FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Prestige Music Fest
Last Thursday, the Dolce Strings and the Vivace Strings performed at the Prestige Music Fest. Music Fest runs yearly in October since 1988. Dolce Strings performed in the B grade section and presented their best performance of the year. They received a Gold award. The Vivace Strings performed in the A grade section and also gave a stellar performance. Congratulations to Clarinda H, Oliver H and Julian B for performing their short solos beautifully. The Vivace Strings also received a Gold award. I extend my thanks to Kathryn Payne our strings music teacher for preparing the students so well. I would also like to thank on behalf of Ms Payne, Bev Barnett who accompanied both groups and to Ceri Frost and Lisa Boge for their support on the day.

Shimmy Shakers
I congratulate the Shimmy Shakers for their efforts in supporting autism. The Shimmy Shakers finished the Take-A-Hike walk on Sunday and raised $1,986.00 for autism! Thank you for all of your support and well wishes.

Expectations for the Formation of Classes
I am being told by my Deputy Principals that a large number of parents are emailing them directly seeking particular teachers for their child in 2017.

I am sure you can appreciate mathematically that one hundred plus students from any given year level cannot go into one class.

Please take a moment to revisit the article I wrote early in the term explaining the requirements we are willing to consider. If for example your child is very sensitive and they would be best suited to a teacher with particular attributes this is what you should be conveying to your sector deputy principal. That is the attributes you would like us to consider, not the teacher.

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Guy Hendriks
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Music Fest
I considered myself to be very lucky to attend the Music Fest and hear the fantastic performances by both groups of students last Thursday. I was also very impressed by the behaviour of the students off the stage as well. At all times our students conducted themselves in such a respectful manner which was noted publically by the Music Fest coordinators. Well done Wilston a GOLD performance on and off the stage.

Lisa Boge

STUDENT PAYMENTS

There are a number of excursions/camps/incursions this term. Please ensure payment is made well before the date of the activity if you wish your child to attend. Lilac statements were sent home with students this week. Any queries please contact Leigh.

Year 5 and 6 Forensic Workshop 31 October 2016
Year 5 and 6 Preparing for Puberty November 2016
Year 4 Camp October
Year 6 Camp November
Year 6 Graduation December.

LOST PROPERTY

Just a reminder to check Lost Property for any missing items.

Lost Item
30 years sentimental value. Lost keyring. Australia Kangaroo. Gold and blue. Please contact the office if found.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Skate Nights
Prep to Year 2 27 October 2016 6.00 to 8.00pm
Years 5 and 6 3 November 2016 6.30 to 8.30pm.

Free Dress Day
Save the Bilby
Wednesday 28 October 2016. Please bring in a gold coin donation.

Daniel Morcombe.

Wednesday 28 October. Please dress red. No donation required.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

A big CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who participated in the Wilston Chess Tournament at the end of Term 3. I would like to thank our teachers for their support, allowing students to attend on the day.

In the Prep – Year 2 division we had 29 students attend for the morning session. A big shout out to Will Q who took out the division. In the Year 3—6 competition we had an amazing 71 students participate. This was a fast, furious and fantastic display of skills and talent! A big congratulations to Charles S (Year 6) and Liam T (Year 3) who tied as overall Wilston Chess Champion for 2016.

If you are interested in being the Wilston Chess Champion for 2017 it’s time to start practising. Feel free to join Gardiner Chess on Wednesday mornings from 7:40-8:40am in the library every week.

Here you will learn tactics, moves and much more.

If mornings aren’t your thing, come and join me every Tuesday during big lunch (1.00pm) in my classroom. You do not need to sign on and everyone is welcome!!

SCIENCE NEWS

Aka The Fire Ant Tracker Dog
Aka the Fire Ant Tracker dog is coming to Wilston in Week 4: Monday, 24 October; Wednesday, 26 October; Friday, 28 October (2 sessions per day – 9:00-9:45am, 10:00-10:45am). All classes (Prep – Year 6) will attend a session.

‘Aka the Fire Ant Tracker’ is a free 45 minute interactive and inquiry based educational show that addresses the effects and hazards of fire ants. The show stars a retired odour-detection dog named Aka who demonstrates to students how he’s been trained to find fire ants in the field.

The presentation teaches students how to identify fire ants from other native Australian ants, how to behave safely around fire ants (because they are aggressive and have a nasty sting), and how to work with family, parents or an adult to report findings so fire ants can be removed.

Aka the Fire Ant Tracker has been approved and accredited by Education Queensland for students P-7 and specifically addresses the Australian Curriculum standards in Science and Sustainability, but is also fun and engaging for students!

Please advise class teachers of any allergy or anxiety concerns.

No breed of dog is hypoallergenic. Aka is a friendly dog, but the presenter discourage students from getting too close or petting him. Anxious children can remain at the back of the presentation.

NEWS FROM HPE

Summer Gala Days
The final gala day will be held this Friday. Once again can you please ensure that all students have all equipment required to participate on this day.

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 next week on Monday and Tuesday at lunch time. Any students that are strong swimmers and born 2007 or earlier are welcome to trial on these days.

Met North Triathlon / Aquathlon
Any students interested in trialling for the Met North Triathlon or Aquathlon (run/swim/run) can see me for details and information. The trials are on the 6th November at Kawana.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Wilston Wonders
The Music Fest competition is coming up on Sunday, October 30. Please return permission forms by Friday this week.
The choir will also be singing two of their competition pieces at assembly next week – Thurs October 27 1.45pm. We hope to see you there!!

Miranda Charters

TUCKSHOP NEWS

With the Christmas season just around the corner, I know scary thought, and your weeks are getting busy, you are able to order on Munch Monitor up to three weeks in advance and the ordering can be done anytime up until 9:15 on the day of the order.

The tuckshop is also selling jams and relish in beautiful little jars and they look very festive.

As always there are changes to the menu, shepherd’s pie and butter chicken are now available.

Roster for week beginning 24 October 2016

Monday 24  CLOSED
Tuesday 25  Tracey Wollaston, Jessica Draper
Wednesday 26  Maria Lodhi, Christine Matheson
Thursday 27  Natalie McMaster, Harriet Carter, Ange Patel
Friday 28  Amanda Barr, Peta Bunce, Josie Parry, Bob and Sue Behan, Paige Osleibin.

Bec Macdonald 0448 804 279 60huet@gmail.com
Dot Milne 0408 729 021

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

They’re in! Our new polo shirts have been unpacked and are ready for sale in all sizes. Thank-you all for your patience as we’ve changed supplier and improved the quality of the new school uniform. If you have put your name on our shirt registry, we’ve put your shirts aside and will be calling you this week. Otherwise, order through Munch Monitor or visit us at the shop. Our new polo shirts are selling for $30.

Here’s 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.

Munch Monitor: Order all your uniform and stationery items online at www.munchmonitor.com. Username: wilstonss 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: Students should have all received their 2017 Student Booklist. If yours is missing, drop in to the Uniform/Bookshop where we have spare copies. The preferred way to order is through the online option, visiting www.edsco.com.au. Ordering through EDSCO is the best way to ensure you’re getting the correct items for the start of school. For free delivery, please place your order by November 11, either via the online ordering system or via the class blue bag.

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.

Skorts and shorts: New supplies are in so drop 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: Cooler, wetter weather is predicted to arrive from the weekend so make sure you pack something warm and waterproof for next week. We have jackets ($45), rugby knit polo sweaters ($30), and tights ($10) as well as a large selection of second-hand stock.

Did you know: The polo shirts we wear today have their origin in sport. Polo and tennis players in the late 1800s and early 1900s redesigned their formal sports attire to keep collars from flapping in the wind and to get rid of long sleeves. It was entrepreneurial polo player Lewis Lacey who put a polo emblem on the shirt and began mass-producing it for general use, so that even today, tennis players call their shirts polo shirts.

Ever onward Wilston!
Janice Nykiel and Debra Bela – Convenors
Ph: 3552 8490/0403 153 096 (Janice)
bookshop@wilstonpandc.org.au

NEWS FROM THE P&C

Here we are in the final term for 2016, this year has certainly gone by quickly. It is amazing to see how much our kids have developed through the year and I’m looking forward to see where they are at by the end of this term, so let’s support out little ones in their final push for the year.

Here is a summary of the items discussed at the last P&C Meeting on 15th September.

Topics that were touched on during the last P&C meeting included:
1. The school sign near the pool is broken and a new one is needed. It has been decided to explore options for an electronic replacement to give better functionality. This was explored at length in 2015 however give the situation with the current sign, the P&C will be following up with updated information regarding options and costs and will present these at one of the coming meetings.
2. The grounds improvements works that the P&C has funded (Prep eating area under A Block and new garden at pool entrance) have commenced.
3. The challenges that the Kids Care Committee is facing regarding managing enrolment numbers for 2017 - for more information contact Kids Care there will also be an update at the next P&C Meeting.
4. Agreement to provide a contribution towards the cost of the Year 6 graduation cake.

Only two more meetings this year but, as always, everyone is welcome to come along to hear what’s happening or raise a topic for discussion.

Next meeting is Thursday 20th October at 7.00pm in the Staff room (D Block).

School Disco
Wilton’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)

Wilston State School Ever Onward
NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Learning Programs at WKC
Did you know that there are strict educational requirements for Before and After School Services? Some of the most important themes include teaching kids about sustainability and the environment and respecting each other’s differences (there are more than 20 different nationalities represented in the Centre). So next time you visit the Centre, have a look at the displays on the walls, the Gardens and if you ask your child “what have you done at school?” don’t forget to add... “and at Kid’s Care?”

2017 Registration – Numbers Are Limited, Do Not Forget Your Forms!
We urge all families requiring after school care to get their enrolment applications in as soon as possible. Spaces for next year will be limited and unfortunately, availability of care cannot be guaranteed. We will keep families updated as to availability of space within the service as the term progresses.

WKC Is Part Of The P&C.
WKC is run by the P&C Association. The P&C meets every third Thursday of the month in Block D, and all parents are encouraged to join. Joining a P&C meeting is one of the best ways to understand how the revenues generated by the Centre are reinvested in the School via the P&C, such as the I-pads recently acquired for the students.
The next meeting will be held Thursday 20th October at 7 pm in Block D. Please note that no child minding is available for P&C meetings.

WKC’s Policies and Procedures.
Office: 3352 6753
Service Manager (Tamara): 0402 621 150
wkc.admin@wilstonpandc.org.au

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

We need your help! The position of Canteen Convenor is vacant. Without a convenor the canteen may not be able to open on Club Nights. The canteen and BBQ is an important function for the club, and we rely on the generosity of club volunteers to maintain this service.
The position of Race Secretary is also available. If you are interested in this position but may not be sure what it entails, we are happy to provide further details and training - it is not a time consuming position. We would like to thank Sue Anderson for her work in this position over the last year.

Reminder- Club Night nominations close Wednesdays at 6:00pm.
Swim Club duties this week:
Canteen: Godbolt, McNamara and Taylor families
BBQ: Collins, Beasley and Finselbach families.
If you are rostered on BBQ or canteen you will need to arrive by 5:45pm.
Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at the Colmslie Rackley Meet last weekend. Our swimmers are off to another meet this week - East Brisbane Annual Long Course Meet. Good luck to all competing.
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.
The next Swim Club Committee Meeting is Thursday 3 November 7.00pm pool side.
**Go Sports**

**Go Soccer**
26 October
5 weeks—$85.00
Wednesday
7.50-8.35am
Prep to Year 3
School Oval

**Go Cricket and Go Netball**
28 October
5 weeks—$85.00
Friday
7.50-8.35am
Prep to Year 4
School Oval

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**Expressions of Interest**

Transport and Main Roads currently have multiple School Crossing Supervisor positions vacant throughout the local region.

*Please tell neighbours, friends and family of these positions available. Please help us to help our students.*

**Remuneration** $28.18 per hour.

**Special Conditions**

Suitability is determined by the outcome of a pre-employment health assessment and the eligibility to apply and obtain a Working with Children Blue Card.

**School Crossing Supervisors must be available for work for both morning and afternoon shifts on a rostered basis in all weather conditions.**

Any interested persons may contact the Carseldine Road Safety Office on 0417737107 or 3863 9875 or via email - zillmere_road_safety@tmr.qld.gov.au