



Wilston State School Ever onward

Term 4. Issue 4. 29 October 2015.

DATE CLAIMERS

28/29 October	Year 4 Camp North Pine (1 st group)
29/30 October	Year 4 Camp North Pine (2 nd group)
29 October	Music Count Us In – Whole School Upper School Assembly Choral Fanfare State Gala – Wilston Wonders
30 October	Student Council Free Dress Day Red Day for Daniel Morecombe
5 November	Lower School Assembly
11 November	WKC Committee Meeting
12 November	Whole School Assembly
14 November	Wilston Disco
16 November	Year 2A and 2E to Bunyaville Envir
18 November	Year 2F and 2B to Bunyaville Envir
19 November	Year 2C and 2D to Bunyaville Envir Upper School Assembly P&C Meeting 7.00pm. All welcome
23 November	Prep Orientation Afternoon (A-L)
24 November	Prep Orientation Afternoon (M-Z) Parent Information Night for New Strings Recruits
26 November	Wilston Regatta Year 6B and 6D Lower School Assembly
27 November	Christmas Service
30 Nov/1 Dec	Junior Swimming Carnival
2/33 December	Senior Swimming Carnival
3 December	Whole School Assembly
4 December	Graduation Ceremony, Morning Tea
9 December	Carols by Daylight Whole School Assembly WKC Committee Meeting
10 December	Graduation Bbq/Pool Party/Disco
11 December	Last day of Term 4
2016	
25 January 2	First day of Term 1
26 January	Australia Day
14 March	Young Leaders Day
3/5 August	Year 5 Camp Currumbundi

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Year 4 Camp

Currently our year four students are attending the annual camp at Camp North Pine located on the North Pine River near Old Petrie Town. Students are able to participate in a range of activities both in and out doors. I look forward to visiting this camp on Thursday of this week.

Prep Enrolments for 2016

Prep enrolment packs are available now from the office. If you have a child entering Prep in 2016, please complete the paperwork and return asap.

Dealing With Scary News

Many families sit down and watch the evening news together and much of it is very graphic. Violence is vividly described and often shown. Children often need help to understand what is happening and how it might affect them. Our 24/7 news culture — in conjunction with easily accessible iPads, cell phones and televisions — provides a window to events that both children and adults can struggle to understand. And when bad things happen on the world's stage, it is very natural and healthy for children to bring up questions at home or in the classroom. Decisions about what to say, and what not to say, are best guided by a child's developmental age.

Tips for parents and teachers

- Listen to children to understand how *they* understand the trauma. What you're scared about, as an adult, may not be what they're scared about and this is likely to be different for children at different ages.
- Answer the *why* questions that will inevitably come. Children are inclined to ask, for example, "Why did the bombers do this?" The answer should be tailored to a child's age. To a 7-year-old, you might say, "There are bad people in the world, but there are lots of people who are protecting us from bad people". A good piece of advice: When I was a boy and I saw scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." There are still so many caring people in this world.
- Protect your child from seeing traumatic visual images over and over again.
- Develop a safety plan with your child. If a child is scared about being in crowds or being in the city centre, try to think about how a child might be safe. Talk about safety in groups, or provide a phone number to call should they need encouragement when facing a situation that triggers fears.
- Self-soothing techniques can be helpful. If children are feeling upset, deep breathing, exercise, listening to music and other strategies for calming down and managing anxiety can help.
- Modelling how you manage through tough times also helps to build resilience in children. Your children watch how you respond to scary events and they take cues from you. Often events that are scary for kids are scary for adults, too, but when they see you calmly going about your normal activities they feel more secure.
- The guiding principle is to talk to children in ways they understand, while being careful to not provide too much detail to a younger child. Think about how to talk to your children in a way that will help them understand and make sense of events that may otherwise feel unpredictable and overwhelming.

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WILSTON STATE SCHOOL

Schools Officer (Grounds and Facilities)

Hours: 38 hours per week

Days of Work: Monday to Friday

Classification: Permanent, Full Time 002

A vacancy exists at the school
for the above position

Requirements

- Apply for and receive a positive blue card notice from The Public Safety Business Agency a Working with Children Check
- Undergo screening for a Criminal History Check
- Perform the duties as described in the application package available from the school office or email djack14@eq.edu.au

Written applications must address
the 5 selection criteria in
the applicant package.

Closing Date: 4.00pm Friday 30 October 2015

Contact: Deb Jackson BSM 07 3552 8444

WELL DONE AWARDS JUNIOR

PD Fletcher G, Harrison, B, Cooper K
PF Jessica S, William O, Joseph F
Yr 1A James R, Hugh G, Lithypin P
Yr 1B Sienna P, Simba K, Pax K, Max H
Yr 1C Tilly R, Teon B, Madi V, Kyuss C
Yr 1D Adele W, James H, Sam C
Yr 1E Archie R, Matthias V, Ava T
Yr 1F Joshua V, Adam S, Alice V, Hailey S
Yr 2A Sophie A, Asher E, Riley B-M
Yr 2B Jeffrey J, Lily J, Blake T
Yr 2C Zoe P, Neve M, Charlie P
Yr 2D Aidan V, Willow T, Lucy Mc
Yr 2E Alec B, Nandia, Lachlan Mc.

STUDENT PAYMENTS

Outstanding Monies Owing to School

There are still quite a number of families who have not finalised their account for activities which their children have participated during the year. As the end of the school year is fast approaching, we ask that all accounts be finalised as soon as possible. Term 4 accounts which went home at the beginning of the term should have been finalised by now. Years 4 to 6 have participated in GALA Day and there are families who have not paid for this activity. Expenses, such as bus costs and entry fees, have been paid by the school. Monies for such expenses are included in the costing of excursions, etc to families. If you have any queries about your account, please contact me.

Deb Jackson

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Extracurricular Groups Order forms went home with students this week. The closing date for these is Wednesday 4 November 2015. Please see payment details on the order forms.

ECOMARINES

A really BIG THANK YOU for the support over the last few weeks with our EcoWeek fundraiser raffle. The winner of the Tangalooma Island Resort holiday was **Jaden L**, congratulations we hope you enjoy your stay! Also congratulations to the runners up and the winner of our 'Mystery Box' challenge **Odetta K**. Thank you to Ms Rodriguez and Miss Doneley for organising the stall and games and thank you to the student council for the runners up prizes.

Now, to our next challenge 'Happy Clean Halloween'. This Saturday is Halloween and we challenge you to not only have a safe and spooktacular time, but to make sure you are disposing of and cleaning up your decorations and goodies wisely. It is storm season, which means a lot of our small pieces of plastics are getting washed down our drains and into our oceans. PLEASE make sure you take all your lolly wrappers and drink bottles with you to throw out in bins because sea creatures do not enjoy Halloween as much as we do...remember 'HAPPY CLEAN HALLOWEEN'.

Hannah B, Amber D, Zoe P and Jess T

APSMO MATHS OLYMPIADS

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Wilston State School students have participated in the annual Australian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APSMO) for many years. Approximately 30 000 students from around Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific region took part in the 2015 Olympiads. Two teams (60 students) from Year 6 and selected Year 5s (even a Year 4 student!) represented Wilston, sitting a short problem solving paper every month between May and September.

The goals of the Olympiads are:

- to stimulate enthusiasm and enjoyment for mathematics
- to develop flexible problem-solving skills and strategies
- to foster creativity and ingenuity and strengthen intuition
- to increase depth of mathematical comprehension
- to strengthen the foundation for future studies
- to provide for the satisfaction of meeting mathematical challenges.

Results for Wilston State School are listed below:

top 10%	Luke S (6C)	20 (out of a possible 25)
	Benjamin F (6C)	19
	Liam N (6C)	19
top 25%	Clarinda H (5B)	17
	Caiden L (6C)	16
	Chloe C (6C)	15
	Sam R (6C)	15

A score of 20 or more is highly creditable, and although Wilston State School students participate in the *Junior* Division, some of the questions would challenge adults!

All participating students received a certificate, with badges and shoulder patches also being awarded to those students who achieved in the top 10% and 25% respectively. Trophies were also awarded to Luke S, Benjamin F and Liam N (highest team scores).

NEWS FROM HPE

Swimming Carnivals

The school swimming carnivals for students in Year 1-6 will be held in the second last week of term.

Students will compete in their year of birth for these carnivals. The carnivals will also be used as selections trials for students to gain selection into the school swimming team for next year's City District Swimming Carnival.

Junior Carnival

Monday 30th November 9.00am to 11.00am – 8 yrs (born 2007)

Tuesday 1st December 9.00am to 11.00pm – 7 yrs (born 2008)

Tuesday 1st December 11.30am to 12.30pm – 6 yrs (born 2009)

Year 1 students only

Senior Carnival – 9 yrs to 12 yrs (born 2006 – 2003)

Wednesday 2nd December

9.00am	Introduction
9.10am - 10.50am	1st Session - Backstroke
11.00am – 11.30am	Morning Tea
11.30am - 1.00pm	2nd Session - Breaststroke

Thursday 3rd December

9.00am	Introduction
9.10am - 10.50am	1st Session - Freestyle
11.00am – 11.30am	Morning Tea
11.30am - 1.00pm	2nd Session – Butterfly

Further information will be coming home with your child in the coming weeks.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Good luck to our Wilston Wonders who are performing at the Choral Fanfare State Gala this evening. Even though this is not a competition as such, we are aiming to reach for the stars and do our best!! Thanks to Mrs Barnett, Mr Fay and Mrs Payne for their support.

Today the whole school took part in the National Music Initiative "Music Count Us In". It was great to hear our Wilston students in full voice to support Music Education in schools.

FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

Recruitment for the Strings Program has almost been finalised. It has been quite a task choosing 35 appropriate students from 65 as there have been many wonderful students to choose from. Letters to all successful and unsuccessful students will go out on Friday.

BRASS WOODWIND & PERCUSSION

Brisbane Jazz Club

We are pleased to announce that we were able to secure the Brisbane Jazz Club on the river at Kangaroo Point for our final concert. I would like to thank the Jazz Club for their support of the Catz this year.

The concert is set for Sunday 15 November at 1.00pm (arrive 12.15pm for setup). We will need to bring our own drums, amps, and music stands but we will probably be able to use the house PA for the vocalists and selected soloists.

The 'Wild Kittens', our 2015 beginning students, are also invited to perform their repertoire with the Wildcatz at the Jazz Club. They should wear a dark top and also bring a music stand if they have one.

Cliff Draper

STUDENT BANKING

School banking is a fun and interactive way to learn about money and develop good savings habits.

Commonwealth Bank's Dollarmite program rewards savings efforts and this year's theme - Outer Space - has been extremely popular. Unfortunately, due to the voluntary recall of the Lunar Light Band and Cosmic Light Beam Torch and the popularity of other rewards, some are now out of stock. Commonwealth Bank is offering the following rewards for redeemed tokens. Please leave a note in your deposit book if you would like to order an item that is not on your rewards sheet.

- ET DVD
- Invisible Ink Martian Pen
- Intergalactic Rocket
- Outer Space Savers Money Box
- Galaxy Glider
- Knuckles Game (2013 reward)
- Scented Pencils (2014 reward)
- Shark Keyring (2014 reward)
- Swim Bag (2014 reward)

TUCKSHOP NEWS

To all our lovely volunteers our Christmas party will be held on 26 November at 6.00pm so put on your party clothes and join us.

Yummy rice paper rolls are our special on Thursday.

Can you help in Tuckshop, even if its 3 hours, one off for one day. It's our last term and it would help us out.

Monday 2	CLOSED
Tuesday 3	Marion Jones, Mirella Fyimoto
Wednesday 4	Kate Leggett, Julia , Nicola Bartlett, Kim Allen
Thursday 5	Sian Pratt, Chris Shume
Friday 6	Amber Frazer, Sue Behan and Bob if well enough.

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Dot Milne 0408 729 021

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

SHOP OPEN: Monday, Wednesday and Friday during Term 4, 2015 and Term 1, 2016. Closing day for 2015 is Wednesday 9 December. Shop reopens prior to Term 1 on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 January between 8.30am and 11.30am, then again on first day of Term 1 (Monday 25 January 2015), Wednesday 27 and Friday 29 January 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 and 10); embroidered polo shirt mocha (size 6, 8 and 10), embroidered polo shirt gold (size 6), cotton polo shirt mocha (size 4 and 6), senior shirts (size 14), 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.

2016 Book Packs

The 2016 book pack order forms were distributed to the teachers last week, so keep checking your child's bag to make sure you've received one! Place your order as soon as possible to ensure early delivery. All orders placed before 13 November will be freight free and will be delivered to your home by Friday 11 December.

Ordering information: Order by logging on to the Edsco website (www.edsco.com.au) and following the prompts. Remember to select Wilston State School then the grade your child is in next year. Alternatively, return your forms via the Blue Bags in the classrooms or direct to the Bookshop.

Please note: You will see a price difference between the online order form and the paper version. This is because the online lists have all the list items pre-selected, including anything listed as an additional/carry-over item. If you do not need certain items on the order form, just change the order quantity for those items to 0 before submitting your order.

Need an order form? Spare copies are available from the school admin office or on the P&C website.

Volunteers for Prep Orientation Afternoons and Stocktake

The shop will be open for uniform fittings and sales on the Prep orientation afternoons scheduled for Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th November. To make this event run smoothly, we need current school parents to share their knowledge and help fit these excited new preps with their uniforms.

Stocktake (uniform counting) is scheduled for Wednesday 9 December. If you can spare an hour or two on any of these days, your help would be very much appreciated.

New Uniform Update

The estimated arrival time for the new polos and button-up shirts is mid-late November. The new dresses will be available at the start of Term 1 2016. As fitting samples are not available for these new items, it is requested that families delay their uniform purchases until late November or December, if possible. In the meantime, the shop is fully stocked with hats, shorts, skirts, school bags and lots of other essential uniform items.

Gold Shirt Clearance

This amazing offer continues into Term 4! Buy one gold shirt, get one free!!

Christine Matheson and Debra Bela – Convenors Ph. 3552 8490 / 0448 633 737 (Christine) / bookshop@wilstonpandc.org.au

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Magical Disco

Don't forget the school disco is on Saturday 14 November 2015.

There are two sessions for the disco, with the Preps to Year 2 children attending from 4:30pm until 6.00pm and the Years 3 to 6 children from 6:15pm until 8.00pm.

Tickets are **now** available through Munch Monitors via the *School Shop* page. Ticket sales close 9.00am Friday 13 November.

We need parent helpers for set up and on the night. You can easily choose what you would like to help with and the time from our **volunteers sign-up page** at

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4DAFA92CA7FD0-disco

For any further information please contact Saskya saskya_hunter@hotmail.com or Claire glenandclaire2@bigpond.com

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Croc - our club mascot needs a name. This Friday night is your last chance to enter the competition. The winner will receive a double student pass to Hoyts.

The Crocs need YOU.

We need volunteers to help keep this the best primary school swim club in QLD. We need a race secretary to coordinate the nominations for competitive meets. We also need a backup computer operator to ensure we have the nominations processed for Club Night. There is a lot of support for both roles and neither require experience.

The next Swim Club meeting is 7.00pm Thursday 5 November – pool side, all welcome. If you would like to understand what makes the Crocs tick, please come along.

Reminder- 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: **Vickers, Dent and Whipps**

BBQ **Collins, Paul and Lewis.**

If you are rostered on canteen or BBQ can you please arrive by 5:50pm.

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!

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

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

Register at www.gosports.com.au or SMS child's name, school, sport and mobile number to 0417 614 509.

Pay online.

WILSTON STATE SCHOOL
presents

School disco

Saturday 14 November

Join us for a mystical night of music & magic!

Entry

\$8 per child

Parents, teachers &
Pre-Prep **FREE**

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

Tickets
available via
Munch
Monitors



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