FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

School Mural
Over the last two years Ms Fiona Hobbs has been working with the student leaders with the intent of beautifying the Undercroft. This is the area under L Block, leading onto the oval. The theme for this year is Wilston By Night and this complements last year’s mural. The students painted the constellation in the 2016 mural. This artwork has certainly enhanced the area.

Children Need To Play Outside
We can’t expect children to sit for hours on end, interspersed with little movement breaks and not expect consequences to their development. Some experts believe children need at least three hours of outdoor play on a daily basis in order to foster healthy sensory and motor development. They need opportunities to climb trees, run as fast as they can, use their imagination, test their strength, roll, climb, balance and even spin in circles. All of these activities use their brain, activate their muscles both big and small and engage the senses. This lays the foundation for being able to pay attention, listen and learn in a classroom setting.

So the next time you pick your children up from school, take them to a park and let them run around for a while. On the weekends spend the day at the beach, even if it’s not sunny and warm — there are benefits in being outside in all kinds of weather. Encourage them to ride their bikes to friends’ houses. Get to know your neighbours and create a community that watches out for the children so that they can play outdoors whether you live in an urban or a rural setting.

Studies indicate that when children switch from spending hours primarily indoors and sitting at a desk to one where the child is free to move and play throughout the day, the results can be far-reaching. Problems of poor attention all but disappear and children become attentive and active learners. Time spent playing outdoors fosters a joy of learning and confidence in one’s abilities — two critical elements in the classroom and in life. All it takes is some time and a place to play outside.

As a society we’re making great strides toward obesity prevention. While we are working to keep our children at healthy weights, we must also strive to ensure healthy behaviours, attitudes, sensory function, strength and coordination. This is true health, and to get it, our children should be introduced to a lot more outdoor playtime with their peers.


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DATE CLAIMERS

25 August 9.00am Whole School Assembly (Book Week)
        Prep Incursion – Wild Rangers Wild
        1A and 1D Grandparents Celebration
        23 Foster St Newmarket
27 August Choir + BWP to Multicultural Festival
31 August Father’s Day Stall (all day)
        Year 1 Fire Talk visit
1 September Father’s Day Stall (before school)
        Year 3 – 6 Assembly
5/6/7 September School Photos
7/9 September Honours Music Camp
8 September Year 1 Fire Truck Visit
13 September Year 6 Regatta
14 September Wilston SS Chess Competition
        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
20 October Year 5 City Streets City Beach
        Prep to Yr 2 Assembly
        P&C Meeting. Staff Room
24 October Yr 3/4 Aka the Fire ant Tracker Dog
26 October Yr 5/6 Aka the Fire ant Tracker Dog
26-28 October Year 4 Camp
27 October Whole School Assembly
28 October World Teachers’ Day
        Daniel Morecombe Day

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WELL DONE AWARDS

Prep
Indianna V PA, Shree B PA, Zoe B PB, Joshua B PB, Vamoor S PC, Kieran Mc PC, Jordana H PD, Jim G PD, Sarah L PE, Evie T PE.

Year 1
Claudia S 1A, William O 1A, Henry D 1B, Eliza O 1B, Kai H 1C, Gloria F 1C, Quimm Mc 1D, Poppy E 1D, Stella C 1E, Darcy H 1E, Oscar W 1F, Elijah T 1F.

Year 2

Last week we drew the Wilston Care Awards. It was great to see so many students who have been acknowledged over the term for showing the Care For -
• Care for their learning
• Care for others
• Care for themselves
• Care for our school.

A winner was drawn from each year level and they received the Care for Trophy for their class for the term.

Congratulations to: Kasra T—PC. Mitchell G—1C. Eliza B—2D.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

School Photos
School photos will be taken from Monday to Wednesday 5 – 7 September. The schedule has been sent via Parent Liaisons. 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 last 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.

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club
Book Club brochures for Issue 6 have gone home. 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 this Friday 26 August. Thank you for supporting our Book Club!

ECOMARINES

Everyone should have the yellow recycling bins in their classrooms. From Years P-2, we have assigned EcoWarriors to empty the recycling bins on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 1.45pm-2.00pm (or an agreed time with the teachers). Remember only clean plastics, paper and cardboard. NO CLING WRAP, NO ZIP-LOCK BAGS AND NO FOOD SCRAPS!!

Last week on Friday, we went to Tangalooma Island for the event, Sound Wave, to learn more about the other schools and what they do at their schools for the EcoMarine program. There were about 13 other schools at this event. We also got to plant trees on the beach and feed the majestic dolphins. We had so much fun!

Our next project is to paint our recycled paper. Making the paper was a huge success.

UPDATE FROM SCIENCE

Science Week
Students have participated in a range of activities during Science Week, with a focus on enjoyment and problem-solving.

Thank you to all students who participated in the lunchtime activities, and also to parents for their support and encouragement at home. A special thank you to Mrs Elly Darling, Mrs Helen Lambert-Smith (1A) and Karen Charles (1D) for volunteering their time and effort in organising the lunchtime activities.

Take The Five Scientist Pledge
This activity arrived too late for National Science Week, but is, regardless, a worthwhile challenge for any time of the year: Australia’s Chief Scientist, Dr Alan Finkel, is calling on all Australians to get to know the names of at least five living Australian scientists during National Science Week.

“We can all name at least five current athletes, particularly during the Olympic games. We can all name at least five actors. These days, we can probably even name at least five celebrity chefs,” Dr Finkel said. “But most of us would struggle to name five Australian scientists – or perhaps, five scientists at all! If we all knew of at least five of our nation’s scientists, and the stories of their achievements, we would think of our country with a re-doubled sense of pride.

Just as importantly, we would look to the future in the expectation that life will be better tomorrow than it is today. Everywhere I go, I am inspired by the scientists and students I meet. Australians can believe me when I say we have some of the finest problem-solvers in the world; and we are training up the next generation to follow their lead. Science is not just for scientists, it’s for everyone who takes an interest in making things work.

That’s why I challenge everyone to take the five scientist pledge for National Science Week.
If you can’t name five living Australian scientists now, spend five minutes to find out – ask your friends, ask your family, or do a web search. “Start with just five names – five stories – and you may just find yourself hooked.”


CHOIR NEWS

Wilton Wonders

Congratulations!! Well done to Savannah M. Oliver H and Charlotte C for their performance in the Te Deum concert on the weekend with Birralee Voices. They were part of a huge spectacle singing with over 300 other choristers.

Technicolour Multi Cultural Festival THIS WEEKEND!

We are looking forward to our performance at the Technicolour Multicultural Festival (Newmarket) this Saturday August 27. It is a 2.00pm arrival and students are to wear their Choir/Band uniform. The performance begins at 2.30pm. For those students who have purchased day passes, they can be collected at the festival – the ticket desk will have a list of names.

Other dates to remember:
- Wednesday September 14
- Spring Concert (6.00pm arrival/6.30pm start) audience BYO Chair.
- Sunday October 30
- Confirmed for Music Fest Comp (early afternoon).

Miranda Charters

FROM THE STRINGS DEPARTMENT

Forms have now been handed out to all Year 2 and 3 students about joining the Instrumental Programs for strings or band. If your child is interested, please return the form via the blue bag by Friday, August 26.

Congratulations to the 15 students who were accepted into the Honours Music Camp this year. Julian B, Kara B, Keeley B, Sophia C, Damon C, Toby G, Eloise G, Clarinda H, Erica L, Hannah Mc, Chelsea M, Emma P, Gabriela R, Scarlett S and Chloe S will be attending the camp from the 7 – 9 of September at Craigslea SHS.

All strings students and Concert Band members will be performing in the Spring Concert on Wednesday, September 14 starting at 6.30pm. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

UPDATE FROM THE TUCKSHOP

We have adopted Q Roasters as our supplier of coffee in the coffee shop and everyone is enjoying the flavor.

With the Government’s new Tuckshop food rules coming into effect, keep up to date with the changes we have to make by ordering Online with Munch Monitors.

Roster for the week beginning 29 August 2016
- Monday 29: Closed
- Tuesday 30: Elenna Hoffman, Mirella Fujimoto, Marion Jones
- Wednesday 31: Sarah Bender, Kathryn Napier
- Thursday 1: Megan Beattie, Amanda Burke, Leah Westbrook
- Friday 2: Janice Nykiel, Sharon Snowdon, Catherine Scott, can you help?

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

With school photos coming up on September 5-7, we wanted to remind everyone about what to wear. Students in Prep are required to wear the new formal school uniform, which is either the check shirt and shorts/skirt or the dress, with black shoes. All other students can wear black shoes and the uniform of their choice however it would be lovely to see the check uniform in school photos this year. The Uniform Shop has check shirts and dresses available in all sizes.

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). Next term we will be opening on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- 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.
- Swimming kits: Three more weeks of school means it’s time to think about swimming lessons which start up again for all students in Term 4. Order forms for sunshirts, caps, goggles, towels and bags will be coming home with students in the next week. Please return the forms by the end of term so everyone is ready to swim at the start of Term 4.
- Tip of the week: The Uniform Shop is still selling Entertainment Books for $65, which will come in very handy when the school holidays start next month. Entertainment Books are packed with restaurant, entertainment and shopping discounts and 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. 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: Modern sun protective clothing, like the sunshirt which sells at the Uniform Shop for $40, was first made popular in Australia and became regulated in 1996. Britain followed in 1998 and then America in 2001. When choosing sun protective clothing, look at the UPF. A UPF (Ultraviolet Protective Factor) of 25-39 blocks between 96 and 97.4 per cent of UV radiation from the Sun. A UPF of 40-50 blocks between 97.5 and 98 per cent of UV radiation.

Ever onward, Wilston!

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NEWS FROM THE P&C

The P&C would like to welcome Saskya Hunter to the P&C Executive! During our monthly P&C meeting in July, Saskya volunteered for the vacant role of Vice President and was subsequently voted in by the members. Saskya is a great addition to the team having been involved with P&C and its events over the years like the school disco.

Thanks to those who came along to the P&C meeting last Thursday night. The highlight was to hear about Mr Medlin outlining what has been done this year to enhance the Science program across the school. There is some great work going on and as parents, we are grateful to have teachers at Wilston who deliver their programs with so much passion and dedication. At the meeting, the P&C decided to allocate some funding to allow Mr Medlin to purchase additional resources that will further enhance the program and provide benefit to all our children in their Science education.
Other important funding commitments that the P&C have made this year include:

- Purchase of iPads and supporting hardware/software which means that every class in Years 3-6 now has a set of 10 iPad’s, as well as one for each of the teachers across the school.
- Funding the refurbishment and enhancement of the Primrose St entrance play areas through the completion of earthworks, laying of artificial turf and painting of pathways.
- Funding the new soccer field surface in the Prep area.
- Funding of the refurbishment of the Prep eating area under A Block (soon to be commenced). This will include new floor surface, painting, lighting and installation of new aluminium tables which will enhance the area and allow it to be used for a wider range of activities.
- Grounds improvements at the Thomas St entrance adjacent to the pool (soon to be commenced).
- Matching the funds raised by the Robotics Club through the election day stall they ran in the school holidays.

**Other date claims:**
End of Year Disco - Saturday 5 November 2016
Next year’s Fete - Saturday 9 September, 2017

There is plenty going on so if you want to find out more, everyone is always welcome to come to the P&C meetings - third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the staff room.

Chris Burke. President
Wilton State School 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 Wednesday 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 KIDS CARE**

**WKC Handbook – Updated Version Released**
This week, the school will be hosting the Prep Info Night. As a prospectus for new families considering our OSHC service, WKC has updated and republished its “Parent Handbook”. It includes all of the essential information on how the centre is operated, fees and timetables, and highlights the information that the centre needs in order to provide a high standard of care for your kids - for example medication, dietary, and health. The new version includes the changes relating to our surcharge fees (late pick-ups and no bookings) and provides clarification about the wait list and how we prioritise care where demand exceeds supply. The updated version will be posted on our website in the Important Parent Information Section, where you can also consult WKC’s Policies and Procedures:


In the meantime, a copy of the handbook can be consulted at WKC or picked up from the WKC office.

**WKC Sub-Committee Meeting**
Do you have any comments?

The friendly Sub-Committee will happily welcome you to our monthly meetings. These run from 6.00 to 7.30pm to allow for an early night. Bring your kids! One of our energetic educators will look after them and provide them with dinner. Adults are also fed. The next Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, 14 September at 6.00pm in the WKC office.

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**NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB**

**Learn to Swim Intensives** will be held over the September school holidays from Monday 26 September - Friday 30 September.
Classes will run each morning from 8:30am. The cost for the 5 days will be $68. Please see Kirsten in the pool office or email swim@wilstonpandc.org.au for bookings.

**Holiday squads** will also run in the September school holidays from Monday 2nd September – Friday 30th September. All squads will commence at 7:00am. Further details will be available shortly.

Bookings for Term 4 Learn to Swim are now open for swimmers who are currently enrolled in Term 3 classes and from Monday 29 August all other swimmers. Any outstanding fees must be paid before bookings can be accepted for Term 4.

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. All swimmers who sign up will also receive a Crocs cap. If you cannot attend on the 11 September you will also have the chance to sign on each afternoon of the following week at the pool.

Swim Club recommences in the first week of Term 4, Friday 7 October. We are looking forward to the new season of racing.

We need your help though for the season to be successful! 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 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

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

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