FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

This term has started very well for me. I have been able to attend the Year 2 excursion to Bunyaville Environmental Centre and the Year 3 excursion to the Caboolture Historic Village. I am very pleased to report that on each visit I witnessed a very high level of engagement of our students with the activities they were involved in. Teachers commented that the excursions selected were very applicable to the units being studied at school.

I commend Ms Melanie Grim and the students from 5B on the chariots that the students have created. These chariots have been designed and constructed as part of a technology unit. I had the privilege of watching the students race their chariots against other students from the class. Well done to Liam and Connor for taking first place in this event. The chariots are propelled by a “sphero”. The spheres are programmable but on this occasion were manually driven from the iPads.

TAKE A HIKE!

Autism is not rare, it affects 1 in 100 people in Australia every year. For every 5 diagnoses, 4 will be boys. As educators of young children and a community, the importance of early intervention is vital for improved outcomes for children with ASD. On Sunday, 16 October, Ms. Davies of Prep A and her team “The Shimmy Shakers” will be partaking in AEIOU’s annual Take A Hike Fundraiser. This community fundraising challenge is aimed at raising vital funds and awareness for children with autism. All funds raised through Take A Hike go directly to closing the $10,000 funding gap experienced every year for each child. If you would like to support this very worthy cause, please visit this link https://hikebrisbane2016.everydayhero.com/au/shelley-s-shimmy-shakers.

We have a number of students enrolled at our school who are autistic and as Principal, I wish Shelley’s Shimmy Shakers all the best with their fundraising efforts for this very worthy cause.

Guy Hendriks
Principal
## WILSTON STAR AWARDS

### Prep
Julia C PA, Sophie Mc PA, Noah T PB, Scarlett P PB, Eloise T PC, Hugh H PC, Mahalia MC PD, Campbell W PD, Archie R PE, Elsie O’H PE.

### Year 1
Gracie M 1A, William O 1A, Kira G 1B, Eliza O’H 1B, Matilda Y-J 1C, Ava C 1C, Angus C 1D, Evie F 1D, Abbey D V 1E, William G 1E, Eve W 1F, Lachlan P 1F.

### Year 2

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## 2017 CANBERRA TOUR

There are still five places available for next year’s tour. If you would still like to attend, please collect the blue form from the office.

Vanessa Stackelberg

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## STUDENT COUNCIL

### Skate Nights

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## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 7 Book Club catalogues will be sent home this week. This would be a great opportunity to get some good value books to put aside as Christmas gifts! Orders will close on Friday 21 October.

Thank you for using our method of payment – LOOP – Linked Online Ordering and Payment available on www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the LOOP Apple or Android app. No need to send your order to school if using the LOOP ordering.

Please note, cash orders are not accepted at Wilston State School.

We are running a cashless Book Club.

Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our library and classrooms, however there is never any obligation to order.

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## ECOMARINE NEWS

EcoMarine GREEN is the new BLACK! Welcome back to Term 4! To finish off the year, the EcoMarines will be presenting a Green Fashion Show on Friday 28th October (Week 4). The EcoWarriors have been hard at work designing and creating their fashionable masterpiece. The fashion parade will be judged by a panel of judges during lunch time. It will take place in the Undercover Area and you are all encouraged and welcome to watch! Look out for advertisements in the weeks to come.

This term we will be holding a fundraising lolly count. You will have the opportunity to ‘guess’ how many lollies are in a jar. Each ‘guess’ will cost a certain amount of money and the person who guesses closest to the amount of lollies in the jar, wins! All proceeds will go to Tangalooma EcoMarines where it will be put to great use in helping our marine life around Moreton Bay.

On Wednesday 26 October the ambassadors will be attending the event ‘The Wave’ at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (recently voted the world’s best Convention Centre by the way)! This event is important for the EcoMarines Foundation as it allows the Board, sponsors and supporters see how valuable and special our program is and what it means to us and other schools.

Finally, Tangalooma EcoMarines is hosting an outdoor movie night at Souths Leagues Club, Jane Street, Davies Park Brisbane, on Friday 4 November, 6.00-9.00pm (more details in link below). This event is to raise awareness of environment issues, Tangalooma EcoMarines, raise money for the EcoMarines and to celebrate the year’s efforts with everyone! The whole school is invited and you get to receive 25% off if you book before 18 October with the code “EARLYTEM” at https://www.stickytickets.com.au/43480/tangalooma_ecomarines_movie_night.aspx?previewevent=43480

Go Green EcoMarine

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## TERM 4 SCIENCE NEWS

### Year 3

**What’s the matter** (Physical Sciences)

**Science Understanding:** In this unit students will understand how a change of state between solid and liquid can be caused by adding or removing heat. They will explore the properties of liquids and solids, and understand how to identify an object as a solid or a liquid. They will evaluate how adding or removing heat affects materials used in everyday life. They will conduct investigations, including posing questions and making predictions, assessing safety, recording and analysing results, considering fairness and communicating ideas and findings.

**Assessment:** There is an ongoing collection of work from various learning experiences during the unit, including a formal examination.

### Year 4

**Ready, set, grow!** (Biological Sciences)

**Science Understanding:** In this unit, students will focus on life cycles of living things and the relationships which help them survive. Students will revise the needs of living things, identify different living things (including seas as an example of dormant life), discuss observable characteristics of living things, and recognise how growth can be observed and recorded. Students will safely use appropriate materials, tools or equipment to make and record observations, using formal measurements and digital technologies as appropriate. They will represent and communicate ideas and findings in a variety of ways.

**Assessment:** Formal examination. There is an ongoing collection of work from various learning experiences during the unit, and a formal examination.

### Year 5

**Survival in the desert** (Biological Sciences)

**Science Understanding:** In this unit students will learn about the structural and functional features and behavioural adaptations that help living things to survive in their environment, with particular reference to Australian plants and animals. Students will have opportunities to develop the science inquiry skills: (1) construct and use a range of representations, including tables and graphs, to represent and describe observations, patterns or relationships in data, and (2) compare data with predictions and use as evidence in developing explanations.

**Assessment:** There is an ongoing collection of work from various learning experiences during the unit, and a formal examination.

All questions should be directed to Mr Brendan Medlin (bmedl2@eq.edu.au).

Brendan Medlin/Donna Kelly
2016 PRIMARY RESEARCH PROJECT T4

The Primary Research Project has started, and all participating students are busily researching answers for the 40 questions in their competition booklets. The competition period runs from Monday, 10 October to Friday, 21 October.

Students have to submit their answers online at www.GiantClassroom.com.au. Every participating student has a username and password, along with an instruction sheet to help them with submitting answers. Students have until Friday, 21 October to submit their answers. After this date, the website will be locked.

See Mr Medlin (Science Room, F Block; email bmedl2@eq.edu.au) if you have any problems submitting your answers – before Wednesday, 19 October 2016. DO NOT LEAVE SUBMITTING YOUR ANSWERS TILL THE LAST MINUTE!

NEWS FROM HPE

Summer Gala Days
Last week was our first of three Gala Days. From all reports the students performed well and we had some great results. Just remember that all students need to ensure that they have the appropriate equipment before they get on the buses. Please remember sunscreen!

School Swimming Carnival – Dates
Wednesday November 30 – Senior Swimming Carnival
Thursday December 1 – Senior Swimming Carnival
Monday December 5 – 8 Years Swimming Carnival
Tuesday December 6 – 6/7 Years Swimming Carnival

More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Annual Invitational 9 – 12 Years Swimming Relay Carnival
The QSS Annual Invitational Swimming Carnival will be held at the Brisbane Aquatic Centre on Friday 18 November. Trials will be held for interested students on Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 October at lunch time.

Congratulations to Josh A who represented Queensland at the end of last term at the National Swimming Championships. Josh had an outstanding meet with Bronze in the 50m Breastroke and 4th in the 100m Breaststroke.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Wilston Wonders
We have lots of performances scheduled in Term 4 and this week a Choir Newsletter will be handed out to our choristers with all the relevant dates. It will also include a permission form for the Prestige Music Fest Competition coming up in a few weeks. Please return this ASAP.

FRIDAY REHEARSALS WILL RUN AS NORMAL FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS REGARDLESS OF GALA DAYS. STUDENTS WILL BE RELEASED SLIGHTLY EARLY, WITH OUR COMPETITION COMING UP IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT STUDENTS ATTEND.

Miranda Charters

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Please consider helping in the Tuckshop even if you can only do a couple of hours, thank you.

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

The Uniform/Bookshop has been welcoming new families from overseas who have joined Wilston in various year levels this term. Please make them welcome if they are new to your class. The new cohort of Prep families have been checking out our school this week and looking so grown up in their new school uniforms.

Here are a few more things you need to know this week:

Opening Times: In Term 4 we are open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.15am-9.45am. We are located in D Block, next to the Tuckshop.

MunchMonitor: Order all your uniform and stationery items online at www.munchmonitor.com. Username: wiltonss and Password: munch4051. Please place orders by 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This will ensure orders are delivered to teachers’ pigeon-holes for class delivery on those days.

2017 Book Packs: Teachers have compiled and double-checked the list of text books and stationery requirements for next year. Our stationery supplier EDSCO is currently printing the order forms and then we will send them home with students. Ordering through EDSCO is the best way to ensure you’re getting the correct items for the start of school. For free delivery, please return these forms by November 11, either via the online ordering system or via the class blue bag.

New Polo Shirts Update: Our new and improved polo shirts are currently clearing customs. We will begin by filling orders that people have placed on our shirt registry and ringing those people. We will put a notice on the board outside the Uniform/Bookshop as soon as we have unpacked all of the boxes. Thanks again for your patience.

Hair Accessories: We have a new selection of slide clips and hair ties in the school colours. Our full range of clips, ties and head bands sell for $5-$6.

Shorts and Skorts: Also arriving this term is a new stock of shorts and shorts in all sizes so come in for a fitting. Microfibre shorts sell for $18, the formal gaberdine shorts are $25, and girls’ gaberdine skorts are $25.

Tip Of The Week: To get the best wear out of your school uniform. Wash in cold water, do not use fabric softener and dry on the line inside out.

Did You Know: All profits from the ordering of book packs through EDSCO are sent directly to the Wilston State School P&C which continually allocates funds to improve resources and facilities at the school.

Ever onward Wilston!

Janice Nykie and Debra Bela – Convenors
Ph: 3552 8490/0403 153 096 (Janice)
bookshop@wilstonpandc.org.au

STUDENT BANKING

IMPORTANT! Please note that there will be no school banking this Friday as our banking processing day coincides with the Student-Free day on Monday 17 October. School Banking will continue Friday 21 October 2016.
Term 4 brings two new reward items from our Outback Savers range:
Bush Fly Fan
Wriggly Glow Worm

The following rewards remain OUT OF STOCK:
Flying Snake Tail
Wildlife Writer Set
Mud Splat Handballs.

NEWS FROM THE P&C

School Disco
Wilston’s traditional end of year disco is coming up fast! It’s a great way for the kids (and parents) to let their hair down as the end of year approaches, so please see the flyer included with this newsletter for details. Don’t forget to get your tickets through Munch Monitor though tickets will also be available at the door for anyone who decides to come at the last minute. Please also consider volunteering on the night using the following link (http://tinyurl.com/zw8qvog). We are looking for one final person to act as convenor for the security which requires minimal time prior to the event.

This is the third year that Claire Stanley and I are organising the disco and this will be our last hurrah! We’re looking for someone else to take it over or even better, do it with a friend! If anyone would like to take it on, we’d be happy to show you the ropes this year and support you next year. Please let us know! Thanks and see you there!

Saskya Hunter (0439 760 028)/Claire Stanley (0402 739 502)

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Past Vacation Care – Videos
Vacation care for September was very busy with many incursions from the “gem hunting” to the St John’s ambulance visit. This time, the staff has introduced a new way of sharing the day with the parents in the form of short 5 minute videos. Have you received them? Have you enjoyed them? Just let the staff know, all feedback is welcome.

Don’t Be Shy.
Have you thought of what your life would be without WKC? Have a go; our meetings are designed to accommodate working parents: food is supplied and meetings are focused. Single parents are a priority, so free baby-sitting is provided and the children are also fed. Come and meet us and you will be surprised at how getting involved can be very rewarding.

Office: 3352 6753
Service Manager (Tamara): 0402 621 150
wkc.admin@wilstonpandc.org.au

WKC’s Policies and Procedures:
Have you ever wondered what governs WKC? Then do not hesitate to have a look at our Policies and Procedures on the Parents and Citizens’ website:

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Swim Club recommenced on Friday night and it was great to see so many old and new families at the pool for what was a great night of racing. Reminder - Club Night nominations close Wednesdays at 6:00pm.

Swim Club duties this week-
Canteen: Stubbins, Keating and McLean families
BBQ: Hesse, Moore and Babnik families.

If you are rostered on BBQ or canteen you will need to arrive by 5:45pm.

We need your help! The position of Canteen Convenor is vacant. The canteen and BBQ is an important function for the Friday club nights and carnivals, and we rely on the generosity of club volunteers to maintain this service.

Good luck to our swimmers competing at the Colmslie Rackley Meet this weekend.

All Learn to Swim and Squads will run as normal on Monday 19 October - the Pupil Free Day.
Have you completed the Crocs survey yet? We request you take approximately 2 minutes to complete this short survey to help us plan for a successful swim season. Your thoughts and feedback are important to us. If you would like to have your say please click on the link below as we would love to hear from you.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BYFWC6M

The survey will close on Friday 21 October.

There is limited availability for Term 4 Learn to Swim Classes run Monday to Thursday afternoon and Saturday mornings. Please email swim@wilstonpandc.org.au.

The next Swim Club Committee Meeting is Thursday 6 October 7.00pm pool side. We are looking forward to a great new season of racing!

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

The sound of music will be alive on Sunday October 23 as the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) is having their Open Day.

All school aged girls are invited to come along, join a trial class, attend an information session and find out more about the AGC.

For more information phone 1800 338 142 or visit www.ausgirlschoir.com.au