



Wilston State School Ever onward

Term 4. Issue 8. 26 November 2015.

DATE CLAIMERS

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 Break-up day and class parties
11 December	Last day of Term 4
2016	
26 January	Australia Day
27 January	First day of Term 1
14 March	Young Leaders Day
3/5 August	Year 5 Camp Currimundi

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Mural Under L Block

The mural was instigated by the school captains who, as part of the City Cluster schools leadership program, which involves 12 local schools and year 11 mentors from two local high schools, were required to undertake a project to give back to their school.

Six potential mural artworks were designed by teacher Fiona Hobbs and voted on by the one hundred year six students. The winning design is an aerial view of a waterway, like the local Kedron Brook or Enoggera Creek. The warm coloured dots in the waterway represent each student on their journey to different high schools as the waterway meanders and branches off.

The Wilston State School Parents' and Citizens' Association paid for the teacher release hours as well as the paint and materials required for the project.

The paint for the project was generously provided at a heavily discounted rate by Inspirations Paint and Colour, Newmarket.

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Wilston Wonders. QUT Visit

The Wilston Wonders were invited to perform the National Anthem and Kusimama song at the National launch of the new national partnership between the Commonwealth Government, Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council, Australian Red Cross and the Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre. The official launch took place at 'The Cube' in the Science and Technology Centre at the QUT Gardens Point Campus.

Our choir made us proud and sang beautifully for all the official guests and dignitaries.



Robotics

Over the last 24 months our Robotics program has gone from strength to strength due to the passion and drive of a number of parents. I thank Chris Noonan and Susan Boucher for the commitment they have for this program and for assisting so many other parents in being a part of this initiative. Please see the Robotics article over the page regarding recent achievements.

Well done to the Waskally Wilston Twash Tweekers!!

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SALVATION ARMY FOOD/GIFT CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2015

This will be our last week at collecting for the Salvation Army Food/Gift Christmas Appeal.

You will find our Christmas tree in the office foyer in C Block. Bring the children to have a look. There will be gift tags with boy/girl, adult, grandma, granddad etc for those who would like to place a gift under the tree. Canned goods are always welcome as well as everyday items such as cereal, biscuits, sauces.

A representative from the Salvation Army will address the children at our final assembly to be held on Thursday 3 December 2015, where they will be presented with our gifts.

WOOLWORTHS' EARN & LEARN

A huge thank you to all of the families and community members who donated Earn & Learn stickers to our school. We submitted 554 sheets which resulted in us receiving 33 240 points. We were able to utilise these points to purchase a variety of maths equipment for use across the school, the total value of which is \$1 992.75.

STUDENT BANKING

Well done to all of our school bankers! We've had a very busy year and seen a lot of new students join the program, watch their savings grow and enjoy receiving the fun Dollarmites rewards.

Please note that our last school banking day for this year is Friday, 27th November. Rewards ordered this week will arrive by the end of Term 4. Please note that the 'swim bag' is now out of stock.

We will be drawing our school banking competition at whole school assembly on 3rd December. Winners will receive exciting Commonwealth Bank Dollarmites prizes.

WILSTON STEM ROBOTICS

FIRST LEGO League (FLL®) is a competition held each year worldwide which caters for 233,000 primary and high school students from 9 to 16 years, all in the same competition. Students program and compete with a robot, while also learning about a modern problem in science and engineering and developing solutions for it. The competition for the year is based around the Trash Trek with a theme of reducing waste.



On Saturday the Brisbane Regionals were held at QUT – Gardens Point where 34 teams of primary and high school students competed for a place at the Nationals. This year Wilston entered two teams totaling 15 students.



Congratulations to all of the team of Sandave W, Liam N, Alex V, Ollie W, Clarinda H, William L, Oliver R, Leo K, Keeley B, Vivanya W, Henry W, Liam C, James W and Ben B.



The dynamic and electrifying Wilston circuit Breakerz achieved amazing results too by creating and designing solutions up until the last moment with their brilliantly designed Chicken Chucker Destructor.

The Waskally Wilston Twash Tweekers are in the National Finals! They scored the most points for programming a robot to complete challenges surpassing Brisbane high school students. Wish them well as they represent Wilston State School in two weeks, in Sydney on 5 December 2015.



Remember My Robot is better than your Robot!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vYuOKb3gO7E>



The Wilston STEM would like to take this time to thank the parents, school and P&C for their support throughout the year. We are extremely proud of what all of the kids who have come through the program have achieved this year, and the secret of our success.... It is the Wilston Community.

Thank you.

Susan and Chris

Science Technology Engineering Mathematics—Robotics

NEWS FROM HPE

Swimming Carnivals

The school swimming carnivals for students in Years 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 – 9yrs to 12 Years (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 - Breastroke

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

More information is provided on the swimming carnival notes sent out last week.

CHOIR NEWS

Wilston Wonders Lunchtime Christmas Party!!

Let's celebrate a fabulous year!! A flyer was sent out earlier in the week about this event next week (Monday November 30). Please send along a plate of non-perishable food for the children to share. This may be dropped off at the music room in the morning. Kids need to wear something Christmassy and drinks will be provided.

Dates to remember:

- *Friday November 27 (tomorrow) – Christmas services at St Columba's. Juniors 9.30am, Seniors 10.15am*
- *Thursday December 3 Music Assembly 1.45pm Undercover area*
- *Wednesday December 9 Carols by Daylight 11.30am Undercover area*

Miranda Charters

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has helped in the Tuckshop this year. We are very thankful.

Tuckshop will close for the year on Wednesday the 9 December and will reopen second week back of the school term.

Tuckshop **will not be open** on Friday the 4 December for little lunch (first break) as the graduation for the Year 6 taking place.

Monday 30	CLOSED
Tuesday 1	Mirella Fyimoto, Elissa Hoey
Wednesday 2	Anne Clark, Cybil McGuire
Thursday 3	Sian Pratt, Jacinda Geritz
Friday 4	Amber Frazer, Bob and Sue Behan.

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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.** The 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 (Wednesday 27)**, Thursday 28 January 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: **The NEW POLOS HAVE ARRIVED!!!** The shop is fully stocked with our new two-colour shirts in sizes 4-16, and they are selling quickly. The price remains unchanged at \$28.

Term 1 delivery – our supplier has advised that the new check uniforms pieces (shirts and dresses) may not be available until mid-Term 1. So please don't rush in on the first day of school expecting these items, as the shop may not have them! As soon as they are available, we will let you know!!

Uniform Policy:

It will be mandatory for all students to wear black closed-in shoes from the start of Term 1 2016. Preps commencing in 2016 will be required to purchase either the check shirt or a dress, to be worn on excursions, special assemblies and for school photos.

Continuing students will be asked to update their uniforms with the new items as required, with the expectation that all students will have one formal uniform item for the above occasions by 2018.

Senior Shirts:

The school and P&C have decided that, from 2016, the current diagonal shirt will be replaced by the new 2-colour polo shirt. As in previous years, these shirts will be printed with the names of the entire year level. **To simplify this process, all 2016 Year 6 students are requested to purchase their new senior shirts before the end of this year.** These shirts will be held in the shop, ready for printing first thing next year. Payment for the shirt printing will be collected separately next year. **Please note:** All new size 12, 14 and 16 polos are being 'reserved' for the 2016 Year 6 cohort until all students have purchased one shirt each. Students in other years requiring these sizes may be asked to postpone their purchases until next year, or to purchase a plain mocha or gold shirt instead.

2016 Book Packs

Place your book pack order asap to ensure early delivery. Just follow the instructions on the order form to place your order online directly with Edsco or via the blue bag at school. **The last day for school orders will be Wednesday 9 December** – please do not submit them to the school after this date as we cannot guarantee that your order will be processed.

Volunteers for Prep Orientation Afternoons and Stocktake:

Stocktake (uniform counting) is scheduled for Wednesday 9 December. If you can spare an hour or two on this day, your help would be very much appreciated. This is the final open day for 2015.

Gold Shirt Clearance

This amazing offer continues into Term 4! Buy one gold shirt, get one free!! Sizes 8-12 available.

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Not long to go now until Christmas. The Salvation Army collection is doing very nicely up in the office. My daughter was desperate to give one of her toys. I tried to explain that it was new toys and food that was preferred, but she insisted on giving a small teddy bear she'd been cuddling at night. I hope 'the vibe' in that little toy makes another child very happy this Christmas.

I've learned so much over the past year as my involvement with the P&C has increased. I've really enjoyed the challenge(s) presented to me. We will be looking for a new P&C secretary next year, and each of our subcommittees – Tuckshop, Bookshop and Clothing Shop, Wilston Kids Care and Crocs Swim Club – need new members to manage these important businesses. Importantly, we need a secretary for minutes, correspondence and professional expertise to help guide the P&C and the three businesses.

In something of an oversight, no one told the school community how much was raised at the Fete. Oops, sorry. Almost \$78,000 was raised and this has been earmarked for a classroom technology project to be introduced in the new year.

I'm a bit excited about welcoming new parents to the school next year. Lesley Hubczenko and I are running the Prep Parents' Welcome. I won the door prize when I went; it was HUGE. (Thanks, Edsco.) If anyone wants to work on the bar or sell raffle tickets at the Prep Parents' Welcome please email me at president@wilstonpanc.org.au



NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Term 4 Swim Fees – Learn to Swim, Squad and Club Membership are now overdue. Please see Kirsten in the pool office if you are unsure of you have any overdue fees or to discuss payment. Failure to pay your invoice could see your child removed from their class or no longer able to compete for the club. New bookings will not be accepted until all outstanding fees are cleared.

Reminder - Information sessions with Noel- two information sessions have been scheduled for this week - Thursday 26 November at 7.00pm and Saturday 28 at 8.45am. After spending a few weeks with our children, Noel is keen to hold an information session with parents to talk about his coaching approach, philosophy and goals for our children, and to provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions.

Saturday 28 will also be our final pancakes morning for the year.

Learn to Swim Christmas Holiday Intensives - We are offering learn to swim intensives over the Christmas school holidays, Monday 14 - Friday 18 December 2015 and Monday 11 – Friday 15 January 2016.

We offer 5 x 30min lessons at the same time every day, with the same experienced learn to swim instructor. Lessons commence from 8:30am. Total cost for the five days is \$65. Places are limited.

The holiday squad timetable will be released shortly.

Calling for nominations for 2016 Wilston Croc Captains and Vice Captains-

Club Captain (2) and Vice Captain (2) positions are open to all active club members in Year 6 or above in 2016. To nominate for this position, please complete the attached nomination form and submit by emailing the secretary (swim.secretary@wilstonpandc.org.au). The committee will be looking for Wilston Crocs who demonstrate active participation in club activities including squad training, competition and carnivals and demonstrate leadership qualities during Croc events (in particular, Friday club nights). Due date for nominations is 1 December.

Swim Club Vice-Chairman – An Opportunity

We have a vacancy — Election at last swim club meeting for 2015 – December 3-

We need someone like you to join our merry band of volunteers to keep this the best swim club in QLD. No prior experience necessary, just a willingness to have a go and have some fun

Call or email Matthew Crook for more information (0407 734 694, swim.chair@wilstonpandc.org.au)

Congratulations to all swimmers who competed at the **River City Rapids A Grade Long Course Meet** last weekend.

Reminder- club night nominations close **Wednesdays at 6:00pm**.

Swim Club duties this week-

Canteen: **Nowlan, Crawford and Kelly families**

BBQ: **McLean, Stuart and Carroll families.**

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

The final Swim Club meeting for this year will be held at **7.00pm Thursday 3 December** – pool side, all welcome. If you would like to understand what makes the Crocs tick, please come along.

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

See you at the pool!



Our Mural is now complete.

We would like to thank

Inspirations Paint and Colour, Newmarket
for generously providing at a heavily discounted Rate, the paint for the project.

inspirations paint

VALLEYS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

2016 SEASON SIGN ON SPECIAL!!!

U6s to U8s play for FREE in 2016
U9s and above who register and pay online
by 31/12/2015 pay ONLY \$150

- Extra Siblings only \$150
- From 01/01/2016 \$200 fees will apply to U9s and above

Emerson Park,
Bega Street Grange



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SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2015

Thank you for all the wonderful donations.

You can find our Christmas tree in the office
foyer.

There are gift cards on the tree.

Feel free to take one if you are planning on
giving a gift, otherwise food and toiletries are
also needed and greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

