FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Excursions, Incursions and Sporting Activities
This term our students will be offered the opportunity to attend many extra curricula events in and outside of the school. Activities offered include; Gala Days, excursions, camps and incursions. Over the last few years the school has had to wear the cost when students have attended these events and payment has not been forthcoming.

Our policy is that if a child has not paid for an activity then they will not be allowed to attend. I have been reassured by my administrative staff that all teachers are asked to quietly remind individual students that payment is needed well before the event takes place to ensure their parents do have time to settle accounts.

Note that if you pay using our preferred method of BPOINT, please ensure you include invoice details so that we can cross reference your payment with the invoice sent. Internet payment takes up to 48 hours to show on our records so we ask, if possible, to pay for the activity a few days before it commences.

SKILLS FOR TOMORROW
There’s a lot of uncertainty about the knowledge and competencies that will be truly useful for today’s students in tomorrow’s world. But some fundamental things will remain.

There will still be an Internet. This means that being able to make sense of an overwhelming amount of information is a crucial skill.

People will still be trying to sell us things and ideas. To evaluate these sales pitches, students will need an understanding of logic, reasoning, argument, and persuasive techniques.

Listening will still be important. This means that all students will need to be media literate so they can listen well to different kinds of media.

People will still be speaking. Speaking skills will be vital in a world where the channels for verbal communication will continue to grow.

“Four Predictions for Students’ Tomorrows” by Erik Palmer in Educational Leadership, March 2016

“There is no point in producing people who have only met people like themselves.”
Patrick Derham, headmaster of Westminster School

Guy Hendriks
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

NAPLAN 2016
The National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing time is fast approaching.

We just wanted to remind parents of the dates so you can ensure your child is at school ready to participate.

These tests are usually conducted in the first session.
Tuesday 10 May (2 tests) Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 11 May Reading
Thursday 12 May Numeracy.

The tests go for 40 to 50 minutes, however teachers must read instructions, children do practice and then have to fill out the front of the booklets before beginning.

To reduce any stress please ensure your child is here by 8.40am.

Year 6 Graduation
Save the date
Year 6 parents please note the formal Graduation Ceremony will be held on Friday 2 December 9.00 - 11.00am where students achievements are recognised and awards are presented.

The breakup day, pool party and disco evening will be held Thursday 8 December 2016.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Skate Nights
Year 5 and 6 Thursday 28 April 2016
Year 3 and 4 Thursday 5 May 2016
Prep to Year 2 Thursday 12 May 2016.

STUDENT PAYMENTS

You would have received a WHITE statement for excursions and activities which your child/children will be participating in 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

SCIENCE NEWS

Year 4 students are studying material science this term, and enjoyed investigating the properties of slime last week. I had lots of requests for the recipe. Have fun!

General information:
• Follow the recipe given carefully or the slime will not set to the right consistency.
• Guar gum (food-grade polymer powder) is available at health food stores.
• Glycerine is available in the health section of the supermarket or from pharmacies.
• Borax is available from hardware stores. Borax is toxic if consumed in sufficient quantities. More than a teaspoon full of borax will cause nausea. Because of the small amount present in the slime, a lot of slime would need to be eaten to cause ill effects.

Materials required:
Guar gum: 45 ml
Glycerine: 200 ml
Borax: 60 ml
Food colouring: 5 ml
Water: 2 L
4 L mixing bowl
Stirring spoon

Method:
1. Follow the instructions exactly and mix the ingredients in the correct order and for the required time.
2. First make some borax solution by adding 60 mL of borax to 500 ml of water. Mix well for two minutes and set aside.
3. In a large, dry container place 45 mL of the guar gum.
4. Add 200 ml of glycerine and mix together for one minute.
5. Add 1.5 L of water and 5 ml of food colouring.
6. Mix thoroughly for two minutes then leave the mixture to thicken for three minutes.
7. Add the borax solution made previously and stir for at least two minutes.
8. Knead the slime vigorously by hand for a further five minutes.
9. The slime is ready when you can lift it out of the container. It should not stick to your hands.

Note: Do not dispose of the slime down the sink or into waterways. Discard of the slime thoughtfully in the rubbish; double bag to prevent leakage into the bin.

NEWS FROM HPE

Gala Day payments and permission slips are now due. Please note payment should be received well in advance to ensure your child attends.

CHOIR NEWS

We hope you enjoyed the Anzac Service today. It is a real privilege for our choirs to be part of this commemorative ceremony.
Coming up in a few weeks, we invite the families of our Wilston Wonders (Years 5-6) to attend an OPEN REHEARSAL on Friday May 13 at 8.00am in the Music Room. Come along and see what we get up to!
Regards
Miranda Charters
EDUCATION ON SHOW
Mrs Charles and Mr Fay are coordinating entries for the RNA Education On Show. There will be a meeting for all interested students soon.

These are the entry sections:

PREP
Class 1 Rain Mural (Visual Arts)
    Create a mural of a 'Rainy Day'
Class 2 What do you see in that cloud? (Visual Arts)
    Photograph a cloud and add features to turn the cloud into your 'critter'.
Class 3 Weather Diary (Visual Arts, Science)
    Record seven (?) days of weather observations in a pictorial representation/diary.

YEAR 1 TO YEAR 2
Class 4 Playground Plan (Geography)
    Create a pictorial plan of a playground with labels suitable for a hot, dry climate.
Class 5 When it rains, I like to... (English)
    Write a short narrative starting with "When it rains, I like to..."
Class 6 Before & After Drought (Visual Art)
    Draw two illustrations of the same landscape, before and after a drought.
Class 7 Umbrella Design (Technology)
    Create a 2D design for an umbrella.

YEAR 3 TO YEAR 4
Class 8 Onomatopoeic Poem (English)
    Write a poem using onomatopoeia to describe a hail storm.
Class 9 Flood Warning Poster (Visual Arts)
    Create a poster to illustrate and include the safety message, 'IF IT'S FLOODED, FORGET IT'.
Class 10 Weathering, Erosion & Deposition (Science)
    Create a poster explaining weathering, erosion and deposition.
Class 11 Life Cycles (Science)
    Write a report on the life cycle of a plant or animal.

YEAR 5 TO YEAR 6
Class 12 Weather Vane (Technology)
    Create a 3D model of a working weather vane.
Class 13 Rain Fall Map (Geography, Science)
    Draw a map of Queensland showing the rainfall in (mm) over an area after a cyclone.
Class 14 Survival in hot and dry extremes (Science)
    Create a labelled 3D model of an animal or plant explaining how it survives in a hot dry climate.
Class 15 Wind Powered Vehicle (Technology)
    Create a wind powered vehicle.
Class 16 Farming Report (Geography)
    Write a report on the environmental impact of a natural disaster on an agricultural industry.

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

Please note the following dates for the strings students this term:

- May 26 – Fanfare (Vivace Strings only)
- June 7-9 – Junior Music Camp (Dolce Strings only)
- June 20 – Chamber music concert (Vivace and Dolce Strings)
- June 16 (incorrect date in the last newsletter) – Assembly performance

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Have you tried an iced coffee topped with ice cream made with love by the lovely Bec and then sat down to relax on the coffee shop chairs? You should try it. Better still bring a friend and relax together. We also sell lattes, flat white, cappuccinos, and various teas.

If your child is young and unsure of the prices and what they would like, log on to Munch Monitors and make a choice look up the price, they will then have a better idea when they get to the window when its noisy and crowded.

Roster for the week beginning 25 April 2016

| Monday 25 | Closed |
| Wednesday 27 | Marion Jones, Elena Hoffman, Mirella Fyimoto |
| Thursday 28 | Megan Beattie, Amanda Burke, Leah Westbrook |
| Friday 29 | Kathy Davies, Sharon Snowdon, Catherine, Eliza Hooper |

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

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Did you know: Roald Dahl used only pencils with yellow casing to write his books. He had six sharpened pencils ready at the beginning of each day and only when all six were unusable did he resharpen. (source: Wikipedia)

Janice Nykier and Debra Bela – Convenors
Ph: 3552 8490/0403153 096 (Janice)
bookshop@wilstonpandc.org.au
Mothers’ Day Stall

Shopping for Mothers’ 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!

Ingrid (042 405 1987)

2016 Trivia Night
Saturday 4 June 2016

Theme: Film and Television

Don’t miss out on one of the best (perhaps the most fun for parents) events of the school year!! This year the theme is film and television … think of your favourite old shows such as ER, MASH, Sound of Music or Bold and the Beautiful or some new ones such as My Kitchen Rules, Deadpool or a rerun of the Smurf Movie.

PK (our Trivia Master) is already working on his questions for what is one of his favourite events on his calendar.

Tickets will go on sale next Friday 29 April. $250 a table or $25 a ticket and we will find you a table. Numbers are limited so don’t miss out.

This event is already shaping up to be bigger and better again (didn’t think it was possible). If you haven’t been to the WSS Trivia Night before consider organising a table or purchasing a ticket. It is much more than a Trivia Night - one needs to see it to believe it.

Watch this space for the kids trivia competition that will be held in the weeks leading up to the big night.

This is our last year organising this event and we intend to go out with a bang. If anyone has an interest in being involved in the organising group for next year please let us know. We can CC you in the behind the scenes activities so you can see what goes on!!!

Please see the flyer at the back of the Wilston Weekly for more information.

Contact Kath O’Hara (k-o hara@bigpond.net.au) or Michelle Tribe (michmatt@bigpond.net.au) to let us know your chosen table theme.

Note this is an adults only event.

Last Week of Squad and LTS at Wilston – THIS WEEK with Pancakes on Saturday to finish.

With the exciting redevelopment of our pool commencing next Tuesday 26 April, this week is the last week in our pool until Term 3.

All squad sessions remain as normal up until Saturday 23 April. Following our last training session at Wilston this Saturday we will be holding a Pancake breakfast.

If any parents can assist on the BBQ that would be great. From Tuesday 26 April squad will relocate to Windsor State School.

Squad Training Windsor State School

Morning squads will run Monday to Thursday at the following times:
Training Development and Skills squad 6:30am - 8:00am
Stroke Development squad 7:15 - 8:00am

Squads will also run on Saturday morning from 7:00am.

Afternoon squads will run Monday to Friday at the following times-
Training Development and Skills Squad 4:00- 5:30pm
Stroke Development Squad 4:00- 4:45pm

For those who indicate they want to use it, chaperoned Maxi taxis will provide transport from Windsor to Wilston State school each morning at 8:15am and to transport swimmers to Windsor each afternoon with the taxi leaving Wilston at 3:30pm. The kids will be chaperoned on the taxi each day, either by Noel or a LTS instructor. A permission form will need to completed by each family before your child is allowed to travel in the taxi. If your child is booked into after school care they will need to sign in as normal and will be escorted to the taxi. Children will then be signed out at Windsor by their parents.

Squad invoices are being processed now for Term 2 and these will have a strict 14 day payment period due to the costs the club will incur while training at Windsor SS. The costs associated with the taxi will be invoiced to parents afterwards at $3 per trip.

The last learn to swim session at Wilston will also be this Saturday 23 April.

Trophy Night and AGM

We celebrated the end of the season on Saturday with the Club Trophy night which was a huge success. It was great to see so many swimmers and their families attend. Thank you to all our swimmers, parents and volunteers who have helped to make this season a success.

Thank you to the parents who also attended the AGM on Saturday. The position of Chairperson remains vacant so if you are interested in taking on this role or would like to discuss the role further please contact Matthew Crook for further information.

The Wilston Crocs have a Facebook page. Please ‘like us’ and keep up to date on all swimming news.
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).
WILSTON STATE SCHOOL P&C ANNUAL

TRIVIA NIGHT

Theme - Film and television

SATURDAY 4 JUNE 2016

@ 7PM

Prizes, raffles, games and lots of fun!
BYO food.

$250 table of 10 or $25 per ticket and we will find you a table.
Places are limited so get in quick!

Reserve your table via
Register your theme with k-ohara@bigpond.net.au or
Michelle Tribe michmatt@bigpond.net.au

This is an adults-only licensed event (no children please).
Queensland Academies
Creative Industries Campus
School as usual Open Day Wednesday 27 April
1.00pm - 3.00pm
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Learn a new game or improve skills!
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(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.

Open Day
Saturday 7th May, 10am -12noon
Parents and children are invited to Ballymore Kindy for an Open Day at:
185 Butterfield Street, Herston, 4006
We are a small, single unit, not-for-profit community kindergarten, committed to the value of play in children’s learning and development.
Affiliated with Lady Gower, we are located right next to Ballymore Rugby Oval in Herston.
Parents and children are welcome to visit our centre, meet staff, explore our beautiful environment and try out a range of kindergarten experiences.

Attendance hours:
Monday and Tuesday 8:30am - 4:00pm
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30am - 2:30pm
visit www.ballymorekindy.com.au
email admin@ballymorekindy.com.au
phone 3252 3732

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