FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Tomorrow I will farewell a wonderful cohort of students. The staff and I have been very impressed with the Year 6 students. Their high level of positive engagement and on the whole, their exemplary behaviour has helped with the very good tone of our school. Lead by our 2016 Captains, Scarlett, Josh, Clarinda and Jonathon, I would personally like to acknowledge and thank them. They have been outstanding role models, I wish them and all students from the graduating class well in the next phase of their education.

The selection of next year’s school leaders is almost complete and I share with you our School and House Captains. The Music Captains will be finalised by the end of this week. I will introduce them to you in next week’s newsletter.

School Leaders 2017

School Captains
Thomas and Jordan

Vice School Captains:
Ben and Zoe

Gordon Captain:
Angus and Kate

Gordon Vice Captain:
Aidan and Lily

Lawson Captain:
Oscar and Daisey

Lawson Vice Captain:
Lockie and Aoife

Paterson Captain:
Will and Elizabeth

Paterson Vice Captain:
Max and Eve

Medication

Parents would have received a letter asking for all medication to be collected from the office by Friday 10 December 2016. Medication is not kept on the school premises over the Christmas holiday break and we ask that arrangements be made to collect it on or before that date. Any medication not collected will be disposed of.
STUDENT COUNCIL

Mater Little Miracles Fundraiser Results
Thank you so much to everyone who entered the jelly bean guessing competition or donated money for this fundraiser. We raised $102 thanks to you all - this money will go to helping new and premature babies in need of medical care at Mater.

There were 969 jelly beans in the big jar!

The winners of the guessing competition are:
1st place: Tess G, 6B
2nd place: Lucy H, 2A
3rd place: Mrs Bee, Prep C.

The jelly beans prizes are with Mrs Paulsen so if you would like to see her to collect your prize please.

Thank you again to everyone for your support.

Kassidy Beaman, 6B

CHOIR NEWS

Wilston Wonders
2016 has been a wonderful year of singing and music! We have felt so proud of our choirs, particularly for the improvement that has occurred through sheer hard work and practice. It is such a privilege to work with your gorgeous children. Thank you parents for your support and we hope your children will continue to sing with us in 2017. Best wishes to our Year 6 students as they move into high school.

Congratulations to those who performed at church last Friday. Both services were lovely. Well done also to the Year 5 students who presented speeches for captaincy positions this week.

Have a happy and safe holiday!

Important Dates:
Alderley Community Carols This Sunday December 4
Wilston Wonders 6.15pm approx. Perform at 6.30pm.

Wear choir uniform with something Christmassy!

School “Carols By Daylight” Wednesday December 7. Undercover Area.

No choir last Friday of Term!!

Miranda Charters and Bev Barnett

TUCKSHOP NEWS

We want to thank all our wonderful volunteers that help out in the Tuckshop even if it was only for a couple of hours or once a term. Without you the Tuckshop would close, and we would not be able to provide lunch to all our wonderful children. See you next year.

Tuckshop is closed the last week of school but the coffee shop will be open Monday and Tuesday until 10.30am.

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FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

Thanks for making 2016 a fantastic year in the Uniform/Bookshop.

Your patience with our long queues and generosity with donating pre-loved uniforms has been overwhelming.

Next year will be another exciting year. It will be the last year for our old school uniform, as by 2018 the new two-colour polo shirt and the check uniform will be our standard dress throughout the school. It will also see the introduction of our new winter jacket so please put your name on our registry if you want one of those next year (more details below).

Have a super Christmas and New Year, keep your uniforms tucked away somewhere safe. Don’t forget we’re open the last two days of the holidays in the morning if you need anything from stationery to socks.

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. 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’ pigeon-holes for class delivery on those days.

Stocktake Day: Please consider helping out on Wednesday, December 7 during our Stocktake Day. This is the day 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.

New Winter Jackets: As of this week 55 families have put their names on our Winter Jacket Registry. This means only those families are going to get new jackets next year. Only people who register for a jacket before the end of this year will receive one next year. If you wait 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 recently, dropping in to the uniform shop, or emailing us at debrabela@yahoo.com.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.edasco.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. You can continue to order over the school holidays but do so early so as to secure delivery before school starts. I ordered in early January this year and the packs weren’t ready until the weekend before school started.

2017 Senior Shirts: Almost half of our current Year 5 families have given us shirts for senior shirt printing next year. Thank you very much. That still means nearly 60 students have not provided a new or almost new school polo shirt for printing. If you are continuing at Wilston State School in Year 6, please buy a shirt through the Uniform Shop or give us a shirt you already have before the end of the year. 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.

School bags: After selling out last week, we have restocked our supply of school bags, so if you missed out, come down and pick one up before the end of school.

Tip of the week: Wash all your school uniform items now and hang or fold them in readiness for next year.
Buy black school shoes in the New Year sales and throw out those old stained socks you’ve been hanging on to. You deserve new white socks!

Did you know: The Uniform Shop has just received a Wilston State School hat that was mailed to school from the Gold Coast by Joanne Anderson. Joanne went to our school in the 1960s and she found the hat on the Gold Coast recently. It is only identified by the name “Heidi”, and Joanne, realising how it would be missed, decided the $7.60 cost to mail it home would be worthwhile. Thanks Joanne! If you’re Heidi, or know who owns this hat, please let the uniform shop know. Cheers.

Ever Onward Wilston!

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NEWS FROM THE P&C

A P&C Special Meeting will be held Thursday December 1 at 6.45 for 7.00pm in D Block at Wilston State School.
You are all welcome to attend.

Well here we are, the final entry from the P&C in the Wilston Weekly for 2016. I was reflecting the other day on how much my girls have developed this year, being in Year 1 we started the year with me reading them stories at bedtime and now they can read stories to me at bedtime, it is amazing to see the growth they go through in a year and I’m sure you as parents in different years, see the same things. It’s a good reminder as to the reason we do what we do and that at the end of the day the P&C is here for the benefit of the children and the school community.

It has been a busy year for the P&C, along with our annual events, like the beach party, trivia night, school disco and our different stalls for Mothers’ Day and Father’s day, the P&C have provided funding for several items this year which included iPads in all classrooms, refurbishment of the area under A block, Primrose St and Prep play area and donations to Robotics Club and Science class to name a few and we still have a few items to finish out for the year.

I wanted to thank the many volunteers that have assisted with committees, sub-committees, events, stalls, carnivals and everything else throughout the year, your participation is much appreciated and the help is always needed. We will be looking to increase our volunteer numbers for next year with many hands making light work and will be especially needed for next year being our Fete year.

We would like to thank our school principal Guy Hendriks and his deputies, teachers and school staff for their hard work this year.

To finish off, we would like to say good luck to our families in which this is their final year at Wilston State School, we wish you well on the next part of your journey and to all the other families we wish you all well for the summer holidays and hope you all have a much needed break.

See you in 2017…

Chris Burke. P&C President

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Run for Your Kids by You.

Thank You …

The WKC subcommittee would like to thank all those who have been involved with the Centre this year, the parents, the school staff and the great WKC staff. We’re in it because of you!

So, if you see us at vacation care drop-off and pick-up times, don’t hesitate to say Hi.

A Year at a Glance

As this will be the last time you will hear about us in this newsletter for the year, and what a busy year it has been, we have tried to summarise it in a few dot points as follows:

- The numbers of kids enrolled increased dramatically and we are still looking at options to provide the service to those who need it;
- The Centre went through its very first audit by the Queensland Department of Education and was commended for its achievements. The Centre is now busyly implementing measures as per the recommendations made;
- After many years of loyal service, our dynamic Elle left us mid-year and was replaced by the very smooth Tammy;
- We acquired our own administration person, Danielle Burns;
- We swapped from Hubworks to Quickids with a few teething problems on the way;
- We implemented ‘One Child’ to inform parents on the progress of their child (don’t forget to register if you haven’t yet).

But Guess What…

…we still need your help. Next week, on Wednesday (7 December) the WKC subcommittee will be holding its last official meeting of the year and will be electing their Office Bearers: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. What drives us to be part of the subcommittee? We just know how essential the service is to parents and how stressful their lives would become if it didn’t exist. We just know that not everyone has the luxury to arrange their working hours around school drop-off and pick-up times. We just know that more and more families are socially isolated and that nannies are not always an option. And we just want our kids to be happy, learn and exercise with their friends in a safe environment until we bring them home.

If you recognise yourself in these few lines, then come and join us; Tammy can provide you with the details.

By joining, you will assist the Centre in addressing one of the Audit recommendations: “families should contribute to service decisions”.

WKC’s Policies and Procedures.

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From the WKC committee, have a great summer break!

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

The last day of Learn to Swim and Squad for Term 4 swimming is Saturday 10 December. Bookings are now open for Term 1 Learn to Swim. If existing swimmers could confirm their lesson times as soon as possible this will assist in co-ordinating availability for swimmers wishing to change classes.

Term 4 swim fees are overdue. There are a number of families with outstanding fees, both club memberships and/ or term fees. You will not be able to participate in holiday swimming or enrol for Term 1 2017 if you are one of these families.

This Friday is our last Club Night for 2016. 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: Bridgefoot, Shaw and McGuire families
BBQ: Shepherd, Wilkinson and Coates families.
If you are rostered on BBQ or canteen you will need to arrive by 5.45pm.

The next Swim Club Meeting is Thursday 1 December at 7.00pm, poolside.

Holiday swimming
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 every day, 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.

Holiday squads will then return from Monday 9 - Friday 13 January and Monday 16 - Friday 20 January from 7:00- 9:00am.
Noel will be running a fun program. At the start of each week Noel will be picking two teams that will compete in an array of different competitions, including pool and dry land events. 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.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy break and we look forward to seeing you back at the pool in the new year.

Young Engineers
Half day | Full day
Holiday Workshops

LEGO Challenge
12|13|14 Dec Brisbane State High School $70/day (3for2 $140)
15|16|17|21|23 Dec Herston ILP 1/2 day $35 | morn session

Robotics Mindstomring
15|16|17|21|23 Dec Herston ILP 1/2 day $45 | aft session

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