



Wilston State School Ever onward

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DATE CLAIMERS

10 March	Crazy Hair Day Selected students to World Science Assembly Whole School
11 March	Year 2 to Newstead House
14 March	Young Leaders Day Honours Choral Program Assembly Whole School
17 March	City District Touch/Soccer
18 March	St Columbas Easter Service
22 March	Cross Country
24 March	Assembly Whole School 9.00 Easter Hat parade Last day Term 1
25 March	Good Friday
11 April	First day Term 2
12/26 April	Year 3 Cameron Stelzer Workshops
13/27 April	Year 5 Cameron Stelzer Workshops
16 April	Swim Club Trophy Night
21 April	Assembly Whole School ANZAC Day
25 April	ANZAC Day
28 April	Assembly Year 3 to 6
2 May	Labour Day
3 May	City District Cross Country
5 May	Assembly Prep to Year 2
6 May	City District Rugby
10/12 May	Naplan
11 May	Yr 1 Incursion My Place, Your Place
12 May	Yr 1 Incursion My Place, Your Place
13 May	Yr 1 Incursion My Place, Your Place
16 May	Brisbane Urban 6C Power Up Power
17 May	Brisbane Urban 6A Power Up Power
18 May	Brisbane Urban 6B Power Up Power APSMO Olympiad 1
19 May	Assembly Year 3 to 6
20 May	Gala Day
23 May	Save Our Soil 4A+4B Incursion
24 May	Met North Cross Country
25 May	Save Our Soil 4C+4D Incursion
26 May	Assembly Prep to Year 2
27 May	Gala Day
31 May	ICAS Science Ski Trip Parent Information Night
2 June	Assembly Year 3 to 6
3 June	Gala Day
7/9 June	Junior Strings Music Camp
7 June	City Cluster Band Blitz Day
8/10 June	Year 6 Camp
8 June	APSMO Olympiad 2 Year 5 to Planetarium
9 June	Assembly Prep to Year 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Brisbane City Flag

This week we have been flying the Brisbane City Flag and I thank Councillor Andrew Vines for presenting us with this flag. I very much appreciate this gift from Councillor Vine and it also allows all of our students to be a little bit more informed of our national, state and local emblems.

Shakespeare

Our centre piece busts of Cook and Shakespeare have been relocated to what we believe to be their original location when they were first crafted. They have been placed on the northern side of the Administration Building and stand proudly overlooking the school.

The total destruction of Shakespeare took place many months ago and I am pleased to report that he will be returning to us very shortly. I have spoken with the artist reconstructing this statue and I have been informed that Shakespeare will be placed onto the plinth within the next week or two.

Several months ago I was shown the plasticine modelling of Shakespeare and I was extremely impressed with the image that had been created. The artist, Gavan Fenelon, is outstanding and last Friday I was invited to attend the Foundry for the pouring of the bust. It was enlightening to observe firsthand the meticulous process that took place.



WHAT CHILDREN HATE HEARING

"Leave me alone!"

When you routinely tell your kids, "Don't bother me" or "I'm busy" they may think you're always brushing them off and be less likely to tell you things as they get older. Of course children should see their parents take time for themselves or for doing tasks that need some concentration. This is when you can set some parameters in advance. "I have to finish this one thing, so I need you to play/read/occupy yourself quietly for a few minutes. When I'm finished, we'll talk."

"You're so..."

"Why are you so mean to Katie?" "She's so shy." Young children believe what they hear about themselves. The worst comments cut deep like "you are so clumsy" or "so stupid". Try to address the specific behaviour and leave the adjectives about your child's personality out of it. Even labels that seem neutral or positive can pigeonhole a child and place unnecessary pressures on them.

"Don't cry."

When children get upset enough to cry, acknowledge their emotion up front. "It must make you really sad when..."; "Yes, the traffic can be scary but I promise I won't let go of your hand". By naming the real feelings that your child has, you'll give them the words they need to explain their feelings.

"Why can't you be more like your sister?"

Comparisons almost always backfire. Children develop at their own pace and have their own temperament and personality. Comparing your child to someone else implies that you wish yours were different.

Being pressured to do something they are not ready for can undermine self-confidence, leading to resentment and often, a test of wills.

"You know better that!"

Learning is a process of trial and error. Give your child the benefit of the doubt, and be specific.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL (contd)

Say "I like it better if you do it this way, thank you". Jobs like "I can't believe you did that!" and "It's about time!" can add up, and the underlying message children hear is: "You're a pain in the neck, and you never do anything right."

"Stop or I'll ground you for a month!"

Threats, usually the result of parental frustration, are rarely effective. Sooner or later you have to make good on the threat. It's more effective to develop a repertoire of constructive tactics, such as redirection, removing the child from the situation or time-outs, than it is to rely on those with proven negative consequences, including verbal threats or long lists of penalties.

Studies have shown that the odds of a two-year-old repeating a misdeed later in the same day are 80%, no matter what sort of discipline you use. Even with older children, no discipline strategy yields sure-fire results every time.

Acknowledgement: article by Paula Spencer

WILSTON STAR AWARDS

Prep

Bowyn D PA, Imogen B PA, William H PB, Scarlett P PB, Eliana G PC, Georgia M PC, Henry L PD, Hugh S PD, Ben P PE, Jack R PE.

Year 1

William B 1A, Eadie W 1A, Noah S 1B, Tully H 1B, Harlem N 1C, Audrey B 1C, Mackenzie C 1D, Sophie B 1D, Harrison W 1E, Sarah Mc 1E, Joseph F 1F, Riley P 1F.

Year 2

Gemma H 2A, Jayden T 2A, Beate B 2C, Dylan J 2C, Sophie H 2D, Darcy A 2D, Archie R 2E, Jamie Mc 2E, Henry C 2F, Lucy S 2F, Sach E 2B, Darcy G 2B.

STUDENT PAYMENTS

You would have received a PURPLE statement for excursions and activities which your child/children will be participating in Term 1 or early Term 2. **The preferred method of payment to the school is by way of BPoint.**

BPoint. Biller Code 1002534

BPoint has been released, and this secured payment facility is the preferred method of payment for all invoices. It can be accessed via any computer or Smart Phone at www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete, and all details required to make payment are on the statement provided by the school, including the invoice number, CRN number and amount payable. **Please note these details need to be accurately transcribed for payment to be correctly processed. Where it states the school invoice number, please use ONLY the invoice number stated on the statement.**

If you have been using Direct Debit it would be appreciated if you could now use the BPoint facility as it is a more accurate and timely method. **Please note payment takes at least three (3) days to be processed by OneSchool. Therefore, please ensure excursions/activities are paid at least one (1) week before they take place.**

Payments To Be Made By Due Date

It is important that payments for excursions and school activities are paid at least two weeks prior to the date of the activity/excursion.

If you are unable to make payments by the due date, please contact the office to discuss payment plan options.

All payments are to be made through the class's blue bag – please do not pay at the office.

Deb Jackson. Business Services Manager

ECOMARINE NEWS

Thank you to all the teachers and students for taking part in last week's Clean Up Australia Day. We also had some of our EcoMarine Ambassadors, Warriors and their families join in on the clean last Sunday at Port of Brisbane. Tangalooma EcoMarines have been sent a massive thank you for the time and effort we have put in this year and hope that we continue to help our environment for many years to come.

Clean Up Australia Day should be an everyday thing. We know that a lot of you are very aware of the rubbish around us and do what you can to help out. We say thank you to you, because you're the ones making the difference.

This Friday our EcoMarines will be teaming up with the library to begin setting up a display. This display is themed around recycling and our marine life. So come take a look over the next few weeks to see what we have created!

Our next mission for our warriors is 'Adopt a Shop'. We are going to go out in our community and adopt as many workplaces to help them reduce their use of plastic bags.

Interesting Fact: Australians produce a lot of waste. According to Clean Up Australia, the amount of waste that hits landfill in Australia every year is enough to cover the entire state of Victoria.

[Go-Green-EcoMarine](#)

CHESS UPDATE

Another great week of chess and it was lovely to see so many new faces joining the group. A quick reminder that there is no sign up for Tuesday lunchtime Chess Club – just come along and have a go. I am happy to announce that we have had a delivery of chess sets and should now be able to accommodate the group comfortably.

Just a reminder that Gardiner Chess will start at the beginning of Term 2. There will be a note coming home for parents to sign/register their child via the web. Stay posted!

Alys Doneley

ICAS

Just a reminder that all ICAS permissions and payments must be in my **Friday 18 March 2016**. No late entries and payments will be accepted as our entries will be submitted as close to this date as practical.

NEWS FROM HPE

Cross Country

Below is the Cross Country program for March 22.

Approximate times:

9.15am	8 Years (2008) Boys and Girls – 1km (1 outside lap)
9.30am	9 Years (2007) Boys and Girls – 1km (1 outside lap)
9.45am	10 Years (2006) Boys and Girls – 2km (2 outside laps)

10.10am	11 Years (2005) Boys and Girls – 3km (3 outside laps)
10.45am	12 Years (2004) Boys and Girls - 3km (3 outside laps)
11.15am	Morning Tea Break
11.40am	Prep Boys and Girls – 300m (1 inner lap)
11.55am	6 Years (2010) Boys and Girls – 300m (1 inner lap)
12.10pm	7 Years (2009) Boys and Girls – 600m (2 inner laps)
12.30pm	Presentations

Cross Country training is on Wednesday mornings on the oval from 8.00am to 8.40am for any interested students.

Congratulations to Julian B and Caeleb B for gaining selection into the City District AFL team to compete at the regional trails on March 23 and 24.

Gala Day Fees

Just a reminder that all Gala Day fees are now due. Gala Day will begin at the beginning of Term 2.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Metropolitan Honours Choral Camp

Next week five of our choral students will represent Wilston SS at the annual three day Choral Honours Camp held at the Birralee Voices headquarters and the Old Museum in Bowen Hills.

We wish Oliver H, Matthew K, Ben M, Sophie G and Savannah M the very best!

Upcoming Performances:

Easter Church Services

Friday March 18 St Columbas Church

Lower School service (Yrs 1-3). 9:30am (Junior Choir)

Upper School (Years 4-6). 10:15am (Wilston Wonders Senior Choir)

Anzac Parade

Thursday April 21. Assembly Area. 1.45pm. Whole School

Bev Barnett and Miranda Charters

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Does your child enjoy Tuckshop for lunch or maybe morning tea? Why not see their smiling face when you volunteer in the Tuckshop and have fun meeting other lovely mums and dads. Yes we have dads and grandmas, even a grandad helps out.

With the end of the term fast approaching we wanted to let you know that some menu items will not be available on the last week and day. All changes will be on the munch monitor website

Week beginning 14 March 2016

Monday 14 CLOSED

Tuesday 15 Elena Hoffman, Mirella Fyimoto, Marion Jones

Wednesday 16 Sarah Bender, Katherine Napier, Roxanne Gorman

Thursday 17 Megan Beattie, Amanda Burke, Leah Westbrook

Friday 18 Charlotte Muir, Nat Scott, Chris Beehler, Geraldine Mercer, Jessica Draper.

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FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

The Tuckshop and School Uniform Convention is a hub for new ideas on healthy eating and uniform designs and Janice Nykiel is on her way to the RNA showgrounds next weekend to make sure Wilston State School continues to engage the leading manufacturers and suppliers in the state.

The importance of **volunteering** will be a major discussion at the convention on March 19. If you have a spare couple of hours, pop in to the Tuckshop or Uniform Shop, make some incredible friends and help build a strong school community. We'd love to welcome you.

Here's a few more things you need to know this week:

MunchMonitor: Order all your uniform and stationery items online at www.munchmonitor.com. Username: wilstonss and Password: munch4051. Please place orders by 9.15am on Mon-Wed-Fri. This will ensure orders are delivered to teachers' pigeonholes for class delivery on those days.

Two for one deal: If your kids love the gold embroidered polo shirts or the gold cotton polo shirts, why not take up our two for one offer. Sizes 4, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 are available. These shirts are fine to wear as we transition into our new uniform. Buy one shirt on Munch Monitor and we'll pack another for free.

Out of stock: New dresses in sizes 10 and 12 (but don't panic, more are on their way); and gaberdine shorts in sizes 10 and 12.

Tip of the week: Next week's Easter service (March 18) at St Columba's is a great opportunity to show off our new school uniform. Consider picking up a **check shirt** (\$30) or **new dress** (\$50) and "dress to impress".

Did you know: The first atlas was published in 1570, more than 40 years before the Dutch started mapping a great southern land they called New Holland and we now call Australia. If geography fascinates you, drop in to the uniform shop and pick up the latest edition of our **Jacaranda Primary Atlas**. It's fantastic value at \$37 and would make a great travel companion if you're on the road these holidays. It's also good if you have to explain why Disneyland is not just a day trip from our place.

Ever Onward Wilston!

Christine Matheson, Janice Nykiel and Debra Bela – Convenors
Ph: 3552 8490/0448 633 737 (Christine)

NEWS FROM THE P&C

P&C Election Day BBQ - Volunteers needed

Saturday 19th March - 8:00am - 2:00pm

The STEM Robotics group will be organising the Election day BBQ and we need your help

If you are available to spare a couple of hours to setup, serve, cook or clean-up it would be appreciated

Please email Susan at bouchersr@icloud.com

You don't have to be in Robotics to volunteer!

We are raising funds for STEM Resources

Susan and Chris

2016 Annual P&C Easter Egg Raffle

The countdown has begun for the Annual Wilston State School Easter Raffle. Last year we were able to give more than 150+ children a range of big and small prizes to take home.

We need your help now with donations of Easter goodies. When you are out shopping please add in a little something for the Easter raffle and send it into the Tuckshop.



Please consider donations of allergy free items, colouring books, stickers or Easter craft items. All donations will be gratefully received and should be delivered to the Tuckshop. **Donations need to be received by next Friday 18 March, 2016.**

Students will receive their book of tickets over the next couple of days. Please contact Kath O'Hara (k-ohara@bigpond.net.au 0411 699 867) should you require more tickets.

2016 Trivia Night

The P&C's major event in Term 2 is traditionally the P&C Trivia Night. It is a night of great fun, lots of laughs and you don't even have to be any good at trivia! We have organised the night for the last four years but are looking to hand it over to a new group of parents as our children start to head off to high school. To ensure this great night continues to entertain parents/carers each year, we are urgently seeking volunteers to help run this year's event. Please contact Michelle Tribe (michmatt@bigpond.net.au) or Kath O'Hara (k-ohara@bigpond.net.au) if you are willing to help to keep this fun night going.

Wipe Out Beach Party

Thank you to everyone who made last Saturday's Beach Party such a great success. Over 1,000 people attended with many staying on to the end. The Wipe-Out ride was a big hit for both children and later on in the evening some brave parents. The children's other usual favourites were also great fun and in high demand, including more rides, dunk tank, dodge ball, popcorn, face painting, pool and movie. Overall this was a great example of what we can pull together and achieve for our children and community. Well done to all involved!

Jason and Adam

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Run for Your Kids by You.

WKC at full capacity!

WKC is licensed for 200 kids which makes it one of the biggest after and before school care centres run by volunteers. Yet, there are three days per week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) where WKC is operating at full capacity and where a waiting list is in place. Wednesdays are particularly in demand with 10 children on the waiting list. So if you know ahead that you will not require WKC services on one of these days, please please let WKC know and you will make a very happy parent.

Easter Vacation Care – Booking forms are out !

Have you received your booking forms for Vacation Care? If not, please request them from the staff of WKC. Bookings go quickly, especially for these three days in the middle of the week, so it is important to secure your place early. Emma, Kaylene and the staff have outdone themselves to find new activities for the kids. The first week includes water slides and a petting zoo and the second week includes an excursion to Bellbird Grove (Brisbane Forest Park), this will be a great way to take the kids out of their school environment and into some nature discovery.

WKC Committee and Staff - Come and join us !

The next Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, 16 March at 6.00pm in the WKC office. Free kid-sitting and dinner provided on site for the children, nibbles for the adults. Tel: 33526753

wilstonkidscare@optusnet.com.au

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Club Championships commence this Friday night 11 March 2016, we look forward to two great weeks of racing.

The engraver will be at both Club Championship nights. Engraving will cost \$4 per medal and if you could have correct change or close to, that would be great.

Our Trophy Night and AGM for the election of office bearers will be held on Saturday 16 April at 5:30pm in the schools Undercover Area. Following the formal presentations there will be pizza for the children and a disco. Please put it on your calendar as a must attend event.

Holiday Swimming - Learn to Swim Intensives will be held over the first week of the Easter holidays from **Tuesday 29 March to Friday 1 April**. Lessons will commence from 8:30am and the cost for the 4 days is \$52. For bookings please email swim@wilstonpandc.org.au.

Holiday Squad will run from **Tuesday 29 March - 1 April and Monday 4 April – Thursday 8 April**. Squad will commence at 7:00am each morning. Cost will be \$8 a single swim or unlimited swimming will be \$50. Program details will be released shortly.

Swim Club duties this week-

Canteen: **Vincent, Godbolt, McNamara**

BBQ: **Munday, Mackay and Clements**

If you are rostered on canteen or BBQ can you please arrive by 5:50pm. If you are unable to attend on your rostered night please find a replacement, or contact the office to assist you with arranging a swap. The canteen and BBQ roster is an important function for the Friday club



Fundraising

Skate / Scoot

Event



Support Ben Matheson (Yr6) and the World's Greatest Shave on **Saturday 12 March 2016**

Join Bald Ben for a fundraising skateboard & scooter event at RampAttak Indoor Skate Park!

All are welcome!

Session - 3:00pm to 6:00pm.

Entry Fee - \$15 per skater, with \$5 of the entry fee to be donated to the Leukaemia Foundation.

Address - 393 Bilsen Rd, Geebung QLD 4034

More details – Please call Christine on 0448 633 737

No need to RSVP – just turn up and mention you're part of Bald Ben's event at the entry.

BYO skateboard / scooter & helmet!

(A small number of scooters are available to hire at the Centre – helmets are compulsory)