



Wilston State School Ever onward

Term 4. Issue 4. 3 November 2016.

DATE CLAIMERS

3 November	Count Us In – Whole School Whole School Assembly Skate Night Year 5 and 6
5 November	School Disco
9 November	Life Education Parent Session
10 November	Prep to Yr 2 Assembly
15/16/17 Nov	Preparing Puberty
16/17/18 Nov	Year 6 Camp Alex Headlands
17 November	Yr 3 to 6 Assembly P&C Meeting. Staff Room
22/23/24 Nov	Preparing Puberty
24 November	Prep to Year 2 Assembly
25 November	St Columbas Christmas Service
29 November	White Ribbon Day
30 November	Senior Swimming Carnival
1 December	Senior Swimming Carnival
2 December	Year 6 Graduation
5 December	8 year Swimming Carnival
6 December	6/7 year Swimming Carnival
7 December	9.00am Talent Show 11.30am Whole School Assembly followed by Christmas Carols
8 December	Year 6 Break Up Day
9 December	Last day Term 4

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents



The magnificent Wilston Wonders Choir, led by Mrs Miranda Charters and accompanied on the piano by Mrs Bev Barnett performed over the weekend at Musicfest. This choral performance was held at Iona College, Wynnum.

I have always loved watching and listening to our students perform beyond the school gates. When the choir sang their three songs I, like the rest of the audience, sat mesmerised by their performance. Over the years I have loved listening to our choirs sing and their performance on Sunday was quite remarkable. I commend all involved.



The recognition of Platinum was well deserved.

Year Six Graduating Gift



The entrances to our school are looking very inviting and the Year Six graduating gift certainly enhances the Thomas Street entrance near the pool. I would personally like to thank the parents who organised this gift and the students and families who contributed. I intend placing a small plaque near this feature to ensure the Class of 2016 is acknowledged.

Emailing Report Cards

Report cards will again be emailed to parents at the end of this term. If any email addresses have changed please email info@wilstonss.eq.edu.au and advise of your new one.

Wilston Turning 100 in 2020

Flyers went home this week regarding Wilston State School turning 100 in 2020. **If you wish to reply by email please note the email address is now 100years@wilstonpandc.org.au**

MUSIC COUNT US IN 2016

Come along and sing with us
at **11.30am**
next Thursday November 3
to celebrate the importance of
music in education.
Checkout the song at
[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=FMJqxt_kxbo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMJqxt_kxbo)

"Where words fail,
music speaks." – Hans
Christian Andersen



Guy Hendriks

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WILSTON STAR AWARDS

Prep

Gian W, Amelie S, Connor MB, Ella K, Jasper S, Matthew I, Hugh S, Isla F, Jack R, Joshua H.

Year 1

Claudia S, Annabel C, Henry D, Alexis C, Ellie A, Julien D, Jessica S, Charlyze B, Ella B, Darcy H, Elliott B, Eve Lawson.

Year 2

Hallie H, James H, William Seifert, Philippa M, Valentina PB, Oliver S, Art S, Jessica P, Gracie H, Josh Mac, James K, Isla B.

Year 3

Charlie C, Rose H, Fred S, Joseph K, Eloise T, James W, Phoebe L, Jarrell M, Jackson L Oscar YJ, Morgan T, Asher E.

Year 4

Ashleigh P, Bailey P, Emily D, George M, Odetta K, Austin B, Emerson B, Henry B.

Year 5

Shreeya P, Kara B, Ben B, Andrew B, Heidi W, Carson P, Will F, Poppy P, Jordan R, Lochie K.

Year 6

Hayden B, Astrid J, Keely B, Will S, Sophie G, Jonathan V.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Life Education

Parent Sessions for Life Education will be held in the Staff Room (D Block) on Wednesday 10 November from 2.15pm. We strongly recommend you attend this session.

Book Donations

Just a reminder: We have been asked to collect second hand children's books for a Brisbane school community. Many families in this other community are at or below the poverty line. Discretionary family funds are prioritised in areas other than literature for children.

Research continually shows that reading to young people results in significant gains in learning in primary school age children. Some families simply can't afford books. This is where we have been asked to help. If you have second hand books at home that your children have outgrown or no longer ready, please send them to school. They will be sent to another school and donated to their families in Term 1 2017. Please do not send encyclopaedias or damaged books. Thank you for sharing your love of reading with those less fortunate.

Books will be collected by the classroom teacher and sent up to a collection point on the C Block verandah, outside Mrs Hofmeister's room.

STUDENT PAYMENTS

Orange statements went home this week to those families who have not yet paid their term fees. **These are now all overdue.**

Please ensure payment is made well before the date of the activity if you wish your child to attend. Any queries please contact Leigh.

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

On the statement there is a link <http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/> if you click on this it will take you straight to the page you require to make your payment. Biller Code 1002534.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property has a large amount of lunch boxes etc in it at the moment. Please make sure all items are marked clearly with your child's name and class in order that items may be returned. Please note that any items left at the end of term will be donated to charity.

2016 YEARBOOK

Order forms for the 2016 Yearbook have been sent home.

The Yearbook contains all class, sport and music photos plus contributions from all classes. And the wonderful individual profiles and portraits from our graduating students. The Yearbook is a great way for your child to remember their school year - all for the low cost of \$25. The Yearbook will be ready for collection in February 2017. **Please return your order form and money via your class Blue Bag by Wednesday 9th November. No late orders please!**



STUDENT

COUNCIL

Reminder: Mater Little Miracles Fundraiser

Remember the Mater Little Miracles fundraising Jelly Bean guessing competition is still running. We've made it a little more affordable at just \$1 a guess, or \$2 for 3 guesses which makes it an inexpensive and fun way to contribute to greatly needed funds for new and premature babies born into the care of the Mater. And if you don't want to win the jelly beans, but still want to make a donation, you can just give a gold coin donation instead. I will be in the undercover (assembly) area every big lunch break ready for your guesses and/or donations. Thanks for your support.

Kassidy Beaman, 6B

ECOMARINE UPDATE

Last week the EcoMarine Ambassadors went to our final event for the year called The Wave. This was held at the Brisbane Convention Centre. In attendance were heaps of other EcoMarine Ambassadors, support teachers, sponsors, Tangalooma board members and the famous Bill McDonald from channel 7.

The event was opened by Uncle Bob, an aboriginal elder from Moreton Bay. Corey, one of the EcoRangers from Tangalooma then quizzed us all on why it is so important to protect Moreton Bay. Every school then shared what they had done and achieved throughout the year. We then heard from the principal of Bulimba State School who praised Tangalooma EcoMarines and the staff for all their hard work.

We would like to thank all of our EcoMarine Warriors for their support throughout the year. Did you know that we were one of the first schools to EVER join over 3 years ago? The board of Tangalooma praised us on our great efforts and look forward to what we have in store for 2017.

This week we have our first ever EcoMarine Fashion Show. Please come and support our fabulous fashionistas as they strut down the red carpet. Be there at big lunch in the undercover area!

Finally, you may have already noticed that the EcoWarriors are handing out EcoCards to students that they see doing environmentally friendly things around the school. If you get one of these cards you go into the draw to bring a friend to the MOVIES! (Well Ms Rodriguez's room).

The winners will be draw out later in the term and they are invited to watch a lunch time movie with popcorn.

That's all from us, Go Green EcoMarine

ICAS 2016

Congratulations to the following students have been awarded Distinctions and High Distinctions in the ICAS for 2016 in the subjects of English and Mathematics. All certificates will be distributed today. Those students who have been awarded High Distinctions and Distinctions will be acknowledged at Assembly in Week 7.

	English	Mathematics
Year Three	<u>High Distinction</u> Nicholas M <u>Distinction</u> Annabel S Ashima Thea L Ava S Harper L Nicholas C Colby S Hugo S Hannah B	<u>Distinction</u> Jackson L Hannah B Christopher B Thea L Madison L Sally p Ashima R Annabel S Hugo S Ava S William T Aidan V Oscar Y Nicholas C
Year Four	<u>Distinction</u> Erica L Claire S Max C Simon T Bailey P Gabriel I	<u>Distinction</u> Luka B Jack Y Tess L Ben V
Year Five	<u>High Distinction</u> Carson P <u>Distinction</u> Hannah M Zoe A Kara B	<u>Distinction</u> Sandave W Thomas S Benjamin B
Year Six	<u>Distinction</u> Julian B Clarinda H Sophia C Sophia Z Matthew H Abigail S	<u>Distinction</u> Caleb B Clarinda H Liam N Abigail S Jonathan P Josh B

Amanda Leeson-Smith. Head of Curriculum

2016 APSMO MATHEMATICAL PROBLEM SOLVING OLYMPIADS

Wilston State School students have participated in the annual Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APSMO) for many years. Approximately 30 000 students from around Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific region took part in the 2016 Olympiads.

Two teams (60 students) from Year 6 and selected Year 5s represented Wilston, sitting a short problem solving paper every month between May and September. The goals of the Olympiads are:

- to stimulate enthusiasm and enjoyment for mathematics
- to develop flexible problem-solving skills and strategies
- to foster creativity and ingenuity and strengthen intuition
- to increase depth of mathematical comprehension
- to strengthen the foundation for future studies
- to provide for the satisfaction of meeting mathematical challenges.

Results for Wilston State School are listed below:

top 10% Joshua B (6A) 22 (out of a possible 25)

top 25% Clarinda H (6C) 21
 Benjamin B(5B) 18
 Sienna C (6A) 17
 Caleb B (6A) 16
 Angus P-D (5E) 16
 Jonathan (6C) 1 16
 Sandave (5D) 16

A score of 20 or more in the APSMO competition is highly creditable, and although Wilston State School students participate in the Junior Division, some of the questions would challenge adults! The percentages refer to Australasian-wide results; in 2015, a score of 19 and above would have come in the top 10% of the competition results.

All participating students received a certificate, with badges and shoulder patches also being awarded to those students who achieved in the top 10% and 25% respectively. Trophies were also awarded to Joshua B and Clarinda H (highest team scores).

2016 WILSTON SCIENCE COMPETITION

The annual Wilston Science Competition has been judged and placegetters were awarded at the Year 3-6 School Assembly on Thursday, 3 November. Over 100 students entered the competition, and the overall quality of entries was extremely high, particularly in Divisions 1 and 2.

Congratulations to all the winning students:

DIVISION 1

1ST PLACE

LILY R (2F) *Moulds*

2ND PLACE

ADAM S (2F) *Sweet potato sprouting experiment*

3RD PLACE

SOPHIE Mc (PA) *Are raindrops the same?*

HIGHLY COMMENDED/ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD:

AMELIA B (2F) *Pupil size and light*

CHARLIE G (PC) *Living things*

ANGUS P (2A) *Water can walk, but can it climb?*

WILLIAM S (2B) *How much energy do I need to get to school?*

URSULA E (1F) *The most expensive paper towel will absorb the water best*

DIVISION 2

1ST PLACE

ERICA L(4B) *Does a magnet's magnetic field vary in strength?*

2ND PLACE (*shared award*)

CLEMENTINE (4B)/VIOLET S(3B) *Investigations into architecture*
SARAH S (4B)/TESS L (4B) *Can lollies expand?*

3RD PLACE (shared award)

LAURA P (4C) *Give your dog the right bone*
BETH P (4A)/STELLA B (4A) *Citrus power – the power of acid*

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

KATE I (5B) *Which batter is best?*
LUCY Mc (3C) *Classification of feathers*
WILLOW T (3F)/TIRION S (3F) *One for the ladies*
JESSICA K (3B) *Ponder this!*
HARPER L (3F) *Exercise and your heartrate*
PERCY E (3C) *Dropping balls from a great height*
BRONTE L (3A)/MAYA H (3A)/EVIE N (3A) *Ka-Boom!*

DIVISION 3

1ST PLACE

CHARLES S/JAMES M/GEORGE B (6A) *Dirt vs compost*

2ND PLACE

HANNAH B/KYLA J/SIENNA C (6A) *Clean a coin*

3RD PLACE

BLAKE L (6B) *Launching bottle rockets*

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

JOSHUA T (6A)/CONNOR H (6B) *The science behind water bottle flips*
JACK MAC (6A) *Am I under pressure?*
JOSH B (6A)/DAMON C (6A)/MATTHEW H (6A)/JACQUES W (6C) *Are we stronger than two interweaving books?*
JONATHAN P (6A) *Kedron Brook water improvement plan*

JUNIOR SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR (Division 1-2):

TOBY G (5D)/ANGUS K (5D) *Can you train your brain?*

YOUNG SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR (Division 3):

SCARLETT S (6B) *Science investigations into paint properties*

A big thank you to parents and family members for their support and encouragement of students entering the competition. Even a cursory examination of the results above shows that the science competition is a family event in some households. Thanks also to Mr Peter Beadle, Mr Dylan Parer, Mrs Megan Paulsen, Mrs Therese Brandt, Mrs Helen Lambert-Smith and Mrs Sue Burgess for being part of the judging panel. Entries were judged on originality of topic and/or approach and effective use of scientific method. The judging panel were impressed by the range of topics, and the quality of scientific thinking evident in the entries, especially in Division 2.

The Wilston Science Competition will return in 2017 – bigger and better!

NEWS FROM HPE

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.

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. Can all students please return their permission note ASAP.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Platinum Pizza Party!

Congratulations to our Wilston Wonders for receiving a Platinum trophy at the Prestige Music Fest on Sunday! Due to our fantastic win we will have a pizza party at 2nd break on Friday November 11th. An order form will be sent home this week. Please return the response form and money by this Monday November 7.

Miranda Charters

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Its official Christmas is just around the corner. Our Christmas party is on the 24th November and goes from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

We want to thanks all our simply wonderful volunteers and encourage you to come and join our Tuckshop tea. No experience needed. Just come and say hello, it's a great place to meet people especially if you are new to the school.

Keep up to date with all menu items by logging in on to munch monitor and browsing all the healthy choices we have.

Roster for the week beginning the 7th November

Monday 7	CLOSED
Tuesday 8	Mirella Fujimoto, Marion Jones
Wednesday 9	Sarah Bender, Kathryn Napier
Thursday 10	Megan Beattie, Leah Westbrook
Friday 11	Janice Nykiel, Kathy Davies, Catherine Scott, help needed.

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

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

Wednesday, December 7 is **Stocktake Day** at the Uniform Shop, a day when we count everything on the shelves and work out what we'll need for next year. It's a very important day and we can't do it without your help. Could you pencil this date in your calendars and even if you have half an hour free at any time during the morning, please pop in to help. Morning tea/brunch is provided and it's a great way to meet parents and catch-up before the holidays begin.

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: wilstonss and Password: munch4051. Please place orders by 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

This will ensure orders are delivered to teachers' pigeonholes for class delivery on those days.

2017 Book Packs: If you don't have your 2017 booklist for school yet, you can do two things: drop by the uniform shop where we have spare copies, or go to the EDSCO website: www.edSCO.com.au and click the green button on the right that says: To Order BOOK PACKS Click Here. Orders received by November 11 will be delivered for free to your home before the end of school.

Senior Shirts 2017: Information forms will go home this week for the 2017 senior shirt printing. These are the shirts that will have the names of everyone in Year 6 printed on the back and are something the students are very proud to wear. To make sure we get these shirts printed early next year, we need Year 5 students who are continuing at Wilston next year to purchase a Senior Shirt for printing, or to give us a shirt that they currently wear but which is in good condition.

These shirts will be kept at the Uniform Shop and taken for printing in Term 1 for a nominal fee.

Any current Year 5 student ordering a shirt via MunchMonitor will have that shirt held for Senior Shirt printing and a note will be sent home confirming it has been received.

Hair accessories: A new supply of hair accessories in the school colours means you can look extra special for the start of school next year. Girls who are performing in choir or music programs next year also have special hair ties available at the Uniform Shop.

Tip of the week: Entertainment books can still be ordered through the school and all the great discounts are valid until the end of June 2017. Visit: www.entbook.com.au/221987b to purchase a digital copy or hard-copy which will be delivered to your home for free. And remember 20 per cent of sales are donated back to the school.

Did you know: Your donation of second hand school uniform items over the last 12 months has raised \$2500. Thank-you very much and keep donations coming. Students can still wear the old school uniform of plain gold or plain mocha shirts in 2017.

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

NEWS FROM THE P&C

The last P&C Meeting for the year will be held on 17 November at 7.00pm in the staff room (D Block). At this meeting there will be a vote on the proposal for building in part of the Undercroft at L Block and providing shade via a new awning. The proposal provides a multi-purpose space for both the school and Kids Care and allows the Kids Care service to increase their licence number to meet the demand for new families. There may also be a proposal to replace the broken sign out the front of the school on the corner of Primrose and Thomas St with an electronic sign.

Chris Burke. President

Wilston's traditional end of year disco is this Saturday!

Ticket sales close Friday 4 at 9.00am through Munch Monitor. Tickets can also be purchased at the door if you decide to come at the last minute.

If you can please enter the school from the Thomas St entrance (near the pool) that would assist greatly as access through other entrances will be restricted.

Volunteers are still needed for all activities in all time slots, so please consider helping out for an hour or two while your kids are enjoying themselves:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4dafa92ca7fd0-disco1>

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

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Subcommittee members required. Come and Help!

Volunteer parents are vital for the planning and good management of WKC. The small subcommittee meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month and together with Tamara, discusses many topics including safety, legislation, education programs, attendance, contribution to the school, parents and staff concerns.

November is the time of the year where the WKC Subcommittee reflects on the year's achievements and starts putting in place plans for the coming new year.

The Subcommittee also starts discussing Office Bearer's positions: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Help is always welcomed, be it reviewing an operation documents, suggesting or even writing this newsletter.

Without past and present dedicated parents, WKC would not exist in its current format. To ensure WKC's continued success, we need new parents to step in and fill the vacancies left by those who are moving away.

Our meetings start early, 6.00pm, just after the Centre closes. Free child-minding is provided and the children are fed. Food is also supplied for the parents. Discussions are focused, so that you and your children can be home at an appropriate hour for bedtime.

Come and meet us and you will be surprised at how very rewarding getting involved can be.

The next WKC Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, 12 November at 6.00pm in the WKC office.

WKC's Policies and Procedures.

These can be found on the Parents and Citizens website:

<http://www.wilstonpandc.org.au/index.php/wilston-kids-care>

Office: 3352 6753

Service Manager (Tamara): 0402 621 150

wkc.admin@wilstonpandc.org.au

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

The position of canteen convenor has been filled. Thank you to Leonie Crawford for stepping into this role.

Swim Club duties this week:

Canteen: **Carley, Nowlan and Cameron families**

BBQ: **Dent, Gordon and O'Hara families**

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

The next Swim Club meeting is 3 November at 7.00pm, poolside. We look forward to seeing you there.



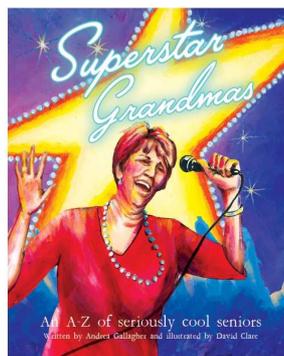
Learning and growing together through play

LIMITED VACANCIES FOR 2017

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Alderley Kindergarten Queensland Government Approved Program **ALDERLEYKINDY.COM.AU**

YOU ARE INVITED TO A BOOK LAUNCH:



All A-Z of seriously cool seniors
Written by Andrea Gallagher and Illustrated by David Clare

www.andreagallagher.com.au

Superstar Grandmas is the first of two books from Wilston State School parents, Andrea Gallagher and David Clare, depicting real-life stories and faces of grandmas (including some Wilston community grandmas) in a rhyming, alphabet picture book. To celebrate its arrival, they are hosting two community launch events and all Wilston families are invited:

2 - 4pm, 3 December 2016,

Grange Bowls Club,

79 Sellheim St, Grange, QLD, 4051

9.30am - 11.30am, 10 December 2016,

Caloundra QCWA Hall,

17 Kalinga Place, Caloundra, QLD, 4551

The theme for the launch is, 'Grandma's Garden Tea Party', with light refreshments and a display of the original artwork from the book, as well as a host of fun activities for young and old.

Entry's free, so bring a grandma and join the party!

RSVP to: Andrea@penelopeandpeter.com.