Dear Parents

Classes 2017
Class lists will be sent home on the last Thursday of this year. The Deputy Principals and their teachers have been very thoughtful in placing students in their classes and I thank them for this work. At the moment, when I analyse our anticipated numbers, I believe we are likely to grow by an additional ten students and this would mean we are entitled to 35 teachers. The same as this year.

If our numbers increase by more than the ten then we would be in a position to gain an extra class. My intention is to start the year with 35 classes and revisit this decision in the first week of Term 1 next year. The Department finalises staffing to schools on the eighth school day of the new year.

The school will be set up on the following structure:-
6 Prep; 5 Year Ones; 6 Year Twos; 5 Year Threes; 5 Year Fours; 4 Year Fives and 4 Year Six classes.

Have you considered a career in teaching?
There are so many great reasons to become a teacher, including a great work-life balance and one of the highest starting salaries for university graduates in Australia.

If your child is still, or has just finished high school:
• Year 12s have until 11 December to apply for grants and scholarships to study teaching at a Queensland university next year; and
• Year 10s and 11s can apply for one of the many university preparatory programs for undergraduate teaching degrees being offered next year. Hurry — applications are closing soon!

For parents and carers:
• It's never too late in life to study teaching.
• Teaching is a four-year undergraduate degree or a one-year post-graduate diploma for students enrolling in 2017. From 2018, the post-graduate diploma will become a two-year study program.

Teaching is a career where you can inspire others, make a difference and work with Queensland's future!

Guy Hendriks
Principal
**WELL DONE AWARDS**

Prep
James M PA, Emile M Pa, Oscar A PA, Liam M PB, Frankie S PB, Alexander B PC, Matli B PC, Preet D PD, Ava W PE.

Year 1
Max H 1A, Summer J 1A, Ruben L 1A, Rhys P 1B, Saoirse O 1B, Rorey I 1B, Matilda YJ 1C, Oliver O 1C, Eamon C 1D, Georgia B 1D, Charlotte K 1D, Edward C 1E, Lauren V 1F, Sydney L 1F, Zara W 1F.

Year 2
Nicholas W 2A, Harvey M 2B, Christopher R 2B, Sienna P 2B, Max H 2C, Klara R 2E, Jamie M 2E, Ava F 2F, Henry C 2F.

**LOST PROPERTY**

Just a reminder that all unclaimed lost property will be donated to a charity at the end of the term. Please check if you have lost items.

Please can all parents check that their children are bringing their own hats home. It seems a number of clearly named hats are not finding their way back to their owners.

**FROM THE LIBRARY**

“Thank you so much” to the many parent volunteers who have helped to cover and process new resources for our school this year. Your willingness to give your time has been greatly appreciated and has helped us get books in the hands of children quickly! We must also acknowledge the continued support of Stephen Jull who has volunteered every Thursday and Friday for many years.

Library books due back now. Please check that your child has returned all library books as soon as possible. They are due back in the library by the end of the week. Your help is appreciated.

Merry Christmas to all – and enjoy some holiday reading!

**READERS CUP**

Four Year 5 students are to be congratulated for their excellent participation in the Stafford Teacher Librarian Network Readers’ Cup event at McDowall State School on 10th November. They prepared diligently both in their lunch breaks and at home and they represented the school with pride. Wilston placed third out of the eight schools represented. Well done to Declan W, Kate I, Caitlin M and Samantha G!

**CHOIR NEWS**

Wilston Wonders
Important Dates:
Christmas Services St Columbas This Friday November 25th
(9.30am Juniors; 10.15am Seniors)
Alderley Community Carols Sunday Dec 4 Wilston Wonders
6.15pm approx Perform at 6.30pm
School “Carols By Daylight” Wednesday December 7
Undercover Area

No choir last Friday of Term!!

Choir Captains 2017
Next week voting will take place for the 2017 choir captains. Students who have nominated are asked to prepare a short speech answering how long they have been in choir; why they like choir and why they would make a great captain. Other Year 5 choir students will vote for their peers.

Miranda Charters

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Tuckshop is closed for morning tea on Friday 2 December 2016 due to graduation.

We are closed on the last week of school but the Coffee Shop will open Monday until Wednesday.

**FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP**

Remember to wear formal uniforms this Friday for the St Columba’s Christmas Service. That’s the school dress or check shirt and shorts/skorts. The students will look very smart as they represent our school in the community.

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

- Opening times: In Term 4 we are open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8.15am-9.45am. We are located in D Block, next to the Tuckshop. Our last day of the year will be Wednesday, December 7 and we will open again on Thursday, January 19 and Friday, January 20 from 8.00am-11.00am. The first day of school is Monday, January 23, and we’ll be open then too!
- 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.
- 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.

Miranda Charters

**NEWS FROM HPE**

Annual Invitational 9 – 12 Years Swimming Relay Carnival
Congratulations to all students that represented Wilston SS at the All School Relay Carnival at Chandler on Friday night. We had a very successful night and all teams performed well.

Results:
- Bronze: Girls 9-10 Years 200m Freestyle Relay
- Bronze: Girls 9-10 Years 200m Medley Relay
- 5th: Boys 9-10 Years 200m Freestyle Relay
- 6th: Boys 9-10 Years 200m Medley Relay
- 8th: Boys 11-12 Years 200m Medley Relay
- 10th: Girls 11-12 Years 200m Freestyle Relay.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist
Morning Tea/Brunch is provided and you'd be bringing the good company. Give Debra a call (0412 417 552) if you can help.

**New Winter Jackets**: The only way to get a new winter jacket for 2017 is to order through our registry system before the end of the year. If you want until next year, you will miss out. We are only ordering jackets to meet demand so put your name on our registry by either filling out the form sent home last week, dropping in to the Uniform Shop, or emailing us at bookshop@wilstonpandc.org.au. The jackets will cost $50. No payment is needed until next year.

**Book pack order forms for 2017**: There is still time to hand in 2017 book pack order forms or to order online via the [www.eedsco.com.au](http://www.eedsco.com.au) page. Click the green button on the right that says: To Order BOOK PACKS Click Here. These packs will be delivered to your home. The Uniform/Bookshop also has a wide range of stationery and text book items in stock.

**2017 Senior Shirts**: Many Year 5 families have already given us shirts for senior printing for next year. If you haven't given us a two-colour polo shirt (either new or in very good condition) there is still time. These shirts will have the names of all Year 6 seniors printed on the back next year and are worn with pride by our senior students at Wilston. The deadline to receive shirts at the uniform shop is December 5.

**Temporarily out of stock**: School bags and school hats in our small size 55cm. We are expecting more supplies in the last week of term. If you need one of these items, drop in to the Uniform Shop or email us at bookshop@wilstonpandc.org.au.

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**Tip of the week**: The Swimming Carnival is on from November 30 - December 6, and we have a full range of swim caps, goggles, towels and sun shirts to get you right through to the finals. Our swim caps are particularly popular as they are easy for the students to put on themselves. They sell for $10 and our goggles are $15.

**Did you know**: You can continue to order via the [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com) ordering system over the holidays and collect your items from the uniform shop on the Thursday or Friday (January 19 and 20) before school starts.

Janice Nykiel and Debra Bela – Convenors
Ph: 3552 8490/0412 417 552 (Debra)
bookshop@wilstonpandc.org.au or debrabela@yahoo.com.au

**NEWS FROM THE P&C**

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the P&C Meeting on the 17 November. As noted previously, it is always good to have new members join and I would hope parents carry that enthusiasm forward to next year and get involved in our many activities, particularly the Fete planning committee. We will provide more details for getting involved early next year.

The last P&C Meeting was a big one with lots of discussion around the proposal for building in part of the Undercroft and providing an awning at L Block which will be used by the school and Kids Care. The outcome of the discussion was the following:

A special meeting is to take place on Thursday 1 December where potentially two motions are to be voted on:

1. Should WKC capacity increase from 200 to 230
2. Should the P&C progress the build of L Block subject to a confirmation of feasibility and cost.

Please note, the second motion will only be tabled if the first motion succeeds.

In other news, the P&C will be replacing the broken sign out the front of the school with an electronic sign after the proposal was approved at our meeting and we hope to have the sign in place for the start of next year.

As noted, a special meeting will take place on Thurs 1st of Dec to resolve the above items.

Chris Burke. President.

**NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE**

**2017 Enrolment Forms and Place Allocation**

We do require all 2017 enrolment forms by the 30 November, places will be allocated as per the priority of access guidelines ([WSS Newsletter 27-10-2016](http://www.wilstonpandc.org.au/index.php/wilston-kids-care)) and answers will be provided by the 9 December.

We remind parents that the Centre will not be able to accommodate all children requiring care in 2017. This is due to lack of indoor space. Forecast shows an excess of up to 30 children for the three days in the middle of the week. We have been attempting to put solutions in place for some time and are hoping that an arrangement can be found in the coming months. Consequently, parents should be prepared to make alternative arrangements.

**WKC Kids, what interests them...**

On Tuesday, November 8, the staff at WKC had the great surprise to see an unexpected number of kids cram into the small WKC room to watch the outcome of the US election.

**Summer Vacation Care – Booking forms are out !**

Have you received your booking forms for Vacation Care? If not, please request them from the WKC staff. This year’s program reflects the new direction taken by the Centre since the start of the year, with activities that address specific requirements of the National Quality Framework Standard (NQFS). The program is also in line with the current travel wall; each week will include a day dedicated to the discovery of a foreign country. Finally, there are several excursions planned, including some specifically designed for the seniors who will travel to the Science Centre in SouthBank.

**WKC Subcommitte Nomination**

The WKC Subcommittee is a small group of working parents who meet once a month in a friendly and collaborative atmosphere. We are closely involved in the management and operation of the Centre from legislation to programs. We value diversity, and ensure that no parent is excluded by starting and finishing early (6 - 7.30pm), and by providing free child minding services and meals. We value the time spent with our children and aim for efficient, focused meetings.

The subcommittee advises the P&C executives, who are ultimately responsible for the operation of the Centre and ensuring that it meets relevant legislative and accreditation standards. Come join us and be involved.

**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 are offering Learn to Swim Intensives over the Christmas School Holidays, Monday 12 – Friday 16 December and Monday 9 - Friday 13 January 2017. We offer 5 x 30min lessons at the same time everyday, with an experienced Learn to Swim instructor. Lessons commence from 8:30am. Total cost for the five days is $68. Places are limited.

Holiday squads will run the first two weeks of the holidays - Monday 12 - Friday 16 December and Monday 19 – Friday 23 December from 7:00-
9:00am each morning for all squad levels.

The pool will be closed from 24 December through to 8 January 2017.

Holiday squads will then return from Monday 9 – Friday 13 January and Monday 16 - Friday 20 January from 7:00 - 9:00am as well.

Noel will be running a fun program consisting of pool and dry land work for all sessions. The cost for holiday squad will be $10 a single swim, $40 for 5 swims or $120 for 4 weeks of unlimited swimming.

Term 1 swimming will commence on Monday 23 January 2017.

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.

Reminder - nominations close at 6.00pm Wednesday nights.

Swim Club duties this week:
Canteen: McGuire and Wright families
BBQ: McNamara and Williams families.

We need another family to help out on the BBQ this week. If you have missed your week earlier this season or would like to assist one final time this term it would be greatly appreciated. If you are rostered on BBQ or canteen you will need to arrive by 5:45pm.

Term 4 swim fees are overdue. Please see Kirsten in the pool office if you are unsure if you have any fees outstanding.

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

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**Brisbane is set to host the global premiere of ‘Wonders of the World’ - a brand new, awe-inspiring exhibition made entirely from LEGO® bricks that explores some of the most iconic wonders throughout history. More than 50 never-seen-before models will be on display including a LEGO® Arc de Triomphe, LEGO® sinking Titanic, LEGO® Tokyo Subway Map, LEGO® Flying Scotsman and a LEGO® Leaning Tower of Pisa! Incredibly, ‘Wonders of the World’ took a jaw-dropping 4,944 hours to build. This world-class exhibition has been exclusively curated by Ryan McNaught – the only LEGO® Certified Professional in the Southern Hemisphere.**

**TARGET AUDIENCE**
- Parents with Kids 5-11
- Kids 5-11 who appreciate hands-on, minds-on activities like creative building and role playing
- Grandparents

**EVENT DETAILS**
- Running Wednesday 23 November 2016 - Wednesday 14 December
- Session times from 9.30am – 4.00pm daily
- Kids 3 & under Free, Junior (4 to 16 years) $25, Adult $35 and Family (admits 2 Adults and 2 Juniors or 1 Adult and 3 Juniors) $95

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**BMTA Junior Touch Development Camp**

**Date:** 18th - 26th January 2017 (6 day camp)

**Venue:** Brisbane Metropolitan Touch Association, Watres Hill Reserve, Boundary Road, Camp Hill

**Time:** 8.00am to 3.00pm each day

**Age:** Boys and Girls 7-12 years of age

**Cost:** $175

**Camp Details:**
- Touch camp will be run on a 5 v 4 basis with 1 Touch Official present.
- Camp will be held on the same grounds as the Elite Touch camps for Elite and High Performance Camps.
- Camp will be a fun environment.
- Players will need their own nose tape, ink and water bottles.

**Register now!**

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**Shake and Amaze Workshop**

**Date:** 12 Dec 2018

**Venue:** Old Museum, Brisbane

**Time:** 2pm - 3pm

**Price:** $25 per person

**Register now!**
Sacramental Programme 2017 for Wilston, Enoggera & Gordon Park Parishes
Dates & Groups are now available on www.kbcatholic.org.au
Further information: pc.kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au

School Holiday Activity Day – Advent Adventures – 20 December
All primary school aged children from the Wilston, Enoggera & Gordon Park Parishes are invited to Advent Adventures at St John the Baptist Enoggera! A day of fun activities – morning tea and lunch provided by the parish. Numbers limited - register here: http://tinyurl.com/AdventAdventures
Further information: kbcc@bne.catholic.net.au

Christmas Mass Times for Wilston, Enoggera & Gordon Park Parishes
www.kbcatholic.org.au

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