FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Fabulous Fete

I’ve yet to be informed of how much money was raised from our fete last weekend, however I don’t believe this should be used as a measure of success. The coming together of the community and the enjoyment had by all would be the measure that I would throw over the event. To this end the event was a GREAT SUCCESS!

I thank our Fete Convenors our wonderful parents, Natalie Gardiner, Jacqui Sawley, Nathan McPherson, Marteena Pearl and Angela Pratt. The success of the Fete was due to these highly skilled parents who clearly demonstrated their ability to organise such a large event.

The performances held in the Covered Play Area were excellent and I commend; Leah Doherty and Angela Gilchrist, our visual and performing arts teachers for the vibrant performances of our junior school students; Cliff Draper, instrumental – woodwind, brass and percussion teacher; Kathryn Payne – strings teacher and our choir teachers, Miranda Charters and Jewel Lucas. Our student performances across all areas were wonderful.

Term 4 will begin on Tuesday 6 October 2015.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

If you would like to know more about the School Watch program, please call our Emergency and Security Management Unit on (07) 3034 6013.

Guy Hendriks
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers need to be submitted during the holidays. Please ensure that any stickers or completed sheets are submitted by Friday. Thank you all for your support so far!

TALK ABOUT IT program

Early next term our school will be offering a program to the Year 5 and Year 6 students that will prepare them for the physical, emotional and social changes associated with puberty. A detailed letter will be coming home to parents soon. We have also organised a Parent Information Session to enable parents to gain a full understanding of the content and to answer questions. The Information Session will be held on Wednesday 7th October 6pm in the Wilston State School Staffroom (D Block).

ICAS ENGLISH

Earlier this term students in Years 3-6 were invited to participate in the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) English Test. Overall we had 140 students sit the test which comprised of multiple choice questions. The following students received outstanding results:

HIGH DISTINCTION (Scored in the top 1% of their year level)
Isabella S - Year 4
Carson P - Year 4
Clarinda H - Year 5

DISTINCTIONS (Scored in the top 4% of their year level)

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Congratulations to all students who participated in this assessment.

All students will receive a certificate and notification of their results this week.

CHOIR NEWS

Congratulations to ALL who performed at the Fete last Saturday! What a beautiful day and it was great to see so many students participating in the performances.

Wilston Wonders next term – the first three Fridays of next term are Gala Days. Mr Bell has ensured me that Senior Choir will be able to run as usual as no buses will be leaving early. This is great news as we have so many performances coming up in October.

Upcoming Dates:
Spring Concert: Wednesday Oct 14th, Strings and Choirs
6.30pm arrival, 7pm start BYO Chair

Music Count Us In: Thursday Oct 29th, 11.30am Undercover Area, Whole School

Choral Fanfare Gala Competition: Thursday Evening Oct 29th Wilston Wonders, Old Museum Building Bowen Hills. Have a great holiday!

Miranda Charters

2016 Year 7 Enrolments

Year Seven Enrolment Interviews are well underway for 2016. Two additional interview afternoons have been added on Wednesday, 7 and 26 October. Enrolment packs may be collected from the Craigslea State High School Administration office. To book interviews please contact our Administration staff on 3326 5222.

Please make bookings for your enrolments early as recent enrolment interviews have been fully booked and preparations are well underway for the 2016 intakes.

Drama Classes

Wilston Shining Stars
Prep to Year Two
Held in G Block Upstairs Music Room
from 3:10 to 4:15pm every Tuesday
from 13 October to 8 December.

Wilston Masterclass
Year Three to Year Six
Held in G Block Downstairs Music Room
from 3:10 to 4:15pm every Tuesday
from 13 October to 8 December.

Confidence, communication, interaction and imagination.

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Fete wrap-up

Wow! What an amazing day. Glorious weather, fabulous stalls, and oodles of excited kids! The accounts aren’t finalized yet, but early indications are that it was a very successful fundraiser. Congratulations to all involved!

To Melinda who organised the ride tickets and manned the ticket booth all day.
To Elissa for the huge task of administering the Silent Auction online site, and preparing bidding forms and information sheets; and Suhanya for preparing items and setting up the auction stall.
To Vanessa, Chris and Larissa for sourcing lots of amazing auction items.
To Jen for her amazing design and artwork.
To Jill and Deb who manned FB and Twitter and managed publicity. And to Ingrid for coordinating and writing the weekly newsletter.
To Leah for her choreography and showcasing our kids hidden dance talents. To the music teachers for leading our great performers. And to Leigh, Jennifer and Deb from the School, who provided us with great support in making the Fete a reality.
Thank you to everyone! Expressions of interest are now being taken for the Fete convenors for 2017!

Jacqui Sawley & Natalie Gardiner

From our Fete Convenors

Thank you to everyone who played a part in making our Fete such a great day.
To Nathan, who calmly and expertly managed the logistics, setup and pack up.
To all the volunteers who convened stalls, under the guidance of Angela and Marteena. Your many months of effort, and then tireless work on Friday and Saturday did not go unnoticed (special mention to the Hot Chip ladies, Rene & Lisa, who never wish to see a deep fryer again after Saturday!).
To Luke and his able team of cash collectors and counters.
To Dot and Bec and their volunteers who helped with the mammoth job in the Tuckshop and on the BBQs, feeding thousands of visitors with not enough helpers. And to Andrew who expertly ordered enough stock for the bar.
To MC Stu for his audio set up, skill on the mic, and overseeing proceedings. And to Tim for his set up and commentary on the oval.
From the P&C

Who can believe we almost didn’t have a Fete? I’m a new parent and my last fete was when I was at school myself, so I didn’t fully appreciate how important the Fete is – not just for raising money, but for bringing the local community together.

Natalie Gardiner and Jacqui Sawley have set a new standard in fetes. They formed a strong committee of five with Martenea Pearl and Angela Pratt on stalls and Nathan MacPherson on operations. In the week before the Fete, Guy mentioned to me that there was no panic or disorganisation. It was a truly well-run fete. Well done Natalie, Jacqui, Martenea, Ang & Nathan!

I also want to acknowledge Melinda Ferrier who was responsible for rides; Elissa Hoey for organising the beautiful silent auction, assisted by Suhanya Pedroni, Jen Pointon who did the beautiful graphic design and artwork to promote the Fete, Jillian Mainly for taking on the dreaded social media, and Debra Bela who did the media. Thanks to every member of Luke Moulson’s team who managed the money on the day.

And thanks to every class rep/convenor/parent who sorted toys or clothes, sourced nail polish, little gifts for the lucky zippers, chocolates for lob-a-choc, donated clothing, books, toys, made sweets, cakes, tarts, jams etc etc etc. Thank you.

We were well attended by our local reps: Federal MP Teresa Gambaro, and our new Councilor Andrew Wines. He’s got a tough gig.

Cr Vicki Howard sourced our $3300 grant from the Suburban Initiatives Fund – thank you Vicki. State Member for Stafford Anthony Lynham wasn’t able to attend but we appreciated his donation of a raffle prize. Thank you.

Then: the sponsors. Wow. There were 27 stalls that were sponsored by local businesses, as well as the tens of others who gave us silent auction goods.

In particular, Belle Property gets huge thanks for their sponsorship. It looked like everyone got hot chips and a Belle balloon. Thanks Chris for making the day even more fun for the kids.

Our gold sponsors Cayas Architects supported the very special area for the parents – the bar. What will we do without them next year? Many thanks for your support over the years, Cayas family. And we had fantastic support from Esdoợ sponsoring two stalls – the tuckshop and country markets.

And special thanks to our other generous stall sponsors, and the many and varied business who provided fantastic prizes and vouchers for us to include in our silent auction and raffles. Our Facebook page showcases many of our wonderful sponsors. Thanks so much for your support.

And then I want to thank, in particular, Adam Spencer – P&C secretary and former Wilston student. When we were umm-ing and ah-ing at the beginning of the year about whether to have a fete or not, it was Adam who said we must. Adam keeps reminding the Executive of why we do what we do: the students, the teachers, the school. It would have been so easy to make the decision to NOT have the fete. But because we only have it every two years, we would lose the impetus and affection we have for it if we’d let this one go.

A big thank you to Ben O’Hara, Kevin Mercer & Lesley Hubczenko – its days like the Fete where we get to be the workers. And its a great deal of fun.

Most of all, thanks to everyone who came to support our local school – the aunts, uncles, grandparents, friends, family, neighbours and randoms.

Well done to you all, from your humble president

Julia Thornton