

Wilston State School Ever onward

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DATE CLAIMERS

2 June	Assembly Year 3 to 6
3 June	Gala Day
4 June	Trivia Night
5 June	Choir Northey St Market Perform
7 June	City Cluster Band Blitz Day
7/9 June	Junior Strings Music Camp
7/24 June	Life Ed. Harold the Giraffe Prep-Yr 6
8 June	APSMO Olympiad 2 Year 5 to Planetarium
9 June	Assembly Prep to Year 2
10 June	Gala Day (wet weather)
14 June	Ruben Meerman. Surfing Scientist Yr 3-6
15 June	Sticks and Stones Artslink Prep to Year 6
16 June	Readers Cup Assembly Whole School P&C Meeting. Staff Room
20 June	Pre Track & Field Carnival Events Chamber Music Concert
21 June	Pre Track & Field Carnival Events
22 June	9-12 years Track & Field Carnival
23 June	Prep to 8 years Track & Field Cam Assembly Whole School
24 June	Last day Term 2
27 June/2 July	Canberra Ski Trip
11 July	First day Term 3
12/14 July	Senior Track and Field
13 July	Salaka Drumming Concert Prep-Yr 6 Mini Scientists Festival
14 July	Junior Track and Field Mini Scientists Festival
20 July	Mini Scientists Festival
21 July	P&C Meeting. Staff Room
26/27 July	City District Track and Field
27 July	APSMO Olympiad 3 Mini Scientists Festival
2 August	ICAS English
3 August	Prep Hearing Screening Test Mini Scientists Festival
3/5 August	Year 5 Camp Currimundi
5 August	Jeans for Genes Day
10 August	EKKA Holiday
16 August	ICAS Mathematics
18 August	APSMO Olympiad 4 P&C Meeting. Staff Room
23 August	Year 2 to Mt Cootha Botanic Garden
23/24/25 Aug	Met North Track and Field
24 August	Year 3-5 Shake & Stir Production – Rewind Prep to Year 2 Shake & Stir – Thrice

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Gold for Vivace Strings

We have a wonderful music program at Wilston led by passionate teachers who are excellent at their craft. I am pleased to report that last Thursday, the Vivace Strings participated in the state wide music festival, Fanfare which is held every second year for the instrumental students. Our students represented the school well and looked fantastic in their music uniforms. The Vivace Strings performed beautifully and were awarded a Gold award for their performance – the highest award presented at the festival. Well done Vivace Strings and Mrs Payne for your efforts. A special thank you also to Mrs Barnett who accompanied them on piano.



Feedback for Learning

Over the last year and a half we have been investing in staff professional development that focuses on teachers gaining a deeper understanding of the mathematics curriculum that they are delivering. Over a term teachers from particular year levels have been working weekly with their sector deputy principal and Head of Curriculum under the guidance of PhD Candidate Cam Brooks. Cam's research work is based on providing meaningful timely feedback to students. Teachers are learning to identify the key concepts within the unit and are designing methods of ascertaining what their students know and don't know. This knowledge then informs their teaching highlighting who needs further support and who to extend. The following quote from Professor Hattie is pertinent to what we are trying to achieve at Wilston.

"So often we use assessment in schools to inform students of their progress and attainment. Of course this is important, but it is more critical to use this information to inform teachers about their impact on students. Using assessments as feedback for teachers is powerful. And this power is truly maximised when the assessments are timely, informative, and related to what teachers are actually teaching."

John Hattie in "We Aren't Using Assessments Correctly" in *Education Week*, October 27, 2015

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Principal**



WELL DONE AWARDS

Prep

Cooper W PA, Julia C PA, Hugo H PB, Connor B-H PB, William H PC, Lily T PC, Mahlia M-C PD, Campbell W PD, Max Y PE, Joshua H PE.

Year 1

Annabel C 1A, Grace M 1A, Holly T 1B, Kira G 1B, Madison S 1C, Abigail B 1D, Charlize B 1D, Daniel H 1E, Joanne H 1E, James B 1F, Harrison B 1F.

Year 2

Oliver A 2A, Heidi S 2A, Joshua P 2B, Alexandra S 2B, Sienna W 2C, Hudson S 2C, Nathaniel W 2D, Nicholas B 2D, Josh M 2E, Malini H 2E, Adam S 2F, Lilly R 2F.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Last Friday students from Prep to Year Two celebrated Under 8s Day by participating in a range of fun, interactive activities.

Along with our many parent helpers, the children enjoyed biscuit icing, sand art, digging for fossils and making fairy bread, as well as a wonderful array of arts and crafts activities. There were also two magnificent magic shows presented by Johnny the Jester and a visit from our Adopt-A-Cop, Ryan Wilkins, with his colleague and their police car.

Many students finished the day exhausted, with their passports covered in stamps and their bag bulging full of the treasures that they had created.

A huge thank you to all of the mums and dads who came along and assisted the students as they moved around the school, and to the teachers and staff for organising such varied and engaging activities. We would also like to acknowledge our P&C for again contributing funds to support this event.

2016 is the 60th year that Under 8s Week has taken place in Queensland. This year's theme was *Early Learning – Everyone Benefits*. The celebration was a great opportunity for our younger students to play, create and interact with each other, demonstrating the energetic enthusiasm and joy they take in learning and participating in new experiences. The Under 8s Day celebration highlights the importance of quality educational experiences in the early years and the great work that early years' educators do across a range of settings.

Prep 2017

Prep enrolment packs are now available from the office for families of in catchment students or siblings of existing students at Wilston in 2017.

2016 READING CHALLENGE

Wilston students are registered for the Premier's Reading Challenge again this year! This annual statewide initiative aims to improve literacy and encourage children to read widely for pleasure and learning. For a student to successfully complete the challenge they must read (or read with parents) the allocated number of books for their year level during the reading period. Students who complete the challenge by 26 August 2016 will have their efforts recognised through the receipt of a certificate of achievement signed by the Premier of Queensland! Happy reading everyone!

Sue Burgess

NEWS FROM HPE

Gala Days

This Friday is the last of our interschool sport Gala Days.

Track and Field

The school track and field carnival will be held during the last week of term. Like previous years there will be some events run prior to the main carnival days.

Wed 22 June: 9-12 years Track and Field Carnival

Thur 23 June: Prep – 8 years Track and Field Carnival

There will be more information in the coming weeks.

Rodney Bell
PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Wilston Wonders

NORTHEY ST MARKET PERFORMANCE!! This Sunday June 5!!!

Arrive 9.45am to perform 10.00am. (approx. 15mins)

Dress: Choir uniform - yellow Polo Shirts, brown shorts, white socks, black shoes.

See you there!!

Miranda Charters

FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

Well done to the Vivace Strings for their Gold win at Fanfare last week. I was very proud of their performance. They celebrated with a pizza party today.

The Dolce Strings will be attending Junior Strings Music Camp next week at Stafford State School which will end with a concert at the Old Museum. Have a wonderful time everyone.

The Chamber Music Concert will be held in D Block on Monday, June 20 starting at 6.30pm. Children are to arrive at 6.00pm.

CHESS CLUB

The upcoming school holidays will be packed full of options for junior chess players. St Joseph's Nudgee College is proud to host both the Queensland Junior Championships and regular Holiday Program.

The Queensland Junior Championships, 28 June till the 1 July, will decide the titles for the U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and Queensland Junior Champion. There are also numerous beginner and reserve tournaments during the same week for students who want to take part in this event but aren't quite ready for the Championships. Entries and payments for all events are due in by Sunday the 26th of June and can be completed via the online portal

<https://payments.nudgee.qld.edu.au/purchase/index/>

Nudgee's Holiday Program will run from Sunday the 3rd July until Thursday 7 July. The events will cater to junior players of all ages and ability levels. Entries and payments should be completed online at the link above. **Please complete entries for the Chess Camp by Tuesday 28 June to avoid the \$10 late fee.**

A brand new event is also starting this term. The Nundah Tournament is open to all Primary school students (P-6). It is being run by Gardiner Chess on behalf of the P&C to raise money for new chess equipment. There will be three divisions; Beginner for unrated players in Years P-3, Novice for players rated below 600 and Open for everyone else.

Entries should be completed by following the links from the Gardiner Chess website.

More information on all these events feel free to contact me.

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TUCKSHOP NEWS

The cool weather is here so come down to the Tuckshop and enjoy a hot chocolate with marshmallows.

Our menu is constantly changing everything thing is on munch monitors for your convenience. Pizzas are still on holiday.

Roster for week beginning 6 June 2016

Monday 6	Closed
Tuesday 7	Tracey Wollaston, Angela, Jan McGillivray
Wednesday 8	Maria Lodhi, Christine Matheson
Thursday 9	Natalie McMaster, Harriet Carter, Angel Patel
Friday 10	Peta Bunce, Josie Parry, Bob and Sue Behan, Paige Osleibhin

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FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

Teachers are currently working out what extra stationery items are needed to get us through the year. In the next few weeks, we'll be sending out the stationery top-up pack order form for each child so look out for this in school bags.

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

Opening times: In Terms 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. Username: wilstons and Password: munch4051. Please place orders by 9.15am on Wednesday and Friday. This will ensure orders are delivered to teachers' pigeonholes for class delivery on those days.

Cargo Pants: Boxes of new cargo pants and skorts arrived this week so we are fully stocked with our popular sizes again, particularly size 6 cargo pants. Come down and try on a pair.

Entertainment Books: Packed with discounts for restaurants, cafes, movies, shops, and travel, the Entertainment Book would make a great family investment or gift for someone special. The best part for the kids is that 20% of sales is donated back to the school. It costs \$65 and has over \$20,000 of value inside. The Uniform/Bookshop is handling all Entertainment Book orders for this year so when you order online at www.entbook.com.au/221987b we'll deliver the books direct to your class teacher's pigeonholes.

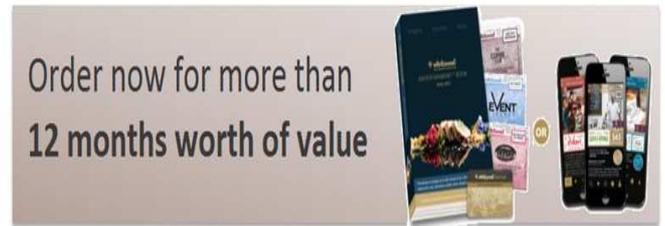
Tip of the week: Showers are predicted for Friday so bring wet weather gear or drop by the shop and pick up a rain poncho (\$15) on Friday morning that's big enough for student and backpack.

Did you know: The first cargo pants were made for British soldiers in 1938, just before WWII. They had one large pocket in the front to carry bandages, maps and other essential items. America adapted them in 1942 for their paratroopers, introducing pockets on both legs, perfect for storing ammunition and radios. The fashion world discovered cargo pants in the 1990s and they have been part of everyday culture since then.

The Uniform Shop sells **cargo pants** for \$30 and they are ideal for carrying Tuckshop money, lip balm and tissues. Just remember to empty pockets before putting them in the wash.

Ever onward Wilston!

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NEWS FROM THE P&C

I recently wrote in the newsletter that we were seeking a convenor for this year's Arts Show, the original concept of the Art Show was to display the children's art exhibits and participate in simple, fun art activities. We thought that by opening the show to be all forms of the Arts (Performance and Visual) that we would generate more interest in someone coming forward however we haven't had any expressions of interest so we raised this at the last P&C general meeting.

We agreed at the meeting to give this one final push, if we have not identified a convenor by the next P&C general meeting, which is the 16th June then there will be no event this year.

Rather than having an Arts Show – we are instead proposing a Wilston State School Open Day or Showcase. This is an opportunity to show what is great about our school! As well as our different class years from Prep to Year 6 we also have various sports, arts, science and technology groups in our school... I have no doubt all groups would love to show-off their skills and talents at a fun event!

We thought a WSS Showcase was a great idea, however if someone has another idea or really wants to do an Arts Show then we are still open to that.

The important part is though, we still need a convenor (or convenors) to help pull it all together, this is the person directing the other volunteers on what needs to be done.

If you are interested, then email us at secretary@wilstonpandc.org.au or contact myself or one of the committee members for more information.

Chris Burke
P&C President

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

WKC – Absences

In the latest Wilston Weekly, Guy Hendriks discussed absences and the need to inform the school.

The process is no different at WKC, if your child is not going to attend then, please, let WKC staff know. In the afternoon, due to the number of kids and adults present on the school grounds, the process followed to ensure every child is safely in our care is very rigorous. As soon as school finishes, the children regroup by age in their designated areas and the WKC staff in charge verifies that all those listed are present. If a child is unaccounted for then phone calls are immediately made to the parents and adults in charge. If no one can be contacted then WKC will contact the police (and yes, this has happened in the past). All children have to be accounted for by 3.30 pm.

Please remember that the school and WKC are two different entities. So if your child is sick and you call the school, please call WKC straight after or send an e-mail. If you e-mail the teacher to let them know your child is not attending save time and copy WKC into the e-mail. And if your child is going home early with a friend, then, please, let us know.

WKC Parents - Come and join the Sub-Committee!

WKC is run by you, the Parents, not by an external organisation, not by the school. The Sub-Committee needs your input and your help. Our meetings run from 6.00 to 7.30pm to allow for an early night.

Bring your kids! They will be looked after including a proper dinner on site. Nibbles are arranged for the adults. The next Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, 8 June at 6.00pm in the WKC office.

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NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at the **Yeronga Development Meet** yesterday. Wilston had a team of 11 swimmers and came away with 4 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze medals.

Brisbane Short Course Championships are to be held at Chandler 30 and 31 July. Entry is via Mylane and closes Tuesday 19 July. Qualifying times must be met to enter events. Results from Yeronga, East Brisbane and/or River City Rapids meets can be used as qualifying times.

The **Winter Warriors Program** for 2016 has commenced this week for all interested squad swimmers. The program is an incentive for all our swimmers to continue training through the winter months. All swimmers must sign a contract with Noel Bertwistle, Head Coach, at the commencement of the program and abide by his criteria throughout Terms 2 and 3. Targets and goals will also need to be set and achieved. Upon completion of the program swimmers will receive their Winter Warrior merchandise - the design will be created by the swimmers. The top three designs will be selected and the swimmers will vote on the winning design.

If you are not able to swim at Windsor SS for the remainder of the Term 2, you can still participate in the program throughout Term 3 at Wilston SS. You will need to swim a minimum of three sessions per week to qualify.

Further detailed information regarding the program was sent to all squad swimmers last this week. Any questions can be directed to Noel or Kirsten on swim@wilstonpandc.org.au. If you require another contract or goal setting sheet please see Noel at Windsor Pool.

The next committee meeting will be Thursday 2nd June at 7pm 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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Tuesday – Friday (5-8 July) for ages 7-11

Time: 10am- 3pm

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On Mondays at 4:00pm – 5:00pm for ages 7-9

On Mondays at 5:00pm – 6:00pm for ages 9-11

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