FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Wilston Wonders

Last Thursday night the amazing Wilston State School choir the Wilston Wonders performed at the Old Museum as part of the Choral Fanfare Gala Concert. My supervisor, Assistant Regional Director, Ms Kerri Jones, emailed me the following day to commend our students and teachers on their performance. Well done!

2016

As mentioned in earlier editions of this newsletter, the forming of classes for 2016 has begun. If you are moving location and your child will not be returning to Wilston State School next year could you please let your child’s teacher know now. The practice for Education Queensland schools is that our final staffing for the year is based on the number of students enrolled, that is actually at school, on the eighth day of the school year.

As I plan for our 2016 class structure the more accurate the information I have to base my calculations on the greater likelihood there will be of not having to make changes in the New Year.

All information regarding class placements for 2016 should be emailed to the relevant sector deputy by no later than 3.00pm this Friday 6 November.

Pick Up

Several years ago I approached our wonderful teacher aides to see if they would be willing to support our parents and students with the pick-up in the Thomas Street and Primrose Street 2 minute zone after school.

I have been very disappointed in recent times to hear from them that a number of parents have behaved inappropriately when asked to return to their vehicle or when reminded that they need to drive around the block.

I would remind our parents that this is a service to support you and I will not subject any of my staff to a task that has the potential for them to be abused. I ask all parents who access this service to obey the road rules and to respect the staff who are on duty to ensure all children are picked up safely.

Year 4 Camp

Last Thursday I spent a wonderful day at the Year 4 camp at Camp Warrawee the North Pine campus. I arrived late as I had to attend an early morning meeting at school with my supervisor and when I got to the camp site the first group I visited were about to go canoeing. I thank Olivia K and Aaliya S for paddling around the lake with me and for not capsizing the canoe.

In the afternoon I took the opportunity to tag along with different groups that attended the museum; boomerang throwing (it was good to see the majority did come back); pottery and the giant swing. It was pleasing to see the high level of engagement in all activities but particularly in the ones that are a little challenging.
STUDENT PAYMENTS

There have been two deposits made into the school bank account that we are unable to match up. If they belong to you please call Leigh Hofmeister.

SSS Capital Pty

If your child is involved in any upcoming excursions, please ensure they have paid well in advance. If payment has not been received they will not be able to attend the excursion. All payments are to come up to the office via the class Blue Bag. Thank you.

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

2016 CANBERRA/SKI TRIP

The 2016 Canberra Ski trip will be held from Sunday 26 June until Friday 1 July. If your child is interested in attending please complete the Expression of Interest and return it to the office via your class Blue Bag.

PRIMARY RESEARCH PROJECT

Earlier in Term 4 a total of 50 students in Years 4, 5 and 6 competed in the 2015 Primary Research Project. The Primary Research Project is an online, multiple-choice competition (40 questions on eight different topics) which required a maximum of four hours over a two week period, and provided an opportunity for students to research, interpret and evaluate information. Participating Wilston students had an average score of 84% compared to the national average of 55%. Results of high distinction and above are listed below:

PERFECT SCORES
Jonathan P.
Ishaan P.
Shreeya P.
Hamish M.
Sophia C.

HIGH DISTINCTION (*95%)
Luke S.
Thomas S.
Aidan T.
Joshua T.
Nathaniel R.
Georgia S.
Lucy L.
Callan J.
Jake H.
Lily C.
Alice C.
Caleb B.

There were a further ten students who scored a distinction (*90%) in the competition. Thank you to the parents of the competing students for their encouragement and support of the extracurricular competitions at Wilston State School. Certificates will be awarded at the whole school assembly on Thursday, 12 November.

NEWS FROM HPE

Junior Swimming Carnival
Monday 30 November 9.00am to 11.00am – 8 yrs (born 2007)
Tuesday 1 December 9.00am to 11.00pm – 7 yrs (born 2008)
Tuesday 1 December 11.30am to 12.30pm – 6 yrs (born 2009)
# Year 1 students only

Senior Swimming Carnival – 9yrs to 12 Years (born 2006 – 2003)
Wednesday 2 December
9.00am Introduction
9.10am -10.50am 1st Session - Backstroke
11.00am – 11.30am Morning Tea
11.30am - 1.00pm 2nd Session - Breastroke
Thursday 3 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.

Good luck to the 24 students representing Wilston SS at the Queensland Primary School Invitation Relay Swimming Carnival at the Chandler Aquatic Centre on Friday night.

Rodney Bell
PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Last Thursday we celebrated “Music Count Us In, 2015” with the whole school singing the song GOLD along with 500 000 other students across Australia!! It was great to recognise the importance of music education in our schools.

The Wilston Wonders Senior Choir performed at the Choral Fanfare Gala concert that same evening. They sang beautifully and the concert culminated with a massed choir performance that included all winning regional choirs. The Choir Captains were presented with the Fanfare trophy at the“ Music Count Us In” assembly earlier in the day.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Our Christmas Party for all our lovely volunteers is on 26 November, 2015.

Please help in Tuckshop if you can this term even if it’s only for a couple of hours.

Prep children can now buy at big lunch. Please help them decide beforehand by using MunchMonitors.

Monday 9    CLOSED
TUESDAY 10   Louise Astori, Elie Cayas
Wednesday 11  Jason, Sharon Darmody, Susan Walker
Thursday 12   Harriet Carter, Angela Patel, help needed
Friday 13     Gayle Tilbury, Josie Parry, Amanda Barr, Peta Bunce

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 have been distributed! 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 is mid-late November, with the button up shirts following shortly after in early December. The new dresses will hopefully be available at the start of Term 1 2016! As fitting samples are not yet 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, skorts, 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!!

Bec Macdonald 0448 804 279 60huet@gmail.com
Dot Milne 0408 729 021
NEWS FROM THE P&C

The school DISCO will be held on Saturday 14 November. Parent helpers for set-up and on the night are required.
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](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4DAFA92CA7FD0-disco)

Please note that a few volunteers are required for the afternoon of Saturday 7 November to help paint the decorations that will go up at the disco. Please sign up and contact either Jane Miller ([janemiller100@hotmail.com](mailto:janemiller100@hotmail.com)) or Kristina Row ([Kristina.row@gmail.com](mailto:Kristina.row@gmail.com)) so they can give you more information.

Tickets are now available through Munch Monitors via the School Shop page. Ticket sales close at 9:00am Friday 13th November. Tickets can also be purchased at the gate on the night.

Some new food arrangements are being trialled this year and we will be welcoming the following food providers to the school for the event:
- Sushi Neko
- The Fire Inside (mobile pizza)
- Thumbs Up Hot Dogs
- Rainbow Smash slushees.

For any further information please contact Saskya Hunter ([saskya_hunter@hotmail.com](mailto:saskya_hunter@hotmail.com)) or Claire Stanley ([glenandclaire2@bigpond.com](mailto:glenandclaire2@bigpond.com))

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 9 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](http://www.wilstonpandc.org.au/index.php/wilston-kids-care/important-parent-information)

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Good luck to all swimmers competing at the Nudgee College A Grade Meet this weekend. It is great to see so many competing.

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.

Date Claimer – We are Hosting the Terry Sullivan Cup with Nundah and Virginia State Schools on the Saturday afternoon 5 December. It will be a big fun afternoon and a chance to swim for the Crocs in our own swamp – please put it in your calendar – more details to follow.

Reminder - Club Night nominations close Wednesdays at 6:00pm.
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

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.