FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Annual Speech Competition
I look forward to listening to this year’s finalists deliver their talks. The cleverness of the students in composing these speeches and the ability to deliver in such an engaging manner is always a delight to hear. I wish the following year six students well:-

- Anna whose speech is titled “Great Whites have rights”
- Jake whose speech is titled “Life equals people not possessions”
- Evangeline whose speech is titled “Sugar shock”
- Nathaniel whose speech is titled “LEGO is more than a toy”
- Sam whose speech is titled “Why chucking your brother off the roof is a good idea”
- Ella whose speech is titled “Native animals make better pets”.

Professional Development Day - Pupil Free Day
Each year our cluster, the City Cluster organises a very rich program of professional development for our teachers. The program is held at Windsor State School and the organising committee that includes, Mrs Lisa Boge, from our school always develops a very good program. This year the theme is Teachers as Leaders of Learning and the keynote address will be delivered by Dr Neil Carrington.

In the theme of Professional Development I share the following snippet.

**WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE TIPS FOR PD**

The three ‘lifelines’ in the TV show Who Wants to Be a Millionaire have parallels in professional development workshops:

- **Ask the audience** – In every successful professional learning, the leaders and learners actually want to be there. And everyone has a voice.
- **Phone-a-friend** – We need strategic advisors – nodes in our network who can honestly critique our work. This lifeline is about reaching out to a targeted few people with specific questions.
- **50-50** – It’s all about prioritising. Try working backward from the ideal end result – improving teaching practice and student learning – and focusing on what needs to happen and the simplest process to get there.

“The Millionaire Method to Powerful PD” by Fred Ende in Education Update, August 2015

P&C Meeting
Tonight the P&C Meeting will be held in the Library. You all are welcome to attend.

Guy Hendriks
Principal
WILSTON CARE TROPHIES

Congratulations to the following classes who received the Care For Trophies at our last assembly.

Prep C
Year 1F
Year 2F
Year 3B
Year 4B
Year 5B
Year 6B

WILSTON STAR AWARDS

The following two students from each class display the Care For consistently.

Prep

Year 1
Ruby R, Kiara P 1A, Darcy G, Mia 1B, Nicholas W, Lucy S 1C, Genevieve H, Rosie B 1D, Nicholas K, Archie M 1E, Scarlett Whipp, James K 1F.

Year 2

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Thank you to all those parents who have paid their term fees.

Blue Statements went home with the youngest in the family this week. Payments must be received well before the activity/excursion takes place if you wish your child to attend.

Please could all 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. But we encourage parents to try using BPOINT.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Skate Nights
$9.00 entry fee.
Blade Hire $4.00 and Skate Hire$3.00
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.

AUTHOR VISIT—CAMERON STELZER

On Tuesday 13 October, we had a special visit from Author and Illustrator Dr Cameron Stelzer. Cameron was visiting Wilston State School to run workshops with our Year 2 and Year 3 students. Cameron was engaging classes in a writing workshop, exploring inspirations for narratives, plus skills and tips to assist students with their own stories. Students also participated in an exciting illustration component.

In conjunction with the author visit, families have a special opportunity to purchase signed and personalised copies of Cameron’s books at special prices. Individual items are $15 each and there are also exclusive book sets available. Students will received an order form on the day of the workshop. Forms and payments can be returned to the colour box in the Library. Cameron will personally sign all books (including the child’s name and a message), and students will receive their books the following week.

ECOMARINE NEWS

Wilston’s EcoWeek is in full swing! We have been selling tickets like hot cakes since Monday! Thank you for everyone that has purchased tickets to go into the draw to WIN a Tangalooma Island Resort Holiday. We are still selling tickets this week, so if you haven’t bought any yet, you still have time!

Not only have we been busy selling tickets but we’ve had a film crew from Griffith University film and interview with us on Tuesday for Tangalooma EcoMarine’s new promotional videos; causing a stir of excitement with everyone at the school!

Next Monday all the way through to Thursday, we will be having a ‘Mystery Box’ (20 cents each turn). You can have a go and see if you can guess the 5 pieces of rubbish. If you get all guesses correct, you will go into the draw to WIN a prize. There will also be a rubbish collecting competition where more prizes could be won! Good luck, don’t forget to buy tickets to WIN a holiday (1 for $1 or 3 for $2) and remember…

GO-GREEN-ECOMARINE!

Hannah B, Zoe P, Amber D and Jess T

NEWS FROM HPE

Gala Days
This Friday is the second of three Interschool Sport Gala Days. Below are the venues where the students will be playing:

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

QSS Annual Swimming Relay Carnival
The annual Invitational Swimming Relay Carnival at Chandler will be held on Friday 6 November. Any students born in 2006 or earlier that swim at a high level, and are interested in trialling for the Wilston Relay Teams need to trial next Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 from 1.00pm to 1.40pm. There will be freestyle and medley relay teams. Interested students need to put their name down on the sign on sheet outside Mr Bell’s room before Tuesday.

Good luck to Polly L, Ruby Mc and Jayden F who will be representing Met North at the State Primary Schools Track and Field Championships over the next few days.

Hannah B, Zoe P, Amber D and Jess T

Rodney Bell
PE Specialist
CHOIR NEWS

Congratulations to all our performers who wowed our audience at the Spring Concert last night!! It was a wonderful celebration of the talent we have here at Wilston State School.

Wilston Wonders parents, please remember to get the Choral Fanfare Gala notes in as soon as possible.

FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to the Dolce and Vivace Strings who represented the school very well at the Prestige MusicFest last Saturday. The Dolce Strings received a Bronze Award and the Vivace Strings received a Silver Award. Well done also to all children who performed at the Spring Concert last night. It was wonderful to see what the children have achieved this year, especially the beginner students.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the last week of school.

Slushees are back for $2 and the colours are red and blue this week.

If your child is in the younger grades and they want to order a treat from the Tuckshop at big lunch, could you please give them a note with what they like or coach them about what’s on the menu. All menu choices are on Munch Monitor with their prices. Some of our little ones struggle at the window making their choices.

Roster for the week beginning 19th October

Monday 19th  Closed
Tuesday 20th  Leonie Crawford, Megan Chambers,
             Bennett family.
Wednesday 21  Kathryn, Peter Power, Lisa Pyne
Thursday 22  Chloe Smith, Sally Carson
Friday 23  Sharon Royal, Kathy Davies, Sharon Snowdon,
           Andrew Quinland

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 (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: Final swimwear deliveries will occur this 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.

New Uniform Update:

Production of the new polo shirt, button-up check shirt and dress is still underway. Stay tuned for the much anticipated arrival date for these new uniform pieces. In the meantime, the shop is fully stocked with hats, shorts, skorts, school bags and lots of other essential uniform items.

Christine Matheson and Tracey Jukes - Convenors
Ph. 3552 8490 / 0448 633 737 (Christine) / bookshop@wilstonpandc.org.au

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. This is a paid position.

For a full position description please contact treasurer@wilstonpandc.org.au

School Disco

Wilston’s end of year disco is coming up on the 14th November! It has become a traditional end-of-year event with more than 600 Wilston kids (and their families) attending.

Saskya Hunter (Year 3 and Year 1) and Claire Stanley (Year 3) are taking on the disco organisation again this year. It has been a very busy year with the wonderful fete but the disco is great fun to see out the year and some additional help is needed to get it up and running. Specifically help is needed to organise:

- Security
- Face painting
- Novelty items
- First aid
- The ever-popular bar.

The time commitment is typically a few hours in advance of the disco to get supplies/materials organised and do a few preliminary preparations. Then a small amount of time on the day prior to the disco to do set up as Claire and Saskya will coordinate most of it. Finally, you will need to be at the disco! Compared to other functions, the time commitment is modest and the enjoyment had by the students (and parents!) on the night makes it worth it.

So if you think you can take on one of the organised roles please email saskya_hunter@hotmail.com so she can give you the info you need to get started. There will also be information about general volunteer sign up in later newsletters. Let’s all work together to send out 2015 with a bang!
NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Parent Committee
We are looking for new members for the WKC Committee. We currently have a small group of parents who meet monthly to deal with the issues around running the WKC on behalf of the P&C. To keep the centre working efficiently we need to expand the number of parents on the committee. If you are interested in volunteering please come along to our November 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

Announcing The New Wilston Crocs Head Coach, Noel Bertwistle, Commencing 19 October.
Noel is a local who learnt his coaching craft under Lawrie Lawrence before running swim schools on the Gold Coast and then in Western Australia, Vietnam and Malaysia. He brings years of experience to the Wilston Crocs Learn to Swim and Squad programs and is passionate about developing the person and not just the swimmer. He will be a great asset to the Crocs, so please say hello and make him welcome.

Swim Club – Friday Nights
Swim Club recommenced on Friday night and it was great to see so many old and new families at the pool for what was a great night of racing. Many swimmers all swum personal best times and qualified for the 50m events.

Club Night nominations close Wednesdays at 6:00pm.

The Race Program for this Friday night will be emailed out to all members by 12 noon on Friday.

Swim Club duties this week-
Canteen: Coates, Lucas, Hesse and families
BBQ: Pearl, Moore and Scott families.

Good luck to our swimmers competing at the Redcliffe Leagues Swim Club Qualifying meet this weekend.

All Learn to Swim and Squads will run as normal on Monday 19 October- the Pupil Free Day.

There is limited availability for Term 4 Learn to Swim Classes run Monday to Thursday afternoon and Saturday mornings. Please email swim@wilstonpandc.org.au. All squad times are available on our website swim.wilstonpandc.org.au.

The Wilston Crocs have a Facebook page. Please ‘like us’ and keep up to date on all swimming news.

See you at the pool!

Go Sports
Go Netball
30 October
$105 for 6 weeks
Friday 7.50 to 8.35am
Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4
School Oval

Go Cricket
30 October
$105 for 6 weeks
Friday 7.50 to 8.35am
Prep, Year 1, 2 and 3
School Oval

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The Parenting Children Course is a series of five short sessions shared over five Saturdays designed to help parents, step-parents and carers of 0—10 year olds, and parents-to-be, equip their children for life by looking at:

- Building Strong Foundations
- Meeting our children’s needs
- Setting Boundaries
- Teaching Healthy Relationships.

The series is presented by Nicky and Sila Lee who have been married for over 30 years and have four children. It also includes filmed clips of parenting experts, and of parents and children sharing their own experiences of parenting or being parented. After each session our facilitators will take you through practical exercises and discussions.

Where: 23 Foster Street, Newmarket QLD 4051
When: Saturdays (Starting 10/10 for five consecutive Satur days)
Time: 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Gonski Family Fun Day

Come along to show you support fairer education funding for our kids.

Sunday 25th October
10am-2pm
Wilton State School
11 Primrose Street, Grange

+ Puppet Show + Jumping Castle + Petting Zoo
+ Snow Cones + Helium Balloons + Barbecue
+ Popcorn + Minion Knock 'em Down + Giant Bubbles
+ Fairy Floss + Giant Inflatable Soccer field + Badge Making

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(Parents - there will also be a coffee cart where you can buy your morning cup while the kids play)

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Saturday 14 November
Join us for a mystical night of music & magic!

Entry
$8 per child
Parents, teachers & Pre-Prep FREE

Tickets available via Munch Monitors

Pre-Prep to Gr 2      4.30–6pm
Gr 3 to 6             6.15–8pm

Children MUST be accompanied by a responsible adult while on school grounds.