FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Creative Generation
Last Friday night I was offered two tickets to Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage. This performance was held at the Brisbane Convention Centre. Two of our students, Benjamin and Kate, performed as part of the mass choir.

I’m in a privileged position at Wilston that allows me to engage with very talented students most days but the opportunity to observe the performance of 1700 very creative and artistically talented students ranging in age from Prep to Year 12 was fantastic. The show was presented in two parts each segment running for about an hour and half. The acts, singing, dancing, acting, instrumental, blended together well and flowed almost as one complete piece. The performances were highly entertaining and engaging.

If you would like to see this performance it is being aired on Network Ten on Saturday the 15th of October.

Student Payments
Term 3 debtor statements have been finalised and parents should receive these today. I ask all parents to please be aware of our policy regarding the payment of invoices for excursions or activities your child will participate in. Wilston State School is a reasonably large school and even a small percent not paying impacts on the financial management of the school.

BPoint is the preferred method of payment. Please be aware that payment through this method potentially takes 72 hours to show in our records. This means that you need to pay for your child’s activity well in advance. Internet banking and Credit Card payments are also accepted.

Please note that payments for excursions and school activities should be paid at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the activity/excursion.

I realise this is a hard stance to take but if the invoice is outstanding our policy will be that your child cannot attend. Though this may seem a little harsh but please keep in mind that your child would have been reminded of this situation on more than one occasion.

Please contact Deb Jackson, Business Services Manager, if you have any queries regarding your statement.

Guy Hendriks
Guy Hendriks
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Prep Enrolments for 2017
Thanks to the parents who have submitted their completed enrolment paperwork. A reminder that enrolments for Prep 2017 need to be completed as soon as possible.

The Prep Parent Information Evening is on Wednesday 24 August from 6.00pm – 7.00pm in D Block.

Tours of the school will be conducted prior to the Information Session at 5.30pm from the Undercover Area for those interested.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

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

Issue 5 Book Club catalogues have been sent home. 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!

CHESS

A big thank you to everyone who participated in last term’s Gardiner Chess on Wednesday morning. It was great to see the enthusiasm shown by each and every student who attended. The term was filled with very detailed lessons developing our skills and strategies. It was also great to see some very friendly competition that led to amazing results at the end of the term. A big congratulations to the following students who took out 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their division.

If you would like your child to once again participate, or sign up for the first time, you are more than welcome! Gardiner’s has commenced again this term in the Library every Wednesday morning from 7.40 – 8.40am. Please follow the link on their homepage to enrol: www.gardinerchess.com.au

This term I am hoping to hold Wilston’s first competition during school – stay tuned for more information.

Alys Doneley
adone10@eq.edu.au

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’ (Division 3) and a ‘Junior Scientist of the Year’ (Divisions 1 and 2). 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/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) (bmedlin@eq.edu.au).

PI DAY

FRIDAY, 22 JULY IS PI DAY!
Wilston is celebrating International Pi Day on Friday, 22 July (Week 2). Students can buy party pies on the day from the tuckshop for $1. Order the usual way on Munch Monitor.

Pi (π), the ratio of the diameter of a circle to its circumference, is an important mathematical constant, introduced to students in Years 6. 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!

If you are interested in how Archimedes, the famous Greek mathematician, made the first approximation of the value of pi, visit www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/physics/approximating-pi.html.

Brendan Medlin
NEWS FROM HPE

Track and Field
Good luck to our 60 strong Track and Field team that will be competing at the City District Track and Field Carnival next Tuesday and Wednesday. These students will be aiming to defend the district A schools trophy as well as gaining selection into the City District team to compete at the Regional Track and Field championships on the 23 and 24 August. Can all students please ensure that they have returned their forms and money.

Rodney Bell
PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Wilston Wonders
Our 23 Year 5 and 6 singers who attended the Ringbalin choral day camp last week did an amazing job at their final concert at The Gap State High School on Friday evening. Lead by conductor Stuart Gillard, the choristers entertained the audience with a variety of repertoire including a number of songs written by local composers. Thank you to all parents who supported this event.

Miranda Charters

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Pizza will be going on the menu as a one off special so check on Munch Monitors each Wednesday.

We are always looking for helpers so if you can help for an hour between reading groups or half a day we need you and we will even provide coffee and lunch.

Roster for the week beginning 25th July

| Monday 25  | Closed |
| Tuesday 26 | Ellie Cayas, Louise Astori |
| Wednesday 27 | Amanda Boone, Lorraine Tibbits |
| Thursday 28 | Sally Carson, Chloe Smith, Wendy Bensley |
| Friday 29  | Tarah Hastie, Tina Robertson, Sue Anderson, Alison Ivison |

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

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

The weather is warming up this week but mornings are still a little cool so winter uniform items continue to sell well and we are out of stock in several sizes. However the helpful staff at Lowes, in the Stafford City Shopping Centre, continue to stock their brown zip-up tracksuit top and track pants for those who are still looking to supplement their winter wardrobe.

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

Opening times: In Term 3 the Uniform Shop and Bookshop opens each Wednesday and Friday: 8.15am-9.45am (next to 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.

Top-up stationery packs: Stationery items ordered through EDSCO are being delivered to students via each teacher’s classroom pigeonhole. Orders can still be received this week, or if you like, drop in to the Uniform/Bookshop as we have lots of stationery items in stock.

New shirt registry: We appreciate everyone’s patience as we wait for a resupply of our new two-coloured polo shirts. The first to arrive will be cotton polo shirts followed by the cotton/polyester-blended polo shirts next term. We have started a shirt registry so send us an email, pop in or phone us and we’ll make sure you’re the first to get a shirt when they arrive.

Tip of the week: 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.

Did you know: The MunchMonitor system was built in 2007 by school Tuckshop volunteers in Sydney who were keen to work out a better way of processing daily lunch orders. Wilston State School joined the MunchMonitor system in 2013 and it is now used by the Tuckshop, Uniform/Bookshop, and to purchase tickets for special school events. The account term fee for MunchMonitor has just gone up from $2.50 to $3.30 to cover increased bank charges.

Ever onward, Wilston!

NEWS FROM THE P&C

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Thursday 21 July 2016, 6.45pm for 7.00pm start in upper D Block. You are all welcome to attend.

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Run for Your Kids by You.

WKC’s New Contact Details
Following the changes that occurred at the end of the last term week, we have updated our email address system.

For accounts, bookings and general enquiries: wkc.admin@wilstonpandc.org.au
For information about our menu or before or afternoon program: wkc.coordinators@wilstonpandc.org.au
For sensitive discussions, such as your child or family status, please contact our Service Manager, Tamara:
If you need to contact us:
Office: 3352 6753
Service Manager (Tamara): 0402 621 150
Responsible Person/Coordinator: 0401 059 192

Our Website also contains important information for parents, such as policies, rates, activity forms, don’t hesitate to have a look:

WKC Parents – Be involved!
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 Tuesday 9 August at 6.00pm in the WKC office.
Tel: 3352 6753  

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NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

The pool renovations are complete. The pool will start filling this week and we look forward to lessons and squad commencing shortly. We thank everyone for their patience during this time and we look forward to seeing everyone back in Wilston’s newly renovated pool shortly.

There are a number of families who have swim fees outstanding. Just a reminder - you will not be able to commence swimming in Term 3 if you have any outstanding payments.

The Somerset Hills Candy Meet is on this Sunday 24 July. This is a fun meet for swimmers 10 years and under. This meet will not focus on times and placings but swimming for fun with prizes and lollies on offer. We are hoping as many swimmers as possible will be able to represent Wilston at this meet.

Bookings for Term 3 learn to swim are continuing. 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.

The next Committee Meeting will be Thursday 4 August 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.

St Columba’s Primary Great Fete
Saturday, 23 July
From 10.00am - 4.00pm
Pulled Pork Smokehouse, Curries
Condiment Queen, Cakes and Sweets
Live auction, raffles and prizes
Rides for all ages
Police Display, Qld Reds

Junior Engineers
< Computer programming made fun >

Comiences Thursday, 14th July
Weekly classes, 3:15pm-4:00pm
Course runs for 10 weeks
Course fee $250 (+ $20 annual registration fee)

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07 3700 9053

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KALINGA DASH FUNRUN
7.5km, 42km & 2km Kids Dash
Great prizes on offer, both cash & products.

Wilston State School Ever Onward
Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis (GBJT) conducts weekly Tennis Fixtures at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson and The University of Queensland for children up to 18 years of age. Grading day for new players is to be held on Sunday 24 July at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. Further information is available at www.gbtt.org.au or by phoning Mrs Peta Davis on 3374 0516.