FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student Payments
I ask all parents to please be aware of our policy regarding the paying of invoices for excursions or activities your child will participate in. Wilston State School is a reasonably large school and even a small percent not paying impacts on the financial management of the school.

We appreciate that parents pay through BPoint, and my Business Service Manager, Mrs Debra Jackson, has included an article on BPoint within this newsletter. Please be aware that payment through this method potentially takes 72 hours to show in our records. This means that you need to pay for your child’s activity well in advance.

I realise this is a hard stance to take but this year if the invoice is outstanding our policy will be that your child cannot attend. Though this may seem a little harsh but please keep in mind that your child would have been reminded of this situation on more that one occasion.

School Captains
Last Thursday we held a special parade to present our Student Leaders with their badges of office. Our special guests included Mrs Pam Lynham and Ms Julia Thornton our P&C President. We have a very good group of student leaders and I look forward to working with them throughout the year.

I was very pleased that Ms Julia Thornton, accepted my invitation to address the school on the topic of Leadership and I have included her very pertinent address below.

On Leadership
Congratulations to the school, house and music captains on your new roles at Wilston SS, and to all the student leaders for 2016.

Leadership is not a gift or a perk. A good leader does not see themselves as having a greater right to anything than another co-worker.

Leadership is a responsibility. This badge won’t get you out of doing your homework and it doesn’t give you any greater rights at home.

Never expect more than you’re prepared to give yourself.

Sometimes its better not to make a decision by yourself. There will be times when you want to talk to people you respect and value to help you make a decision.

If you don’t know what to do: do nothing. The answer will come. But if you do make a mistake – that’s ok. Pick yourself up and keep going.

What you will get out of leading, though, is the experience – the success and failure of leading your group through 2016 at Wilston State School.

In your future, you might again be chosen to lead in your next school, or you’ll seek it out at university or in your workplace.

You might lead small groups, large groups. When you get the opportunity, it’s up to you to set the standard of the group – so set it high. Take on a task with enthusiasm and pride and encourage your team to do the same.

But be realistic with yourself and your group. Don’t over promise.

And you set the tone – be inclusive, be welcoming. Most of us feel like we’re on the outer or we don’t belong. But if you set a tone of inclusion and welcome, your group will take your lead.

And most of all, have some fun. You’re still young, after all. Make the most of the time you have at Wilston and enjoy this last year with your friends in the mocha and gold.

Guy Hendriks
Principal
Voluntary Student Resource Scheme

Last week a note went home to all families about the Voluntary Student Resource Scheme. As was discussed at the Parent Information Evenings, the $30 voluntary contribution goes directly to each class for teachers to purchase consumable items to support the delivery of engaging practical activities such as cooking, art and craft, design technology and science experiments.

Please consider supporting this Scheme, and if you are interested, complete the paperwork with payment to the school by the end of February. If you require further information or you have not yet received a form, please contact your child’s teacher or the office.

Adventure Play Areas

Just a reminder that adventure play areas and ovals are out of bounds before and after school. Any child still on the school premises after 3.30pm must wait in the Administration Office. If you are running late for any unexpected reason, we ask that you contact the school office before 2.45pm so we can get a message to your child/children.

STUDENT PAYMENTS

You would have received a BLUE 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.

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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.

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/exursion. If you are unable to make payment 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

STUDENT COUNCIL

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

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will now be placed upstairs in C Block, behind the grill in between the two classrooms nearest the pool. Please do not use the stairs to Administration.

Please make sure all students’ belongings are clearly marked. We have already had a huge amount of lost property being sorted out.

WANTED

Small lounge for the Special Education Program to support the needs of our students. If you are doing an upgrade at home or clearing out furniture the special education department at Wilston is interested in your furniture. We are in need of 1 or 2, two seater lounges, a single lounge chair and a big floor rug. This would assist us in supporting the Students with Disabilities within our school.

Amanda Kerby and Louise Mammoliti - SEP Teachers.

YEARBOOK

The Yearbook is currently at the printers. The books will be handed out as soon as they have been received by the school.

ECOMARINES

Here we go, our FIRST mission of 2016! Your mission is to ‘SPREAD THE WORD’ and take a PLEDGE. All you need to do is go to Tangalooma Ecomarines (http://www.tangaloomaecomarines.com.au/info/home/), click on the ‘Get Involved’ tab long the top and scroll down to ‘Make a Pledge’. It doesn’t cost anything and you don’t need to do a whole lot, but you will need a valid email address, either yours, your families or your mum or dad’s (we can promise, you will NOT be sent any spam mail). Fill out the form and tick all of the boxes to pledge to save our environment. SPREAD THE WORD to all your brothers, sister, relatives and friends to make the PLEDGE as well! As a bonus, you might see some of our EcoMarine Ambassadors page helping our environment over at Tangalooma on the web page!

In our EcoMarine meeting this week, our warriors will be discussing our next mission to send out to you and learning about the major garbage patches in our sea and what we are doing about it.

A big THANK YOU to all the students that remembered WRAPPER FREE WEDNESDAY last week. We got a lot of entries into our end of term prize draw, so good luck to those students.

2016 CANBERRA SKI TRIP

Just a reminder that all permission, insurance etc forms are due back at the office by Friday 26 February 2016. Payment is due now.

We have one place available on the ski trip. If anyone is interested please can you email Vanessa Stackelberg on vstac1@eq.edu.au

NEWS FROM HPE

City District Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the 36 strong Wilstons Swim Team who were successful in defending the City District Swimming Championship title last Friday. It was an outstanding day for the team who were also crowned percentage winners. We had 43 podium place getters with 15 of those being on the top step. We also had 3 of our swimmers, Josh A, Stella S and Eve T breaking district records. From the carnival we have 16 students that have gained selection into the District team to compete at the Regional Swimming Carnival next Wednesday.

City District Reps:
Good luck to these students next week as they attempt to gain selection into the Met North team.

Cross Country
The school cross country will be held on the 22 March. All students compete over various distances with the students born 2007 or earlier vying for selection into the school team to compete at the district cross country in Term 2. I will be doing some training on Wednesday mornings from 8.00am to 8.40am for any students that are interested. At this stage these sessions will only be for students who are 9 years and older (born 2004-2007).

Good luck to George B who is representing Met North at the State Triathlon/Aquathlon championships at Hervey Bay on Friday and Saturday.

Gala Day Sports
In the next few weeks students from Year 4 to 6 will get the opportunity to choose their sport for next term’s interschool sport Gala Day competition. The Gala Days are three full days of interschool sport held in summer and winter offering various sporting options.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Wilton Wonders Senior Choir (Yrs 5-6)
I will be sending a note home this Friday to those students who need a Yellow Polo shirt for their choir uniform this year. Please return the form as soon as possible.

Students who nominated for the Metropolitan Honours Choral Camp should know if they have been selected by this Friday. I will email parents as soon as I am informed.

Miranda Charters

STUDENT BANKING

Congratulations to school bankers who’ve returned to their savings habits for 2016. Welcome also to new School Banking students.

Don't forget that we will be running a sign-up morning on Monday 22 February from 8:10am to 10.00am in D Block (above Tuckshop). A representative from Commonwealth Bank, Newmarket will be attending so you can open a Youthsaver Account on the day and also answer any questions you may have. All you need to bring along is your photo ID such as a driver's licence; your children's ID is not required as the school will confirm their identity. If you’re unable to attend and want to join, simply visit your local Commonwealth Bank branch or call 13 2221.

Don’t forget our new competition: make three deposits in Term 1 and your child is in the draw to win a Commonwealth Bank bag full of prizes.

Happy banking!

TUCKSHOP NEWS

With the weather so hot the coffee shop is selling ice coffees and we have shady tables to drink them at. The children can buy icy poles for $1.00, Tuckshop ice for 50c and ice cream cups for a $1.00.

These can be purchased after the second bell at lunch time. We have frozen yoghurt and cold drinks that can be ordered either break time. Stay cool Tuckshop team.

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

The first whole school sports event, the Cross Country, is just over a month away so pop in to the Uniform Shop to update sports shirts and don’t forget our exclusive range of hair accessories in the school house colours.

Here’s a few more things you need to know this week:
- **Opening times:** Monday-Wednesday-Friday: 8.15am-9.45am (next to Tuckshop).
- **MunchMonitor:** Order all your uniform and stationery items online at www.munchmonitor.com. Username: wiltonss 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.
- **Senior shirts:** Year 6 senior shirt printing will cost $5 and permission forms were sent home last week. These forms are due back at school tomorrow (Friday, February 19) even if you don’t want a shirt, so everyone’s name can be included in the printing.
- **Out of Stock:** New polo shirts in size 6 and 12. If you need a size 6 shirt this term, consider our new check shirts ($30). We also are continuing our **two for one deal** on gold cotton polo shirts (that’s $23 for two). While we don’t have cotton polos in size 6, the shirts are a slen-der fit and size 8 may be ideal.
- **Most popular item this week:** Library bags ($8) available in black, purple, red and blue.
- **Goggles:** Proper fitting swim goggles will help your child feel comfortable in the pool. Pick up some goggles ($12) before school on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.
- **Tip of the week:** Our new school bags come with a lifetime guarantee on the zips, so if there’s a fault, please let us know.
- **Did you know?** There is poetry in our sports uniforms! Each sports house is named after a famous Australian poet: “Banjo” Paterson (blue), Henry Lawson (green) and Adam Lindsay Gordon (red). See if you can work out which poet wrote which verse: “Courage in your own.”

But the man from Snowy River let the pony have his head, And he slung his stock whip round and gave a cheer, And he raced him down the mountain like a torrent down its bed, While the others stood and watched in very fear.

The Song of the Waste-Paper Basket:
You’d pause in wonder to read behind The lines of some songs I see; The soul of the singer I often find In songs that are thrown to me.

(We’ll post the answers on the noticeboard outside the uniform shop on Monday.)

Christine Matheson, Janice Nykiel and Debra Bela – Convenors
NEWS FROM THE P&C

I’ve had so many compliments about the work done at the front of the school at Primrose Street. Alison Hill deserves our congratulations and thanks for managing this project to such a high standard. This project has taken a lot of her time and energy over the holidays and into Term 1. Thanks, Alison.

This week is the first P&C meeting and it’s the AGM. Feel free to come along to see if you want to become a regular.

And next Saturday 27 February it’s the Beach Party. A great night where the kids can get into the pool and you can have a social drink with other parents at the school. These fundraisers are important not just for raising funds for the school, but they also help grow the school community. We’re so busy during the week it’s nice to slow down a little at these things and have a chat. Look forward to seeing you there.

Julia Thornton

This week’s Beach Party will be held on 27th February 4.00-8:30pm. Historically this has been a wonderful event. Children love coming to the Beach Party and there are lots of fun rides and attractions for everyone. This is also a good opportunity to get to know other parents.

We are in URGENT need of parent volunteers for the Beach Party to be a success.

Why not get together with a friend in whatever activity you like. An hour of your time is all we need! The more helping hands the less work.

Have a look at our volunteer register on http://tinyurl.com/jknsbsk

Events like this work best when parents get involved. Please donate some of your time and help us make the Beach Party a great event. If you need any more information contact Jason or Adam at secretary@wilstonpandc.org.au

From the Wilston STEM Robotics

Our club runs on a Monday from 6.00pm -8.00pm for students with the base fundamental skills using EV3 Lego. Please bring a parent, a laptop, if you have one, and USB. We do have laptops available for use for students who require one!

The cost will be $40 per term for each student for Robotics.

Lego Beginners Robotics Workshops (5 week) for Year 3+ will begin on Thursday 25 February at 5:30-7:30pm. Cost $30 per student. Please register your interest by emailing boucherer@icloud.com. No prior knowledge of programming or building is required. If you have a laptop please bring it along else we do have laptops available for use. Limited places available so please contact us!

Chris and Susan. STEM

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Congratulations to the swimmers who competed at the Ascot Cup last weekend. Wilston finished in second place. special mention to our swimmers aged 7 and under who for most, were competing in their first carnival.

Good luck to Joshua, Charlotte, Allie, Ella, Stella, Eve and Hillary who are competing at the Qld Sprint Championships this weekend and also to our swimmers competing in the Nundah Experience.

Swim Club duties this week:
Canteen: Shepherd, Purssey, Ernst
BBQ: Howes, Nowlan, Slater

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.

Date claimer: The Trophy Night and the AGM for the election of Club Office Bearers will be held on Saturday the 16 April in the Undercover Area. Please put it on your calendar as a must attend event.

There are a number of families who have not yet finalised their membership with Swimming Qld. Reminder emails were sent last 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!
Apply now to be a 2016 Census Area Supervisor!

The Australian Bureau of Statistics is seeking motivated and community-minded project managers to work on the 2016 Census and make a difference in your community.

**Area Supervisors are required to:**
- Conduct temporary positions, with flexible working hours.
- Assist in the delivery of the Census campaign.
- Ensure the collection of data is accurate and complete.
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- Earn $34.75 per hour (inclusive of 25% loading).

**As an Area Supervisor, you will:**
- Know your local community.
- Be familiar with data protection and collection.
- Be comfortable using computer, tablet and mobile devices.
- Comply with ABS work health and safety policies.

**How to apply:**
2. Check the job requirements carefully.
3. Ensure you meet all the necessary criteria.

More information is available from the ABS website. Apply online at abs.gov.au/careers.

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**TRIVIA NIGHT**

**SATURDAY, 12TH MARCH 2016 - 6.30PM FOR 7.00PM START**

- $25 per person
- Best themed table wins a prize
- There will be food provided for each table
- Beer, wine and softdrinks for sale
- Lucky Door Prize
- Raffles

Purchase tickets from: http://www.beupliffed.org.au/event-tickets/burnie-brae-centre, 0u kuran street, hermoside, 4012
Call 0408 751 577 or email events@beupliffed.org.au

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**MET NORTH TOUCH FOOTBALL COACHING CLINIC**

WHERE: Valleys Hockey Club - Shaw Road, Woolowin.
WHEN: Friday 4th of March, 4.00 - 5.30pm
WHO: Children aged 11-17 years old and are currently enrolled at a school within the Met North Region.
COST: FREE

**WHAT TO BRING:** Suitable Touch Football clothing and a water bottle.

This clinic will be run by Queensland Touch Football and Met North Representative Touch Football Coaches. Children have an excellent opportunity to learn from the Met North region's best coaches, by participating in an afternoon of skills, drills and activities. This event is designed to give children at all skill levels an opportunity to learn what it takes to play Touch Football for Met North.

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**Ballymore Kindy Alumni Family gathering**

Sunday 6th March from 10am-12 noon
Gould Road Park (off Fagan Rd), Herston

This is a great way for Ballymore families past and present to stay in touch.

Please bring along any toys, food/drink that you will need for your family.

We look forward to seeing you there.
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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