FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Earlier in the week I was invited to a Teachers’ Union Health breakfast at the Allan Border Pavilion where the guest speaker was the Honourable Quentin Bryce AD CVO. Rather than giving a keynote the address was presented as an interview with the MC Pat Welsh, Channel 7 sports reporter. Bryce covered a range of topics from family through to her vice regal responsibilities as our Governor General. Currently she is very active in the area of domestic violence and she sadly made the point that the data regarding this problem does not indicate improvement. She also made the point that this is an issue that we all need to address. I see commonalities of this sort of unwarranted behaviour and that of a bully.

Changing Bullying

Bullying needs to be addressed in three ways:

Reporting incidents: It is vital for victims, bystanders and even bullies to know that they have a voice. Historically, the reporting of incidents has been done anecdotally. However, providing students, ‘digital natives’, with the ability to report incidents from anywhere at any time can increase reporting likelihood as well as increase the quality of the report.

Reviewing the incidents: It is most effective for the bullying reports to be reviewed by selected, trained administrators. Because of the serious effects bullying can have, it is important for each incident to be reviewed, validated and documented. A formal review and documentation process can provide pivotal insight into school climate and hot topics that require further attention.

Resolving incidents: To facilitate positive change, school communities should be equipped with research-based restorative resolution strategies and techniques that facilitate teachable moments to deter future negative behaviour.

From the school bus drivers and caretakers, to parents, teachers, and students — all must be included in anti-bullying programs and given the necessary resources to react appropriately to incidents, before, during and after they happen.

Dorothy Espelag, professor in the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

This year we are participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

School Payments

Thank you to all those parents who have paid their term statements. As these are now due it would be appreciated if all payments could be made via BPPoint, BPay, Credit Card or cash. Credit card payments can be made by writing your card details on the statement. Please send all payments up to the office via the class Blue Bag in clearly marked envelopes.

Guy Hendriks
Principal
2015 SCIENCE COMPETITION

The Wilston Science Competition is being held in Term 3. The aims of the competition include:

- stimulate an ongoing interest in science
- encourage students in the process of self-motivated project work
- recognise student effort and achievement
- improve student research, writing and presentation skills
- improve links between school, students and parents.

The competition will be competitive but not compulsory to enter. Students can enter in the following divisions:

- Division 1: Prep and Years 1, 2
- Division 2: Years 3, 4, 5
- Division 3: Year 6.

Students may enter individually, with a partner, or as a group of three, provided that when two or more students work together, all are eligible for entry in the same division.

Entries must be in one of the following categories:

- Classified Collection
- Scientific Investigation
- Communicating Science
- Mathematical Investigation
- Models and Inventions
- Environmental Action Project.

In addition, separate prizes will be awarded for a ‘Young Scientist of the Year’ (Divisions 2 and 3) and a ‘Junior Scientist of the Year’ (Division 1).

A competition handbook providing detailed information on all the entry categories, judging criteria entry/declaration forms is available for download as a PDF on the school website (http://wilstonss.eq.edu.au).

Click on the LATEST NEWS tab. All queries should be directed to Mr Brendan Medlin (6C) (bmedi2@eq.edu.au).

ECOMARINES

After twelve wonderful applications, we would like to announce that we have chosen four new EcoMarine Ambassadors for 2015-2016. We would like to congratulate and thank all those students who applied, Kate R, Alice C, Kate I, Zoe P, Isabella S, Amber D, Jessica T, Hannah B, Olivia W, Matthew K, Stella H and Josephine J. All of these students are a part of our EcoWarriors team and show great commitment and enthusiasm for protecting our environment in our school, our local area and Moreton Bay. It was definitely a hard decision for the panel of judges but we narrowed it down to four amazing students. A massive congratulations to Hannah B, Zoe P, Jessica T and Amber D! You will now be Wilston State School’s EcoMarine representatives for the following year and will be attending EcoMarine events throughout the year to discuss and brainstorm ideas and missions with other EcoMarine Ambassadors from other schools. We would like to thank our 2014-2015 EcoMarine Ambassadors, Jade T, Scarlett S, Jessica B and Polly F for your exceptional leadership and commitment. They will still be a part of the EcoMarine team as EcoMarine Champions. Jade, Scarlett, Jess and Polly will be mentoring Hannah, Zoe, Jessica and Amber throughout the year and be given the opportunities to take part in EcoMarine events and activities outside of school.

There will be a formal handover in the upcoming whole school assembly (Thursday 13th August, 2015), as well as the announcement for the winner of the ‘Bag Tag’ competition.

Thanks and Go Green EcoMarine.

Katrina Rodriguez and Alys Doneley

UPDATE FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Week
The theme for Book Week this year is “Books light up our World”. There will be dress up on parade on Thursday 27 August 2015. Please mark this in your diaries.

NEWS FROM HPE

Track and Field
Congratulations to all students involved in the School track and field team that were successful in winning the City District Track and Field Carnival last Thursday and Friday. There were a number of outstanding individual performances and our relay teams dominated by winning 5 out of the 6 races.

The following 14 students have gained individual selection into the City District Team to compete at the Met North Regional carnival on the 25 and 26 August:


Rodney Bell
PE Specialist
CHOIR NEWS

Choir is cancelled for this Friday (August 7) as the Year 5’s will be on camp. Rehearsals will resume as normal next week – Monday morning tea and Friday 8.00am.

An information letter was sent home last week. A number of dates were listed so please let me know if your child will be unable to attend any of these performances.

With thanks.

Miranda Charters

FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

A reminder to all parents that I will be taking a week of leave next week (August 11-14) and I will not be replaced. Therefore, there will not be any string lessons or rehearsals before school next week. All lessons and rehearsals will return in from 18 August and we will be starting the next time slot on the timetable.

A big THANK YOU to Alison Blyth, a parent from the school. She applied for a grant through Suncorp to purchase some new violas for our String Program and was successful! I’m sure our beginner students next year will be very happy with their new instruments to play.

Honours Camp results will come out on Friday and I will notify children whether or not they were successful.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop will continue to be closed on Mondays due to the lack of volunteers. The Tuckshop is only possible due to the wonderful help we get from the school volunteers. We are thankful all our current volunteers and you love to see you too.

Mad Mexican Monday menu will come back just on a different day later in the term. There are some other changes on our menu as well, just log in to Munch Monitors and see our changes.

Roster for week beginning 10th August

| Monday 10th | Closed |
| Tuesday 11th | Elissa Hoey, Sabrina Raw |
| Wednesday 12th | Show holiday |
| Thursday 13th | Sian Pratt, Jacinta Geritz |
| Friday 14th | Pru Camisa, Amber Frazer, Bob and Sue Behan, Lisa Gratten |

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 6, 8 and 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.

Uniform Price Changes

In anticipation of the new uniform items arriving in mid-Term 4, the current pricing of the uniform has been reviewed. Price changes include: New polo shirts – $30 (current shirts remain at $28); New check shirt - $30; Dresses – price reduced to $50; Microfibre shorts - $18; Skorts – priced reduced to $25; Winter jacket – price reduced to $45.

**Gold Shirt Clearance**

Special offer – buy one gold shirt, get one free!! That brings the cost of these shirts down to only $14 per shirt!! There are plenty available in sizes 8, 10 and 12, so come and buy a brand new shirt for those school photos in September!!

Christine Matheson and Janice Nykiel, Convenors
Ph. 3552 8490 / 0448 633 737 / chrismath1@hotmail.com

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Date Claimer

The Wilston Disco will be held on Saturday 14 November. Please mark this date in your calendar.

Entertainment Books

Don’t forget to order your Entertainment Book NOW. 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

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Congratulations to all the swimmers who competed at the Brisbane Short Course Championships last weekend. Georgi K (first in 200 butterfly) and Stella S (2nd 50 metres breaststroke) were standouts and there were many top 10 places and personal bests achieved. There are now nine swimmers who have qualified for the Qld Sprint Championships in a few weeks. This is a great platform for the upcoming swim season and thank you to our coach Simon Smith for helping all our swimmers achieve so much.

The next Swim Club Committee Meeting will be held Thursday 6 August at 7.00pm in B Block. We look forward to seeing you there.

The position of Race Secretary will become available at the end of this year. If you are interested in taking on this role please contact the Swim Club Committee or Emma Kelso for further information. Full training will be provided.

Winter swimming – we have Squad and Learn to Swim available year round with the pool heated to 29 degrees. There is currently availability each afternoon, except Friday, for Term 3 learn to swim. Please contact Kirsten in the pool office on swim@wilstonpandc.org.au for bookings.

Go Sports Go Netball
Friday 7 August 5 weeks $85.00
7.50 to 8.35am
Years 1, 2, 3, and 4 Oval

Go Sports Go Soccer
Friday 7 August 5 weeks $85.00
7.50 to 8.35am
Prep, Year 1, 2 and 3 Oval

To join go to Register online at www.gosports.com.au
Fete News

Don’t forget to ‘like’ us on Facebook for the latest Fete updates – and all the newsletter pages. And follow us on Twitter for instant news and tips leading up to and on Fete day. #wssfete2015

Silent Auction!

We are almost ready to advertise the great prizes we have on offer for our Silent Auction. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for a sneak peek.

In the weeks leading up to the Fete, our auction will go LIVE - ONLINE BIDDING is here! Get in early to secure that great prize.

Thank you to the wonderful businesses who have donated prizes so far. The Silent Auction is listed on SignUpGenius - please volunteer - It's an easy gig on Fete day!

Cake and Sweet Stall

Will you need to borrow a cup of sugar? Look in your pantry now to check you have all the ingredients you need to bake up a storm for the Cake and Sweet Stall!

Help us put together a range of sweet treats to tempt everyone on Fete day. We are counting on our fantastic community to donate baked goods, cakes, slices, biscuits, toffees, lolly skewers, or any of your family favourites... Please bring out your best recipes and show off your baking talents!

A list of recipe suggestions will be sent to you soon, along with packaging instructions. Packaging for donated goods will be available about 2 weeks before the Fete.

Check the Wilston Weekly or the Fete facebook page for information on where to collect packaging and packaging instructions.

It’s time to stock up your pantry or make friends with your neighbours!

The Cake and Sweet Stall Team

Calling all Year 6 Families!

Year 6 is hosting Hoopla and Lob-a-Choc stalls and we need donations from all Year 6 families.

We are looking for chocolate bars & blocks - any brand/type - ideally standard sized bars and small blocks. (Just keep in mind that a 20c coin needs to be able to land on it!) No nuts please!

We also need soft drink in plastic bottles (300-600ml) OR mini cans (200ml). Any brand/type.

An inter-class comp will run between the Year 6 classes each week for 4 weeks, so donate now!
Country Markets

Sweet Chilli Chutney sound good?
We need your help to make jam, chutney, lemon butter/curd and homemade products for the Country Market Stall. 500 items needed!
We have lots of jars and bottles already - now it’s time to cook! Collect jars and bottles from door of 7 Yarradale Street, Newmarket, or see if any have been dropped at tuckshop. We also have material tops and tags for you to use.

Top tips:
Do you have a Thermomix? It makes it so easy - let us know if you want some thermomix ideas.
The secret of making jam is to use the CSR ‘jam setting sugar’.

Remember to:
• Sterilise bottles - google will tell you how.
• Label bottle with ingredients and date made

For queries, contact Alexis or Cara
0422 183 032 or simonandlex@hotmail.com

Getting a ticket to ride...


Pre-purchased ride cards will be issued on Fete eve. Just present your card at the ticket booth on Fete day to receive a wristband to ride all day. (Wristbands can also be purchased on Fete day for $30, with single ride tickets $5 each.)
All the fun of the Fete...

Our Fete will have a carnival of sideshow activities and games for the kids.

Laughing Clowns

Always a favourite at the Fete, don’t miss the Clowns hosted by Prep C. Choose your clown, feed him, and see if you can win a cool prize!

*Very proudly sponsored by Vero.*

Fishing Game

Have you tried the Fishing game? Come to the stall hosted by Prep B and show off your fishing prowess. Do you have a good eye and a steady hand? Can you catch a prize?

*With thanks to sponsor Liquid Plumbing Solution.*

Knock ‘Ems

Test your skill and see if you can “knock ‘em down!” Hosted by Prep E. Are you up to the challenge? Can you hit more than your friends, or win a prize?

*Thank you to our sponsor Little Ducks Childcare.*

Lucky Zippers

The ever popular Lucky Zippers stall is hosted by Grade 4. Just choose a ticket to see which zipper bag is yours. What will you win? Will you be lucky?

*Many thanks to our sponsor CPR Insurance.*

Plant Stall

This year our fabulous Plant Stall is doing terrariums! If anyone would like a terrarium custom-made for them, please contact us soon to discuss. They will also be available to buy on Fete day, along with lots of lovely succulents and flowering lines.

Treat yourself! You and your garden deserve it!

For specific requests (as well as donations) please contact Alison on 0417 757 058.

*Thank you to our sponsor - The Macro Group Chartered Accountants.*

Fill the Zippers

Remember, Grade 4 need donations of new, small items for the Lucky Zippers stall. Please leave your donations in the marked tub in the kitchen area on the ground floor of J Block. Thank you!

Volunteer Sign Up

Remember to go online to sign-up to volunteer for the Fete – help set-up, assist a stall on the day, or clean-up! Go to: [www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044da623a3fc1-fete](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044da623a3fc1-fete) (or click the link at [www.wiltonpandc.org.au](http://www.wiltonpandc.org.au)). Thank you!