

Wilston State School Ever onward

Term 3. Issue 6. 18 August 2016.

DATE CLAIMERS

18 August	APSMO Olympiad 4 Prep to Yr 2 Assembly P&C Meeting. Staff Room
23 August	Year 2 to Mt Cootha Botanic Garden 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
13 September	Year 6 Regatta Wilston SS Chess Competition
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
11 October	Year 3 Caboolture Historical Village
12 October	Year 5 City Streets City Beach Prep Hearing Screening Test
13 October	Year 2E/F Bunyaville Year 5 City Streets City Beach Year 6 Shake & Stir Production – Territorial Year 3 - 6 Assembly
14 October	Gala Day
21 October	Gala Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Olympians

Over the last few weeks I have been inundated by emails from far and wide to let me know that a number of our current Olympians are ex Wilston State School students who in their early years swam with the Crocs. The Crocs have certainly delivered plenty of champions over the years. Bron Knox, captain of the Australian Women's Water Polo team, is competing in her third Olympic games. Prior to these games she has won two bronze medals. Madeline Groves is a former Wilston SS student competing in the Swimming 100m and 200m Butterfly.

Another Wilston SS Olympian is Pietro Figlioli, a member of the Italian Water polo team. He is competing in his 4th Olympics - twice in the Aussie Team in 2004 and 2008 and for Italy in 2012 and 2016. (He had to become an Italian citizen due to the rules of the Italian league water polo competition – water polo in Europe is huge and the European teams pay as much for their water polo players as the Australians pay their NRL stars.

Pietro's father, Jose Figlioli (also a three time Olympian for Brazil) was a Languages teacher for DET before he retired. Jose was also a swimming coach at Wilston SS while he did a conversion course to update his teaching qualifications to an Australian Standard.

Wilston STEM Robotic

I spent a very pleasurable couple of hours at UQ last Saturday watching our students compete in the following competition. I have taken the liberty of placing the following article written by parent and facilitator of this wonderful program as the lead article in this week's newsletter. My immense appreciation goes to parent Susan Boucher and the many parents who are highly engaged in this program.



On the weekend six Wilston Robotics teams competed in Robocup 2016.

Our robot soccer teams DeMagical Scheme Team - Clarinda, Liam & Liam and W.I.L.S.T.O.N GEN II - Will, Sandave and James were a force to be reckoned with. An incredible effort by all team members leading up to the competition and on the day. Excellent result.

The Robot Dance team Zootopia - Anastasiya and Liliya performed "Try Everything" and wowed the crowd with their costumes, choreographed dance moves and synchronised tiger robots. Truly specular.

The Robotic Wilston Pugs—Kara, Vivanya and Keeley stopped people in their tracks when "Who Let The Dogs Out" played. Dressed in pugs onesies, they entertained us with a precise coded robot dog and cat. The team won third place receiving a trophy. Well done girls!

Our line followers Crusaders - Riley and Liam T and Galactic Droids - Riana, Atticus, Tom and Axel - enjoyed the day as a big learning day. Overcoming lighting challenges throughout the day was difficult but in the end they all scored well for their efforts. Our teams showed resilience, responsibility and teamwork, especially freedom in the pit area, where no adult dare cross in fear of the security guard.

Thank you to all parents who helped coach and mentor our students. We look forward to our celebration and debrief.

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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

School Photos

School photos will be taken from Monday to Wednesday 5 – 7 September. The schedule will be sent via Parent Liaisons as soon as it is finalised. As we have some of our senior school students involved in activities off-site on Monday and Wednesday, the photo schedule has been developed to ensure that these students do not miss any photos due to their participation in these events. As a consequence though, the final schedule will be not open to any changes.

Sibling/family photos are organised for before school, morning tea and lunchtime on each of the three days. Please remind your children if you have organised for one of these photographs to be taken. Envelopes for sibling/family photos are available at the office.

Individual student's envelopes were handed to students earlier this week. These should be returned on your child's photo day.

If you have any queries, please contact the school.

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.

Whole School Book Week Parade

On Thursday 25 August 2016 at 9.00am there will be a whole school Book Week Parade. Student Councillors will be awarded their badges and ICAS certificates will be handed out to students. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Jeans for Genes

Thank you all for your gold coin donations on our free dress day for Jeans for Genes. A total of \$640 was raised.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of **UNNAMED** lost property. Jackets, hats, lunch boxes etc. This is a reminder to **please mark** your children's items in order that they may be returned to them. Any items not claimed by the end of term will be donated to charity.

ECOMARINES

Hello again!!! Some of you may know that the ambassadors, champions and, of course, the warriors completed a hands on recycling activity last week. Using recycled newspaper, water and some simple equipment, we made recycled paper! Our next step will be to decorate our paper with paint and display them somewhere in the school, so keep an eye out for that!

We will also like to tell you about the "Care 4 Country" event we attended last Sunday. It was a unique opportunity to connect and learn from local Aboriginal people. We were able to do many different things, like create face paint from clay.

This Friday the ambassadors and Ms Rodriguez will be making their way over to the beautiful Tangalooma Island for the event, "SoundWave". Here we will spend the entire day learning more about the eco-system around Moreton Bay, interacting with other ambassadors, feeding the wildlife and discussing and sharing our environmental plans for the future. We look forward to giving you the whole story in next week's newsletter!

Finally, our in class recycle bins have arrived!!! This is wonderful news as we have had so many teachers and students requesting recycling bins in their classrooms. This will make a huge difference to how we care for our environment. Here are list of things that you can put into your classroom's recycle bin: *Paper, cardboard, plastic (if the container has had food or liquid in it, just give it a little rinse, plastic bottles and caps). These are the main recyclable items we use at school.* That's all from us! Go-Green-EcoMarines!



CHESS COMPETITION

WSS Chess Competition 2016
13th Sep

FREE for all to enter
**students must have completed all term 3 assessments and have permission from their classroom teacher.*

9am - Prep → 2 sign on (WSS staffroom)
9:30 - 11am prep → 2 games
11-11:30 yr 3→6 sign on
2pm yr 3→6 competition
2pm presentation of trophy

It doesn't matter if you are just starting out or consider yourself a pro, come and have a go. This is the opportunity for our Gardiner Chess players to put their skills into practice! Good luck everyone! EVERYONE MUST HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE GAMES RULES

ANNUAL SPEECH CONTEST SEMI-FINAL

The semi-finals of the Annual Speech Contest were held on Tuesday, 16 August. A total of 14 Year 6 students and 5 students from Years 4 and 5 presented engaging and thought-provoking speeches to their peers and a panel of two independent judges (Ms Bernadette Knight and Ms Mary Wong). The judges were impressed by the overall quality of the speeches, and the poise and confidence of the speakers. They stressed the importance of speakers engaging the attention of the audience from the beginning of the speech, not speaking too quickly, establishing eye contact, and "the power of pausing". The Year 6 speakers progressing to the final are listed below:

Year 6

Nicholas A *Go camping*

Josh B *Holiday after State of Origin*

Lily C *Litter free Australia*
Isabel P *Stopping palm oil*
Abigail S *Santa is evil*
Jonathan V *The not so super Zooper Dooper*

Year 5 was a straight final:

1st – Clementine S *Shoot for your goals: play soccer!*
Deedee C *Don't be meek: public speak*
Amelie E *Less is more*
Simon T *How do video games influence your brain*
Matilda T *Why children should go to school*

The final of the Annual Speech Contest will be held on Thursday, 1 September, 2016, in D Block (Old Library).

Please direct questions/enquiries to Mr Brendan Medlin (6C) on bmedl2@eq.edu.au.

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).

UPDATE FROM THE LIBRARY

The theme of Book Week 2016 is "Australia: Story Country". It is a celebration of the stories of our land from the original Indigenous people to the European settlers and migrants who now call Australia home.

Our annual **Book Week Parade** will be held on Thursday 25 August at 9.00am. It is time to start creating your costume of your favourite book character! Come along to the school library to browse books for inspiration.

Parents and guardians may find these links helpful for creative, affordable costume ideas: <https://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/gallery/2015/feb/16/what-to-wear-on-world-book-day-2015>
<http://www.bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/>

This year children will also participate in 'A Poem in Your Pocket' day on Tuesday 23 August. This fun event will celebrate poetry by encouraging students and teachers to pop a short poem in their pockets to read or recite to each other upon request during the day. All active participants will go into a prize draw for each grade level. Get in to the spirit of Book Week 2016 – dress up and join in the fun!

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club brochures for Issue 6 will go home this week. Please place your orders online using the LOOP system (Linked Online Ordering and Payment) www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the LOOP Apple or Android app. **Wilston State School is not accepting cash or cheques as all payments are made online.** Orders will close next Friday 26 August. Thank you for supporting our Book Club!

NEWS FROM HPE

Track and Field

We have 18 students heading to the Metropolitan North Track and Field carnival next Tuesday and Wednesday. These students are representing City District and are aiming to gain selection into the regional team to compete at the state championships later in the year. We also have 5 of our successful relay teams competing on the Tuesday. Good luck to all these students.

Summer Gala Days

In the next week, students will be choosing their preferences for the upcoming summer gala days. These days are on the first three Fridays of next term. Students have a choice of the following sports:

- AFL
- Boys Touch
- T20 big blast cricket
- Baseball
- Netball
- Flipperball (modified water polo)

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

FROM THE STRINGS & BWP

Honours Music Camp

Forms were handed out to selected students that auditioned for this camp. **Please return these medical/permission forms to the office via the class Blue Bag by this Friday. Payment is to please accompany these forms.** If your child is not able to attend, please let either Mrs Payne or Mr McIntyre know.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

The end of term is in sight so if you need a pick me up to get to the end, the Coffee Shop is open five days a week for a hot coffee.

Roster for week beginning 23 August 2016

Monday 22	CLOSED
Tuesday 23	Ellie Cayas, Louise Astori
Wednesday 24	Steve Lawson, Kate Usher
Thursday 25	Sally Carson, Wendy Bensley, help if you can
Friday 26	Tina Robinson, Tarah Hastie, Sue.

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FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

Another six stationery top-up packs were sent to Edsco this week, bringing to a close our mid-year **stationery orders**. If you are still in need of supplies, you can continue to order through the MunchMonitor website (details below) or drop in to the Uniform/Bookshop where we are fully stocked with all the pencils, exercise books, scrapbooks, USB sticks and whiteboards you may need.

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.

Entertainment Books: 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.

Tip of the week: Don't forget our **shirt registry** is 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: Science has a lot to do with the clothes we wear, from the computers used to design clothes, to the new fabrics being created to make them. The 3D printing of clothing and jewellery (which mixes fashion with engineering) has already been seen in Brisbane with teams of university students putting on fashion parades with designs made on a 3D printer. At the Uniform Shop, we learn about different fabrics and designs when sourcing new uniform items for you.

Janice Nykiel and Debra Bela – Convenors

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NEWS FROM THE P&C

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held this Thursday at 6.45pm for 7.00pm in D Block (Staff room). You are all welcome to attend.

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/20f0e4faeae23a1f85-2015) or text me. Thank you!

Ingrid (042 405 1987)

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Congratulations to Maddie Groves who won Olympic Silver in the 200m Butterfly last week. Maddie was a past Wilston Crocs swimmer and Club Captain and she still holds an amazing 13 pool and club championships records at Wilston!

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, novelty races and relays, a free swim, give-aways and a sausage sizzle lunch. We look forward to seeing as many swimmers there as possible.

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 on Friday 7 October. 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 email swim@wilstonpandc.org.au or come along to our next Committee Meeting on 1 September at 7.00pm poolside. 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.

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/20f0e4faeae23a1f85-2015



Wilston Norths Junior Cricket Club (WNJCC) Sign-on for 2016-2017:

Sign up on-line: wilston-norths-jcc.cld.cricket.com.au
Sign on Day: Saturday 20 August 2015 - 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
Northern Suburbs District Cricket Club, Shaw Rd, Kalinga

Sign on Day: Sunday 21 August 2015 - 1.00 to 4.00 p.m.
Brothers Community Centre, Agincourt St, Grange

For details or for a club near you contact:
Glyn Netto 33562693 or Ray Brandt 0411547255



Do you know a boy aged 8-12 who loves to sing?

CHORISTER FOR A DAY

Sunday August 21st
St John's Anglican Cathedral, Brisbane **2-7PM**

An exciting opportunity for treble-voiced boys to experience life as a chorister in one of Australia's most stunning Cathedrals

For more information, or to register, contact choristerforaday@mail.com



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