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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Dear Parents**

**Gala Days**

Gala Days for Term 4 will be held on the following Fridays: 9, 16 and 23 October 2015. These Gala Days involve students from Years 4, 5 and 6.

To allow for the amount of buses required to transport the students to their venues, parents are reminded that the Primrose Street Pickup Zone will be closed on the above days. Two buses will be collecting students from Thomas Street but no buses will be dropping off students in this street at 3.00pm.

Parents are asked not to wait around the corners of the Pickup Zones as this stops the traffic flow and the buses cannot get through. Please allow more time for school drop off and pickup on these days and consider parking away from the school and walking in, or arriving earlier for the drop off and later for the pickup.

**Staffing**

Though all state schools are staffed on the number of students enrolled on the eighth day of the new school year we commence the process of allocating our 2016 classes now. If you intend moving your child to another school in 2016 please advise your sector Deputy Principal by email by the end of next week.

At this time of year, parents often begin to ask about class placements for next year. All parents are reminded that allocation of students to classes is the professional and operational responsibility of school staff and that a great deal of care and time is taken when making such decisions.

Whilst many factors are relevant, I will outline here for parents the main criteria that are considered:

- **Ability levels** - we aim to have an even spread of ability levels across each class. All children have strengths and weaknesses in different areas of the curriculum and these needs are taken into consideration.
- **Teaching/learning styles** - we take into consideration the match between individual children’s learning styles and the teaching style of individual teachers where possible.
- **Friendships** - we try to ensure that all children are in a class with those of whom we feel they are likely to form friendships. At other times, we may choose to separate students who, whilst being friends, are a distracting influence on each other in a classroom, where one is the dominant partner in a friendship or where they are over-reliant on each other to the exclusion of others and need to be encouraged to increase their friendship circle.
- **Group dynamics** — we try to ensure that we have an even spread of personality styles, behavioural styles, etc. and that the group dynamics are such that each class will bond well and harmonise as a group.

As you will appreciate, consideration of all these factors makes class placement a very time consuming and thought provoking process. Each child is considered carefully, our ultimate aim being to ensure that each child is placed in a class where they will be given the optimal chance for happiness and success. We feel positive that the extensive time and care that we give to this process, together with the talented and committed team of staff into whose classes we are placing each child, mean that we are able to produce the best possible class combinations to benefit each and every child. Your trust in our decision-making, your appreciation of the time and care that goes into this process and your respect for the competence and dedication of every member of our staff team are greatly appreciated.

**Guy Hendriks**  
Principal
FROM THE PRINCIPAL (contd)

If there are any educational needs that we need to be aware of when placing your child, please convey these needs in writing to the appropriate Deputy Principal. For students currently in Prep to Year 2, the sector Deputy Principal is Mrs Debbie Mill and her email address is dmill108@eq.edu.au and for students currently in Years 3 – 6, either Mrs Dietz or Mrs Boge and their email addresses are tdiel5@eq.edu.au and lboge1@eq.edu.au. Please note that any information needs to be communicated each year to ensure it is relevant and up to date.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Orange Statements went home with the youngest in the family this week. All payments are now due.

Please could payments please come up to the office via your class Blue Bags in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and class.

If you wish to pay by credit card please write your details on the statement. Payment directly into the school account is still an option as well as BPOINT.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Skate Nights
$3.00 entry fee.
Blade Hire $4.00 and Skate Hire $3.00
Prep, Year 1 and 2 Tuesday 13 October 2015 6.00 to 8.00pm
Year 3 and 4 Tuesday 20 October 2015 6.30 to 8.30pm.
Year 5 and 6 Tuesday 27 October 2015 6.30 to 8.30pm.

ECOMARINE NEWS

Welcome back, we hope you all had a nice relaxing break. Who needs an excuse to have another holiday? Well why not WIN ONE during our EcoMarine’s EcoWeek! We are raffling a trip for a family of four (2 x adults and 2 x children) to Tangalooma Island Resort during. This trip includes,

1 night accommodation
Return launch transfers from Brisbane
Wild Dolphin feeding
Buffet breakfast daily in Tursiops Restaurant

All you have to do is purchase a raffle ticket, one for $1 or three for $2, in the Undercover Area every big lunch from Monday 12 to Wednesday 21 October (Week 2 and 3). All proceeds will go to Tangalooma EcoMarines and their work in helping the wildlife and marine life around Moreton Bay. The winner will be announced in week 3 on Thursday 22 October over the loud speaker, so don’t forget to LISTEN OUT!

In conjunction with our amazing raffle during EcoWeek, we will also be having a ‘Mystery Box’ and a ‘Rubbish Revolution’ competition with prizes and the opportunity to sign up online to Tangalooma EcoMarines. Posters will be around the school with more information.

Good Luck! And remember, GO-GREEN-ECOMARINE!

Hannah B, Jessica T, Amber D and Zoe P

STUDENT BANKING

Following the decision last month to recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the upcoming Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program.

To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider!

Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note, along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item.

Don’t forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4 as well as these rewards from 2014 and 2015:

- ET DVD
- Intergalactic Rocket
- Invisible Ink Martian Pens

2014 Deep Sea Savers range:
- Scented Pencils
- Shark Plush Toy Keyring
- Swimming Bag

NEWS FROM HPE

This Thursday is the first of three Interschool Sport Gala Days. Student’s from Years 4-6 will be competing in a variety of sports against other schools within our district. If you would like to go along to watch your child participate you are more than welcome. Below are the venues where the students will be playing:

- Boys and Girls Touch: Valleys Hockey Club
- AFL: O’Callaghan Park (Zillmere)
- T/20 Modified Cricket: Norths Cricket Grounds (Shaw Rd)
- Flipperball B (Mrs Howells) Wilston SS Pool
- Flipperball A (Mr Medlin) am – Milton SS Pool
- pm – Windsor SS Pool

All students need to ensure that their permission notes are returned by Friday to ensure that they are allowed to participate in the Gala Days.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Wilston Wonders
Welcome to Term 4! It’s a busy one. First up we have our Spring Concert next Wednesday night, October 14. Wilston Wonders arrive at 6.30pm - meet in the Music Room for warm up. Please wear the usual performance uniform – yellow polo shirt, brown shorts/skorts. The concert starts at 7.00pm sharp. Audience BYO chair.

COMING SOON – Information regarding CHORAL FANFARE GALA!
We are still waiting on all the details from the Ed Qld organisers. A note will be sent home as soon as possible.

Miranda Charters

FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

Good luck to the Dolce and Vivace Strings who are competing in the Prestige MusicFest at Calamvale Community College on Saturday October 10. Dolce Strings meet at 1.30pm and the Vivace Strings meet at 3pm.

Recruitment for Year 2 students will begin this Friday. Only interested students will be tested.
If your child is interested in joining the strings program and you have not returned the green form sent out last term, please email Kathryn Payne at kpayn49@eq.edu.au.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

A big thank you to all the wonderful helpers at the Fete without you we couldn’t have made it all happen. I would especially like to thank all the mums and dads we wrangled in at the last minute.

Slushies are back at $2.00 each with two flavours that will change.

Our menu has had an update as well, so for all the changes, jump on to Munch Monitors, it’s that easy.

Roster for the week beginning 12th October

Monday 12: CLOSED
Tuesday 13: Louise Astori, Ellie Cayas, Zoe, Sally Coldrick
Wednesday 14: Susan Walker, Sharon Darmody, Steve Lawson, Kelly family
Thursday 15: Angela Pratt, Harriet Carter, Angela Patel
Friday 16: Josie Parry, Paige Oselebinh, help needed.

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

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

SHOP OPEN: Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Term 4, 2015 and Term 1, 2016.

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 & 10); embroidered polo shirt mocha (size 6, 8 & 10), senior shirts (size 14), prep hat ribbon, girls’ winter stretch pants (sizes 6, 8, 10 & 12); tights (size 6-9), Paterson shirts (size 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:

Final swimwear deliveries will occur next week. If you missed the order form, please order your sunshirts, caps, goggles, towels and swim packs online via Munch Monitors, or just visit the shop.

**Gold Shirt Clearance**

This amazing offer continues into Term 4! 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 not be discounted at the time of ordering, but will be manually discounted when the order is completed in the shop.

Christine Matheson, Janice Nykiel and Tracey Jukes - Convenors

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 XERO preferred but not necessary.

For a full position description please contact treasurer@wilstonpandc.org.au
Wilston Grange Softball Club

Want to keep fit and active and play sport over the summer months, meet new friends and have fun? We’re all about enjoying ourselves.

Wilston Grange Softball Club is still recruiting for the summer season. We have under 13 mixed teams, an under 15 girls’ team, an under 15 boys’ team and open women’s C1 and B2 teams. If you’ve never played softball before it doesn’t matter, as we’ll get you up to speed quickly.

We play on Saturdays at Downey Park, Windsor, commencing in October 2015 through to March 2016 with a four week break over Christmas. Training is on Wednesdays at Keith Beavis Oval, Windsor Park, Blackmore Street, Windsor. You are welcome to come down and have a no obligation try out at one of our training sessions on any Wednesday (5:00 pm for juniors up to under 15 and 6:00 pm for seniors) and meet our family friendly committee and some of your potential teammates. See if softball is for you and remember, we cater for all ages and abilities.

Everyone is important and receives the coaching and encouragement they deserve.

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