FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Student Absences

This term we are making a concerted effort to ensure that the whereabouts of every student is known and that if a student is not at school we have been informed why they are not attending.

Teachers have been vigilant in marking the roll first thing of a morning and again when students return to class for the afternoon session. If we are not aware why a child is not at school, the office staff are contacting parents and carers immediately. We take our obligation to the duty of care to your child extremely seriously and the purpose of this message is to remind all parents that if your child cannot attend school for a particular reason that you convey this to your child’s teacher or contact the absentee line on 3552 8460 prior to or on the day of absence.

City District Athletics Carnival

Earlier this week the Wilston team consisting of over 60 very competitive athletes competed at the City District Trials that were held at Bowden Park Nundah. The team had great success, again crowned A schools champion as well as winning the overall percentage trophy. From the carnival 18 students have gained selection into the City District team to compete at the Regional Track and Field Championships on 23 and 24 August.

Rugby League

I commend the Junior Rugby League team for being the District Champions. This was achieved during the recent Gala Days where the team finished in first place. This success has elevated the team to participate in the Metro Cup. This is a knock out competition leading to naming the best junior team in Queensland. This Friday our boys play against a team from the Wynnum District and I wish them and their coach, Mr Adam Carrigan well.

Pool

Late last week our pool was handed back to us. I have certainly appreciated the support from Castleton Pools in endeavouring to complete this significant project as quickly as was realistically possible.

Now that the extensive plumbing work has been completed, the filtration system will now operate much more efficiently.

Mr Andrew Carrick, School’s Officer, is currently ensuring the water quality is correct before students begin swimming again. The pool will open next week.

School Photos

School photos are scheduled for later this term. Monday—Wednesday 5-7 September. A reminder that Prep students need to be in their formal uniform on their photo day (check shirt or dress). It would be appreciated if all students who own black school shows could wear these on their photo days as well.

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.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Go Green for EcoMarine
Thank you all for your gold coin donations. An amount of $815.00 was collected.

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 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).

ICAS—ENGLISH

The test will be on Tuesday morning 2 August commencing at 7.45 SHARP.

Students should assemble at the room indicated below. Tests will be available on the morning.

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CHOIR NEWS

Technicolour Multicultural Festival
The Wilston Wonders have received a yellow form regarding this event coming up in August. We hope your child can be there to support our local community and please return the permission form as soon as possible.

New Choir Captain
Sadly one of our current choir captains Gabi B. is leaving us in a few weeks. Last week we heard speeches from a number of Year 6 singers who were keen to nominate as Gabi’s replacement. Congratulations to our new captain Oliver H who received the most votes from our choristers. A special mention must also go to Ben M. Eloise G. and Charlotte C. for delivering excellent speeches.

Miranda Charters

TUCKSHOP NEWS

We wanted to thank all our volunteers for the help they give in our Tuckshop, without you there would be no Tuckshop. Wilston’s Tuckshop is only a success if we have the wonderful volunteers to make the sandwiches, place stickers on the lunch bags, and serve ice block to our kids at big lunch etc. We have grandparents, mums and even some brave dads who come in once a month to help our Tuckshop run well.

MunchMonitors is the easy way to order lunches and for you to see what’s on offer on the menu.

Sushi on Friday is very popular and is made fresh just for our kids. Have you tried it?

Freshly made in the Tuckshop, red chicken curry with rice and perfect little chipolatas is on offer Thursdays.

Roster for the week beginning 1 August 2016.

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Bec Macdonald 0448 804 279 60huet@gmail.com
Dot Milne 0408 729 021
FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

Brrrr! Winter is not done with us yet. Don’t forget to pack warm clothes, particularly for the mornings.

Drop in to the shop on Friday for our jackets $45 or rugby polo jumpers $30, check out our preloved stock for $10 each and remember that Lowes at the Stafford City Shopping Centre has an extra supply of brown tracksuit tops and bottoms while we work with manufacturers to improve our winter uniform.

Here are 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: There’s around 40 more stationery packs we will be delivering in the coming days so if you haven’t received yours yet, don’t worry. If you still need stationery for Semester 2, please now order through MunchMonitor or drop in to the Uniform/Bookshop on Wednesday or Friday and we’ll sort you out.

Tip of the week: Don’t forget our shirt registry is now open for people wanting to purchase our new two-coloured polo shirts. Ring, email or drop in at the shop and leave your name, contact number, child’s name, class, shirt size, and quantity needed and we’ll be in touch as soon as the new batch of shirts arrive.

Did you know: You could pay for your $65 Entertainment Book in one day by having lunch at the Fuzzy Duck Café and dinner at The Hutch Bistro. Both venues are offering one free main course when another is purchased. Entertainment Books, packed with similar deals, are available in printed book form or as a digital book. The best part for the kids is that 20% of sales is donated back to the school. 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.

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

NEWS FROM THE P&C

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Thursday 18 August 2016, 6.45pm for 7.00pm start in upper D Block. You are all welcome to attend.

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Save the Date - Sign on for the 2016 - 17 Swim Club season will be held on Sunday 11 September from 11:00am. It will be a fun day at the pool with an Olympic theme, a mini meet, your chance for a free swim, giveaways and a sausage sizzle lunch. Further details will be released shortly.

Good luck to the following Crocs who have qualified to swim at the Brisbane Short Course Championships at Chandler this weekend - Joshua A, Abigail A, Allie G, Chloe S, Eliza B and Stella S.

Congratulations to our small team of swimmers who competed at the Somerset Hills Candy Meet last weekend. All swimmers who attended had fun and were quick to line up and collect their lollies after their races!

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.

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.

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Please phone the Principal Margaret Treuel B.A., Dip. Ed.
3353 0555
CONFIRMATION WILSTON

Parent Information Session – compulsory
7.00pm Thursday 11th or
8.00am Sunday 14th August

St Columba’s School Hall, Wilston

Further info: kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au
or 3352 1730