ symptoms (frenetic pencil-tapping, a clenched fist, a red face) and also knowledge of what some students’ triggers are – difficult maths problems, for example, or too much sitting, boredom, or hunger.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Guy Hendriks
Principal

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DATE CLAIMERS

18 June City District Softball Trials
  P&C Meeting 7.00pm.
  All welcome.
22 June Pre Track & Field Carnival Events
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24 June 9 to 12 years Track & Field Carnival
24 June Prep A to Bunyaville Environ Ed
26 June Prep 8 years Track & Field Carnival
Last day of Term 2
7 August WKC 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 (Currimundi)
7 August Prep F to Bunyaville Environ Ed
11 August ICAS Math
12 August Year 1 to Strawberry Fields
12 August EKKA Public Holiday
13 August Year 1 to Strawberry Fields
14 August Year 1 to Strawberry Fields
20 August P&C Meeting 7.00pm. All welcome.
7/8 September School Photos – Class
9 September WKC Committee Meeting
10 September School Photos – Groups
12 September School Fete
16 September Spring Concert
17 September P&C Meeting 7.00pm. All welcome.
18 September Last day of Term 3
5 October Labour Day
6 October First day of Term 4
9 October Gala Day
12-16 October Life Education Yr 5 and 6
13 October Skate Night Prep and Year 1
14 October Spring Concert
15 October WKC Committee Meeting
15 October P&C Meeting 7.00pm. All welcome.
16 October Gala Day
19 October Pupil Free Day
20 October Skate Night Year 2, 3 and 4
20-21 October Life Education Yr 5 and 6

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Teach children to give themselves a break. This means helping them develop a sense of their own triggers, outward symptoms and boiling point. Sometimes it’s enough to hold occasional whole-class discussions about this. Other times teachers need to practise one-on-one with individual students.

Teach a calming strategy to use while taking a break. These might include deep breathing, squeezing a stress ball, putting together a puzzle, doing wall push-ups or visualising a favourite place.

It’s important for students to connect a calming strategy to its effects. This can be as simple as saying, ‘I see that deep breathing helps you feel calm again’ when they return from their break to their previous classroom activity. The aim is that students will learn to use self-regulation techniques in the normal course of events, without having to go to time-out.

Acknowledgement: “Time-Out and Teaching Self-Regulation” by Tracy Mercier in Responsive Classroom Newsletter, Fall 2014.

WELL DONE AWARDS

Year 3
Mackenzie E 3A, Angus L 3B, Chris G 3B, Evelyn B 3C, Harri G 3D, Molly W 3D, Claire S 3E, Jack T 3E, Lilya H 3E, Kate M 3E, Tasmin B 3E, Caitlin Mc 3E.

Year 4
Aaliya S 4A, Aoife H 3B, Aidan T 4C, Lydia B 4D, Matthew M 4E, Katie C 4/5F.

Year 5
Harry H 5A, Josh B 5B, Greta H 5B, Gabi Brett 5B, Astrid J 5C.

NEWS FROM HPE

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.

The Carnival program will be going home early next week. Please keep it handy as this will have all the times etc on it.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

WILSTON WONDERS
Choral Fanfare Final
A note regarding this event was sent home earlier this week. We are also having a pizza party on Wednesday June 24th to celebrate our fantastic achievement. Please return all forms and money ASAP and feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding these events.

We are also singing one of our songs on assembly next Thursday June 18th. The Junior Choir and Wilston’s other music groups will also be performing!

Miranda Charters and Bev Barnett

BRASS WOODWIND & PERCUSSION

Wildcatz Mini Camp
The Wilston Junior Concert Band is invited to take part in a Wildcatz Mini Camp to be held in the music room at Wilston State School.

The camp is scheduled for Monday 15 June at 9.00am until 1.00pm. Lunches will be scheduled as for a normal school day. The students will need a plastic sleeved folder to hold band repertoire music, their tutor book, and their instruments and drumsticks.

The purpose of the camp is to develop their familiarity with ensemble music (and Wildcatz repertoire in particular) and to develop their fluency with their instruments. This should develop their technical ability and confidence with a view to performing some of the Catz repertoire with the Wildcatz in future concerts.

I would like to invite our beginners to perform with the Wildcatz at our annual Customs House concert later in the year. I was impressed with their sound and application at our concert last Monday.

Cliff Draper

TUCKSHOP NEWS

The term is drawing to a close, so next week some items may disappear from menu.

Hot chocolates are proving to be very popular with the children in this cooler weather so if they are asking the hot drinks are $3.00 after the 8.30 bell or before the bell with a parent.

Come down and enjoy a hot coffee with us and sit in the sun on the new furniture.

Week beginning the 15 June 2015
Monday 15 Lisa McGrath, Leonie Crawford
Tuesday 16 Elissa Hoey, Sabrina Raw
Wednesday 17 Anne Clark, Roxanne Gorman, Mandy Kennedy
Thursday 18 Jacinta Geritz, Megan Beattie, Chris Shume
Friday 19 Pruscila Camisa, Amber Frazer, Bob and Sue Behan.

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FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

SHOP OPEN: Wednesday and Friday during Terms 2 and Term 3, 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), prep hat ribbon, girls’ winter stretch pants (sizes 6, 8, 10 & 12); tights (size 6-9).

Some current stock will run low and will not be replaced while the updated uniforms are in production. Thanks for your patience and understanding over the next few months.

Back in Stock: Large socks.
** URGENT!! Uniform Shop Vacancy **

If you’ve ever wished you could work in the Uniform Shop, then here’s your chance!! There will be a short-term vacancy for a Uniform Shop convenor in Term 4 (one to two mornings per week, possibly a bit more). We would love to find the right person by the end of this term, so that training can start in Term 3. So if this sounds like the job for you, or know someone you think is perfectly suited to this role, then please contact us as soon as possible. It’s a fun and interesting job – give us a call if you want to know more!

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
Ph. 3552 8490 / 0448 633 737 / chrismath1@hotmail.com

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Just a reminder that the next P&C meeting is **next Thursday, 7.00pm in D Block.** If you’re interested in becoming a member of the P&C please contact Adam Spencer at secretary@wilstonpandc.org.au for your form.

Wilton Kids Care
We’ve had some staffing changes at Wilston Kids Care. Operations Manager Vic Ernst has left. Vic’s contribution over the past few years has been greatly appreciated and we wish him well in his future endeavours.

Parents are asked to raise any issues with Elle Green who is currently the Nominated Supervisor for Kids Care while we review the Operations Manager position and recruit a new Operations Manager.

The P&C runs the Wilston Crocs, Kids Care and the Tuckshop, Bookshop, Clothing Shop with about 40 staff. The main focus of the role is ensuring the kids in our care are safe and happy, staff are supported and that we comply with the relevant regulations pertaining to all our P&C operations.

Julia Thornton

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/221987b. 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.
WILSTON STATE SCHOOL presents

SCHOOL FETE 2015

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 11am-5pm

Best entry via Carberry St, Grange

BOUNCY CASTLE ★ FACE PAINTING ★ STALLS ★ RIDES
POPCORN ★ TEA & TARTS ★ COUNTRY MARKETS ★ DUNK TANK
SILENT AUCTION ★ CAKES & LOLLIES STALL ★ PLANTS ★ CRAFT
LAUGHING CLOWNS ★ PHOTO BOOTH ★ ENTERTAINMENT
SECONDHAND GOODS and much more...

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Fete News

Did you know there are only 13 weeks to the Fete?

Wilston Country Markets

500 jars of Homemade Jams, Chutneys & Sauces WANTED!

Strawberry jam, tomato relish, pickles, chilli sauce, mango chutney, fig paste... Mmm, sound good? Then get cooking!

Remember to sterilize jars and keep note of the date made & ingredients.

We are also looking for dried herbs, fresh flowers and eggs (collected in week before the Fete), along with handmade craft items (eg. lavender bags, teapot cosies, coat hangers...).

Alexis and Cara (0422 183 032)

Second-hand Clothing

Classes 1D and 1C are running the second-hand clothing store, and the theme is upcycle!

If you are doing a wardrobe clean-out in the next couple of months, hold onto your good quality items to donate to the Fete. Now is your chance to pass on those clothes that are taking up space in your home - and give them to a good cause!

We are particularly looking for quality brands:
- women’s fashion
- kidswear
- menswear
- winter clothes and business wear
- handbags, belts and accessories

Donations must be clean and in good condition. Please don’t donate underwear, socks, sleepwear or other intimate items!

Second-hand Books & Toys

Is your home is overrun with toys, puzzles and fancy dress costumes? Is your bookshelf jammed full of books you know will never be read again? There’s no better time to declutter!

Please save your unwanted books and clean and undamaged and toys for our second-hand stalls.

Second-hand Donations

A room will be open daily at the school in Term 3 to drop off all second-hand donations. Stand by for details. Thank you!

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