FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Swimming Pool
This week the contractors working in our pool have kindly downed tools to ensure that the Year 3 and Year 5 students who have to sit the National Assessments Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) are not unduly distracted.

They obviously don’t build things like they used to, I’m sure in part due to the cost of materials, but last week I was informed that the concrete around the pool is a lot thicker than initially anticipated. It was first thought that the concrete would be jackhammered by hand and removed however this will not be the case and a large machine driven hammer will need to be operated. This work has been scheduled for the first few days of next week.

NAPLAN
On all accounts our students have engaged well with these assessments. I appreciate the calm manner in which are students are prepared leading into this week and I believe this allows all students to respond appropriately to the questions and tasks asked of them.

Trivia Night
The 2016 Annual Trivia Night will be held on Saturday 4 June 2016. The theme this year is Film and Television. Tickets are now on sale via Munch Monitor or the P&C website www.wiltonpandc.org.au. Please support this fun event.

Report Cards
Just a reminder that report cards will be emailed home at the end of this term. If your email address has changed this year, please complete the Student Details Update form that was sent out earlier this term and return it to the office via the class Blue Bag.

Accounts
There are a number of excursions coming up. Please make sure payment has been made well in advance if you wish your child to attend these activities. Unfortunately if students have not paid they will not attend. Statements have been going home each week.

Stand Up
In September of last year I placed on the wall above my desk a poster printed by the Courier Mail titled - Stand Up. This was in reference to making a stand on domestic violence.

May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month in Queensland. I would urge all families to get involved in awareness-raising and to discuss this topic with their children. I would hope over time we are able to help change the culture and attitudes in our community that underpin violence. Domestic and family violence is more than just physical violence.

Abuse is not always physical — it can be emotional, verbal, sexual, financial or involve threats and controlling behaviours. All forms of violence and abuse should be taken seriously and not tolerated.

Guy Hendriks
Principal
WELL DONE AWARDS

Prep
Liam D PA, Scott S PA, Tigo N PB, Rodrigo P PB, Kenji E PC, Matthew I PC, Heidi S PD, Jarvis M PD, Hudson G PE, Crusoe B PE.

Year 1
Majella E 1A, Zale W 1A, Ian H 1B, Riley B 1B, Ben d-F 1C, Gloria F 1C, Oliver H 1D, Stella W 1D, Isobel H 1E, Nicholas E 1E, Ursula E 1F, Daisy S 1F.

Year 2

The following Care Award recipients were drawn out and have their class received the trophy for this term:
- Zoha F PE
- Lachlan M 1F
- James R 2A

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Prep 2017
Prep enrolment packs will be available from the office for families of in catchment students or siblings of existing students from 10 May 2016.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Skate Nights
Prep to Year 2 Thursday 12 May 2016.

ECOMARINES

Hi everyone, this week an Eco-tree is being displayed in the office. You can go see all our Thankyous, Promises and Wishes, on the leaves hanging on the tree.

This term we are going to have a Go Green Ecomarine free dress day with a gold coin donation. All you have to do is dress green and have fun. The money we raise will be going towards purchasing recycling bins for our classrooms. In having these bins in our classroom we are educating and lending a green hand to our environment, especially our bay and the precious animals that call it home.

The EcoMarine team are still working hard the mission ‘Adopt-A-Shop’, they have adopted 10 shops so far! If you know I shop that using plastic bags and needs some help reducing their use, please let one of our EcoMarine Warriors know.

Interesting Fact: Because plastic bags last so long, every year, the number of plastic bags in the litter stream increases. Currently, only 3% per cent of plastic bags used in Australia are recycled. - See more at: http://www.cleanup.org.au/au/Campaigns/plastic-bag-facts.html#sthash.LmJf5ks3.dpuf

STUDENT PAYMENTS

Just a reminder that all payments are now due. Yellow statements were sent out this week. When paying by BPOINT please enter ONLY the invoice number where it is stated on the payment.

The Biller Code is 1002534.

Payments need to be received WELL in ADVANCE if you wish your child to attend excursions and incursions.

NEWS FROM HPE

Gala Days
Permission forms have been sent home in regards to the upcoming Gala Day interschool sport. These notes need to be returned to your child’s class room teacher by the end of this week. The Gala Day levy will also need to be paid ASAP otherwise students will be unable to attend.

Training the some of the girls touch teams on Friday morning has been changed to Thursday lunch time as there was a clash with the use of the oval. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Rodney Bell
PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Ringabalin – Choral Day Camp (Years 5-6)
A note was sent home this week regarding a Choral Day camp held in Week 1 of Term 3 at the Gap State School. This choral event is aimed at extending our young singers who are excelling in our choral program here at school. If your child is interested in attending this event please return the slip by this Friday (May 13th). The organizers can take approximately 20 students per school and cost is $120 per student.

Wilston Wonders - Dates to remember:
- Open Rehearsal: This Friday May 13th 8.00am.
- Music Room
- Northey St Market Performance: Sunday June 5th Arrive 9.45am 10.00am Performance

A permission form with more information will be sent home for the Northey St Market performance this week.

Miranda Charters

FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

Junior Strings Music Camp
Just a reminder that payment and permission slips are due back from selected students for the Junior Strings Music Camp. If students are not wanting to participate, could they let Kathryn Payne know. Thanks.

BRASS WOODWIND & PERCUSSION

Band Blitz
Just a reminder that payment and permission slips are due back from selected students for the Band Blitz. If students are not wanting to participate, could they let Colin McIntyre know. Thanks.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

To order from our Tuckshop is quite simple, log on to munchmonitor.com.au. Click on login then click getting started, click register and the codes you will need are:
From there it asks for email info etc. and you’re are your way to ordering. Once you have an account just order anytime day or night remembering that after 9.15am every day ordering closes for that day. You can cancel your order anytime up till then by logging in to munch monitors. You can order ice blocks Zooper Doopers etc on Munch Monitors. There is a button for 24 Zooper Doopers and then just add any extras in singles. They are in the big lunch section but let your teacher know so they can collect the treats from Tuckshop.

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP
Almost halfway through Term 2 and we are unpacking new stationery this week to meet demand. If your child needs a new board folder they can collect the treats from Tuckshop.

Tip of the week: We’re selling lots of pencils at the moment and wanted to share this simple YouTube clip that shows how to hold a pencil properly. Visit: https://youtu.be/ZIxUtwO29r8. While everyone is different, finding a grip that does not fatigue the fingers is the ultimate aim.

Did you know: Our skorts, which sell for $25, are an example of a portmanteau, a blend of words that fuses the sound and meaning of the words being used, in this case: skirt and shorts. In Lewis Carroll’s book, Through the Looking-Glass, Humpty Dumpty explains the word Silthy (lithe and slimy) to Alice: “You see it’s like a portmanteau – there are two meanings packed up into one word.” Other examples include: brunch (breakfast and lunch); spork (spoon and fork); and Microsoft (microcomputer and software). Make up your own portmanteau and drop it in to the uniform shop and we’ll post it on the noticeboard. Lewis Carroll took “Fuming” and “Furious” and made “Frumious” We think skorts are cool!

Ever Onward Wilston!
Janice Nykiel and Debra Bela – Convenors
Ph: 3552 8490/0403 153 096 (Janice)
bookshop@wilstonpandc.org.au

2016 ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday 4 June 2016
Theme - Film and Television

Numbers are limited and over half the tables have already been sold. It is going to be a fabulous evening with some fantastic themes already locked in. Don’t miss out—Tickets on sale NOW.

You can pay via Munch Monitor or the P&C Website www.wilstonpandc.org.au/ $250 a table or $25 a ticket and we will find you a table.

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

Note that this is an adults only event.
**2016 Trivia Night - Kids Trivia Challenge**

Week two of the Kids Trivia Challenge. Each week leading up to the Trivia Night on June 4 we will have a trivia question to answer. Return your answer, with your name, via the Class Blue Bag by next Wednesday for your chance to win!!!

**Prep - Year 2**

What is the name of the toy cowboy in Toy Story?

**Year 3 - Year 6**

What was the name of the monk in the Robin Hood Legend?

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**Mothers’ Day Stall Wrap Up**

Once again our kids loved choosing a gift for their special mums at the P&C Mothers’ Day stall. A big thanks to the wonderful ladies who volunteered their time to make the stall a success: Tracy P, Marteena P, Jane S, Debra B, Angela K, Angela P, Megan B, Sue L, Roxanne S, Elena H, Sian P, Veronique L, Jodi M, Julia J, Christine M & Alison H. My appreciation also to Leigh and Andrew for their assistance, and to all the teachers and aides for bringing their classes through the stall. I hope all the Willston mums had a great Mothers’ Day and enjoyed their carefully chosen gifts.

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**Is this the job for you?**

I’ve had five years convening the Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls and it’s time for someone new. These are great fundraisers and the kids really love them. We’ve got a tried and tested formula, it’s fun buying gifts, and it’s rewarding to see how excited the kids are to shop. The stalls can be organised by one but would particularly suit a team of 2 or 3. I have an abundance of info on everything you need to know to run the stalls, including where to source gifts, and I am very happy to help with next year stalls (my last year at WSS). So if you are interested in convening the Mother’s and/or Father’s Day stalls in 2017, or just want more info on what’s involved, please give me a call on 0424051987.

Ingrid Rosemann

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**NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB**

**LTS & Squad Training Windsor State School**

The start of the winter series and the move to Windsor State School has been well accepted and all is going smoothly.

Over 35 swimmers have attended squad at Windsor and the best day was when 23 of these children attended on one day! Great work, thanks parents for your commitment to continuing your children’s swimming progress. On a side note- the conversation and stories being told on the taxi rides are creative and hilarious!

Learn to Swim is now running over three afternoons and Saturday mornings at Windsor pool. We are encouraged by the take up rate of these lessons - it’s not too late to book in if you have not already.

Just contact Kirsten for more information on the LTS- remember it is always good to be consistent with swimming during winter.

For all those swimmers who are attending, or who would like to attend the squad lessons with Noel - join in! The water is warm and inviting. Noel is excited to be nearly ready to launch the "Winter Warriors Program". Stay tuned later this week for further program information and prepare for a great Winter Warriors season.

**Reminder- Yeronga Park Swimming Club** is holding a Short Course Development Meet on Sunday 29th May 2016. This is a great meet for all levels and as there are not many meets in the winter season it is a great opportunity to do some racing or to commence racing if new to the idea. Nominations are via MyLane and the link can be found on the Yeronga Swim Club’s website. Entries close on Saturday 21st May 2016.

The next Committee Meeting will be Thursday 2 June at 7.00pm in B Block.

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

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**PARENT EXPO**

**EVENT DETAILS**

- **Date:** Sunday 22 May 2016
- **Time:** 12.30pm - 4.00pm
- **Venue:** Speld Qld, 141 Herston Road, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102
- **Cost:** Members: $46.75 | Non-Members $55.00 25% Early bird discount
- **Registration:** From 11.30am. Register for the sessions you would like to attend upon arrival.

**Parenta are invited to attend various sessions with a number of experts. Mandy Naylor will provide an overview on Learning Differences and how to support children. Participants are then invited to attend 3 sessions with the speakers of their choice.**

**Registration from 11.30am. Register for the sessions you would like to attend and receive a ticket for that session. Pre-book the sessions you would like to attend by emailing admin@speld.org.au. We will take pre-bookings up until Wednesday 19th of May.**
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Contact Kerry Rea, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(07) 3115 6239 / 0419 319 564
or kerry.rea@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus is developed by MBC and the Men's and Women's Refuges Foundation. It is operated by the Salvation Army.

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Homestay families required to host short term study tour students for the following dates:

- **9th/10th July to 30th/31st July** (single Japanese)
- **30th/31st July to 20th/21 August** (single Japanese)
- **16th/17th July to 13th August/14th August** (double Chinese)
- **1st August to 19th August** (single Japanese)

Homestay families are paid $260 per week and must provide breakfast, lunch and dinner Monday to Sunday.

Students are over 18 years of age

Students are attending QUT Kelvin Grove to learn English. English must be spoken in the home and the home must be 40 minutes or less total travel time to Kelvin Grove busway (behind P Block).

For more information email Cora
cora@bluearrow.com.au  Mobile: 0411957502

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Enoggera Sacramental Programme

commencing with Parent Information Session (compulsory) 19th May 7.00pm or 22nd May 4.00pm

at St John the Baptist Parish Hall, Enoggera.

Further information:

www.kbcatholic.org.au

or

kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au

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Going away for the June/July Holidays?

Need a house sitter?

Reliable couple (WSS grandparents) are looking for a house to look after for some of the holidays.

They are happy to care for gardens and pets!

Ph 0450271857

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Wilston State School Ever Onward
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).