FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

This term’s scheduled athletics carnivals have been postponed till the first week of next term. The new dates are as follows:

Senior Carnival (9 – 12 years)
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Junior Carnival (Prep-8 years)
Carnival: Friday 17 July

Dealing with Scary TV News

Many families sit down and watch the evening news together and much of it is very graphic. Violence is vividly described and often shown. Children often need help to understand what is happening and how it might affect them. Our 24/7 news culture — in conjunction with easily accessible iPads, cell phones and televisions — provides a window to events that both children and adults can struggle to understand. And when bad things happen on the world’s stage, it is very natural and healthy for children to bring up questions at home or in the classroom. Decisions about what to say, and what not to say, are best guided by a child’s developmental age.

Tips For Parents and Teachers

Listen to children to understand how they understand the trauma. What you’re scared about, as an adult, may not be what they’re scared about and this is likely to be different for children at different ages.

Answer the why questions that will inevitably come. Children are inclined to ask, for example, “Why did the bombers do this?” The answer should be tailored to a child’s age. To a 7-year-old, you might say, “There are bad people in the world, but there are lots of people who are protecting us from bad people”. A good piece of advice: When I was a boy and I saw scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, “Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.” There are still so many caring people in this world. Protect your child from seeing traumatic visual images over and over again.

Develop a safety plan with your child. If a child is scared about being in crowds or being in the city centre, try to think about how a child might be safe. Talk about safety in groups, or provide a phone number to call should they need encouragement when facing a situation that triggers fears.

Self-soothing techniques can be helpful. If children are feeling upset, deep breathing, exercise, listening to music and other strategies for calming down and managing anxiety can help. Modelling how you manage through tough times also helps to build resilience in children. Your children watch how you respond to scary events and they take cues from you. Often events that are scary for kids are scary for adults, too, but when they see you calmly going about your normal activities they feel more secure.

The guiding principle is to talk to children in ways they understand, while being careful to not provide too much detail to a younger child. Think about how to talk to your children in a way that will help them understand and make sense of events that may otherwise feel unpredictable and overwhelming.

Acknowledgement: Richard Weissbourd in Usable Knowledge Harvard Graduate School of Education
WELL DONE AWARDS

Prep
Lola H PA, Mackenzie C PA, Henry D PA, William G PA, Hibella C PB, Rorey I PB, Oliver O PB, Kai M PB, Tully H PC, Ava C PC, Max H PC, Leighton B PD, Jacob C PD, Riley B PD, Harrison W PE, William P PE, Ursula E PE, Charlie W PE, Oscar W PF, May Mc PF, Sari C PF.

Year 1
Daniel H 1A, Frankie S 1A, Alasdair S 1A, Ava F 1E, Charlie B 1E, Harry W 1E, Hallie H 1E, Scarlett W 1F, Saraya H 1F, James K 1F.

Year 2

JELLY BEAN GUESSING COMPETITION

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Jelly Bean Guessing Competition this term. I'm happy to announce that we have raised $147.00 for the Mater Little Miracles. There were a massive 2094 jelly beans in the jar.

1st Place (and the jar of jelly beans) went to Austin B of 3B, who guessed 2082.
2nd Place (and a jar of candy) went to Christina M of 5B, who guessed 2053.
3rd Place (and a jar of candy) went to Samantha G of 4/5F, who guessed 2051.

Layla Shume (6B)

STUDENT BANKING

This Friday (19th) is the last school banking day for Term 2.

If you would like to redeem your tokens this week please note that we can't guarantee they will arrive by 28th June. Don't forget Term 3's exciting rewards include the Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System and Cosmic Light Beam Torch. Not sure about your token balance? Just leave a request in your deposit book or send an email to sharon.snowdon@gmail.com.

READERS’ CUP 2015

Last Wednesday two teams consisting of four students each went to Kurwongbah State School to represent Wilston at the 2015 Readers’ Cup. The Readers’ Cup is a competition for Years 5 and 6. Each of the 26 teams had to read and study five preselected books. At the competition we answered fifty questions about those five books.

It was a really close competition with fractions of a point separating the top six teams. Congratulations to Dayboro State School who go onto the State Finals in September. Unfortunately Wilston did not make it this year, but Wilston Team 1 came 6th and Wilston team 2 came 4th out of twenty-six teams.

Thank you Ms Durston and Ms Couper for your time and effort in training us and thank you to the parents who drove all the way to Petrie.

Elora B 6C

NEWS FROM HPE

Track and Field
Unfortunately the school track and field carnivals have been postponed to after the holidays. I had hoped to be back to run the carnival as advertised in the last week of term but have been unable to get a medical clearance to return before the break. Students should have received the track and field program this week with all the new dates.

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Rodney Bell
PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Wilton Wonders
Please remember the dates below:

Choral Fanfare final: Tuesday June 23 Old Museum 5.30pm start
(Permission forms must be returned for this event).

Pizza Party: Thurs June 25th 2nd break
Please make sure your child’s pizza money is in by this Monday June 22. Also, last week’s newsletter had the wrong date for the pizza party. The above date is correct.

Miranda Charters

FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

Last week, students from the Dolce Strings attended the Northside Junior Strings Camp held at Stafford State School and had a wonderful time. The highlight of the camp was performing at the Old Museum at Herston where our final day was held. Well done to all students who represented Wilston State School at the camp. You did a wonderful job!

Well done to those student who performed on assembly this week. You all performed very well.

BRASS WOODWIND & PERCUSSION

Junior Band ‘Mini’ Camp
The Junior Concert Band worked hard at our ‘Mini Camp’ last Monday and now have the words and music for three Wildcatz tunes. We will all be able to hear the results of their efforts at the school Fete in Term 3 and ultimately at our annual Customs House concert.

I would like to thank the students for their hard work and the support of their classroom teachers in releasing them on the day.

Cliff Draper

TUCKSHOP NEWS

The children are very excited about the new ‘fruity ice’ (ice block) that we have but we are limiting them to two each as some children are buying for friends and this could lead to problems.
Week beginning the 22 June 2015.

Monday 22  Mirella Fyimoto, Sharon Waddingham
Tuesday 23  Louise Astori, Ellie Cayes, Zoe/Sally
Wednesday 24  Sharon Darmody, Megan Poynter
Thursday 25  Angela Pratt, Harriet Carter, Angela Patel
Friday 26  Gayle Tilbury, Josie Parry, Paige Osleibhin, Kath O’Hara

Bec Macdonald 0448 804 279 60huet@gmail.com
Dot Milne 0408 729 021

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. Please note: Deliveries are only made on the days that the shop is open.

Stock Update:  Out of Stock: dress (size 8 and 10); embroidered polo shirt mocha (size 6), senior shirts (size 14), prep hat ribbon, girls’ winter stretch pants (sizes 6, 8, 10 and 12); tights (size 6-9).
Some current stock will run low and will not be replaced while the update- ed uniforms are in production. Thanks for your patience and understanding over the next few months.

Mid Year Stationery Top Up:  Order forms for topping up your child’s stationery (exercise books, pens, glue sticks etc) will be distributed in the next few days. Forms returned by the end of this term (Friday 26 June) will be processed over the holidays and distributed in the first week of Term 3. Forms returned at the start of Term 3 will also be processed, with delivery shortly after the order is received. Please ask your teacher what items your child needs, then return your completed form via the class Blue Bag.

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!!

** URGENT Stocktake Volunteers **
Counting of all stock is scheduled for next Thursday 25 June, from 9.00am. We are still looking for 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

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.

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

The work on the pool will be carried out in the last week of the school holidays, 4th to 10th July 2015. All Learn to Swim and Squads will continue as normal until the end of Term 2 on 27 June 2015. If swimming, you will be sent an invoice at this time.

Holidays squads will run in the first week of the holidays at Wilston and an alternative venue will be available for the second week. Further details of the timetable and price for holiday swimming will be available shortly.

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at the East Brisbane Short Course Meet last weekend.

Term 2 swim fees are now overdue. Bookings for Term 3 will not be accepted if you have any outstanding payments.

Our next Committee Meeting will be held Thursday 23rd July at 7:00pm poolside. We look forward to seeing you there.

Wilston 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 shortly.

See you at the pool!!

Voices of Birralee

Love to Sing? Join us for two FREE sessions! Voices of Birralee invites children aged between 5 and 13 years to attend two complimentary sessions in the month of July.

BARDON – Birralee Headquarters - 57 Carwoola Street Bardon
Wednesday
3:30 - 4:15pm for 5-7 year olds
4:15 - 5:15pm for 7-10 year olds
Thursday
4:00-5:30pm for 10-13 year olds

CLAYFIELD – Eagle Junction State School - Roseby Avenue Clayfield
Saturday
12:45 - 1:30pm for 5-7 year olds
1:30 - 2:30pm for 7-10 year olds
3:00 - 4:30pm for 10-13 year olds

What’s all the fuss about?
Our philosophy is simple – every child has a song and should be encouraged to sing it! This year marks twenty years of singing in communities throughout Australia and abroad and enriching thousands of young people’s lives through singing. Please visit our website www.birralee.org
HOMESTAY FAMILIES REQUIRED

Homestay families required to host Japanese students over 18.

Dates: Arrival: Sat/Sun: 22/23 August.
I have a few groups for 3, 4 or 5 weeks.

Families are paid $260 per week and provide breakfast, lunch and
dinner Monday to Sunday.

Students are attending QUT Kelvin Grove to learn English. English
must be spoken in the home and the home must be easy access to
QUT Kelvin Grove busway (behind P Block).
Families must be 40 minutes total travel time to QUT Kelvin Grove
door to door.

For more information phone or email Cora
cora@bluearrow.com.au
Mobile: 0411957502
Fete News

Have you ‘liked’ our facebook page or are you following us on twitter? Get on board to get the news and hot tips first in the lead up to the Fete!

Support our Sponsors

The Fete provides a fun day for our kids, and celebrates our School community. But it is also the major fundraising event for the P&C. Funds raised will assist the WSS buy educational resources and enhance our school environment.

A key part of the Fete fundraising effort is the financial and in-kind assistance we receive from a range of fantastic businesses.

We particularly acknowledge Belle Property who are continuing their long term support of WSS as our major sponsor. Thanks also to the fabulous businesses that have already sponsored stalls (details next page). In future newsletters we’ll let you know about those businesses that have donated goods and prizes.

Please support the businesses that support our kids by sponsoring the Fete!

Plant Stall

If you are gardening or dividing your prized plants over the school holidays please spare a thought for the Plant Stall. Don’t throw plants out that are unwanted or could be easily propagated or grown on for the Fete! Please pot them up. If you are unsure about a possible contribution please contact Alison anytime at cahilir@bigpond.com. All contributions gratefully accepted. Anyone keen to assist in any way is also welcome to contact Alison.

Stall Sponsorships

Stall sponsorships are filling fast. A sponsorship of as little as $250 helps us run a successful stall, and is a great way to promote your business. Email the Fete Team if your business or workplace is interested. Don’t miss out!

Attention Stall Convenors!

All stall convenors are required to attend a meeting on Tuesday 23rd June, 7pm in D Block. Please bring your prepared material ready to discuss! Thank you.

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction is back in 2015 but we need your help to source prizes. We have a list of local businesses and a donation letter ready to go. If you can help by contacting even one business, email the Fete Team today. If you can suggest other businesses a little further away, or ones you may know personally, your ideas are welcome too!
Sensational Stalls

Check out the fabulous stalls and activities to enjoy at the 2015 Fete!

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