



Wilston State School Ever onward

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DATE CLAIMERS

3 March	Year 5 Convict Clues Assembly Prep to Year 2
4 March	Year 5 Convict Clues
8 March	Year 2 to Newstead House
9 March	Year 2 to Newstead House
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	St Columbas Easter Service
18 March	Cross Country
22 March	Assembly Whole School 9.00
24 March	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
5 May	Assembly Prep to Year 2
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,
13 May	Gala Day
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
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
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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Beach Party

I would like to thank Jason Finselbach and Adam Spencer, the Beach Party convenors and the many wonderful volunteers who made this event such a success.

School Leaders Forum

On Monday the leadership team of this school was invited to the Metropolitan Region Leaders Forum held this year at the Royal International Convention Centre at the RNA Showgrounds. Leadership teams from all schools across our great region had the opportunity to hear from our Deputy Director - General, Patrea Walton, our Regional Director, Mark Campling and our Assistant Director General - School Operations, Bevan Brennan.

The key messages I took with me were: -

- That across the state and in particular across our region the very specific improvement agenda of each school is paying dividends. As a state our academic results are trending positively.
- That high performing schools had systems in place that enabled them to clearly identify students at risk in their learning for a range of reasons and had good processes in place to support these students. Our current work in the practices of Lyn Sharratt - Putting Faces on the Data is one of our approaches in supporting teachers to get to know each of their students better. Mr Campling shared a story with the leaders around the outstanding work attribute to the staff in our high schools across the region. Last year high school leaders identified that there were 36 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander year 12 students at risk of not attaining the QCE. (Queensland Certificate of Education.) I can only imagine the work undertaken by teachers, ancillary staff and leaders in our high schools to ensure these students received their certificates (Home visits, supporting families, coaching, mentoring). The end result was that all students did receive their QCE and in doing so Metropolitan Region was the first jurisdiction to have 100% of its Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students attain this achievement.
- Our practices and processes need to be deliberate and precise.
- Each member of the leadership team needs to clearly understand their role and be fully committed to the leadership aspect of that role.
- Ensure that there is an alignment of staff professional development with the goals of the school. At Wilston State School our current professional development is on our goals. That is with the introduction of iPads purchased by the P&C there will be a suite of professional learnings offered to the teachers. This professional development has been tiered to ensure a differentiated approach to cater for the skill set of our existing staff. We are also investing in staff development around best practice in the teaching of reading.
- Sadly the issue of Domestic Violence was again highlighted. The statistics around this topic are disturbing and I commend the Department on its stance to raise student awareness through the HPE curriculum. Hopefully in time a more informed generation will ensure this violent practice is negated.
- Student safety is always key to educators and Education Queensland will be introducing a messaging system (texting) to communicate with parents when their child is absent and we have not been informed of the reason.

As well as hearing these messages from the influential officers within the Department we had the opportunity to spend some time as a leadership team to work on the Wilston State School priorities. I found the forum very valuable.

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Guy Hendriks
Principal



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

NAPLAN 2016 Year 3 and Year 5 Parents

The National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

NAPLAN tests are conducted at schools and administered by classroom teachers, school deputies or principals.

A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent to you. If you do not receive a report, you should contact the school. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

NAPLAN 2016 Tests Timetable

	Tuesday 10 May	Wednesday 11 May	Thursday 12 May
Year 3	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes

- Language conventions test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Numeracy test includes number; space; algebra, function and pattern measurement, chance and data.
- Calculators are NOT permitted in the numeracy test in Years 3 and 5. In Years 7 and 9, each student sits one numeracy test where calculator use is permitted and one where it is not.

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

STUDENT PAYMENTS

You would have received a GREEN 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

STUDENT COUNCIL

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

ECOMARINES

Tomorrow, 4 March, is CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY for schools. After big lunch, **between 1.40pm-2.00pm**, I have asked the teachers and their class to take part in this very important event. Currently, the school grounds are looking fantastic, but there are the odd small pieces of rubbish that can be found in our gardens and drains. These pieces of rubbish are the most dangerous because they are at risk of getting picked up by the wind and rain and washed into our waterways.

Did you know that in 2015 an estimated 536 423 volunteers removed 15,915 tonnes of rubbish at 7 232 sites across the country? That rubbish evaluates to approximately 10 610 average cars or approximately 497 344 of you! That is a crazy amount of rubbish that is not making it to our bins! SO PLEASE, help us help our world be happy and healthy. We are positive that you definitely not want to be living in a world of rubbish where you not only have to sleep in it, but eat it as well!

If you would like to volunteer at a site around Brisbane this Sunday 6 March, you can go to <http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/get-involved/>

Finally, we have been noticing that a lot of students have been packing their lunches without wrappers! This is absolutely fantastic and we are so grateful for the encouragement and support that is coming from home. We can only do so much but by just making these simple and valuable choices to reduce our use of plastics everyday, we are doing a world of good!

THANK YOU and remember Go Green EcoMarine!

CHESS CLUB

This year, Wilston is happy to announce that our Chess Club is back by popular demand. Launching in week one of the term students from Years 3 to 6 have been encouraged to come along to Miss Doneley's classroom at **Tuesday lunchtime (2nd break) to practise their skills and challenge others.** Due to resources we haven't advertised in the lower years, however, if you have a child who would be particularly interested please don't hesitate to email me or encourage them to come along. adone10@eq.edu.au



Next term, I am very excited to announce the start of before school chess classes with **Gardiner Chess.** Every **Wednesday morning from 7:40-8:40am.** Gardiners will provide a group of coaches to teach students the skills and strategies behind chess. The cost of the classes is to be advised.

Andrew from Gardiner Chess will be at school on **17 March** to announce this **on assembly** as well as challenge 20 students to a tournament. He believes he can beat 20 students at once (WE WILL SEE ABOUT THAT!).

Please encourage your children to think about chess, not only is it FUN but helps develop logic, attention to detail, discipline, collaboration and problem solving.

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!!

NEWS FROM HPE

Regional Swimming

Congratulations to the 16 swimmers who competed at the Regional Swimming Carnival last week. We had some outstanding performances on the day with 7 students gaining selection into the Met North Team to compete at the state championships later in the term.

Met North Representatives:

Stella S, Joshua A, Caelan B, Lucy B, Claudia K, Angus K and Eve T.

Cross Country

The school cross country will be held on the 22 March. A permission/information note will be coming home shortly with details about the carnival. I have been running Cross Country training for interested students on Wednesday mornings from 8.00am.

Congratulations to Lucy B, Lucy L and Cassidy B for gaining selection into the City District Hockey team to compete at the regional trails on April 26.

Rodney Bell
PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Easter Church Services

Our singers are looking forward to their first official performance of the year! Please see the details below for the services at St Columba's church in Week 8.

If your child does not do religion and you do not wish them to attend as part of the choir please let us know as soon as possible.

Friday March 18th Lower School service (Yrs 1-3)
9:30am (Junior Choir)
Upper School (Years 4-6)
10:15am (Wilston Wonders Senior Choir)

Bev Barnett and Miranda Charters

STUDENT BANKING

Welcome to all of our new school bankers! We're excited to have many new students on board the savings journey.

We would like to remind students they may only redeem Outback Adventure rewards from each respective term. This term students can choose from the Wildlife Writer Set or Flying Snake Tail. Alternatively, students may order any of the following past rewards (simply write a note to us advising the child's name, class number and student banking ID).

- 2014 Dollarmites Money Box
- ET DVD
- Galaxy Glider
- Intergalactic Rocket
- 2015 Outer Space Savers Money Box.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Have you joined MunchMonitors, it's so easy. Log in to MunchMonitors and click on sign in then register, The log in is wilstonss and password munch 4051 then you can set up your account and order any time for the following day.

The menu is constantly changing, jump on the website and see all the home made items. For example pizzas, white bean dip and pikelets with Tuckshop made jam.

Week beginning 7 March 2016

Monday 7 CLOSED
Tuesday 8 Ellie Cayas, Louise Astroi
Wednesday 9 Leizel Boshoff, Kate Usher
Thursday 10 Chole Smith, Sally Carson, Wendy Bensely
Friday 11 Kathy Davies, Sharon Snowdon, Catherine, Eliza Hooper

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FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

Three more weeks of school also means three more weeks of the uniform shop's extended opening times. From next term we are open on Wednesday and Friday mornings only, so make the most of our extended trading times this term and put your Munch Monitor orders in or visit us at the uniform shop window on Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning from 8.15am-9.45am.

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' pigeon holes for class delivery on those days.

New dresses: The opening week of our new school dress has been a huge critical success.

And while the Academy Awards party frocks were the talk of the town on Monday, our Wilston State School dress will be lauded for years to come. It's lightweight, easy to wear and is designed to suit all ages. The price remains \$50.

Senior shirts: A big thank you to every Year 6 student and family for filling in permission forms and finalising the \$5 payments for the printing of our 2016 senior shirts. The shirts are heading to the printers in the next week and we're confident we will be able to return them to you before the end of this term.

Rain's coming! Forecasters are predicting rain for Brisbane next week, so make sure you've got your **rain poncho** handy. The Uniform shop still has large ponchos for \$15. It might also be a good time to pack a **jacket** in case the rain makes little ones a bit chilly. We have a selection of new and second-hand jackets to choose from.

Out of stock: New polo shirts in size 6 and 12; Gaberdine shorts size 10; Think Mentals 4 workbook; and the Prep A4 exercise book.

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.

Tip of the week: Crazy Hair Day is next Thursday. It's a fantastic day but some of that crazy coloured hair spray is going to end up on school uniforms. Consider wearing a pre-loved school shirt for Crazy Hair Day this year and keep your new uniform stain-free.

Did you know: Feet are one of the sweatiest parts of the body and socks absorb the sweat so it can easily evaporate. Up to half a litre of sweat can be lost through the foot in a day. Don't forget to change socks daily and also keep toenails trimmed to help socks last longer. Wilston State School socks sell for \$8.50.

Christine Matheson, Janice Nykiel and Debra Bela – Convenors
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bookshop@wilstonpandc.org.au

NEWS FROM THE P&C

2016 Annual P&C Easter Egg Raffle

It is that time again for the Annual Wilston State School P&C Easter Raffle. Last year we were able to give more than 140 children a range of big and small prizes to take home.



We need donations of Easter goodies/eggs/chocolates/baskets/plush toys/craft including allergy free items. When you are out shopping please add in a little something for the Easter raffle. All donations will be gratefully received and **should be delivered to the Tuckshop**.

Over the next week all students will receive a book of 5 raffle tickets. The ticket price is \$1 a ticket. For SOLD tickets please write your child/children's name and class or ticket holders name and phone number clearly on each ticket and return with payment to your class Blue Bag. Please make sure the envelope is clearly marked "Easter Raffle". Please also return any unsold tickets.

10 Prizes will be drawn at the Easter Parade on Thursday 24th March. All other 100+ prizes will be drawn on Sunday 20th March. All donations must be received by Friday 18th March. All tickets and money must be received by Wednesday 23rd March HOWEVER if you wish to have a chance in the 100+ prizes please ensure your tickets have arrived at school no later than Friday 18th March.

If you have any queries contact Kath O'Hara 0411 699 867 or k-ohara@bigpond.net.au

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Run for Your Kids by You.

Our Committee

Did you know? The WKC committee is composed of 5 parents who all work full time. Some travel interstate on a regular basis and the committee is rarely complete but that gives for efficient and friendly meetings. The new committee was elected in January. Andrew Hesse is the new chair, taking over from Bridget Vickers who still remains with the team as a committee member. Véronique Lévy is continuing on as treasurer, Julie Humphries and Claire Stanley are soldiering on as supporting members. Their photos are along those of the WKC staff in the WKC room. Both Andrew and Véronique cycle to work; they are easy to identify in the crowd of well-dressed parents. If you see them, do not hesitate to ask questions, they will be happy to assist.

Coming Soon - the Easter Break

It is already the start of March. The first term this year only includes nine weeks. Just sneeze and the Easter break will be on us! This means that the WKC staff is busy preparing the program for the Easter Vacation Care. Both Kaylene and Emma (our morning and afternoon supervisors) are leading the program and if you do have any ideas of activities and outings which would keep our kids entertained and their curiosity excited, they will gladly listen to you and take on board any suggestions. The booking forms with the activities will be released soon and sent by e-mail to all parents.

WKC Committee and Staff

Next committee meeting will be Wednesday, 16 March at 6.00pm in the WKC office. Free baby-sitting and dinner provided on site for the kids, nibbles for the adults.

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Nominations for Club Championships have now closed. Reminder - all swim fees must be up to date prior to Club Championships commencing. If you are unsure if you have any outstanding fees please check with Kirsten.

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

Swim Club duties this week-

Canteen: **Paul, Stuart and Moore**

BBQ: **Mackay, Fidler and Beaman**

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.

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

See you at the pool!



Clean Up Australia Day 2016

We invite you to help clean up the river banks of the Port of Brisbane on Clean Up Australia Day. We'll provide an enjoyable morning of clean up activities and a free early lunch.

This event is suitable for ages 4 and up.

SUNDAY 6 MARCH, 8.30-11.30AM

WHERE: Port Office, 3 Port Central Ave, Port of Brisbane where we will shuttle you to the clean up zones

BRING: Sunscreen, insect repellent and a reusable water bottle

WEAR: Hat and enclosed shoes that can get dirty

Register your interest at www.cleanupaustrialday.org.au/Port+Bris by Friday 26 February.



Commercial Hockey Club
is your local hockey club based at Finsbury Park,
Newmarket.

We cater for all ages and abilities, so if your looking to join please come and see us.

Juniors practice on Thursday nights and the season will begin after Easter.

For more information check out our website:
<http://commercialhockeyclub.majestri.com.au>

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GRANGE THISTLE SCHOOL HOLIDAY SOCCER CAMP

MK13 is coming back to Grange with an exciting new holiday camp! MK13 Soccer is again joining forces with Grange Thistle and will be running a soccer clinic in the Easter school holidays in age appropriate groups catering for 5-14 year olds. Sessions will be fun, creative, thought provoking and skill developing.

Numbers limited. Register online now
www.mk13soccer.com

Canteen facilities available
Like 'Grange Thistle Soccer Club' and 'MK13 Soccer' on Facebook



Where: Lanham Park
When: Tues Mar 29th - Fri Apr 1st
Times: 8.30am - 2.00pm Daily

GRANGE THISTLE SCHOOL HOLIDAY SOCCER CAMP

With MK13 Soccer

About The Camp..

MK13 Soccer is proud to be bringing its creative, fun and skill developing program to the Grange community. MK13 Soccer, run by Grange Thistle's Technical Director, Matty Kelly will bring a team of qualified coaches to present entertaining, exciting and highly organised soccer sessions to promote the development of core skills in a fun and all inclusive setting.

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- * Fun and exciting
- * Make new friends

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MK13 medal of completion




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Helen O'Grady Drama Academy
Please phone Margaret Treuel B.A., Dip. Ed.
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FIJI NEEDS YOUR HELP CYCLONE WINSTON

Book drive to help rebuild schools in Fiji.

Some of us have amazing holidays in the beautiful Islands of Fiji, as you will know they have been severally damaged, villages gone, loss of life, homes, schools, infrastructure destroyed and will take a long time to rebuild.

We can do a small bit to help by donating books. If each child can spare one or a couple of their precious books that would be a great help.

A container is leaving next week and we need to act immediately.

Please take your book/s to your class by next Tuesday 8 March.

Remember every little bit helps those in need.

Thanks Kathryn Kane (Matt - 5B and Reuben - 5E)