FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Planning for our Centenary

With only four years before Wilston State School celebrates its centenary I am in the process of forming a committee to prepare for this celebration.

Late last week a package arrived with a collection of school photographs taken in the 1960’s and 1970’s. This one had the following written on the back, “1971 WSS Junior A – Softball Zone Premiers 1971 and Metropolitan Premiers”

It is nice to know that over the decades since Wilston State School opened that our students have performed well at all times. Currently we have two immediate past students who are competing at the Olympics. Maddie Grove and Georgia Bohl were here swimming with the Wilston Crocs not that long ago. Leading up to our centennial celebration I am hoping to connect with as many past students in the hope of creating a document that lists their time at school and what life experiences they’ve had beyond Wilston. If you are in contact with any past students please encourage them to contact me so that I can start this database.

Administration of Medication

Administration staff accept responsibility to give medication to students during school hours only when it is absolutely necessary.

Guidelines set by Education Queensland are as follows:

• Oral medication will be given strictly in accordance with instructions supplied by the student’s medical practitioner and must be in writing. Non-prescribed oral medications e.g. analgesics/cough syrups will not be given.

• Where a staff member is to administer long-term medication, the instructions provided should be typed by a pharmacist at the doctor’s direction. The staff member will not accept the instructions solely of a parent. The medication container needs to specify the student’s name, specific times at which the medication is to be administered as well as the dosage.

• Medication provided for one student will not be administered to another student (excluding use of an Epipen in an emergency situation).

• Medication will be kept in a secure place at all times. All unused medication will be returned to the parents. Medication will not be sent home with a student.

Staff members will not give intravenous injections. Other injections may only be given by staff members who have had training in the procedure and are willing to do so. Such injections should be given only when full written instructions as to administration and possible complications are received from the doctor.

Should your children require medication (short or long-term), a Request to Administer Medication at School form needs to be completed by the parent. The form outlines details of the illness, the medication (as above) and gives permission for the staff member designated by the Principal to administer the medication.

Student Absences

If your child is arriving late to school due to an appointment or away from school for any reason, please leave a message prior to 9.00am on the Student Absence line 3552 8444.
ICAS MATHEMATICS

The test will be on Tuesday morning 16 August commencing at 7.45 SHARP.

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

- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber

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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.

The focus of the 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).

CHOIR NEWS

Wilston Wonders - Upcoming Performance Dates
Saturday August 27
Technicolour Multicultural Festival (Newmarket). 2.00pm arrival.

Wednesday September 14
Spring Concert (Evening performance) confirmed for Music Fest Comp.

Sunday October 30
(Early afternoon).

Miranda Charters
All students in Years 2 and 3 will attend a concert in the next week to hear the instrumental program. Children will be sent home with a letter which students must return if they wish to be considered for selection in either program. If you have any questions about the instrumental program, please email either Kathryn Payne at kpayn49@eq.edu.au (strings) or Colin McIntyre at cmcin13@eq.edu.au (band).

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

With the weather getting warmer have you tried the fresh fruit salad that is made daily in Tuckshop? We also make spaghetti bolognaise daily and there are fresh hummus dips all made right here in Tuckshop. It’s all to be ordered on Munch Monitors. Any questions just pop in and see us at the Tuckshop we promise that we don’t bite.

Roster beginning 15 August 2016

Monday 15 Closed.
Tuesday 16 Angela, we need help even if you can help once.
Wednesday 17 Maria Lodhi, Christine Matheson.
Thursday 18 Natalie McMaster, Harriet Carter, Angel Patel.
Friday 19 Amanda Barr, Peta Bunce, Josie Parry, Bob and Sue Behan, Paige Osleibhin.

**FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP**

It’s hump week, halfway through Term 3, and we’ve been busy restocking stationary shelves with highlighters, whiteboard erasers and dictionaries. Pop in if you need anything and we’ll sort you out.

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: 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.

**Cotton polo shirts:** A small shipment of cotton polo shirts in the new two-colour style has arrived. These shirts have been ordered specifically for those who prefer cotton shirts to our normal range of cotton/ acrylic shirts. Supplies are limited so please purchase only if cotton is your preferred fabric.

**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:** Give those black shoes a bit of a spit and polish this weekend. If they’re leather, some leather conditioner will help get the most out of your shoes and stop them cracking. And don’t forget to replace old shoelaces.

**Did you know:** In launching Australia’s Olympic uniform, former Olympians Giaan Rooney and Matthew Mitcham said that green and gold were “notoriously difficult” colours to put together successfully.

Check out the retro candy pinstripes of our athletes’ blazers and see what you think of Australia’s Olympic uniform. Would you design it differently?

**Ever onward, Wilston!**

**NEWS FROM THE P&C**

**Father’s Day Stall**

Don’t forget Dad on his special day - the P&C Father’s Day Stall will be on all day Wednesday 31 August. Students can come to the stall with their class and choose a great gift for their special dad (and/or grandad etc). All gifts are still just $10. Students must bring their money on the day. The stall will also open before school (8.00-9.15am) on Thursday 1 September for anyone who is away or forgets their money on Wednesday.

**ALSO,** I really need volunteers who can spare an hour or more on to help on the stall (next to the library) during class (9.00am-2.45pm) on Wednesday. **Pick a timeslot that suits online (www.signupgenius.com/go/200e4f9ae2e3a1f6-2015)** or text me. **Thank you!**

Ingrid (042 405 1987)

**NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE**

**Run for Your Kids by You.**

**WKC’s New Admin Person**

Alison left us at the end of July to pursue a career with the Qld Police. She is being replaced by Danielle who will start with us this week. Please make Danielle feel welcome when you first meet her.

**WKC Licence – Can we increase the number of children?**

More and more families are using the Centre’s services and the number of children in the Centre has increased by 25% since 2013. This reflects the changes in demographics of the catchment with more double income families and less close family support. As a result, the Centre is overbooked for three afternoons a week with an on-going waiting list. We do not expect any improvements for next year as there will be more children joining the Centre than children leaving. Consequently, the committee has decided to investigate options to increase the licence number to 230 children. This will not be an easy task, as the Centre will need to comply with many government requirements; a major limitation is the available indoor space in case of rain events. In the meantime, please advise the Centre if you know ahead that your child will be absent, so that others can benefit from it.

**WKC Sub-Committee Meeting**

We know that this sounds repetitive but WKC is run by you, the Parents, not by an external organisation, not by the school. WKC is also the Centre’s biggest contributor and the funds are reused to benefit the children and the school. The Sub-Committee needs your input and your help.

Our monthly 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 14 September at 6.00pm in the WKC office.

Office: 33526753
Service Manager (Tamara): 0402 621 150
wkc.admin@wilstonpandc.org.au

**FROM STRINGS & BRASS WOODWIND**

All students in Years 2 and 3 will attend a concert in the next week to hear the instruments from our Strings (Year 2) and Band (Year 3) programs. Children will be sent home with a letter which students must return if they wish to be considered for selection in either program. If you have any questions about the instrumental program, please email either Kathryn Payne at kpayn49@eq.edu.au (strings) or Colin McIntyre at cmcin13@eq.edu.au (band).
NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Good luck to Maddie Groves and Georgia Bohl, two former Wilston Crocs who are competing in the butterfly and breaststroke respectively at the Rio Olympics this week.

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 including fun races and relays, a free swim, give-aways 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
- Scribe
- Announcer
- Carnival organiser
- Assistant canteen convenor

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 1 September poolside.

The Wilston Crocs have a Facebook page. Please ‘like us’ and keep up to date on all swimming news.

Fathers Day Stall

Wednesday 31st August

Kids, come to the P&C stall with your class and choose a gift to say ‘thank you’ to your Dad (and/or grandpa etc). We have lots to choose from!

All gifts $10

If you are away or forget on Wednesday, the stall will also open on Thursday 1st September (8-9.15am).

Parents, can you spare time on Wednesday 31st to help? If so, contact Ingrid (042 405 1987) or go to www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4faea23a1f85-2015

Wilston State School Ever Onward
Stafford Police Station will be running a cupcake stall for RSPCA’s Cupcake day
Monday August 15  7.30am- 3.30pm
Stafford Police Station – front of Station
If you anyone would like to make a donation and can’t make it to our event here is the link to our fundraising page: https://rspcacupcakeday-qld2016.everydayhero.com/au/karen-4
We will have lots of cupcakes and pup-cakes on offer and well behaved pups are most welcome to visit us too! Cupcake day is all about raising much-needed funds for the many abandoned, injured, neglected and sick animals who come into the RSPCA’s care each and every year.
Stafford Police want to raise even more funds than last year’s effort of $1200.00 - can you help us achieve an even better result this year?!