



Term 3. Issue 4. 4 August 2016.

DATE CLAIMERS

4 August	Yr 3 – 6 Assembly
5 August	Jeans for Genes Day
8 August	Yr 1A and 1D to Strawberry Fields
10 August	EKKA Holiday
11 August	Yr 1C and 1E to Strawberry Fields
12 August	Yr 1B and 1F to Strawberry Fields
16 August	ICAS Mathematics Annual Speech Contest Semi Finals (Year 5 and 6 + selected Yr 4)
18 August	APSMO Olympiad 4 Prep to Yr 2 Assembly P&C Meeting. Staff Room
23 August	Year 2 to Mt Cootha Botanic Gard The Cube QUT
23/24/25 Aug	Met North Track and Field
24 August	Prep Incursion – Wild Rangers Wild Year 3-5 Shake & Stir Production – Rewind Prep to Year 2 Shake & Stir – Thrice Upon a Time
25 August	9.00am Whole School Assembly (Book Week) Prep Incursion – Wild Rangers Wild 1A and 1D Grandparents Celebration
27 August	Choir + BWP to Multicultural Festival 23 Foster St Newmarket
31 August	Father's Day Stall (all day)
1 September	Father's Day Stall (before school) Year 3 – 6 Assembly
5/6/7 September	School Photos
7/9 September	Honours Music Camp
14 September	APSMO Olympiad 4 Grandparents Day 1B, 1E, 1F. Spring Concert
15 September	Science Competition entries due Whole School Assembly P&C Meeting. Staff Room
16 September	Last day Term 3
3 October	Queen's Birthday
4 October	First day Term 4
5 October	Year 2A/B Bunyaville Year 5 City Streets City Beach
6 October	Year 2C/D Bunyaville Year 5 City Streets City Beach Whole School Assembly
7 October	Gala Day
10 October	Year 5 City Streets City Beach
12 October	Year 5 City Streets City Beach Prep Hearing Screening Test
13 October	Year 2E/F Bunyaville

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Year 5 Camp

Over the next two days our Year 5 students and their teachers are attending the annual Year 5 camp based at Currumundi on the Sunshine Coast. This camp is run by staff from the Department of National Parks and Sports and has a great flexible program based on land and water activities. I look forward to hearing from the students about this program and the challenges they undertook whilst away.

NAPLAN

Late last week we received the individual NAPLAN reports for each student in Years 3 and 5. These reports will be sent home this week.

Yesterday the school reports were made available. My leadership team will spend some time analysing this information and I intend releasing a more detailed report at the next P&C meeting.

The current media reports have highlighted the fact that achievements in writing have dropped around the nation and this is also true at Wilston. My team will review this and we will ensure we have strategies in place to address this.

Another area that the media has highlighted of possible concern is that across the nation student results are plateauing. This has not been reflected at Wilston, where currently, with the exception of writing, we have seen a greater proportion of our Year 3 students in the upper 2 bands in Reading, Grammar and Punctuation, Spelling and Numeracy.

Refreshed Advancing Education Action Plan available

We've listened to Queenslanders who said we're on the right track.

The refreshed *Advancing education action plan* emphasises partnerships with families, the community, industry and tertiary providers.

The consultation report and supporting plans — *A strategy for STEM and coding counts* — are available, with additional plans to be released throughout 2016. Visit www.advancingeducation.qld.gov.au for more information.

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WELL DONE AWARDS

Prep

Amelie S PA, Kaitlyn T PA, Benjamin G PB, Lily M PB, Bertie S PC, Jack W PC, Imogen T PD, Isla F PD.

Year 1

Aum B 1A, Lulu C 1A, May Mc 1B, Alexis C 1B, Sibella C 1C, Jay C 1C, Aidan M 1D, Bella Y-J 1D, Sophie M 1E, Moemie W 1E, Lachlan H 1F, Makenna M 1F.

Year 2

Bridie S 2A, James R 2A, Lucas T-G 2B, Pippa M 2B, Harrison W 2C, Lithy K-P 2C, Suraya Mc 2D, Frankie S 2D, Klara R 2E, Archie R 2E, Fim B 2F, Sophie T 2F.

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

Jeans for Genes Day

This **Friday 5 August** we will be holding a free dress day for **Jeans for Genes Day**. 100% of the money we raise will go directly to the work of the Children's Medical Research Institute. The money guarantees long-term support through our scientists researching genetic diseases like cancer, epilepsy and birth defects.

Remember you **MUST** wear your school shirt and denim jeans, shorts or skirts. Please ensure they are appropriate for school **AND remember your gold coin donation.**

ECOMARINE

Hello!

As you may know, we have been interviewing students from Grades 4-5 to be the 2016/2017 EcoMarine Ambassadors. There were 14 applicants who were interviewed over the second and third weeks of this term and only four lucky students were chosen to represent Wilston as EcoMarine Ambassadors. That being said, it was a very hard choice as all applicants did an outstanding job with their interviews and presentations. We would like to announce your new EcoMarine Ambassadors for the next year, Alice C, Angus G, Clementine S and Kate I. Congratulations, we look forward to working with you over the next year.

We would also like to thank everyone for their contributions towards Go Green for EcoMarine Day last week. We raised \$815.00 and that money will go toward purchases recycling bins in our classrooms.

Lastly, a big well done to all the EcoWarriors for their presentation and preparation on last week's junior assembly, you did a great job! Thanks for all your support, Go- Green- Ecomarine

NEWS FROM THE HOC

The following students received Distinctions or High Distinctions in ICAS Science undertaken last term.

Year 6

Distinction

Abigail S
Jonathan P
Mathew H
Keeley B
Vivanye W
Jonathan V
Clarinda H

Year 5

Distinction

Carson P
Sandave W
Aidan T

Year 4

Distinction

Ben V
Jack MacN
Erica L
Tess L

Year 3

High Distinction

Jackson L
Oscar Y-J

Distinction

Ashima
William R
Thea L
Nicholas C
Lewis M

Amanda Leeson-Smith. Head of Curriculum

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2016

Between 15-19 August (Week 6), Wilston State School will be celebrating National Science Week. National Science Week lasts officially from 13-21 August. The National Science Week school theme is "Drones, Droids and Robots", with an emphasis on autonomous technologies, especially in areas such as agriculture, mining, manufacturing, medicine and space and deep ocean exploration. Selected Year 5 and 6 will be attending a LEGO robotics excursion to The Cube, QUT Gardens Point Campus, as part of the school's National Science Week celebrations (Tuesday, 23 August).

All Year 3-5 classes will be having a special Science Week lesson during their normal science timetable.

There will be a range of lunchtime activities for students from all year levels to participate in. Students may choose to enter the following activities:

Monday, 15 August

DRAWING RESISTANCE (Year 6)

Students construct simple circuits and learn about electrical resistance. All materials are provided for the activity, but places are limited, so interested students will need to register by Friday, 12 August to avoid disappointment.

Wednesday, 17 August EGG DROP (Prep-Year 3)

Students construct a 'container' to keep an egg safe when dropped from a height. Students will need to construct their own egg drop entry at home, and bring it along on the day. Eggs must be raw. Egg cartons and bubble wrap are the most commonly used materials in constructing an egg drop, but the final design and choice of materials is up to the student(s). Students may work with a partner.

Thursday, 18 August CONSTRUCTION CHALLENGE (Years 4-6)

Teams of Year 4-6 students will be constructing a 'tightrope walker' out of everyday materials. Further details will be made available in Week 6. Students participate in small teams. All materials are provided for the activity, but places are limited, so interested students will need to register early in Week 6 to avoid disappointment. Maximum number of teams: 10; maximum team size: 3.

Friday, 19 August VIEWING NATURE

Come and use the school's microscopes (digital and optical) to get a close-up view of the microworld. Look at some prepared slides or bring something from home.

The focus of the Science Week lunchtime activities is on fun and enjoyment. Enquiries should be directed to Brendan Medlin (Science Room) on bmedl2@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 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).

NEWS FROM HPE



Track and Field

Congratulations to the Wilston SS track and field team that defended the A Schools' trophy at the City District Track and Field championships last week. It was an outstanding effort by all members of the squad. We were also successful in winning the overall percentage trophy. This is awarded to the school on the basis of number of points divided by the school population and is very difficult to win as a large school. The school was also able to win 5 out of the 6 4x100m relays.

As a result, 18 students have been selected in the City District track and field team to compete at the regional championships on 23 and 24 August at the UQ Athletics Centre.

City District Reps:

Angus K, Cassidy B, Thomas S, Josh T, Charles S, Lucy B, Sandave W, Cooper S, Jordan R, Tess G, Josh A, Hayden H, Sienna C, Emily C, James M, Eliza B, Will F, Hannah B.

Overall Results:

1 st	Wilston SS	382.5
2 nd	Ascot SS	346.5
3 rd	Milton SS	190.5

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Wilston Wonders - Response Forms

Quite a number of students have returned their forms for the **Multicultural Festival on Aug 27**. Thank you!! If you are yet to respond please return the form by the end of this week.

Miranda Charters

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Q Roasters is the winner

In our coffee shop we have chosen Q Roasters as our coffee bean of choice. After trying out several different roast houses including Fonzie and Abbot, Iggy's and Blue sky. Q Roasters is a local roaster in Wolverhampton street at Stafford.

We are still selling hot choc in the morning and if you want to keep up with our ever changing menu log in to Munch Monitors

Roster for weekly beginning 9 August 2016

Monday 8	Closed
Tuesday 9	Leonie Crawford, Lorraine Tibbits, Sharon Waddingham
Wednesday 10	Ekka Holiday
Thursday 11	Sian Pratt, Jacinda Geritz, Bev Mitchell
Friday 12	Charlotte Muir, Nat Scott, Chris Beehler, Geraldine Mercer, Jessica Draper.

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FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

Term 3 is school photo time. This year it's on September 5, 6, and 7, so if you want to look smart in our new formal uniform (that's the **check shirt** and **gaberdine shorts/skorts**, or **check dress**) then come in early to avoid the rush in four weeks' time.

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.

Shirt registry: New two-coloured polo shirts are on the way. Put your name on our shirt registry and we'll make sure you don't miss out. 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 they arrive.

Mid-Year Book Packs: Almost all the top-up stationery has been delivered to classrooms. We've got a few more deliveries this week. If your pack has not arrived by next week, please let Debra know (0412 417 552) and she'll chase it up for you.

Entertainment Books: Get a free ice skating session and skate hire at Iceworks at Boondall when you go with a friend, then nip into the city and take a ride on the Wheel of Brisbane for half price for a family of four. It's easy to get your money back on a \$65 Entertainment Book which is available from the Uniform Shop or the office. The best part for the kids is that 20% of sales is donated back to the school. 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: You don't have to wear your skorts or shorts on Friday. Remember it's **Jeans for Genes Day**, a chance to let your clothes do the talking in support of the Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI). If you wear jeans on Friday, a gold coin donation would be much appreciated.

Did you know: Clothes and accessories have been used to show solidarity toward different people, causes and events for years. In June, people in England wore safety pins in support of immigrants. Sports-people wear black armbands during games when someone they know and respect has died.

And at Wilston State School, Preppies have gold ribbons on their hats to let people know that they are the very youngest members of our school and need extra support and care.

If you've lost the **Prep ribbon** on a hat, the Uniform shop has a new supply so pop in. They sell for \$2 each.

Janice Nykiel and Debra Bela – Convenors
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NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Wilston Pool has re-opened and it is great to see everyone in both squads and learn to swim back in the pool.

Congratulations to all swimmers who competed at the Brisbane Short Course Championships at Chandler last weekend. A special mention to Stella S who finished first in the 50m breaststroke and also to Josh and Abigail A with three top 10 finishes between them.

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.

Would you like to be involved in the committee for the new season? We have a number of positions required to be filled before the first club night. It is a rewarding experience for all who are involved. If you are interested in any of the following positions or want to know what is involved please come along to the Swim Club Committee Meeting this Thursday night or email swim@wilstonpandc.org.au. The following positions are currently available-

- Treasurer
- Canteen convenor/s
- Scribe
- Announcer
- Carnival organiser

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 .007pm 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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