

Wilston State School Ever onward

Term 3. Issue 1. 14 July 2016.

DATE CLAIMERS

14 July	Mini Scientists Festival Ringbalin Whole School Assembly
15 July	Ringbalin
20 July	Go Green for Eco Marine Mini Scientists Festival
21 July	Yr 3-6 Assembly P&C Meeting. Staff Room
22 July	PI Day
26/27 July	City District Track and Field APSMO Olympiad 3
27 July	Mini Scientists Festival Prep to Yr 2 Assembly
28 July	ICAS English
2 August	Prep Hearing Screening Test Mini Scientists Festival
3 August	Year 5 Camp Currumundi
3/5 August	Yr 3 – 6 Assembly
4 August	Jeans for Genes Day
5 August	Yr 1A and 1D to Strawberry Fields
8 August	EKKA Holiday
10 August	Yr 1C and 1E to Strawberry Fields
11 August	Yr 1B and 1F to Strawberry Fields
12 August	ICAS Mathematics
16 August	APSMO Olympiad 4 Prep to Yr 2 Assembly
18 August	P&C Meeting. Staff Room Year 2 to Mt Cootha Botanic The Cube QUT
23 August	Met North Track and Field Prep Incursion – Wild Rangers Wild Year 3-5 Shake & Stir Production – Rewind Prep to Year 2 Shake & Stir – Thrice Upon a Time
23/24/25 Aug	9.00am Whole School Assembly (Book Week) Prep Incursion – Wild Rangers Wildlife
24 August	Year 3 – 6 Assembly
25 August	School Photos Honours Music Camp
1 September	APSMO Olympiad 4 Spring Concert
5/6/7 September	Whole School Assembly P&C Meeting. Staff Room
7/9 September	Last day Term 3 Queen's Birthday
14 September	First day Term 4 Year 2 Bunyaville
15 September	
16 September	
3 October	
4 October	
5 October	

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 3.

Readers Cup

Late last term Mrs Susan Burgess (Teacher Librarian) with support of teachers Ms Fiona Hatch and Mrs Toni Couper prepared two teams to compete at the Readers Cup competition that was held at Kurwongbah State School. This was the North Brisbane Regional Final.

In preparation, competitors were asked to read five novels (as many times as they liked) before competition day. On the day teams were asked to answer inferential and literal questions over five rounds. Our Year 5 team gained a second place and were only one point behind the team from Dayboro State School. Our Year 6 team were awarded a third placing and this was shared with The Lakes College.

I congratulate the following students:- Johnathan V; Ollie M; Gabriela R; Keeley B; Isabel P; Amber D; Eliza T; Deedee C; Benjamin B and James W.



Athletics Carnival

Due to the slightly inclement weather at the end of Term 2 our Athletics Carnival was not finalised until the last day of the term.

I thank Mr Andrew Carrick (School's Officer) for preparing and marking the oval so well and Mr Rodney Bell (Physical Education Specialist) for organising and running such a superb carnival.

I congratulate all age champions as well as the students from Paterson House on winning the carnival. I believe 60 students have been selected to represent our school at the District Trials which will be held later in the month and I wish them well.

School Survey Parents

The annual *School Opinion Survey* will be conducted 11 to 29 July 2016. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the *Parent/Caregiver Survey* will be sent home with students this week. Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school, and school computers will be available on request.

Survey queries or requests for translations can be directed to Leigh Hofmeister on telephone 3552 8444 or email lhofm2@eq.edu.au

This survey is totally anonymous and I would encourage you all to complete it.

The report I receive later in the year will allow the school staff to celebrate the things we are doing well but it will also inform us regarding matters that need addressing.

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Principal



FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

Dogs on School Property/Fence Line

I have received a number of complaints in recent weeks regarding the practice that some parents are taking when traveling to and from the school with their pet dogs. In general the footpaths surrounding our school are very narrow. Some parents are tying their dogs to the fence whilst they, the parent, goes into the school grounds to find their child. Other students then walking the footpaths are a little afraid of these pets. Please be mindful of others when you do bring your pet to school. I would appreciate them not coming onto the school grounds particularly at pick up and drop off times and they should not be left unattended or tied to the school fence.

WILSTON STAR AWARDS

Prep

Sam N PA, Rebecca W Pa, Alice Mc PB, Lachlan K PB, Maddie F PC, Alexander B PC, Hugo F PD, Elizabeth J PD, Jake B PE, Jett D PE.

Year 1

Samara W 1A, Hamish M 1A, Madelyn S 1B, Ian H 1B, Charlie W 1C, Rose B 1C, Stella W 1D, Sophie B 1D, Avi R 1E, Zara W 1F, Sydney L 1F.

Year 2

Rosie B 2A, Angus P 2A, Alexandra S 2B, Otis B 2B, Will Q 2C, Ruby R 2C, Eliza B 2D, Hannah P 2D, Tia H 2E, Andrew S 2E, Amelia B 2F, Poppy Mc 2F.

Year 3

Isla G 3A, Jacob K 3A, Freya E 3B, Ben Mc 3B, Marcus T 3C, Cleo L 3C, Elizabeth Y 3E, Ferguson W 3F, Tirion S 3F.

Year 4

Sophie B 4A, Liam K 4A, Atticus M 4B, Lucy H 4B, Keerthan D-B 4C, Kate M 4C, Ben V 4D, Arabella A 4D.

Year 5

Lilly A 5A, Ed Cooley 5A, Kate I 5B, Oliver Winburn 5B, Mia M 5C, Max G 5C.

Year 6

Gabi B 6A, Charles S 6A, Julian C 6B, Cassidy B 6B, Tori Jones, Ollie M 6C.

GO GREEN ECOMARINE DAY

Welcome back everyone! We are very excited this term because we are having a massive change in EcoMarines. This term we are appointing our new EcoMarine Ambassadors for the rest of 2016 and half of 2017. Interviews of applicants will be happening over the next week and by the end of week 2, we will have four new ambassadors. Good luck to all those students applying!

Also, next **Wednesday 20 July**, we are holding a **GO-GREEN-ECOMARINE DAY**. You need to dress in green to support EcoMarines and our environment. It is a gold coin donation and all the money raised will be going towards purchasing recycling bins in our school. We are very excited to begin our recycling program and we are looking at you for your participation and support.

That's all from us and remember GO-GREEN-ECOMARINE!

**Dress Green for EcoMarine
and help us save our environment!**

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Thank you for your participation in last term's Book Club! We will be able to choose some great resources for our school with points earned.

Issue 5 Book Club catalogues will be sent home next week. Please note that Wilston State School is running a cashless Book Club and is not accepting cash or cheque orders. Any orders or cash sent to school will be returned as all orders must be selected and paid for online. LOOP – Linked Online ordering and payment is available on www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the LOOP Apple or Android app. Orders will close on Wednesday 27 July. Thanks again for your support of our Book Club!

SALAKA INTERACTIVE DRUMMING

This week our Wilston students were involved in an "interactive" drumming performance by the group African Beat. They experienced a hands-on, informative and professional presentation by authentic visiting artists from Ghana, West Africa. This was a wonderful extension to our classroom music program and the Arts curriculum. The kids had a ball!!



TERM 4 SCIENCE NEWS

Topic descriptions and assessment guidelines for Year 3-5 science units in Term 3 are listed below:

Year 3 **Hot stuff** (Chemical Sciences)

Science Understanding: In this unit, students will investigate how heat is produced and the behaviour of heat when it transfers from one object or area to another. They will identify that heat can be observed by touching and that formal measurements of heat (temperature) can be taken using a thermometer. Students will identify that heat transfers from warmer areas to cooler areas.

Assessment: There is an ongoing collection of work from various learning experiences during the unit, including a formal examination.

Year 4 **Fast forces** (Physical Sciences)

Science Understanding: In this unit, students will use games to investigate and demonstrate how forces affect objects through contact and non-contact forces. Students will use their knowledge of forces to make predictions about games. Students will also identify situations where science is used to ask questions or to make predictions. They will identify how scientific knowledge of forces helps people understand the effects of their actions.

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

Year 5 **Matter matters** (Chemical Sciences)

Science Understanding: In this unit students will extend their knowledge of matter to include gases and begin to see how matter structures the world around them. Students will learn that the different states of matter have distinct observable properties and behave in different ways.

Students will construct questions, make predictions and conduct investigations into the observable properties and behaviour of solids, liquids and gases.

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

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

Brendan Medlin/Donna Kelly.

2016 WILSTON SCIENCE COMPETITION

The Wilston Science Competition is being held in Term 3. The aims of the competition include:

- stimulate an ongoing interest in science
- encourage students in the process of self-motivated project work
- recognise student effort and achievement
- improve student research, writing and presentation skills
- improve links between school, students and parents.

The competition will be competitive but not compulsory to enter. Students can enter in the following divisions:

Division 1: Prep and Years 1, 2

Division 2: Years 3, 4, 5

Division 3: Year 6.

Students may enter individually, with a partner, or as a group of three, provided that when two or more students work together, all are eligible for entry in the same division.

Entries must be in one of the following categories:

1. Classified Collection
2. Scientific Investigation
3. Communicating Science
4. Mathematical Investigation
5. Models and Inventions
6. Environmental Action Project.

Work at home will be necessary, and we ask that all parental assistance be acknowledged. **Entries close Thursday, 15 September 2016 (Term 3, Week 10).** A judging panel will judge the entries. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placegetters in each division. Other entries may qualify for a Highly Commended certificate. All students will receive a certificate of participation. In addition, separate prizes will be awarded for a 'Young Scientist of the Year' (Divisions 2 and 3) and a 'Junior Scientist of the Year' (Division 1). **Only Scientific Investigation entries are eligible for the Young/Junior Scientist of the Year prizes.**

A competition handbook providing detailed information on all the entry categories, judging criteria entry/declaration forms is available for download as a PDF on the school website (<http://wilstonss.eq.edu.au>. Click on the SUPPORT AND RESOURCES tab, FORMS AND DOCUMENTS, and then DOCUMENTS.) All queries should be directed to Mr Brendan Medlin (Science/Extension Coordinator) (bmedl2@eq.edu.au).

LEGO ROBOTICS TO THE CUBE

Wilston State School students have been invited to visit The Cube (Science and Engineering Centre, Queensland University of Technology) to participate in a LEGO robotics workshop, "Driving into the future".

In this workshop, students will design and program robotic solutions to develop driverless cars that sense the road and other obstacles using a range of sensors and LEGO robotics. More information about The Cube can be found at www.thecube.qut.edu.au/education/programs/.

Details of the excursion are below:

Date: Tuesday, 23 August 2016

Venue: The Cube,
QUT Gardens Point Campus. 2 George Street Brisbane

Places: 30 (Year 5 and 6 students only)

Cost: \$13 (cost of seat-belted bus travel to and from venue)

Interested students should see Mr Brendan Medlin (Science Room, F Block) for a permission form.

PI DAY

MONDAY, 22 JULY IS PI DAY!

Wilston is celebrating International Pi Day on Monday, 22 July. Students can buy party pies on the day from the Tuckshop for \$1.00 (normally priced at \$1.20). Pre-ordering by Friday, 19 July is essential. Pi (or π), the ratio of the diameter of a circle to its circumference, is an important mathematical constant, introduced to students in Years 6 and 7. To celebrate this number, many Australians celebrate Pi Day on 22 July (22/7). In the USA, they write the month in front of the day, so they celebrate Pi Day on a different day. US Pi Day is March 14 or 3.14, the first three digits of pi. Neither of these dates are the exact value of pi, but Australian Pi Day is slightly more accurate!

On Australian Pi Day, eat a pie, and think about pi – you'd be amazed at where pi is used in mathematics, the sciences, engineering, etc. – places which you'd think would have nothing to do with circles!

Brendan Medlin

NEWS FROM HPE

Track and Field

Congratulations to all students for their participation in the track and field carnivals last term. We had a week of events with some outstanding performances throughout the age groups. Below are the results:

Champion House Results:

1 st	Paterson	660.5
2 nd	Gordon	561
3 rd	Lawson	497.5

Age Champion Results:

	Boys	Girls
6 Years	Jayden C	Scarlett L
7 Years	Jayden T	Sierra W
8 Years	Frankie S	Hallie H
9 Years	Austin B	Ava S
10 Years	Angus K	Eve T
11 Years	Tom S	Jordon R
12 Years	Connor H	Kassidy B

From the carnival results, 9 to 12 year old students will be eligible to be chosen in the Wilston SS track and field team to compete at the District Carnival on the 26 and 27 July. Information regarding this carnival will be sent home with selected students.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Wilston Wonders

Welcome back after a wonderful break. All rehearsals are as normal this term (and this week) for the Wilston Wonders. **Prompt arrival at 8.00am for our Friday rehearsals would be much appreciated.**

This week we have 25 of our Wilston Wonders attending the Choral Camp "Ringbalin".

The students will be experiencing exceptional vocal tuition and the camp culminates in a concert on Friday night at the Gap State High School.

Miranda Charters

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Lasagna is back. For all those who have missed it we have lasagna back on the menu.

If your child is young and is having Tuckshop please remind them that we don't bite and if their Tuckshop goes missing please come down and tell us so we can fix it.

We are trialing a new coffee "Blue Sky" this week but Q Roasters is still the running favorite.

Roster for week beginning 18 July 2016

Monday 18	CLOSED
Tuesday 19	Jan MacGillivray, Angela, help needed
Wednesday 20	Maria Lodgi, Christine Matheson
Thursday 21	Natalie Macmaster, Harriet Carter, Angela Patel
Friday 22	Amanda Barr, Peta Bunce, Josie Parry, Bob and Sue Behan, Paige Osleiba

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FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

Welcome to all the new families who have joined Wilston State School this term and who visited the Uniform shop on Monday to get fitted out with our new school uniforms. They come from Melbourne, Mackay and as far away as Portland, Oregon, so please make them feel welcome if you see new faces at school drop-off and pick-up time.

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

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

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 Wednesday and Friday. This will ensure orders are delivered to teachers' pigeonholes for class delivery on those days.

Dresses have arrived: Our new shipment of dresses arrived this week. All families on our registry will have dresses put aside and we'll be contacting you to arrangement collection/payment.

Uniform update: There have been a few confusions over the transition to our new school uniform so we wanted to recap the plan. All current uniforms, including the plain gold and plain mocha shirts are still fine to wear for this year and next year. In 2018, our new school uniform will be the two-toned polo shirt or check shirt. In 2018 every student will also need a formal uniform (the check shirt with gaberdine short/skort, or the check dress) to wear for school outings, special assemblies and school photos.

Entertainment Books: There is still plenty of time to order your Entertainment Books, which are available in printed book form or as a digital book. They are packed with discounts for restaurants, cafes, movies, shops, and travel. 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: Teachers have sent out a list of stationery items required for Semester 2 this year. There's still time to get your orders in through the EDSCO order form that was sent home. You can also order through MunchMonitor or drop in to the uniform/bookshop and we'll be happy to help you.

Did you know: In welcoming our new families, here's a bit of "dress shop" trivia about the cities from which they come. Portland is home to Michael Curry, who designed the costumes and puppets for The Lion King musical; Mackay-born Cathy Freeman made famous the super-tight swift suit which covered her from head to toe when she won gold at the Sydney Olympics in 2000; and Melbourne was home to Russian-born Sidney Myer, who started a clothing business in the early 1900s that is now a department store empire which is named after him today.

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

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at the River City Rapids meet over the holidays. Wilston had another successful meet. We had seven swimmers attend who won a total of 19 medals between them.

JX awards

The **Australian Junior Excellence Program (JX)**, recognises rewards and encourages junior swimmers who, through their development of aquatic skills and fitness, achieve a high standard of swimming excellence. Under the program, swimmers aged from 9 to 16 years, who accomplish times set by Swimming Australia, qualify at Gold, Silver, Bronze or Green standard, depending on their best performance/s during the season. Wilston would like to congratulate the following swimmers who have been recognised under the program-

Gold- **Joshua A, Caelan B, Eliza B, Allie G, Ella J, Stella S and Eve T**

Silver- **Amber D, Abigail S and Hilary T**

Bronze- **Chloe S**

Green – **Kara B, Annisia D, Max H, G Kronberg and Charles M**

For qualifying, swimmers receive special recognition by way of:

Publication of their name on the Swimming Queensland website and

A JX prize pack including a cap, poster and certificate

Reminder - **Brisbane Short Course Championships** are to be held at Chandler on the 30 and 31 July. Entry is via Mylane and closes Tuesday 19th 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.

Reminder - have you nominated for the **Somerset Hills Candy Meet on 24 July**. This is a fun meet for swimmers 10 years and under. We are hoping as many swimmers as possible will be able to represent Wilston at this meet.

The pool renovations are coming along nicely. The contractors are up to the last stage which is the painting. Unfortunately, due to the recent wet weather this has been delayed. We will keep everyone up to date on the latest developments as we are advised. Squad training will continue at Windsor in the meantime. We thank everyone for their patience during this time and we look forward to seeing everyone back in Wilston's newly renovated pool shortly.

Bookings are now open for Term 3 learn to swim. Please email Kirsten on swim@wilstonpandc.org.au to secure your place. We have had a great response so far and places are filling up fast.

There are a number of families who have swim fees outstanding. Bookings for Term 3 will not be accepted if you have any outstanding payments.

The next **Committee Meeting** will be **Thursday 14 July 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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Commences Thursday, 14th July
 Weekly classes, 3:15pm-4:00pm
 Course runs for 10 weeks
 Course fee \$250 (+ \$20 annual registration fee)

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



Infuse Music Auditions 2017

Infuse Music auditions are now open to all instrumentalists expressing an interest to enrol at Kedron State High School for Year 7 in 2017.

For an application package or for more information on the program contact the HOD of the Arts at music@kedronshs.eq.edu.au or visit our school website.

Applications close on the 29th of July

www.kedronshs.eq.edu.au • (07) 3630 3333



art + design excellence information evening

6-6.30pm Thursday 14th July 2016

Visual Art Block, Kelvin Grove State College



All interested applicants are welcome to attend to find out more about both Middle School and Senior Art Excellence Programs.

Closing date for 2017 applications: 1st August 2016

See the website for more information:

<https://kelvingrovesc.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Excellenceprograms/Pages/Excellenceprograms.aspx>



DRAMA with Brisbane Youth Theatre

Keeping kids and teens engaged and creative with like-minded peers

After School Drama Classes Term 3 in Paddington Starts Week 2 of School Term

- ❖ 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 Thursdays at 5:00pm – 6:30pm for ages 12-17 year olds.



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