Term 3. Issue 5. 13 August 2015.

DATE CLAIMERS

13 August  
Year 1D and 1C to Strawberry Fields

13 August  
Whole School Assembly

14 August  
Year 1B and 1F to Strawberry Fields

19 August  
WKC Committee Meeting (TBA)

20 August  
Upper School Assembly
P&C Meeting 7.00pm. All welcome

26 August  
1F Grandparents Day

27 August  
Author Visit Prep/Year 1
Chris Collins
Book Week Assembly
(Whole School)

2 September  
Speech Contest Semi Finals
Father’s Day Stall

3 September  
Lower School Assembly
Father’s Day Stall (before school)

7-8 September  
School Photos – Class

8-11 September  
Honours Music Camp

9 September  
1D Grandparents morning
WKC Committee Meeting

10 September  
School Photos – Groups
No School Assembly

12 September  
School Fete

16 September  
Wilton Regatta 6A and 6C
Prep Information Evening
Spring Concert

17 September  
Entries close Science Competition
Whole School Assembly
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

8 October  
Whole School Assembly

9 October  
Gala Day

12-16 October  
Life Education Yr 5 and 6

13 October  
Author Visit Year 2-3
Cameron Stelzer

14 October  
Skate Night Prep, Year 1 and 2

15 October  
WKC Committee Meeting

16 October  
Upper School Assembly
P&C Meeting 7.00pm. All welcome.

19 October  
Gala Day

20 October  
Pupil Free Day

20 October  
Skate Night Year 3 and 4

20-21 October  
Life Education Yr 5 and 6

21-22 October  
Forensic Science Workshops Yr3-6

22 October  
Lower School Assembly

23 October  
Gala Day

27 October  
Skate Night Year 5 and 6

28/29 October  
Year 4 Camp North Pine (1st group)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

National Assessment Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
I am very proud to report that this year’s results are the best that our students have gained since the national tests were introduced. Students are tested in the strands of reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy. Of the five areas tested in Year 3 we have achieved the best result in all five strands and our best result in year five in four of the five strands tested.

I commend the curriculum leadership demonstrated by the sector Deputy Principals and Head of Curriculum and the excellent teaching provided by all teachers. The graphs below show our steady improvement since 2010. I will be providing the P&C with a more comprehensive report at the next P&C meeting.

Neighbours.
Once again I have been approached by owners of houses that sit on our perimeter regarding a few of our parents parking cars where they should not. I ask all of our parents to respect the road rules. Currently a number of parents are parking over the driveways and owners are either unable to exit their property or gain entry. Please be mindful of where you are parking and do not park in or over someone’s driveway.

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. **Please note that payments are now due for all excursions and incursions.** Credit card payments can be made by writing your card details on the statement. All payments are to be sent to the office via your class Blue Bag making sure they are all in clearly marked envelopes.
WILSTON STAR AWARDS

Prep A: Mia H, Gloria F, Kai H.
Prep B: Charlotte K, Ruben P, Camille B.
Prep C: Olivia C, Bridget D, Ella B, Anthea C.
Prep D: Lulu C, Lachlan P, Rose B.
Prep F: Alana F, Thomas D.

Year 1A: Alasdair S, Oliver S, Frankie S
Year 1B: Fionn B, Mia B, Harry D.
Year 1C: Max L, Valentina P /
Year 1D: Blaise A, Natasha B, Lucas T-G.
Year 1E: Claudia F, Ethan B, Marli M.
Year 1F: Jamie Mc, Olivia D.

Year 2A: Fynn E-J, Marin H, Jada N.
Year 2B Kaden B, Lachlan E, Sarah H.
Year 2C: Anne B, Gema W, Archer C.
Year 2D: Ben R, Lachlan H, Jackson L.
Year 2E: Madison L, Ben Mc, Sam G.
Year 2F: Raphael G-V, Charles C.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Enrolment Packs
Prep enrolment packs are now available from the school office.

FROM THE BSM

Student Absence Line
If your child is absent from school, you are requested to ring and leave a message on the student absent line – 3852 8460.
Your message should clearly state the following:
- Your name and relationship to the student
- Student’s name
- Student’s class
- Reason for absence
- Phone number if the school needs to contact you.
Some parents are rushing the call, and it is very difficult for office staff to identify the student’s name.

Class Blue Money Bags
Parents are reminded that all monies must be handed to your child’s classroom teacher. Money is then sent up to the office in the Blue Bag. There have been increasing incidences where money is being handed in at the school office. Please note that money will not be accepted at the counter – this will not only ease the congestion in the office but it also prevent the possibility of the funds being accidentally misplaced.

Payment of Excursions, etc
Just a reminder that excursions and other activities must be paid at least two days prior to the date of the event. Parents paying by Direct Debit or BPPoint are asked to make payment five days prior to the excursion to ensure funds are transferred to the school bank account at least two days before the activity. Please note that fees for Term 3 are due now.

Additional Invoices for Term 3
Author Incursion
Preps to Year 3 have been invoiced recently for an author incursion – the cost per student is $2.50. Dates for this activity are:
- Preps to Year 1 – 27 August 2015
- Years 1 & 2 – 13 October 2015

A letter regarding this activity will be sent home shortly.

Year 4 Camp
As this camp will take place at the end of October, invoices will be going home this term to give parents time to pay for this activity. Cost is unknown at the moment – last year’s camp costing was approximately $140.00.

Gala Days – Term 4
As Gala Days commence early in Term 4, invoices will be processed for Years 4 to 6 this term. Costing for this activity has yet to be finalised but please be aware that there will be an increase from previous Gala Days due to increases in transport costs.

Graduation
Invoices for this special event will be processed shortly once final costing is finalised.
We apologise for the extra invoices being processed in Term 3. If you have any queries, please contact me.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Jeans for Genes Day
Thank you everyone for wearing your jeans and donating a gold coin on Friday 7 August 2015. We raised a total of $721.10.

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.

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.

Work at home will be necessary, and we ask that all parental assistance be acknowledged. Entries close Thursday, 17 September 2015 (Term 3, Week 10). A judging panel will judge the entries. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placegetters in each division.
Thanks for your patience and understanding over the next few months.

**Swimwear Orders**
School swimming lessons return in Term 4. Be ready by purchasing your sunshirts ($40), caps ($10), goggles ($14) and microfibre towels ($18) before the end of Term 3. Order forms for swimwear will be distributed shortly. Orders received by the due date will be delivered before the school holidays.

**Gold Shirt Clearance**
Special offer – buy one gold shirt, get one free!! That’s only $14 per shirt!! The offer is available for both polyester-cotton (embroidered) shirts ($28) and full cotton shirts ($23). You can mix and match sizes, but it must be the same fabric type to get the deal. Orders placed through Munch Monitors will be discounted prior to your account / credit card being charged. There are plenty available in sizes 8, 10 and 12, so come and buy a brand new shirt for those school photos in September, for choir or just to have a spare!!

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

**NEWS FROM THE P&C**

**P&C Finance Administrator Required**
Part time Finance Administrator needed for immediate start to support the P&C. Flexible working environment as part of a small team. Experience with ZERO preferred but not necessary. For a full position description please contact treasurer@wilstonpandc.org.au

**Father’s Day Stall**
Before the Fete is Father’s Day! The P&C Father’s Day Stall will be on all day Wednesday 2 September. Students can come to the stall with their class and choose a great gift for their Dad (and/or grandad, godfather etc). All gifts are $10 and students must bring their money on the day. The stall will also open before school (8.00-9.15am) on Thursday 3 September for anyone who is away or forgets their money on Wednesday.

ALSO, I really need some volunteers who can spare an hour or more on to help on the stall (next to the library) during class times (9am-2.45pm) on Wednesday. Pick a timeslot that suits online (www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4faaee23a1f85-2015) or text me.

Thank you!

Ingrid (042 405 1987)

**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 KIDS CARE**

**Talk Time!**
Over the past two weeks we have been working on ways to improve the way we conduct our famous talk time. The children are now sitting in their class groups while we are having afternoon tea.
WKC want to say a HUGE thank you to the kids for doing such a fantastic job with this new transition – though this could be a result of the end of term prizes offered to most organised and well behaved group.

Notice To Cancel Permanent Booking
Just a reminder that we require forward notice of 7 days before we can cancel a permanent booking.

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

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Swim Club recommences in the first week of Term 4 with our first Club Night Friday 9 October 2015. Sign on is fast approaching and will be held at the Fete on 12 September.

Bookings for Term 4 Learn to Swim will commence from 31 August 2015 for students who are enrolled in Term 3 classes and 7 September 2015 for all other swimmers. Learn To Swim Intensives will also be held over the September school holidays – further details will be available shortly.

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.

Term 3 swim fees are now due and must be paid before bookings can be accepted for term 4.

Term 3 Learn to Swim – there is still availability for Term 3 Learn to Swim, please see Kirsten in the pool office or email swim@wilstonpandc.org.au for details, lessons run Monday to Thursday afternoons from 3:15-5:15pm and Saturday mornings.
Fathers Day Stall

KEEP CALM ITS FATHERS DAY

Wednesday 2nd September

Kids, come to the P&C stall with your class and choose a cool gift to say ‘thank you’ to your Dad (and/or grandfather etc). We have lots of new gifts to pick from this year.

All gifts $10

The stall will also open on Thursday 3rd September (8-9.15am) for kids who are away or forget their money on Wednesday.

Parents, can you spare an hour on Wednesday 2nd to help? If so, please contact Ingrid (042 405 1987) or go to www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4faeae23a1f85-2015
Fete News

Four weeks! Yes, it is now only one month until our fabulous Fete!
Are you spreading the word? Have you invited your friends, family and neighbours along?

Enter Sandman!

Exciting news, Fete-goers. The Nova106.9 Sandman will be at our Fete at 2.15pm.
Giveaways and games on the oval! Don’t miss it.

Entertainment program

The talents of many of our wonderful students will be on stage for your entertainment on Fete day.
We will have the Wildcatz Band, Junior Choir, Wilston Wonders, Vivace & Dolce Strings, and Senior Dance Troupe, along with lots of year level dance performances.
Please see Facebook for the full schedule.

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/20f044da8a623a3fc1-fete (or click the link at www.wilstonpandc.org.au). Thank you!

How can you contribute?

Keeping track of all the assistance that different stalls need? Here’s a summary so far:

- Bake cakes, slices and other sweet treats for the Cakes and Lollies Stall
- Contribute beer, wine, cider and spirits for the Wheel of Wilston
- Donate surplus items for the Second-hand Clothes, Books & Toy Stalls
- Make jams, chutneys, sauces, and craft items, or donate produce for the Country Markets
- Donate surplus plants to the Plant Stall
- Donate jars and bottles or surplus produce for the Country Markets cooks
- Lend a portable marquee or folding table
- Contribute small items for Lucky Zippers
- Contribute supplies for Snazzy Nails
- Contribute chocolate bars, small chocolate blocks, and small soft drink cans and bottles for Hoopla & Lob a Choc (Grade 6)
- And most importantly
- Contribute your time to help with running the stalls and activities on Fete day, and with set up and clean up!

Get a ticket to ride...

Remember to pre-purchase your ‘Ticket to Ride’ for unlimited Fete rides for just $25 online at www.munchmonitor.com.
(On Fete day wristbands will be $30, with single ride tickets $5 each.)
Crocs on deck

The WSS Amateur Swim Club (the Wilston Crocodiles) will have a stand at the Fete. If you are interested in learning more about the Club’s learn to swim program, squad training and club nights, or would like to sign up for the 2015-16 season, drop by and say g’day to the Crocs.

Recycled treasures

Score a bargain at the Fete with the pre-loved delights from our second-hand stalls:

Second-hand Books

‘A room without books is like a body without a soul.’ Get down to Classes 1B and 1F’s book stall and enrich your soul with pre-loved reading bargains. Kids books, popular fiction, classics, non-fiction – there is ‘literally’ something for everyone!

Thanks to sponsor The House Whisperer

Second-hand Toys

Every child will find a new treasure at the Second-hand Toy Stall, hosted by Classes 1A and 1E. From soft toys, cars and dolls, to puzzles, games and more. Kids, bring your pocket money!

Proudly sponsored by Violet Consulting

Second-hand Clothes

Find your inner ‘Fancy Nancy’ at the Second-hand Clothing Store. We will have:
- new & near-new items
- high quality & designer brands
- kids clothes, from babies to teens
- mens & women’s, petite to plus sizes
- casual, sport, work & formal wear
- shoes for everyone
- mountains of bags & accessories

Kit out the kids for summer (& next winter) for next to nix! Then go guilt-free shopping for yourself!

Hosted by Classes 1C and 1D.

Cakes and sweets

Have you looked up your favourite recipes and checked your pantry supplies? The Cakes and Sweets Stall needs you to bake cakes, slices, biscuits, fudge, toffees, lolly skewers etc., to feed the sweet tooth of our Fete-goers.

Keep an eye out for news on recipes, packaging and drop-off arrangements.

Second-hand donations

Thank you to everyone who has donated second-hand items so far. But please remember, we are only looking for clothes, toys and books (in good condition) this year – homewares donations are not able to be used.

Please leave your second-hand donations at the E-Block drop off room.
All the fun of the Fete...

Check out more of the fun activities at the Fete:

**Dunk Tank**
Always a crowd favourite, stay tuned for the line-up of brave souls ready to be dunked. Who will douse your favourite teacher? How many scalps can you score? Bring your camera. Hosted by Class 5A.
*Thanks to Princess Ruby and The Hound Hut.*

**Hoopla**
Test your skill. Throw a hoop. Where will it land? Will you be a winner? Can you score more than your friends? Hosted by Grade 6.
*Proudly sponsored by Hire for Baby.*

**Lob a Choc**
Everyone loves Lob a Choc, hosted by Grade 6! Toss a coin and if you can land on a chocolate, you win it! Test your skill and try to beat your mates.
*Many thanks again to our sponsor Hire for Baby.*

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**Country Markets**
We need your help to make jam, chutney, sauces, lemon butter/curd and homemade crafts for the Country Market Stall. 500 items needed!
We have lots of jars and bottles already - so get cooking! Collect jars and bottles from door of 7 Yarradale Street, Newmarket, or the tuckshop.
We also have material tops and tags for you.

*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

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**Chocolate & soft drinks needed**

*Year 6 families* - your donations are needed for the Hoopla and Lob-a-Choc stalls. Donate and help your class win the inter-class competition!!

We need standard-sized chocolate bars and small chocolate blocks (big enough for a 20c coin to land on). Any brand or type but no nuts please! We also need soft drink (any brand/flavour) in plastic bottles (300-600ml) OR mini cans (200ml).

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**Snazzy Nails supplies needed**
To help our nail artists to create snazzy new nails on Fete day, *Class 2A* would appreciate your donations of nail polish, baby wipes, tissues, tweezers (to assist in adding nail art), cotton balls, and nail polish remover. Please bring any donations to the 2A classroom where there will be a box for your contributions!
Support our Sponsors

The Fete is a fun day to celebrate our School community. But it is also our major fundraising event. Funds raised will help fund educational resources and enhance our School environment.

The help we receive from a range of wonderful businesses is essential to our fundraising effort. Please, show your appreciation to the businesses that support our kids and our School.

Our appreciation to Belle Property – our major sponsor and long-term supporter.

And thanks to three of our major stall sponsors, sponsoring the Bar – Cayas Architects - and Tuckshop – EDSCO and Ark Projects.

Surfers Paradise getaway

First up, for the silent auction we have a fabulous holiday at the Marriott Resort Surfers Paradise. You'll be able to take a well-earned break with two nights' accommodation in a Hinterland View Room. Even better, you will enjoy a delicious dinner for two at Misono Japanese Steakhouse. The total value of this amazing package is $800!

A divine table

Next, is a gorgeous custom-made high table from Table and Desk. You get to design your table yourself (in three easy steps) so it is exactly the way you want it. And the finished product is delivered to your door. This magnificent prize is valued at $556!

Super Silent Auction

Over the next few weeks we will be featuring some of the amazing prizes that we have on offer for the Silent Auction. And remember – this year you will be able to start bidding online before Fete day!

Stay tuned for more fabulous Silent Auction prizes!