FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

P&C Meeting

Last week the P&C held their AGM and a new executive committee has been installed. I congratulate Mr Chris Burke on his selection to the president’s position and I thank Ms Julia Thornton for her commitment to the school during the 2015 year.

There were a significant number of issues that the 2015 P&C had to manage and I thank last year’s committee for the ensuring appropriate processes have been put into place that will allow the strategic direction of the P&C to be met.

iPads

Two years ago under the Great Results Guarantee now Investing for Success (I4S) program sets of iPads were introduced into the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. These devices are being utilised well and we could see the potential to introduce them throughout the school.

At the P&C Meeting last Thursday night Mrs Debbie Mill, Deputy Principal of the Junior Sector of this school tabled an ICT proposal. In essence the request was to ask the P&C to consider funding sets of 10 iPads into every class in the school that does not currently have this technology.

To ensure our proposal was well researched we consulted widely with experts from within the Department and beyond and concluded that the device we should invest in and invest staff development in is iPads.

To operate these devices to their potential they need to be able to connect wirelessly to the internet. Our school was identified in the latter part of last year for an upgrade to our wireless capability. This will mean wireless connection will be available from all areas of the school. We have also been identified for an upgrade in our broadband speed. I have been assured that both upgrades will occur before the end of the semester.

Our proposal was successful and I commend Mrs Mill for the very well thought out plan and for the thorough presentation on the night.

I would particularly like to thank the members of the P&C who have trusted us with the implementation of this program. Our commitment to the parents of this school is to ensure we communicate all achievements and learnings that occur as we enable all students to use these devices to enhance their learning opportunities.

Medications in State Schools

A letter went out to all families earlier this week outlining the policy and procedures around the administration of medications to students. Please take the time to read this carefully to ensure that should your child need medication at school you meet these requirements.

Guy Hendriks
Principal
WILSTON STAR AWARDS

Prep
Sam N PA, Sophie Mc PA, Gian W PA, Audrey H PB, Frankie S PB, Noah T PB, Phoebe H PC, Jasper S PC, Samara H PD, Kasra T PD, Oriana B PE, Hunter D PE.

Year 1
Alana F 1A, Asher O-M 1A, Thomas D 1B, Helena G 1B, Madelyn S 1B, Holly B 1C, Santiago W 1C, Angus C 1D, Evie F 1D, Remi P 1E, Chloe L 1E, Emily D 1F, Sasha B 1F.

Year 2

CROSSING SUPERVISOR VACANCY

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Wilston State School.

- Remuneration $28.18 per hour
- 1.5 hours per day on a roster system - up to five days a fortnight currently available
- Application packs available from the school
- Applications close: 4.00pm 4 March 2016

Please pick up application pack from the school office. Any queries, please contact Deb Jackson, Business Services Manager.

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.

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 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

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. Named items will be put in teachers’ pigeon holes. Unnamed items will be donated to either the Uniform Shop or to charity at the end of each term.

STUDENT COUNCIL

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

ECOMARINES

Thank you to everyone that has helped with our first mission ‘SPREAD THE WORD’. If you still want to help, it’s never too late, just go to http://www.tangaloomaeconomines.com.au/info/get_involved/make_a_pledge/ and take the pledge by signing up.

Over the next two weeks, our EcoMarine Warriors are on a creative mission to make marine animals out of recyclable materials. These magnificent artworks will then be showcased in the school for everyone to view.

Next week, Friday 4 May, is Clean Up Australia Day for schools. Our whole school will take 10 to 15 minutes after big lunch (1.45 to 2.00 pm) to pick up rubbish around each grades eating and play area, every little bit helps!

Remember this one little rule, REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE. Did you know you can recycle 84% of your trash simply by taking it out of the garbage can and putting it in the recycling bin. Items made from recycled materials take far less energy and create only a fraction of the pollution to produce than items made from brand new materials. Plus, it helps save our natural resources, like trees!

Go Green EcoMarine

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

UPDATE FROM THE LIBRARY

The library is looking for some parents who would be able to volunteer time to cover and process books. No previous experience is necessary. Come for a one-off session or come weekly! Please pop down to the library and see Sue Burgess before or after school to arrange a time. Looking forward to seeing you!!

CHOIR NEWS

Thank you to those families who have returned their annual Choral Payment.
TUCKSHOP NEWS

Short on time, hot and bothered? Jump on MunchMonitors to order lunch make it easy for you and the kids.

Our frozen fruity yoghurts are very refreshing and our icy cold drink will be a hit with everyone.

In the coffee shop we are selling ice coffees and iced chocolates for the kids.

We are a little light on help next week so if possible can you help out from 9.00-11.30am or 11.30-1.30am we will be very grateful.

Week beginning 29 February 2016

Monday CLOSED

Tuesday 1 March  Jan MacGillivray HELP NEEDED

Wednesday 2  Can you help?

Thursday 3  Natalie McMaster, Angela Patel, help needed

Friday 4  Tina Robinson, Tarah Hastie, Aislinn Ivison, Sue

Bec Macdonald 0448 804 279 60huelt@gmail.com

Dot Milne 0408 729 021

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

Our new dresses have arrived!!!!!!! It was like Christmas in the Uniform Shop on Tuesday as the final piece in our new school uniform range - “the dress” - was unpacked. It’s a lightweight fabric with two simple folded pleats in the front to strengthen the seams and make ironing a breeze. But don’t feel as though you need to iron it. This is a wash and wear item, especially if you put it on a hanger to dry. The collar is now the same check pattern as the body of the dress and white piping along the edge of the collar and sleeves will tie the dress in with the rest of the new uniform. We are fully stocked in sizes 4, 6, 8, and 10. The price remains $50. So come down tomorrow and see which size fits.

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: wilstons and Password: munch4051. Please place orders by 9.15am on Monday-Wednesday-Friday. This will ensure orders are delivered to teachers’ pigeonholes for class delivery on those days.
- **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 slimmer fit and size 8 may be ideal.
- **Strings shirts:** All public string performances will require students to wear the special **white music polo shirt**. We are stocked with sizes from 6-14 and also have second-hand shirts for sale in very good condition so pop in and Viva La Music shirts.
- **Tip of the week:** We are fully stocked with **Verbatim headsets** so if you haven’t purchased one for this year or last year’s headset is on its last legs, come down and pick one up for just $13.
- **Did you know:** The journey to our new school uniform began in June 2014 with Christine Matheson liaising with suppliers, the school administration, the sub-committee, and the P&C; to come up with a simple and more coordinated uniform collection. Janice Nykiel, who also played a big role in the new uniform, is now in early negotiations to spruce up the winter uniform so stay tuned for more exciting updates in the coming months.

Christine Matheson, Janice Nykiel and Debra Bela – Convenors

Ph: 3552 8490/0448 633 737 (Christine)

bookshop@wilstonpandc.org.au

NEWS FROM THE P&C

President’s report 2015

On behalf of the P&C executive, I’d like to extend a thanks for the hard work and continued interest in the P&C and school activities to members, Wilston State School Principal Guy Hendriks, Deputy Principals and staff, our local representatives – Federal Member for Brisbane Tere-sa Gambbaro; State Member for Stafford Dr Anthony Lynham who was represented by Stephanie Serhan the council candidate for Marchant at the AGM; and our hard working local councillor Vicky Howard, who in a redistribution we lose; and our new Councillor Andrew Wines whom we picked up in a redistribution.

Over the course of the year events raised a significant proportion of the P&C’s funds. The Beach Party in term one raised $960 and Easter Raffle raised $270; Term 2 Trivia Night raised $5900 and Mothers’ Day Stall raised $4300; Fathers’ Day stall raised $3400 in term 3; and in term 4 the Fete raised $74,000 and the disco raised $7200. In all, the hard heavy lifting work of our parents raised $127,500.

My thanks go to all the event managers: Jason Finselbach, Trivia Night Kath O’Hara and Michelle Tribe; Disco Saskya Hunter and Clare Stanley; fete convenors – Natalie Gardiner, Jacqui Sawl ey and their team; and mothers’ and fathers’ day stall convenor Ingrid Roseman.

These funds have not just gone to form the annual contribution to support the school’s core funding, but we were also able to assist with the schools major capital projects, including the front of school rejuvenation project of around $130,000.

The P&C’s operating areas – tuckshop, bookshop and uniform shop, Outside School Hours Care and WSSASC have continued to provide invaluable services to our school community.

Thank you to the subcommittee volunteers for your ongoing work. I want to pay tribute to outgoing chair of the Wilston Kids Care subcommittee – Bridget Vickers and Chair of the Tuckshop, Bookshop and Uniform Shop, Angela Pratt. Later this year Matt Crook has indicated he will be handing over his chairman’s role of the Swim Club after a busy year.

I took on the role of President in May and have enjoyed the challenges the P&C has had since then. I offer a special thanks to Matt Crook, Jason Finselbach and Adam Spencer for the time and care you have given to these issues over the past year or so. I would also like to thank Kevin Mercer for his continued interest and care in the running of the P&C.

Over the past 6-8 years, families with students at Wilston State School have increasingly relied on OSHC, tuckshop and WSSASC for the services they offer. The growth of use in all three service areas now requires the P&C to ensure the systems which support these services are in place to ensure continuity of service.
Our new Business Management team will continue to implement the processes we need to ensure we reduce risk to the P&C.

As always, when children leave the school, parents move on. I want to thank the parents of students who have given their time and energy to the P&C and now are the new fish in the new ponds. They make way for new parents who will be eager to contribute and make their mark in their own way.

While it's fair to say, we reap the rewards of our predecessors, it's also reasonable to expect the money raised by us and donated by our local community, is spent in a timely and responsible manner. That funds don’t focus on one interest area or one particular group. And that we support all the students from prep to year 6 as best we can.

I am standing aside as president as Chris Burke has taken on the role, but will continue as a vice president. Chris has twins in year 1 and joined the P&C this year. The executive welcomes him and will provide every assistance to him in his new role.

Other changes include:
- Adam Spencer steps away from his role as Secretary and becomes Vice President
- Craig Parravicini becomes Secretary
- Luke Moulson continues as Treasurer

I want to thank Ben O'Hara and Lesley Hubczenko for their hard work and experience they contributed to the executive over the past year. It’s been great working with people who put the school first and make their contributions so selflessly.

Ever onwards!  

Julia Thornton

**NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE**

Our small committee of working parents met last week for their second monthly meeting of the year. What did we discuss? Safety, QA/QC, upgrades, activities etc. so that our children can benefit from a safe and positive environment while we are still at work.

Last week, we identified that our simple website needed some updates (new documents uploaded and some spelling corrected...). Unfortunately no one in the WKC committee and staff has the knowledge to do so. We need your help! WKC needs your help!

**DO YOU HAVE SKILLS IN WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE? COULD YOU SPARE A FEW HOURS TO HELP US UPDATE WKC’S WEBSITE?**

If so, please contact Elle (elle@wilstonkidscare.org.au).


The staff at WKC is always busy coming up with ideas of things to do with the children and keep our areas warm and friendly. One of the latest projects, hanging next to the office door, is a poster with multiple photographs of the kids with their pets. A “wonder display” showcasing items required for the care of the pets will soon be added. Georgia is in charge of the project; she explained that through sharing about their pets and their requirements, the children can reflect about the meaning and importance of “Love, Care, Respect” in our community. This activity will be part of our Quality Improvement Plan which aims at satisfying QCAN (Qld Children’s Activities Network) requirements. Have a look, next time you drop by...

**NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB**

Nominations for Club Championships are open. Nominate now as they close at midnight on Saturday 27th February.

Congratulations to Joshua, Charlotte, Allie, Stella, Eve and Hilary who are competing at the Qld Sprint Championships last weekend. Joshua won a silver medal in the 50m breaststroke.

It’s feels good to be a Wilston Croc. On Saturday, we sent along a 27 strong Wilston Crocs team to the Nundah Swim Carnival. It was a 5-way meet that included races for 7 and under through to 16-18 year olds. Despite our Swim Club having few swimmers older than 12 years, thanks to the willingness of our kids, we managed to field swimmers in the vast majority of races. To do this, we had first timers across several age groups giving it a go, we had 8 and 9 year olds overcoming their butterflies to swim butterfly and 8 year old girls swimming up a year level. However, a particular mention must be given to our male and female 10 year old swimmers. We had 10 year olds swimming in the 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16 year age groups.....all swim hard and gave it their best, and some managed to secure a place. In true team spirit, we had kids swimming in consecutive relays, girls swimming in boys relays (and swimming competitively, with both the medley and freestyle relay teams placing) and one parent (thanks Pete Howes) swimming twice in the parent relay. Given the collective efforts of the team, it is risky to pay a particular mention to anyone; however, there was one achievement that just must be celebrated. Abigail A broke a 41 year old pool record by swimming 23.46 for 25m breaststroke in the 8 year category. Thanks to Vice Captain, Lily C, for leading a stellar team on Saturday. It was a great carnival to end the 2015/16 season.

Swim Club duties this week:
- Canteen: Collins, Taylor and Purssey
- BBQ: Crawford, Abel

**NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE**

If you are rostered on canteen or BBQ can you please arrive by 5:30pm. 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.

**BEACH PARTY**

Just a reminder the Wipe Out Beach Party will be held this Saturday 27 February. 4.00 to 8.30pm. See you all there!!
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 have been sent. **Members who are not financial cannot compete in the Club Championships at the end of the season.**

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

See you at the pool!

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**Vacancy - School Crossing Supervisors**

Casual positions exist for School Crossing Supervisors at multiple schools throughout the region. Please tell neighbours, friends and family of these positions available. Please help us to help our students.

Casual School Crossing Supervisor positions are for up to 5 days per fortnight on a roster. Remuneration $28.18 per hour.

Contact the Brisbane North Road Safety Office for more information

Phone: 3863 9839

Email: zillmere_road_safety@mnr.qld.gov.au
Wilston State School presents

The WIPE OUT BEACH PARTY 2016

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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