FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

As we near the end of what has been a busy term, I would like to take this opportunity to commend the students on their efforts in class. When the leadership team have visited classes throughout the term, we’ve been very impressed with not only the students’ work but with their attitude and engagement.

Next week, on our whole school assembly, we will be acknowledging, through the presentation of Star Awards, students who have consistently shown the Care 4’s throughout the year. This award recognises two students per term from each class who show:

- Care for their learning
- Care for their school
- Care for others
- Care for themselves.

We look forward to presenting these awards to the next group of well-deserving students.

Early this week we had MSP Photography at our school taking our annual school photos. Again the photographers commented on the excellent behaviour of our students. Thank you to parents for ensuring that students were in the correct school uniform for the photographs and it was great to see so many students wearing black shoes. We look forward to receiving the photos in Term 4.

Our choir and instrumental students have been busy practising for their Spring Concert to be held in the Undercover Area next Wednesday evening. Late last semester these students performed beautifully on a special assembly, so we look forward to hearing these talented students play and sing again next week.

Student Safety

A reminder that students and siblings should not be playing on playgrounds before and after school. Unfortunately, we have had a number of children injured whilst utilising this equipment out of school hours. We ask that you support us by ensuring that your children are not playing on the equipment (even with parent supervision) or by reminding them to wait in the appropriate areas at pick up times.

We have also had a number of students who should be making their way home, however are staying behind after school to play games such as handball with their friends. We request that parents who wish to get together with other parents and children, do this off-site as it difficult to identify students who should be on their way home, at Wilston Kids’ Care or waiting for parents in pick up zones.

To ensure the safety of students being collected in the pick up zones, we ask that parents follow the instructions of the supervisors and the procedures for collection. We acknowledge that these areas are often congested around pick up times, but unsafe practices such as stopping near corners or the middle of the street to pick up children, endanger lives. If you are unsure of the procedures of using the pick up zones, please contact the office for information.

Important Notice

There is a child within our school who is immunosuppressed, meaning that this child has a lower immunity and cannot fight infections in the normal way. Viruses that cause measles, chickenpox and shingles could make this child extremely unwell. Therefore I would be grateful if you would contact the school immediately if your child was or is found to have one of these illnesses.

Debbie Mill
A/Principal

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If we know that there has been exposure to measles, chickenpox or shingles, medicine can be given to lessen the side effect of such an infection to this child. This medicine does need to be given as soon as possible after the contact has taken place. I assure you that your child is not at any risk because of this child.

As this is the last newsletter for the term we would like to wish all of our families a safe and happy holiday break. A reminder that Monday 3 October 2016 is a public holiday and school will resume on Tuesday 4 October. Please also note that the third Monday of Term 4 (17 October 2016) is a Student Free Day.

Keep A Watch On Our School These Holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 — and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

If you would like to know more about the School Watch program, please call our Emergency and Security Management Unit on (07) 3034 6013.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL (contd)

We have much more but we will fill you in on that next term!

Thanks, Go-Green-EcoMarine.

MATHS TOURNAMENT

On Monday 5 September, ten of our Year 6 students competed in the Brisbane Curriculum Leaders Maths Tournament at Albany Hills State School. There were 51 teams at this tournament and our two teams did exceptionally well. The Wilston SS B team of Sienna C, Josh T, Abi S, Julian B and Jono V came fifth and the Wilston SS A team of Ollie M, Josh B, Jacques W, Matt H and Damon C came sixth in the tournament. Both teams were remarkably well behaved and proudly represented Wilston State School. A big thank you to Mrs Paulsen and Ms Dietz for organising the competition with us. A special thanks to Mrs Paulsen for giving up her lunch times to train us and prepare us all term for this event. Thank you to Mrs Wilson, Mrs Scott, Mrs Crosisca and Mrs Cayas for taking us to the tournament. Congratulations to both teams and keep up the great maths thinking.

Julian B, Jono Vickers, Ollie M and Jacques W

ANNUAL SPEECH CONTEST FINAL

The final of the Annual Speech Contest were held last Thursday evening, 1 September.

Six students from Year 6 presented engaging and thought-provoking speeches to an audience of relatives and friends and two independent judges (Ms Frances Constantine and Ms Melanie Griffith). The judges were impressed by the overall quality of the speeches, and the poise and confidence of the speakers. It was also apparent to the many who had already heard the speeches presented at the semi-finals, how hard the students had worked on rehearsing and improving the quality of their speeches. Results are listed below:

1st – Jonathan V  
2nd – Josh B  
3rd – Abigail S  
Finalists – Nicholas A, Lily C, Isabel P.

Jonathan V will have his name added to the perpetual Annual Speech Contest shield. Certificates and trophies will be presented at a school assembly early in Term 4.

Thanks are also due to the students of the Wilston Chamber Strings, who played an entertaining musical interlude, conducted by Mrs Kathryn Payne. The Wilston Chamber Strings consisted of Julian B, Keeley B, Toby G, Oliver H, Clarinda H, Hannah McD, Emma P, and Sophia Z.

WILSTON SCIENCE COMPETITION

Entries in the Wilston Science Competition are due next Thursday, 15 September. Students should bring their entries to the Science Room (F Block) before 9:00am. Alternative arrangements can be made for submitting entries. Please contact me on bmedl2@eq.edu.au if you need to submit early or after the due date (up to the first week of Term 4).

SCIENCE NEWS—SEEKING DONATIONS

The Science Room would welcome any donations of science equipment from members of the school community. A few years ago, a Wilston parent with links to the QRI, donated six laboratory stereo microscopes and a large quantity of glass specimen jars.

ECOMARINE NEWS

This is our last EcoMarine news for the Term 3 and we have a few exciting things to tell you about what is happening in Term 4. Firstly, the EcoMarines are about having an ‘EcoGreen Fashion Show’ that you will all be able to attend. The EcoMarine Warriors and Ambassadors are working together to create recyclable fashion pieces. Please watch this space for the date.

We are also organising Eco-Cards that our EcoWarriors will be giving out to people who are being environmentally friendly around the school. If you get one of these cards, you have to fill in your name and class and then bring it up to the Eco-Box outside of Ms Rodriguez’s room (3A). At the end of every term, 6 lucky students will be chosen to receive a Green Ticket to the EcoMarine Cinema (at the school). The lucky 6 can bring a friend along to relax, eat popcorn and watch the featured movie. Finally, EcoMarines will be holding a fundraiser that is yet to be decided.
The donated stereo microscopes are of a much higher quality than what is normally found in a primary school, and the glass specimen jars are in continuous use for investigations. The Science Room has an excellent collection of rock and mineral samples that have all been donated by members of the school community. If you are a parent, who has links to a laboratory (or industrial workplace) looking to dispose of surplus equipment or scientific specimens, please contact the school. The Science Room might be able to use the surplus equipment to engage the interest of students and improve learning experiences in science.

NEWS FROM HPE

Track and Field
Congratulations to Tom S who has been called up into the Met North Track and Field team to compete at the state championships next term.

Summer Gala Days
Notes and training schedules for the City District summer gala days were sent out last week. These permission notes need to be completed and returned to your child’s classroom teacher ASAP (this term) to ensure that your child is able to compete on these days. Training for most sports has begun this week and will continue for the duration of the Gala Days.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Wilston Wonders
We have had a wonderful Term 3! Thank you to students and parents for your amazing support and commitment to our choir.

Gala Days and Music Fest – TERM 4
There are Gala days on the first three Fridays of next term. Choir rehearsals will run as usual as Mr Bell has confirmed that no buses will be leaving before 9.00am.

As we have the Music Fest competition in week four it is imperative that our students attend all rehearsals leading up to this event.

Miranda Charters

STUDENT BANKING

IMPORTANT - Term 3’s last banking day is this Friday 9 September!

We’ve had an amazing term of School Banking - well done everyone! If you have ten Dollarmites Reward Tokens ready to redeem and wish to order from Term 4’s rewards, we will be pre-ordering this last banking week and you will receive your chosen reward the beginning of next term. Students’ current token tally can be found circled on their most recent deposit stub. Please note that the Flying Snake Tail, Wildlife Writer Set and Mud Splat Handball are now out of stock.

If you’re looking for some quiet holiday activities to keep your children engaged, check out the CBA’s Dollarmites School Banking page. There’s games, downloads and lots of cool activities to help them save: https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking/dollarmites.html

TUCKSHOP NEWS

With the end of term here could you consider helping in Tuckshop next term, even if you only help from 11.30am until 1.30pm or 9.30am to 11.30am. No skills required. No cooking required. Bec and Dot do all the cooking but always need help sticking a name sticker on brown bags etc. Please consider helping us.

Roster for the week beginning 12 September 2016
(Last week of school)
Monday 12 CLOSED
Tuesday 13 Tracey Woolston, Jessica Draper
Wednesday 14 Maria Lodhi, Christine Matheson
Thursday 15 Harriet Carter, Ange Patel
Friday 16 Amanda Barr, Peta Bunce, Josie Parry, help needed.

Roster for the week beginning 3 October 2016
(First week back to school)
Monday 3 Closed
Tuesday 4 Ellie Cayas, Louise Astori
Wednesday 5 Steve Lawson, Kate Usher
Thursday 6 Chloe Smith, Sally Carson, Wendy Bensley
Friday 7 Tina Robertson, Tarah Hastie, Sue Anderson.

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Dot Milne 0408 729 021

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

Next term will be an exciting time in the Uniform/Bookshop:

• We’ll be opening three mornings a week – Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.15am to 9.45am;
• We’ll be meeting new preppies and fitting them out with uniforms;
• We’ll be organising next year’s book pack orders which will be delivered to your homes so you can cross that off your “to do” list;
• The next shipment of new polo shirts in mocha and gold will arrive and thanks for all your patience as we’ve worked with suppliers to improve the quality of these shirts;
• And we’ll start working toward the printing of senior shirts for our new cohort of Year 6 students next year.

If you would like to be part of this great adventure, pop in and lend a hand, even if it’s for half an hour. We’d welcome the company and it’s a great way to meet the school community.

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 open on the first day of school, which is Tuesday, October 4, as well as Wednesday and Friday, and then every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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.

Swimming Kits: By now you should have received your order forms for sunshirts, caps, goggles, towels and bags ready for swimming lessons in October. Please return the forms by the end of term so everyone is ready to swim at the start of Term 4.

Entertainment Books: School holidays are another great opportunity to use the Entertainment Book, which is packed with restaurant, entertainment and shopping discounts and is available in printed book form or as a digital book. It costs $65 and has hundreds of dollars of discounts inside. 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 will get the best wear out of our two-colour cotton polo shirts ($28) if you wash them inside out in cold water, and avoid fabric softeners. This will help preserve the colour as well as keep the shirt in good shape.

Did you know: Researchers in America have noticed that kids often grow fastest in the warmer months and slow down in the cooler months, so get ready for more feet, arms and legs as we head into Summer. The human growth hormone is released when children sleep, so if you’re wanting them to defy “short genes”, make sure they get as much sleep as possible.

Janice Nykiel and Debra Bela – Convenors
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NEWS FROM THE P&C

FATHERS’ DAY STALL WRAP UP
The kids were very excited to choose a special gift for their dads at this year’s Fathers’ Day Stall. A huge thanks to all the amazing mums who volunteered their time to set up or help the kids decide: Alison H, Wendi B, Marteena P, Christine M, Debra B, Ingrid L, Charlotte M, Sue L, Julia J, Kristina R, Janice N, Roxanne S, Sian P, Jane S, Tina R, Karen and Carina C. Thanks also to Leigh and Andrew for their help and to all the teachers and aides for bringing their classes through the stall. I hope all the Wilston dads had a great Fathers’ Day and enjoyed their gifts.

Ingrid Rosemann

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Sign on for the 2016 - 17 Swim Club season will be held on Sunday 11 September from 11:00am. Come along and join us for a fun day at the pool. The day will have an Olympic theme so come dressed in the colours of your favourite country. There will be 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.

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. Bookings for Term 4 Learn to Swim are also open for all swimmers.

Please see Kirsten in the pool office or email swim@wilstonpandc.org.au for all bookings. Places are filling fast. Please note - any outstanding fees must be paid before bookings will be accepted for Term 4.

Holiday squads will run in the September school holidays from Monday 26 September – Friday 30 September at the following times:

Stroke Development 7:00 - 7:45am
Skills Development 7:00 - 8:00am
Training Development 7:00 - 8:30am.

Cost is $10 per session or 5 sessions for $40.

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 though! 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. The following positions are currently available:

- Treasurer
- Scribe
- Announcer
- Carnival organiser
- Assistant canteen convenor.

See you at the pool!