



Wilston State School Ever onward

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DATE CLAIMERS

- 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 2 First day of Term
- 18 February P&C Meeting. All welcome
- 1 March Artslink Performance
Prep to Year 6
- 14 March Young Leaders Day
- 12/26 April Year 3 Cameron Stelzer
Workshops
- 13/27 April Year 5 Cameron Stelzer
Workshops
- 10/12 May Naplan
- 16/20 May Year 5 to City Streets and City
Beach
- 8/10 June Year 6 Camp
- 8 June Year 5 to Planetarium
- 15 June Sticks and Stones Artslink
Prep to Year 6
- 13 July Salaka Drumming Concert
- 3/5 August Year 5 Camp Currimundi
- 24 August Year 3-5 Shake & Stir Production
Rewind
Prep to Year 3 Shake & Stir
Thrice Upon a Time
- 5 October Year 2 Bunyaville
- 6 October Year 2 Bunyaville
- 13 October Year 2 Bunyaville
Year 6 Shake & Stir Production -
Terroritorial

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

This year will be remembered highly for a number of reasons. Academically our students have gained the best results that we have ever had; our choir performed exceptionally well; our students involved in the parent led robotic competition advanced to the national competition and our students performed exceptionally well.

Staffing

This year I say goodbye to a number of staff and I thank them whole heartedly for all they have done for our school. The relationship they forged with your child has been excellent and their commitment to our improvement agenda has been first rate.

Farewell to: Kelly Thorburn, Karen Salkowski, Ashley Leis, Jodi Meyer-Wendorf, Sue Burgess, Andrew Yeaman and Sarah David and Hannah Alexander.

I welcome: Melissa Valente, Fiona Hatch, David Barrett, Kaylene Capras, Audrey Pluis and Angela Romano to our staff in 2016.

School Captains 2016

I congratulate the following students on their appointment as school captains for 2016.

School Captains:	Scarlett Shaw	Josh Beehler
Vice Captain:	Clarinda Huang	Jonathan Vickers

Gordon Girls
 Captain: Sophia Carroll
 Vice Captain: Danielle Bade

Gordon Boys
 Julian Bartlett
 Ollie Moulson

Lawson Girls
 Captain: Hannah Bigby
 Vice Captain: Tori Jones

Lawson Boys
 Nicolas Astori
 Hayden Buerckner

Paterson Girls
 Captain: Greta Howes
 Vice Captain: Cassidy Beaman

Paterson Boys
 Blake Linley
 James Murphy

Choir

Gabi Brett
Phoebe Jennings

Strings

Captain: Keeley Boucher
Captain: Damon Cayas

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Graduating Class

Last week I had the opportunity to address our Year 6, graduating class. We have had a very good year on so many fronts and I commend all of our Year 6 students for the manner in which they have engaged with each other, with their teachers and with all activities offered them. They have truly been a wonderful group of students to have had in our school.

School Uniform

Earlier this term I mailed a letter to all parents regarding our expectation that the school uniform policy be strictly adhered to in 2016. The biggest change is in our enforcement of the expectation that black shoes be worn.

Could I ask all families to consider this policy as you purchase clothing items for your child during the vacation.

Keep A Watch On Our School These Holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88.

By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don't intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Christmas Wishes

I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the positive ways that our students have conducted themselves in 2015. Likewise I would also like to thank the staff for the professional way that they handled themselves this year. I would like to wish every family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that the holidays will be a safe, relaxing and happy time with family and friends. The first day of school for students is Wednesday 27 January 2016.

NEWS FROM HPE

Swimming Carnivals

Last week we had all students in Years 1-6 compete in their respective swimming carnivals. There were some great performances over the four days of carnivals and it was very pleasing to see all students participating and at such a high level.

The eventual winner was Paterson. It is their first win at the swimming carnival for 10 years. It completed a clean sweep for Paterson who also won the Cross Country and Track and Field carnivals during the year.

Overall Results and the Age Champions are below:

Patterson 417	Gordon 264	Lawson 197
Age Champions	Boys	Girls
6 Years	Hudson S	Scarlett W
7 Years	Lachlan M / Thomas W	Violet S
8 Years	Will M	Annabel B
9 Years	Angus K	Eve T
10 Years	Josh A	Eliza B
11 Years	Doug M	Hilary T
12 Years	Dylan A	Georgia K

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all parents that have helped out during the year. Whether it was being a spotter during swimming lessons, assisting at one of the carnivals or transporting your child to one of the many sporting events throughout the year, your contribution was very much appreciated.

I'd like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas break and look forward to a bigger and better 2016 on the sporting fields.

Rodney Bell
PE Specialist

ICAS SCIENCE

This year students in Years 3-6 were invited to participate in the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) Science Test. Overall we had 115 students sit the test which comprised of multiple choice questions and short answer questions. The following students received outstanding results:

DISTINCTIONS (Scored in the top 4% of their year level).

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Luka B	Kara B	Sienna C	Christopher S
Alexandra G	Aidan T	Damon C	Niamh B
Clementine S	Toby G	Clarinda H	Liam N
Jack Y	Ella P	Jonathan V	Samuel R
Oliver B	James W	Lucy B	Luke S
Gabriel I	Shreeya P	Sophia C	Bailey Y
Shirley W		Matthew H	
Oliver A		Liam N	
Max C		Keeley B	
Oscar S		Julian B	
Charles W			
Benjamin V			

HIGH DISTINCTIONS (Scored in the top 1% of their year level).

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Claudia K	Abigail S	Alexander K

Congratulations to all students who participated in this assessment. All students will receive a certificate and notification of their results this week.

SALVATION ARMY APPEAL

Major Michelle from Stafford Salvation Army sincerely expresses her thanks for the wonderful donations from Wilston State School. She was overwhelmed from the response from our generous students and their families.

These donations will be able to assist many needy families from our local area.

Thank you.

