



## Wilston State School Ever onward

Term 4. Issue 6. 17 November 2016.

### DATE CLAIMERS

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
23 January	School Resumes Term 1
26 January	Australia Day



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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### Dear Parents

#### 2017 Classes

Our staff are currently finalising the composition of classes for 2017. As you can appreciate this is a complex process and we try to ensure that the information we have is as accurate as possible. If your child/ren are leaving or could be leaving Wilston State School in 2017, and you haven't yet informed us, please email your child's sector deputy principal as soon as possible.

From 2017, attendance in Prep is compulsory. If you have a child born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012 and you haven't yet enrolled them for Prep in 2017, please see the office as soon as possible. We can only accept enrolments for students in catchment or siblings of existing students who will again be at Wilston in 2017.

Thanks for your cooperation with helping to ensure that our information for 2017 is accurate.

#### Permission to attend Church Service

There are still a number of students that do/do not have permission to attend the church service. Please can you return your completed form to the office via the class Blue Bag as soon as you are able. No student will attend the church service if they do not have permission.

#### Report Cards

Again this term Report Cards will be emailed to parents. If your email address has changed since June this year, please email your updated details to [info@wilstonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:info@wilstonss.eq.edu.au)

#### Well Done Wilston STEM Group – The Nationals in Sydney Again!

Last weekend two teams from Wilston ("the Dogs" and "the Horses") competed in the FIRST™ Lego League Competition against 50 other teams ranging in ages from 9 to 16 years of age. On show were not only the teams' robotics skills but also their team work, presentation and project work.

The teams presented projects based around this year's "Animal Allies" Theme. Team "Horses" used bat technology to build a device to help blind people avoid objects. They tested their solution on a visually impaired person. Team "Dogs" built a computer model with Scratch to explore the impact of some new Genetic Technology (CRISPR and Gene Drives) which have the power to wipe out whole species. This team worked with a representative from the Policy Body within the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, to understand the risks of these technologies.

The projects were standouts for the judges, with special mention of the log books. The older students who had experienced the event before, did a lot of mentoring of the younger students.

The result of all this team work? The Wilston Horses scored second highest in the robotics game and **first in the overall competition!** As Champions of Grace Lutheran (Brisbane) Regional they will represent Wilston State School against the best from all over the country in three weeks' time in Sydney.

This represents the fifth award since the inception of the program at Wilston just three years ago. Wilston teams have won "Rising Stars", "Gracious Professionalism", "Highest Points in the Robot Game", "3<sup>rd</sup> Overall in Robot Dance" and now "1<sup>st</sup> Overall". After leaving Wilston for high school the success continues as one our Alumni, Liam N (Grade 7) has this year won the nationals in Robot Soccer and is off to Costa Rica to compete internationally.

The secret to this success is a bunch of enthusiastic students supported by a team of dedicated parents and coaches, backed by the P&C and the School. We would like to particularly thank Guy Hendriks and Therese Brandt for their support.

*Guy Hendriks*  
Principal



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL (contd)

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Well done to those who competed in the heat on Sunday. We are extremely proud of what you all have achieved.

Anastasiya N, Atticus M, Chris B, Clarinda H, Keeley B, Liam C, Liam N, Liam T, Liliya H, Riana S, Sandave W, Vivanya W, Will T. What's next...? Join the team help us catch up to and help us take on the rest of the world... because "Our robot is better than your Robot!"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1QyM9WTF18>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vYuOKb3gO7E>

Notice will be given in the Wilston Weekly Term 1 for intake into Wilston STEM Robotics for 2017.

**Wilston Stem Coaches**

**Susan Boucher, James Turner, Tony Moore and Chris Noonan**

## WELL DONE AWARDS

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### Prep

Rebecca W PA, Henry J PA, Leilani P PB, Thomas C PB, Georgia M PC, Kenji E PC, Ashton H PD, Tadhg B PD, Harry M PE,.

### Year 1

Hayden C 1A, Steve P-M 1A, Oliver G 1B, Zoe H 1B, Cooper K 1C, Aidan F 1C, William P 1D, Olivia C 1D, Will G 1E, Sarah Mc 1E, Lachlan P 1F, Genevieve C 1F.

### Year 2

Gemma H 2A, Cohen L 2A, Sach E 2B, Leilani B 2B, Jack C 2C, Grace A 2D, Joshua Mc 2D, Jasmine P 2D, /Remy K 2E, Harry W 2E, Lucy S 2F, Tom C 2F.

## SALVATION ARMY FOOD/GIFT CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2016

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Thank you to those families who have left gifts under our Christmas tree in the office foyer. A big thank you too to Isabell P, Sophie G and Matilda R for decorating the tree. There will be gift tags with boy/girl, adult, grandma, granddad etc. for those who would like to place a gift under the tree. Canned goods are always welcome as well as everyday items such as cereal, biscuits, sauces.

We are always amazed at the generosity of our school community and the excitement we see in our children when they place a gift of food for a child or adult that they do not know. What a wonderful way to teach our students about the true meaning of giving. **Thank you again for your ongoing support and generosity!**

## SCIENCE

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### Science Extension Opportunity—2017

In 2017, students in Year 4-6 are eligible to participate in the Science Challenge, a science extension program consisting of five experimental investigations. Created by GiantClassroom.com.au, each of the experiments contained in the Science Challenge is aligned with the Australian National Curriculum and aims to develop and accelerate understanding through inquiry, analysis and participation. If you are interested in participating in the Science Challenge in 2017, please email Mr Brendan Medlin at [bmedl2@eq.edu.au](mailto:bmedl2@eq.edu.au). **Do not send any money.**

### Procedure for 2017

1. Register – Students will be able to view one complete sample experiment and a list of the other five experiments available for the year.

2. Activate - Once payment has been received, GiantClassroom will activate the student account, allowing access to all experiment resources.

3. Participate - Students can access materials, complete the experiments, electronically submit their answers, and see how they did.

### Frequently asked questions

- Who can participate? - Primary school students (grades 4, 5 & 6).
- How much does it cost? - The Science Challenge is \$6 per student.
- Do I get school time to do the Science Challenge? – The Science Challenge is an extra-curricular activity; everything is done at home. Mr Medlin will meet with participating students at least once a term to coordinate the program.
- When do I need to register? – Early in Term 1, 2017 (Weeks 1-2 are best).
- When can I do the Science Challenge? - Anytime during the school year.
- When do the certificates arrive? - The certificates will be printed on December 7.

## PRIMARY RESEARCH PROJECT

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Earlier in Term 4 a total of 50 students in Years 4, 5 and 6 competed in the 2016 Primary Research Project. The Primary Research Project is an online, multiple-choice competition (40 questions on eight different topics) which required a maximum of four hours over a two week period, and provided an opportunity for students to research, interpret and evaluate information. Participating Wilston students had an average score of 84% compared to the national average of 64%. Results of high distinction and above are listed below:

### PERFECT SCORES

Aidan T, Astrid J, Max C, Samantha G, Thomas S.

### HIGH DISTINCTION (95%)

Anastasiya N, Ashleigh P, Ben V, Blake L, Caleb B, Erica L, Kara B, Liliya H, Lily C, Lucy S, Shreeya P.

There were a further ten students who scored a distinction (90%) in the competition. Thank you to the parents of the competing students for their encouragement and support of the extracurricular competitions at Wilston State School. Certificates were awarded at the Year 3-6 assembly on Thursday, 17 November. Participating Year 6 students were awarded their certificates earlier because of the Year 6 camp starting on Wednesday, 16 November.

## NEWS FROM HPE

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### 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

Good luck to all students in the Wilston SS relay teams competing at the QSS Relay Carnival at Chandler this Friday night.

**Rodney Bell. PE Specialist**

## CHOIR NEWS

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### Wilston Wonders

The silly season is beginning!! See below for our final performance dates in 2016. Please return permission slips ASAP for the Alderley Community Carols and thanks to those who already have.

### Upcoming Performance Dates:

Christmas Services St Columbas	Friday November 25 9.30am Juniors; 10.15am Seniors.
Alderley Community Carols	Sunday December 4 Wilston Wonders 6.15pm approx. Perform at 6.30pm.
School "Carols By Daylight"	Wednesday December 7 Undercover Area.

### Band/Strings/Choir Uniforms 2017

Year 5 and 6 students in a music performance group next year will be required to wear the new formal school uniform for performances:

**Girls – check dress; Boys – check shirt and brown shorts. All groups are to wear black shoes, white socks and brown/yellow hair ties for girls.** Please contact the Uniform Shop or one of our music teachers for more information. *Please note Junior Choir will **not** need to have this uniform.*

Miranda Charters

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

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Christmas Party for all our lovely volunteers is the 24 November at 6.00pm to 8.00pm, please let us know if you can be there.

Tuckshop is closed the last week of school and 2 December is our last day.

With the Year 6 Graduation on 2 December Tuckshop will be closed for morning tea on that day. Anyone wanting to help out pop in and let us know.

As we get closer to the end of term, please note the MunchMonitor menu will have limited supply of some menu items.

### Roster for week beginning 21 November 2016

Monday 21	CLOSED
Tuesday 22	Tracey Wollaston, Jessica Draper
Wednesday 23	Christine Matheson, Maria Lodhi
Thursday 24	Natalie McMaster, Harriet Carter, Angela Patel
Friday 25	Tina Robinson, Tarah Hastie, Sue Anderson, Aislin Ivison.

Bec Macdonald 0448 804 279

Dot Milne 0408 729 021

## FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

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Our winter uniform is changing! Coming home this week will be order forms for our new school jacket.

Putting your name on our **Winter Jacket Registry** before the end of the year will be the **only way** to secure your new jacket for winter next year. There is no need to pay for the jacket at this time. There will be some ability to change sizes once jackets arrive next year but to ensure you don't miss out, please return your order form via the Blue Bag before the end of the year.

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.

**MunchMonitor:** Order all your uniform and stationery items online at [www.munchmonitor.com](http://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.

**Stocktake Day:** Wednesday, December 7 is our Stocktake Day where we count the uniforms and stationery in stock in readiness for the new year.

If you have half an hour or an hour after drop-off to come in and help us count, we would love to welcome you. morning tea/brunch is provided and you'd be bringing the good company. Give Debra a call (0412 417 552) if you can help.

**2017 Book Packs:** If you haven't ordered your book packs yet, don't panic, you can still order them online or you can fill out the forms and send them to the office via the Blue Bag. Go to [www.edsco.com.au](http://www.edsco.com.au) and click the green button on the right that says: To Order BOOK PACKS Click Here.

**Senior Shirts 2017:** Thanks to all the families who have already given us senior shirts for printing. **Monday, December 5** is the deadline for current Year 5 families to buy a new 2-colour polo shirt (or give us an existing 2-colour polo shirt in good condition), which will become the senior shirt for their Year 6 student next year. Senior shirts will have the names of everyone in Year 6 printed on the back and are something students are proud to wear in their final year at primary school. 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.

**Tip of the week:** This is a great time of year to go through the wardrobe and sort out uniform items that don't fit any more. Several families have given pre-loved uniform items to the uniform/bookshop in the last few weeks and we really appreciate them. Thank-you!

**Did you know:** In 2017 you will still be able to wear all of Wilston State School's uniform items, including the mocha shirt and gold shirt. In 2018, the new 2-colour polo shirt, brown shorts/skorts, and check items will become our standard uniform across all year levels.

Janice Nykiel and Debra Bela – Convenors

Ph: 3552 8490/0403 153 096 (Janice)

[bookshop@wilstonpandc.org.au](mailto:bookshop@wilstonpandc.org.au)

## P&C UPDATE

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Over the last few weeks, there has been a notice in the Wilston Weekly about a proposal that is being tabled for discussion at the P&C meeting on 17 November 2016.

The proposal is for building in part of the Undercroft in L Block which will provide a multi-purpose space for both the school and Kids Care and would allow the Kids Care service to increase their licence number to meet the demand for new families. A new awning attached to L Block would also be built, providing shade for the kids.

All parents are welcome to come along and hear what is being proposed and provide input. The proposal will not be voted on at the meeting on 17 November however you may become a P&C member and vote at the next meeting.

An extraordinary meeting will take place on Thursday 1 December to resolve and vote on the proposal.

## NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

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### 'One Child' Is On Track

Earlier this year, WKC implemented a new individualised 'learning portfolio' system called 'One Child'.

'One Child' is a system that helps document each child's learnings and happenings while at WKC, and communicate them to parents.

The implementation of "One Child" helps us address some of the criterion of the National Quality Standard (NQS) that WKC has to abide by and that can be found on the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality authority website (<http://www.acecqa.gov.au/>).

One Child also brings home for us to enjoy some lovely pictures of our children and their fun times at WKC, and that's a bonus!

If you would like to be linked with your child's 'One Child' profile, please send an email to [wkc.coordinators@wilstonpandc.org.au](mailto:wkc.coordinators@wilstonpandc.org.au).

Once linked you will receive notifications of new stories that share what your child/ren are getting up to at kids care.

### Please Bring Back Your Forms

We do require all 2017 enrolment forms by the 30<sup>th</sup> November. This will assist us in allocating space per the priority of access guidelines, and preparing for the new school year.

### 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](mailto:wkc.admin@wilstonpandc.org.au)

## NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Congratulations to all our teams who competed at the Brisbane Club Relay Championships last weekend. A special mention to the parents who supported their swimmers on the long, hot day at Chandler!

On the 2 December we will be holding a "Bring a Friend" to Club Night. Your friend will not need to nominate prior to the evening and they will be able to swim in the 25m freestyle, backstroke or butterfly events.

Nominations are now open for the positions of Captains and Vice Captains for 2017. These positions are open to all active Club Members in Year 6 in 2017. We will be looking for Wilston Cross who demonstrate active participation in club activities including squad training, competition and carnivals and demonstrate leadership qualities during Croc events (in particular, Friday Club Nights). Due date for nominations is 28 November. The positions will be voted on at the last Committee Meeting of the year - 2 December - with the successful applicants announced at the first club night of 2017.

Reminder - nominations close at 6.00pm Wednesday nights. Nominations are now open up until the last Club Night of 2016- 2 December.

Swim Club duties this week:

Canteen: Vincent, Whipps and O'Hara families

BBQ: Slater, Thompson and Taylor families.

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

Term 4 swim fees are now overdue. Please see Kirsten in the pool office if you are unsure if you have any fees outstanding. Please note that any swimmers who are not financial may not be able to compete at any upcoming BSA/SQ meets and you are also not covered for insurance purposes.

The next Swim Club Meeting is Thursday 1 December at 7.00pm, poolside. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Junior Engineers Xmas Break Technology Academy

Give your child a head start on essential skills for the digital world



### Scratch

3-day workshop

Grades: 2-3

Dates: 12/12 - 14/12

Time: 9:30-12:30

This visual programming language is ideal for learning the first steps in coding and understanding complex concepts in a very simple and fun way. Ideal for very young beginners. No previous experience in computer programming is required.

### Python & Minecraft

3-day workshop

Grades: 4 and above

Dates: 12/12 - 14/12

Time: 13:00-16:00

- Students need to have a Minecraft user account
- Returning students will enjoy new levels and adventures

Junior Engineers' step-by-step learning approach will help students understand and use Python commands while having fun playing Minecraft. Previous coding knowledge and Minecraft experience is desirable but not essential.

### Robotics Workshop

1 day workshop

Grades: 5 and above

Dates: 15/12, 19/12

Time: 9:30-16:00

- Price includes Arduino kit valued at \$60
- Returning students will enjoy new projects

Students will explore essential Robotics principals through a series of fascinating experiments. Junior Engineers' step-by-step learning approach will help students use and understand electronic concepts and techniques. No previous experience is required.

### Pricing:

\$230 - Standard price, \$190 - Junior Engineers students

15% sibling discount available

### Location:

- Indooroopilly State High School, 107 Ward street Indooroopilly

- Please note: students must bring their own laptop (Windows or Mac)

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