FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

William Shakespeare
Our records show that the bust of William Shakespeare has stood proudly in the Wilston State School grounds since 1928.

Unfortunately over the weekend the bust was severely damaged by vandals. I don’t believe the bust can be repaired by using the parts that were damaged. The whole face would need to be re cast. I have been informed by the police that the persons responsible have been apprehended and that they are juveniles. I am currently looking at the possible options and will advise you as to the outcome in due course.

Year 1A and 1E
Late last week I was invited to listen to students from Year 1A and 1E recite from heart poems that they have been learning. The performances were very well delivered, articulate and with expression. I thoroughly enjoyed the morning. I congratulate Mrs Charles and Mrs Lambert-Smith and the students for this wonderful performance.

Metropolitan North Athletics Trial – UQ
On Tuesday afternoon I watched our 4 x 100 m relay teams compete at the Met North trials that were being held at the University of Queensland. For the first time in my educational history we had 5 of a possible 6 teams competing.

I congratulate our under 10 and under 11 girls on winning their race and the under 10 and under 11 boys for running strongly and gaining a third place. The under 12 girls gained a very admirable fourth in their event.

The under 10 girls started the afternoon program and I believe won the race due to their baton changes. Particularly on the first change. This was a very close race that had to be decided by the officials having to look at the finishing line photo.

Mr Bell our PE Specialist is officiating at the carnival and will provide us with further achievements in next week’s newsletter.
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

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

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year our school photo days are Monday 7 September, Tuesday 8 September and Thursday 10 September. A timetable is attached to the newsletter email. Please ensure that your child is in the appropriate school uniform on their relevant photo day/s. If an alternate uniform is required for the photo e.g. Wildcatz, students must wear their ordinary school uniform and change just prior to the photo.

The MSP Photography payment envelopes were distributed to students last week. Please take the time to read the information on the envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Envelopes for family photos are available from the school office on request.
- Please enclose the correct money as no change is given. Cash and Cheques only. Credit card payments can be made prior to photo day via the online ordering system at www.msp.com.au
- Return the envelopes on photo day.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN 2015

LAST TWO WEEKS!! Just a reminder stickers/cards may be placed in the box in the office or sent up via the class Blue Bag.

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.

Other entries may qualify for a Highly Commended certificate. All students will receive a certificate of participation. 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 Support and Resources—Forms and Documents tab. All queries should be directed to Mr Brendan Medlin (6C) (bmed2@eq.edu.au).

PRIMARY RESEARCH PROJECT TERM 4

All interested Year 4, 5 and 6 students are invited to participate in the 2015 Primary Research Project.

The Primary Research Project is an online, multiple-choice competition (40 questions on 8 different topics: Inventors and Explorers, Environmental Matters, Sport, Entertainment & Festivals, etc.) which requires a maximum of 4 hours over a 10 day period (12-23 October 2015; Term 4, Week 2-3). Arrangements will be made for participating students to access the school computer labs for a 45-minute block during the competition period. Students are encouraged to use dictionaries, computers, the internet and any other library resources at their disposal to answer the questions. The majority of students who have competed in previous years report that it is most convenient to research the answers at home.

The Primary Research Project provides an opportunity for students to research, interpret and evaluate information. All participating students will receive a certificate. Further information can be found at www.GiantClassroom.com.au.

The cost is $6 per student. Wilston State School has a total of 50 places reserved in the Primary Research Project, so register your interest before Friday, 4 September 2015 (Term 4, Week 8). Permission forms are available from Mr Brendan Medlin (L Block, 6C; email bmed-12@eq.edu.au).

CHOIR NEWS

School Fete
- Saturday 12 September
- Wilston Wonders. 12.30pm arrive at Undercover Area. Perform at 12.35pm.
- Junior Choir arrive 11.50pm Undercover Area. Perform 12.00pm.

Choir Photo.
- Junior Choir.  Tuesday 8 September. 9.00am
- Wear clean, neat school uniform.
- Wilston Wonders. Monday 7 September. 9.30am. Wear yellow polo shirt, white socks, brown short/skort etc. Hair neat.

Spring Concert
- Wednesday 14 October 2015.
- Arrive at Undercover Area 6.45pm for 7.00pm.

Church Service
- Carols By Daylight  Wednesday 9 December 2015
- 11.30am Undercover Area.

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

Term 4: Term 4 commences on Tuesday 6 October (Monday is a public holiday). The shop will be open on this first day of term, then again on Friday 8 October.
From the week starting Monday 12 October, the shop will be open three days per week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

**Shop Online:** Go to [www.munchmonitor.com](http://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, 8 and 10), senior shirts (size 14), prep hat ribbon, girls’ winter stretch pants (sizes 6, 8, 10 and 12); tights (size 6-9), Paterson shirts (s.10). 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.

**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 have been distributed and are due back by Friday 4 October. 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 (emblem) 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 and 10, so come and buy a brand new shirt for those school photos in September, for choir or just to have a spare!!

**Prep Information Evening:** Please note that the shop will not be open on the evening of the Prep Information night (Wednesday 16 October). However, the shop will be open for prep fittings during the Prep orientation afternoons, scheduled for late November.

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

As of Thursday this week, it’s only 16 days until the Fete. The P&C website has been updated to acknowledge our community partners and the support they continue to give the school.

Our platinum sponsor, Belle Property, has been supporting our school for the past six years. They recognise the value of having a great school like Wilston in their local area, and we appreciate their ongoing support. Thank you Chris and the team at Belle.

At the last P&C Meeting we had a special presentation by the Robotics Club.

Wilton Robotics Club recently competed in the University of Queensland Robocup and came 6th. The boys showed the robots playing ‘soccer’ and the girls demonstrated a dance off between two robots (one was Katy Perry the other was Taylor Swift).

Chris Noonan and Susan Boucher have done a great job in creating the Robotics Club and they’re now inviting children and parents with an interest in robotics to join the club. It’s vital that parents attend with their children, as a lot of the work is done independently online. For more information contact Chris Noonan via email at chris@noonanfamily.org

**Julia Thornton**

**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.

**NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB**

Sign on day for the 2015-2016 season will be held at the Fete on 12 September. All swimmers who sign up will receive a Crocs cap, swim bag and tattoo plus the first 50 will also receive a Crocs drink bottle! If not attending the Fete you will also have the chance to sign on each afternoon of the following week at the pool. Swim Club recommences in the first week of Term 4.

Good luck to Joshua A, Dylan A, Charlotte C, Georgia K, Douglas M and Ashley P who are swimming at the Queensland Short Course Championships this weekend.

Bookings for Term 4 Learn to Swim will commence 31 August for students who are currently enrolled in Term 3 classes and 7 September for all other swimmers. Learn to Swim Intensives will also be held over the September school holidays from 28 September – 2 October. Classes will run each morning from 8:30am. The cost for the 5 days will be $65. 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.

See you at the pool!
Fathers Day Stall

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

It’s getting exciting now... only TWO more weeks to the Fete! Are you ready?
And by the way, the long range forecast is for a gorgeous day on 12th September – of course!

Market delights

Our school community has been cooking up a storm and you can reap the rewards!
The Country Markets Stall (hosted by Classes 2D, 4A and Grade 6) will have a huge range of
glorious jams, sauces and chutneys on offer.
Don’t miss out on your jar of deliciousness - this stall will sell out fast! And check out the beautiful
home-made crafts and other treasures on offer.
Many thanks to our sponsor, EDSCO

How can you contribute?

A lot of parents and staff have been working very hard to organize our Fete. The following are some ways you can help them make our Fete a success:

✓ bake cakes, slices and other sweet treats for the Cakes and Lollies Stall or Tea & Tarts
✓ 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!

More volunteers needed!

Thank you so much to everyone who has signed up to help on stalls on Fete day. But many more helpers are needed.
Sign-up online at: www.signupgenius.com/go/20044da8a623a3fc1-fete
(or click the link at www.wilstonpandc.org.au).
Plant Stall

Are you onto the terrarium trend? Alison from our gorgeous Plant Stall can custom-make you a fabulous, fresh terrarium. Contact her soon on 0417 757 058 to arrange. Alison can also order you cut flowers or plants for delivery at the Fete - just call and let her know what you’d like.

On Fete day, check out the lovely succulents and flowering lines at the Plant Stall, as well as terrariums. Treat yourself and your garden!

Proudly sponsored by The Macro Group Chartered Accountants.

Cakes and Lollies Stall

Wilston, we really need your help to put together a beautiful range of sweet treats to tempt everyone on Fete day. We are counting on this fantastic community to donate scrumptious baked goods - cakes, muffins, slices, cupcakes, biscuits, toffees, fudges, marshmallows - all of your favourites...

So please - get out your best recipes, check your pantry supplies, and show off your baking talents! If you are stuck for ideas, next week we will give you some recipe suggestions.

Packaging supplies will be available from the school office from 4 September, and contributions can be delivered to the school on 11 September (Fete-eve). Keep an eye out for more information in the newsletter or Fete facebook page about packaging, labelling and delivery.

It’s time to get ready and get cooking!

Scrumptious Cake Raffle

The Cakes and Lollies stall will be running a very special raffle on Fete day. On offer is a beautiful ‘cake & lolly’ themed cake (valued at $250) from the delicious Vanilla Pod. Yum!
Strike a pose!

Capture the moment and take home a memento of the 2015 Fete with our Photo Booth. Get a photo with your family, your mates or even your teacher! Hosted by 3G and 3D.

Many thanks to sponsor Fotofox Photography.

Get a ticket to ride...

For unlimited Fete rides, pre-purchase a ‘Ticket to Ride’ for just $25 at www.munchmonitor.com. Tickets will be distributed before the Fete, and can be exchanged for a wristband on Fete day. (On Fete day wristbands will be $30, with single ride tickets $5 each.)

Tea & Tarts

Amid the excitement of the Fete, take time out at the ‘Tea & Tarts’ café. Enjoy a restorative cup of tea or coffee and a little something delicious. Hosted by Classes 2F and 4E.

Thank you to our sponsor BOH Dental.

Face painters needed!

Do you have artistic talents, face painting experience, or just want to give joy to a young child? Class 3E is hosting the Face Painting Stall but so far does not have enough volunteers able to paint. If you can help, please sign up online at SignUpGe nius.

A workshop will be run for face painters to refresh their skills – contact Sharon Snowdon (sharon.snowdon@gmail.com) for details.

Crocs on deck

Come along to the WSS Amateur Swim Club (the ‘Wilston Crocodiles’) stand at the Fete. You can find out more about the Club’s learn-to-swim program, squad training and club nights. And you can sign up for the 2015-16 season. So drop by and say g’day to the Crocs.

Calling dunkees...

The list of dunkees for the very popular Dunk Tank is shaping up, but there are a few special spots to fill. Do you know someone ‘a little bit famous’ (at least in the eyes of our kids!) who the kids would love to try and dunk? Dunkees just need a sense of fun, and be willing to get a little wet for good cause. If you know someone, please contact Leonie on andrewandleonie@bigpond.com asap!
A new beginning...

**Genesis Fitness Club** at Windsor has generously donated two 6-month gym memberships for you to win. Whether it is health, fitness, strength or weight loss you need, this prize has you covered! Open 24/7 at Homezone, Genesis is so convenient. Each prize is valued at $475! Wow!

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**Super Silent Auction**

Online Bidding is here! Our Silent Auction starts **Wednesday 2nd September** - be the first to read next week’s newsletter when we publish the link. Bid early for the best chance to win.

We have some amazing prizes! For example, there will be no excuse not to shape up for summer with so many amazing fitness offers that you can bid for - online or on Fete-day...

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**Strike back!**

For a different fitness experience try **Brisbane Fitness Empire** in Stafford. Their tailored classes and PT sessions can cover boot camp, boxing, kickboxing, muay thai, strength and cardio! Brisbane Empire Fitness have very kindly donated several different passes for you to bid on:

- one month of unlimited classes ($480 value)
- a ten-class pass ($150 value)
- a 60min PT session ($80)
- a 45min PT session ($60)
- a 30min PT session ($40)

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**Make it personal**

If you want personal training, you can’t go past local **Nirvana PT**. These guys can help you achieve your fitness goals when and where it suits you. We have three great Nirvana PT prizes on offer: one 8-week challenge program valued at $400, and two 12-week PT packages valued at $250 each. Thanks Nirvana!

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**BRISBANE FITNESS EMPIRE**

**KEEP CALM AND BID**

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