FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome back!

As I look at the calendar of events for the term I would like to draw to your attention a number of events that will take place.

ANZAC Day - The service is being held on Thursday, 21 April; 1:55pm arrival for a 2:00pm start. We aim to finish up at approximately 2:45pm. If you would like to attend this service you are most welcome.

The Student Council, supported by Mrs Paulsen and many of our teachers, will be holding Skate Nights at the Stafford Centre throughout the term. Please see our calendar for exact date and times for each age group.

NAPLAN – these national tests for our Year 3 and 5 students will take place on 10 to 12 May. I know at times that the media coverage of these tests tends to be on the anxiety caused by the tests. Our teachers and leaders in this area of the school are well organised and have very calmly prepared our students well for this week.

Fanfare will be held on 26 May for our Vivace Strings.

Swimming Pool

Later this month there will be significant facility works undertaken by the Department of Education in the pool complex. The scope of work includes; new pipes from the pool to the filter and back; six skimmer boxes; new coping; the retiling of the tile band around the top of the pool and the repainting of the surface of the pool. Last year the pool was converted from chlorine to salt and when this occurred a new filtration system was put in place. The current piping does not allow enough water to flow into the filter thus the need to upgrade. This will mean that at different times over this term heavy machinery will be accessing the school grounds in the Primrose St/Thomas St corner of the school. When we are informed of this we will endeavour to clearly communicate with our neighbours and parents particularly during drop off and pick up times.

Shoes

Since the beginning of the year I have received a large number of positive comments regarding the improved uniform expectation of our students. The students look exceptionally good in the new uniforms. I once again thank the many parents who are supporting us with our expectation that all students wear black shoes. I have noticed a number of students wearing a black shoe with either white soles or white accent to the shoe. This does not meet our expectation and I would ask that they be changed prior to the commencement of Term 3.

Anzac Day Ribbons

There will be an opportunity to purchase ribbons for Anzac day at lunchtime in the Undercover Area on Monday 18 to Friday 22 April. Cost of the ribbons is $1 and $2 each.

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Guy Hendriks
Principal
AUTHOR VISIT—Cameron Stelzer

During Week 1, 2 and 3 of Term 2, we have a special visit from author and illustrator Dr Cameron Stelzer. Cameron is visiting Wilston State School to run workshops with our Year 3 and Year 5 students. Cameron will be engaging Year 3 and Year 5 students in workshops to motivate and inspire students with their writing and help them prepare for the NAPLAN writing task. Students will be working with Cameron each week exploring both the narrative and persuasive genres. Students and teachers are looking forward to a fantastic series of workshops!

In conjunction with the Author Visit, Wilston SS families have a special opportunity to purchase signed and personalised copies of Cameron’s books at special prices. Individual items are $15 each and there are also exclusive book sets available. Students will receive an order form on the first day of workshops (Week 1). Forms and payment can be returned the following day, to the office via the class Blue Bag. Cameron will personally sign all books (including the child’s name and a message), and students will receive their books in Week 3.

ECOMARINE NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2! EcoMarines would like to mention some things that we are doing this term. We are excited to start the mission Adopt-a-Shop. Adopt-a-Shop is where an EcoMarine Warrior or someone who is a part of the EcoMarine team goes to a local store, shop or workplace and persuades them to reduce the use of plastic bags. If they agree, we offer them a certificate to put on display in their store and they will make a conscious effort to reduce their use of plastic bags and encourage customers to say no to plastic bags when they on have a few items.

Another thing we would like to mention is Wrapper-Free-Wednesdays. This has been a great initiative for our school and we are seeing great results. This term, if you are caught with a great wrapper-free lunch, you will be awarded with a ticket which will go into a draw. If you are awarded 4 or more tickets by the end of term, you will receive a certificate of appreciation. Listen out over the next few weeks as we will be drawing last term’s Wrapper-Free winner. Thank you and remember

GO GREEN FOR ECOMARINES!!!

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 1 x 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 1 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  Spinning Earth (Earth and Space Sciences)

Science Understanding: In this unit students will investigate the effect of Earth’s rotation on its axis in relation to the position of the sun. Students will consider how everyday observations including day and night, sunrise and sunset, and shadows occur because of Earth’s rotation.

Assessment: Students will create a presentation to communicate their understandings and findings about the regular changes on Earth and its rotation. There is an ongoing collection of work from various learning experiences during the unit.

Year 4 Material use (Chemical Sciences)

Science Understanding: In this unit, students will investigate physical properties of materials and consider how these properties influence the selection of materials for particular purposes.

Assessment: Formal examination. There is an ongoing collection of work from various learning experiences during the unit.

Year 5 Our place in the solar system (Earth and Space Sciences)

Science Understanding: In this unit students will describe the key features of our solar system including planets and stars. They will discuss scientific developments that have affected people’s lives and describe details of contributions to our knowledge of the solar system from a range of people.

Assessment: Formal examination. There is an ongoing collection of work from various learning experiences during the unit.

Year 4 material scientists investigating the properties of slime.

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

Brendan Medlin/Donna Kelly.

NEWS FROM HPE

Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who competed in the school cross country before the holidays. It was great to see all students getting out and performing to the best of their ability. This effort was reflected in one of the closest results I can remember. There were only 9 points between the three houses when all points were totalled.

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City District Sports

The following students have made district teams:
Congratulations to all 7 Wilston SS students who represented Met North at the State Swimming Championships in the last week of last term. Most came home with PB’s. Well done to Josh A who has again been selected into the Queensland team.

**CHOIR NEWS**

Welcome back! The Wilston Wonders are looking forward to learning some new, fun repertoire this term. With Easter now over and our Anzac Service next week, we will soon have the chance to pursue a more diverse range of musical styles. Please see below for important Term 2 dates.

**FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT**

Well done to all the beginner strings students who performed beautifully at the Pizzicato Strings Concert at the end of last term. Congratulations to the Chamber Strings who opened the concert and also played well. The string students have a busy term ahead with a few performances.

Please mark the following on your calendar:

- May 26 – Fanfare (Vivace Strings only)
- June 7-9 – Junior Music Camp (Dolce Strings only)
- TBA – Chamber music concert (Vivace and Dolce Strings)
- June 23 – Assembly performance

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Welcome back to the new term. The menu has stayed very similar this term but as it get cooler we will make some changes so keep a look out for these.

If you are catching up with other mums or need a caffeine shot come on down after drop off and enjoy a Latte or a Cappuccino from our Coffee Shop, stay awhile and maybe even a second cup.

As always we would love a hand in the Tuckshop, just pop in, I promise we don’t bite.

**Roster for the week beginning 18 April 2016**

| Monday 18 | Closed |
| Tuesday 19 | Ellie Cayas, Louise Astori, Judith |
| Wednesday 20 | Steve Lawson, Orna, Amanda Boone |
| Thursday 21 | Chloe Smith, Sally Carson, Wendy Bensley |
| Friday 22 | Tina Robinson, Tarah Hastie, Aislim Ivison, Sue |

**FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP**

After more than three years at the helm of the Uniform Shop, Christine Matheson is moving on to other areas of school involvement. For her incredible contribution to the school, her tireless efforts in crafting our new school uniform, and the countless hours behind the scenes making sure the shop is fully stocked, we say a big THANKS!

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

**Opening times:** In Term 2 and 3 the Uniform Shop opens on Wednesday and Friday: 8.15am-9.45am (next to Tuckshop).

**MunchMonitor:** Order all your uniform and stationery items online at [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com).

Username: wiltonss and Password: munch4051. Please order places by 9.15am on Wednesday and Friday. This will ensure orders are delivered to teachers’ pigeonholes for class delivery on those days.

**Tights:** Perfect for girls under skirts and dresses as the weather cools, a new order of tights has just been unpacked. Choose from small (size 3), medium (size 6-9) or large (size 10-12). They sell for $10 each.

**In stock:** Gabardine shorts size 10 ($25), prep exercise books ($1), glue sticks ($3.80), and Think Mentals 4 ($14).

**Tip of the week:** The ANZAC Day school assembly next Thursday, April 21, will be a great opportunity to wear our new formal school uniform. **Check shirts** and **dresses** in most sizes are available in store now and we have just received a new range of **hair accessories** in the school colours so come down and dress smart.

**Did you know:** Glue sticks were invented in Germany in 1969 after studying how easy it was to apply lipstick with the twist-up applicator. Within two years they were available in 38 countries and they’re in the Uniform/Bookshop today, ready to top up school supplies and glue those Words Their Way sorts into homework books. **Glue sticks** sell for $3.80.

**NEWS FROM THE P&C**

Well here we are at Term 2 already, I hope all families had a relaxing time over the Easter break and are ready to get back into it.

As this is my first message in the Wilston Weekly, I’ll do a quick introduction. I am Chris Burke, I have a Project Management background, I have two girls in Year 1. This is my first year on the P&C but was a volunteer for a number of events last year and previous to that I was President at Wilston Grange Kindy.

Since becoming President, I’ve been getting to know the people and processes in our operating areas - Tuckshop, Uniform Shop, Swim Club and Kids Care and I look forward to working with our Business Managers on building a cohesive environment which benefits the school and most importantly the kids.

Due to a resignation, we have a vacancy in the WSS P&C Executive Committee — Vice President. Therefore we are inviting nominations for election to this role at the next monthly meeting to be held on 21 April at 7.00pm in D Block.

We are also seeking a volunteer to take on the task of looking after Grant applications, this person would source and build the relevant applications for grants which is an important opportunity for funding.
Along with the Tuckshop, the Uniform Shop and the pool, WKC is run by

2016 Annual P&C Easter Egg Raffle

Congratulations to all the winners in the raffle. A very big thank you to all in the school community who were so generous with donations and ticket purchases. A big thank you to our wonderful Tuckshop/Uniform staff, especially Dot, for collecting, sorting and storing all of the donations. Paige, Emma, Melinda, Annie and Yelonde – thank you for all of your help with tickets and wrapping. Thank you also to Leigh and office staff for again providing such wonderful support. May your Easter and holiday be a special time with your families.

Vacation Care – Overbooked!
The Easter holidays are finished but once more vacation care was very busy with the centre welcoming over 100 children on some days and having to refuse some. One of the most popular activities was the petting zoo, the children got to get close to a wide variety of animals, guinea pigs, chickens but the biggest surprise was when 2 ponies all sadled up stepped out of the truck. The children got to ride them around the oval and photographs were taken for everyone to keep a souvenir.

Mothers’ Day Stall
Shopping for Mother’s Day is easy for Wilston kids (and their dads)! The P&C Mothers’ Day Stall will be on all day Wednesday 4th May. Students can come to the stall with their class and choose a great gift for their special mum (and/or grandma, godmother etc). All gifts are still just $10. Students must bring their money on the day. The stall will also open before school (8.00-9.15am) on Thursday 5 May for anyone who is away or forgets their money on Wednesday.

ALSO, I really need some volunteers who can spare an hour or more on to help on the stall (next to the library) during class (9.00am-2.45pm) on Wednesday. Pick a timeslot that suits online (www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0E4FAEAE23A1F85-2016) or text me. Thank you!

Funding the School’s Projects – Did you know?
Along with the Tuckshop, the Uniform Shop and the pool, WKC is run by the Parents and Citizens’ (P&C) association of the school. All profits made by the centre go to the P&C and are used to fund the school’s special projects, such as the iPads recently acquired. Some projects are also directly funded by the centre such as last year’s refurbishment of B Block, or the installation of the enclosed library area. Thanks to its hard work, the centre is the P&C’s biggest contributor and is always looking at projects which will benefit our children.

2016 WSS TRIVIA NIGHT
SAVE THE DATE
2016 WSS TRIVIA NIGHT
SATURDAY JUNE 4

WKC Committee and Staff - Come and join us!
The next Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, 20 April 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

Swim Club News - 2 Crocs heading to Rio
The Wilston Crocs would like to congratulate two former swimmers - Madeline Groves and Georgia Bohl who have both been selected in the Australian Swim Team to compete at the Rio Olympics.

Positions Vacant – AGM this week
The continued success of the Crocs to help the next swimmers to follow in Maddie and Georgia’s footsteps can only happen with a strong committee in place. There are a number of positions which will become available for the new season. If you are interested in putting your hand up for any roles or if you would like to discuss the roles further please come along to the meeting on Thursday or contact Matthew Crook for further information.

Our final Committee Meeting for this season will be held this Thursday 14 April at 7:00pm poolside.

Trophy Night and AGM
Our Trophy Night and AGM for the election of office bearers will be held on Saturday 16 April at 5.30pm in the school’s Undercover Area. Following the formal presentations there will be pizza for the children and a disco. We look forward to seeing everyone there to celebrate a great season of racing. Please bring your own chair, a plate of food to share and drinks. Non-alcoholic drinks will be available on the night.

Term 2 Swimming Program – Pool Closure
Learn to Swim and Squad recommenced this week. The timetable will remain as normal up until the pool closure on Monday 2nd May. Learn to swim will then cease for the remainder of the term with lessons due to recommence at the start of Term 3.

Squad sessions remain as normal up until the pool closure on Monday 2nd May. From the 2 squad will relocate to Windsor State School for the remainder of the term. These arrangements including transport before and after school will be advised as finalised over the next week or so.

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

Athletics
The Running Club
Come and get ready for the Athletics season.
7.30am Tuesdays and Fridays on the Oval.
ATFC accredited coach Mr Tim Class-Auliff invites all students to come and train.
Cost is a gold coin.
For more information call Tim on 0416 171 904.
**Go Sports**

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

**Netball:** Grades 1—4  
(7.50 to 8.35am Friday 29 April)

**Soccer:** Grades Prep—Grade 3  
(7.50-8.35am) Friday 29 April)

6 weeks

To register go to www.gosports.com.au ad clock on register online.

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**Learn French with us!**

Alliance Française FRENCH classes at Wilton State School  
$230 per term  
(5% discount for members)

Classes start on Tuesday 19 April 2016, over 8 weeks

4 to 6 years old  
TUESDAY: 7.30-8.45am  
3 to 11 years old – Grade 2  
THURSDAY: 7.30-8.45am

* 1. Textbook 1 service book is required (5218).  
It will cover 8 terms.

[Click here](http://www.afbrisbane.org) for more information.

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**Junior Engineers**

Commences Thursday, 14th April 2016  
Weekly classes, 3:15pm-4:00pm  
Course runs for 11 weeks  
Course fee $275 (+ $40 annual registration fee)

Register today at www.jnrengineers.com.au  
07 3700 9053

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**Mother’s Day Stall**

**Wednesday 4th May**

Kids, come to the P&C stall with your class & choose a gift to say thank you to your special mum (and/or grandmother etc).  
We have huge range of great gifts to choose from.

**All gifts $10**

The stall will also open on Thursday 5th May (8-9.15am) for kids who are away or forget their money on Wednesday.

Parents, can you spare time on Wed 4th to help 800+ kids choose a gift? If so, please call/text Ingrid (042 405 1987).
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In our classes, children will learn new skills such as tumbling, part routines, dance and jumps in a fun and encouraging environment.
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5-7 years
Downey Park Netball Association
Net Set Go 2016
DPNAA is pleased to announce our popular Net Set Go Program for 5 to 7 years is being held from Saturday 23rd April until 16th June 2016.
Online registrations will open on the 1st March 2016 and close on 21st April 2016 - you will not be able to register after this date.
You are invited to visit the online registration form:
Cost for the 5 week program is $100 payable only by the online payment gateway.
Participants will receive a ball, t-shirt and medal.

What is it?
• Net Set Go is a play-based skills program aimed for 5 – 7 year olds, (born 2006, 2009, 2011). Children who are turning 5 in 2016 and not playing club netball can register for this program.
• It focuses on the development of the basic motor skills, in a fun environment.
• Children join the program as individuals, not as a team.
• The program promotes participation, skill development and fun.
• Dates: Saturdays – April 23, May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4, 11, 18
• Time: 9.00am – 9.60am
• Where: Downey Park Netball court (inside fenced complex).

What to bring: Suitable shoes, Visor, Water Bottle, Sunscreen.

In the case of wet weather, please check the Downey Park Facebook page;
https://www.facebook.com/DowneyParkNetballAssociation

Drama with Brisbane Youth Theatre
Keeping kids and teens engaged and creative
with like-minded peers.

After School Drama Classes Term 2
• On Mondays at 4:00pm – 5:00pm for ages 7-9 year olds.
• On Mondays at 5:00pm – 6:00pm for ages 9-11 year olds.
• On Wednesdays at 4:00pm – 5:00pm for ages 9-11 year olds.
• On Wednesdays at 5:00pm – 6:30pm for ages 12-17 year olds.

Join us at our Paddington venue

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