FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Classes 2016

As previously mentioned our staffing allocation is based on the number of students enrolled on the eighth school day, each year. I am happy to report that our current structure will remain in place.

This year we have started with one less Preparatory class and our enrolment stands at 857. Our thirty-five classes are configured in the following way.

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PA: Ms Shelley Davies 1A: Ms Helen Lambert-Smith 2A: Ms Toni Couper
PB: Ms Peta Street 1B: Ms Kate Lewis 2B: Mr Matthew Linsley
PC: Ms Nicola Edwards 1C: Ms Debra Skuthorp 2C: Ms Jessica Markus
PD: Ms Katelyn Bibby 1D: Ms Karen Charles 2D: Ms Kirsty Bray/ Ms Melissa Valente
PE: Ms Monika Hillier 1E: Ms Kathryn Grant 2E: Mr Rob Askew (Ms Clare Ralph)
2F: Ms Vanessa Stackelberg/ Ms Angela Gilchrist

3A: Ms Katrina Rodriguez 3B: Ms Alys Doneley 3C: Mr Adam Carrigan 3D: Ms Harriet Beebe
3E: Mr Phil Loxton 3F: Mr Damien Aldridge

4A: Ms Therese Brandt 4B: Ms Kellie Macguire-Graham/ Ms Debra Manley
4C: Mr Stephen Faye 4D: Ms Fiona Hobbs
5A: Ms Ceri Frost 5B: Ms Mel Grim
6A: Ms Catherine Howells 5C: Ms Fiona Hatch
6B: Ms Audrey Pluys/ Ms Donna Kelly
6C: Ms Megan Paulsen/ Ms Susie Kewley

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Guy Hendriks
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

The school day at Wilston is broken into three sessions. Key times are listed below.

8.30am First Bell (Student can place bags on racks and move from under C Block and OSHC)
8.50am Bell to move to class
8.55am School begins – Session 1
9.00am Rolls marked (students who arrive after this time must get a late slip from the Office)
10.00am Brain Break (approximate time)
10.00am Morning Tea
10.00am Eating – 11.00 – 11.10
11.00am Playground Duty 1 – 1.00 – 1.20
11.25am Bell to move to class
11.30am Session 2
1.00pm Lunch
1.00pm Playground Duty 2 – 1.20 – 1.40
1.40pm Bell to move to class
1.45pm Session 3 – Rolls marked
3.00pm School ends.

Lost Property
Just a reminder to please mark all your children’s clothing clearly. We have had a large amount of lost property not being claimed in the past. At the end of each term items not claimed will be donated to either the Uniform Shop or a charity.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Crazy Hair Day
This will be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.

STUDENT BANKING

Welcome to school banking 2016!

For all of you who are regular bankers: keep up the good work! This year we have exciting rewards on offer and the opportunity to win a family adventure to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Bob Irwin.

Parent Information Packs will be sent out to all students over the next week or two. These contain information including instructions on how to open a Youthsaver school banking account and a rewards sheet detailing what’s available with release dates. If you’re already a Wilston State School banker, we look forward to seeing you again. If you have misplaced or lost a bank deposit book you may not know that we can often replace books easily so your child can continue their savings journey. If this is the case, please write all your details on an envelope: student’s name, 2015 class, current teacher’s name along with a parent’s name and daytime contact number. We will send the new book home through the child’s class as usual. NOTE this is only available to children who already have accounts open through WSS Bank.

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers. Please don’t be shy; we meet on Monday mornings above Tuckshop in D Block. Anyone with an hour or two to spare is always very welcome.

Any further enquiries contact Alison Hill: 0417 757 058 or Sharon Snowdon: sharon.snowdon@gmail.com

SCHOOL BANKING CHANGES IN 2016

To simplify school banking at Wilston State School we will no longer be issuing reward tokens (effective immediately).

Students will still earn rewards and be eligible to redeem once 10 deposits have been made.

The School Banking system tracks students’ deposits. Every time a student makes a deposit via WSS school banking, their tally increases by one. Once students have a tally of 10 we are able to order their reward. When a reward is ordered the tally returns to zero. Automatic tracking means that tokens are no longer required.

Notes will be included in deposit books when students become eligible to redeem a reward. Students are welcome to send in a note at any time requesting a tally balance.

Students’ tally balance at the end of 2015 will carry forward to 2016, however tokens will no longer be used and we will be phasing them out. Please return any surplus tokens so we can send them to School Banking HQ for recycling.

SCIENCE NEWS

Science is being offered as a specialist subject for selected year levels at Wilston State School in 2016. Year 4 and 5 classes will have two specialist science lessons per week taught by Mr Brendan Medlin (2 x 45 minutes). Teaching of Year 3 classes will be shared between Mr Medlin and Mrs Donna Kelly (either 1x 30 minutes + 1 x 60 minutes OR 2 x 45 minutes). The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) allocation for Science for Years 3-5 students is one hour 45 minutes per week. The remaining 15 minutes per week in the QCAA allocation (approximately 2½ hours over the course of a term) will be made up by the classroom teacher. This may take the form of science excursions, write-ups of investigations, research of science topics, etc. The science program will follow the ACARA national curriculum guidelines.

Unit topics are listed below:

Year 3 Is it living? (Biological Sciences)
Science Understanding: Living things can be grouped on the basis of observable features and can be distinguished from non-living things (ACSSU044)
Assessment: Students describe features common to living and non-living things and use science knowledge to identify effects of a proposed action. There is an ongoing collection of work from various learning experiences during the unit.

Year 4 Here today, gone tomorrow (Earth and Space Sciences)
Science Understanding: Earth’s surface changes over time as a result of natural processes and human activity (ACSSU075)
Assessment: Students investigate natural and human processes that cause changes to Earth’s surface. There are opportunities in this assessment task for group work and discussion and for individual work.

Year 5 Now you see it (Physical Sciences) Science Understanding: Light from a source forms shadows and can be absorbed, reflected and refracted (ACSSU080)
Assessment: Students will be tested on their knowledge of light sources, shadows, and the reflection, refraction and absorption of light developed throughout the unit.

All questions should be directed to Mr Brendan Medlin (bmedl2@eq.edu.au).

Brendan Medlin/Donna Kelly.
Atomic Kids Workshop
The inaugural World Science Festival Brisbane is being held between 9-13 March and will take science out of the laboratory and into the streets, parks, museums, galleries and performing arts venues of Brisbane and regional Queensland. This is the first time the World Science Festival has been held in Australia.

The original Festival began in New York in 2008 and is an annual week-long celebration and exploration of science.

Educational workshops are being offered to primary students, and Wilston has secured 30 places at the Atomic Kids presentation on Thursday, 10 March (12:30pm-2:00pm). Atomic Kids allows students in Years 4-6 to get hands-on with atoms and molecules, as they explore and physically feel different elements, interpret the Periodic Table, construct models of molecules, and create a (supervised) bang with chemicals!

Students who are interested in attending should see Mr Medlin for a permission letter, and return the payment through their class Blue Bag. All questions should be directed to Mr Brendan Medlin (bmedl2@eq.edu.au).

CHOIR NEWS
Wilston Wonders
Welcome back!! We are looking forward to making some fantastic music this year. An information letter has been sent home, along with a student contract agreement. Please return these forms in the Blue Bag or at our first rehearsal this coming Friday (February 5th) at 8.00am in the Music room. Students are required to bring an A4 folder for their music. Please email me on mchar11@eq.edu.au if you have any queries.

Metropolitan Choral Honours Programme
Nominations are now open for this event held from Monday March 14 – Wednesday March 16. The three-day activity is designed to cater for advanced choral students in Years 5 and 6. Schools are able to nominate suitable students and 90 singers will be selected from across the region.

Some choir members have already taken forms home and these must be returned to myself or the office by Monday February 8th. Please note that students must attend all three days of the choral camp and unfortunately there is a clash with Year 6 Student Leadership day at Southbank on Monday March 14. Parents will be responsible for transporting their child to and from the venues.

If your child is interested and has not received a form, please let me know as soon as possible.

Miranda Charters

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Welcome back everyone. Tuckshop is up and running with a few changes in the menu to welcome summer.

We have a new ice block for the kids called ‘cyclones’, and a new dip and you can order cheese and crackers as well.

We are selling Zooroo Doopers for class birthdays which can be ordered online at MunchMonitors. You will need to update your child class number if you’re ordering. Just go into your account login and go to: ‘my account and edit profile to change to the right class.

We are seeking lovely helpers in the Tuckshop this year. No skills required and morning tea and lunch provided and of course coffee. Come with a friend, bring a grandma. All welcome.

We currently have three grandparents helping us and we would welcome more.

Bec Macdonald 0448 804 279 60huet@gmail.com
Dot Milne 0408 729 021

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP
We have loved helping your children get ready for school over the last few weeks.

Opening times: Monday-Wednesday-Friday: 8.15am-9.45am (next to the Tuckshop).

New School Uniform Policy: Your children are looking smart in their new two-colour polo shirts and check shirts, with black closed-in shoes racing in the school gate two at a time. Of course, our former shirts are still acceptable to wear.

Prep families must buy either a new check shirt or dress (when dresses arrive) to be worn on excursions, special assemblies and for school photos this year.

Senior Shirts: Deadline for orders is TOMORROW, February 5! We have limited stock of Size 12 new polo shirts and will be releasing them to other year levels for purchase after this date. Shirts will be printed at the end of Term 1 and a nominal fee will apply. We’ll let you know as soon as it’s confirmed.

MunchMonitor: A big thank-you for updating your Munch Monitor accounts with new class details, it has made deliveries easy this week. MunchMonitor cut off time is 9.15am on Monday-Wednesday-Friday. This will ensure orders are delivered to teachers’ pigeonholes for class delivery on those days. Visit: www.munchmonitor.com to sign up.

Dresses: Thanks for your patience as we wait for our new school dresses. Arrival date is the end of February.

Check shirts: These are becoming popular with boys and girls as they are a light fabric for the scorching summer days we’ve been having! $30 each!

2 for 1 Deal: Get two gold cotton polo shirts for just $23. Available in sizes 8, 10, 12, and 14.

Rain Ponchos: Big enough to cover student and bag, our rain ponchos are selling fast. Only small and large sizes left at $15 each. There’s a chance of showers today and Friday.

Swim Gear: We sell goggles, caps, swim shirts, towels, and bags for lessons that start this week.

Tip of the week: Write your child’s name on the rim of their hat to give it the best chance of being found if lost. In the case it does get lost, the school is considering options for another permanent lost property area this year. Until then, all lost property queries should be directed to Leigh Hofmeister in the office (lhofm2@eq.edu.au).

Did you know: The first school uniform was introduced in 1552 in London during the reign of King Henry VIII. It was dyed blue, the cheapest available dye and the colour symbolised humility. Our uniform colours are:

⇒ Mocha: stability, structure and support
⇒ Gold: compassion, courage and wisdom

Ever onward Wilston!

Christine Matheson, Janice Nykiel and Debra Bela – Convenors
Ph: 3552 8490/0448 633 737 (Christine)
bookshop@wilstonpandc.org.au
NEWS FROM THE P&C

The hottest and coolest event for the year is the Wilston State School W IPE OUT BEACH PARTY on 27 February from 4.00-8:30pm.

If you haven't been before, there'll be fun in the pool, face painting, surfing, a dodge ball competition, kids slide and the very special new Wipe-Out ride. There will also be great food, cold drinks for kids and adults and the Rugby Reds v Waratahs will be on from 6:30pm (with a separate movie on for the kids)

The hard word. We need volunteers. The more who volunteer, the less everyone needs to do. Please sign up to help online here: http://tinyurl.com/jknsbsk

Buy your tickets from Munch Monitors for just $5 per adult or child or $7 on the day.

Looking forward to a great night with great people.

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Welcome back to all our swimmers. It was great to see a lot of new families at the pool on Friday night.

Congratulations to Eliza and Josh, our Club Captains for 2016 and to Chloe, Lily and Scarlett our Club Vice Captains for 2016. They have already had a big impact at our first Club Night and we look forward to their leadership this year. If you have any ideas for a new Crocs war cry, let them know.

Swim Club duties this week-
Canteen: McAlpine, Scott and Vickers

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 nights and relies on the generosity of club volunteers to maintain this service.

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

The Wilston Crocs are swimming at the Ascot Cup on Saturday, 13 February 2016. This is a 3 way carnival between Ascot and Eagle Junction Swim Clubs. Final details will be available shortly for all swimmers who have been selected to compete.

There are a number of families who have not yet finalised their membership with Swimming Qld. Reminder emails will be sent out again this week. If you cannot login or need your password reset please email Kirsten and she can assist. Members who are not financial cannot swim in any upcoming meets and will not be able to participate in the club championships at the end of the season.

There is still some availability for Learn to Swim in Term 1. Classes are held Monday to Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Please email swim@wilstonpandc.org.au for bookings.

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

See you at the pool!

GO SPORTS

Join us for all the fun!
Learn a new game or improve skills.

Netball Grades 2-4 (7.50-8.35am) commencing 12th Feb.

Cricket Grades Prep-3 (7.50-8.35am) commencing 12th Feb.

5 Weeks for $85
To register go to www.gosports.com.au

SELF DEFENSE CLASSES
MOON LEE TAE KWON DO

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
6.00PM TO 7.00PM

THE UNITING CHURCH HALL HAWDON ST WILSTON (OFF KEDRON BROOK RD)

FOR MORE INFO CALL
SENIOR INSTRUCTOR
TIM 0416 171 904
Primary School Tutor

Astrid Buis

15 years’ old, Year 11
Current Brisbane State High School student
Past Wilston State School student
Locally based in Grange

Straight A’s Year 10
Available for primary school tutoring

Contact Details: 0422433080
Wilston State School presents

The Wipe Out Beach Party 2016

Swimming 4-6PM
Swimmers must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday 27th February / 4-8.30PM
Wilston State School

Wipe Out Ride ★ Face Painting ★ Dunk Tank ★ Surfing Slushies ★ Popcorn ★ Kids Movie ★ Dodge Ball Food ★ Little Kids Slide ★ Cold Drinks & Bar Reds v Waratahs on the big screen from 6.40pm (Next to the bar)

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