FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

School Captains – Student Leaders

Last Thursday morning we officially recognised our School, Sport and Music Captains and all student leaders by presenting them with their badges. It was pleasing to see so many parents attend this ceremony. I thank Mrs Lynham, the wife of Dr Anthony Lynham; The Minister for State Development, Mines and Natural Resources, the State Member for Stafford for accepting my invitation to present our four School Captains with their badges. I certainly appreciated Mrs Lynham’s attendance as Dr Lynham was called away at short notice.

I also extend my thanks to our P&C President, Mr Chris Burke, for his attendance at this ceremony. Mr Burke presented badges to our Music and Sport Captains.

We have a wonderful group of student leaders and I am sure they will acquit themselves well this year. I know that Mrs Boge and Mrs Dietz are looking at a number of activities that our student leaders can be involved in this year.

Prep – Parent Teacher and Prep Welcome Night

This year we broke from tradition and combined our Prep Parent Information evening followed by the Prep Parent Welcome Night. The evening was a resounding success. I have observed over time that the P&C are finding it harder and harder to gain the volunteer support that is vitally needed to ensure the activities proposed, such as the Prep Parent Welcome, continue.

I truly appreciate the work our convenors Amanda Burke and Jule to ensure this evening was a success.

Parent Liaison Officers

I have asked all teachers, during the Parent Information sessions to speak about the Parent Liaison role. This is an extremely important position and is integral in ensuring there is excellent communication between school and parents. Within the next fortnight I intend scheduling a meeting with all PLOs to discuss the role.

Guy Hendriks
Principal
**ECO MARINES**

Hi everyone! Welcome back to a new year of EcoMarines. We had our first sign up last Friday and will continue to sign up those students that missed it, tomorrow (Friday 10 February, 2017). For those who are new to EcoMarines, my name is Katrina Rodriguez (Year 3 teacher) and I am the EcoMarine teacher. With that being said, Georgina Hall (Year 3 teacher) will also be a part of the team and will be taking over my position once I leave in a couple of weeks.

We have our first EcoMarine meeting tomorrow at morning tea. The students are to bring their morning tea to Miss Hall’s room where they will be introduced to our EcoMarine ambassadors and discuss environmental issues and challenges that we will be involved in over the year. We look forward to seeing all our EcoWarriors tomorrow! Remember, GO-GREEN-ECOMARINE!

Katrina and Georgina

**STUDENT BANKING**

Remember, **FRIDAY** is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, students will accrue Dollarmites tokens. Once students have individually made 10 deposits they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits. School Banking is a great fundraiser for our school, raising 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your child has lost their book, they can bring their money to school in a sealed envelope with name, class and bank ID number on the next School Banking day. We will issue them with a replacement wallet. They must have a current youthsaver account already.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Wilston State School. We would also like to thank the wonderful parents who volunteer as our School Banking Co-ordinators and process our banking every week. We are always looking for new parents who may be interested in volunteering their time.

New School Banking rewards now available! Exciting new Term 1 rewards with a Future Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

**SCIENCE**

Science is being offered as a specialist subject for selected year levels at Wilston State School in 2017. Year 4 and 5 classes will have two specialist science lessons per week taught by Mr Brendan Medlin (2 x 45 minutes). Year 3 classes will have a single 60 minute lesson per week. The science program will follow the ACARA national curriculum guidelines. Unit topics are listed below:

- **Year 3**
  - **Is it living?** (Biological Sciences)
  - **Science Understanding:** Living things can be grouped on the basis of observable features and can be distinguished from non-living things (ACSSU044)
  - **Assessment:** Students describe features common to living and non-living things and use science knowledge to identify effects of a proposed action. There is an ongoing collection of work from various learning experiences during the unit.

- **Year 4**
  - **Here today, gone tomorrow** (Earth and Space Sciences)
  - **Science Understanding:** Earth’s surface changes over time as a result of natural processes and human activity (ACSSU075)
  - **Assessment:** Assessment: Students will be tested on their knowledge of natural and human processes that cause changes to Earth’s surface developed throughout the unit. There are opportunities in this unit for group work and discussion and for individual work.

- **Year 5**
  - **Now you see it** (Physical Sciences)
  - **Science Understanding:** Light from a source forms shadows and can be absorbed, reflected and refracted (ACSSU080)
  - **Assessment:** Students will be tested on their knowledge of light sources, shadows, and the reflection, refraction and absorption of light developed throughout the unit. There are opportunities in this unit for group work and discussion and for individual work.

All questions should be directed to Mr Brendan Medlin (bmedi2@eq.edu.au).

**Help Wanted—Science Program**

The science program is looking to acquire empty 2L plastic softdrink bottles (with or without lids). If you have any at home, please think of donating them. Bottles can be left at the Science Room (F Block). Thank you in anticipation.

Brendan Medlin

**NEWS FROM HPE**

**City District Swimming Carnival**

The City District Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 10 February. Students need to make sure that they return their permission notes and payment ASAP.

**Class Swimming**

Swimming lessons for Years 1-6 are under way. If you are able to assist as a parent spotter during your child’s lesson can you please let your child’s classroom teacher know. Students need to ensure that they have the following items for swimming lessons:

- Swimming togs
- Rash shirt / sun shirt
- Swimming bag
- Swim cap

**District Sports Trials**

Over the next month there will be a number of district trials for various sports. The aim of the trials is to select students to represent City District at the Regional Championships/Trials. I will send a message to classes for all interested students to meet with me to collect required forms if they fit the criteria. As these trials are U/12 for all 20+ schools within our district (as well as the 12 year old from district high schools) only 11 & 12 years old students playing at a very high level in the specific sport are considered for selection. At the very least, interested students should be playing at an organised club level. As a school we are very limited also in the number of students that we are able to nominate.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

**CHOIR NEWS**

**Wilston Wonders Senior Choir 2017**

The Wilston Wonders are sounding beautiful and full of enthusiasm!!! Parents please remember choristers need an A4 folder for their music and prompt arrival is appreciated on Friday mornings at 8.00am. If your child missed our sign-up meeting they are still welcome to come along.
Choral Honours Camp
Notes have been sent home regarding nominations for the Choral Honours Camp in March. Please return these ASAP if you wish to nominate your child. Selectors are looking for singers who are committed to choir and demonstrate excellent vocal and musicianship skills.

Miranda Charters (Classroom Music Specialist)

TUCKSHOP NEWS

The Tuckshop is very thankful for all the helpers that are on our roster but we are still looking for more help. We would be grateful if you can only help once a term. Please pop in and let us know. No experience needed, we will show you the ropes.

New menu items are proving to be popular so jump online and check all we have to offer.

Roster for the week beginning 13 February.
Monday 13 CLOSER
Tuesday 14 Mirella Fujimoto, Elienna Hoffman
Wednesday 15 Sarah Bender, Kathryn Napier, Sharon Darmody
Thursday 16 Christine Matheson, help needed
Friday 17 Charlotte Muir, Angela Knight, help needed.

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

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

Socks, chair bags, exercise books and formal check shirts have been among the most popular sale items as students settle in to a new school year. Please make sure everything is clearly labelled, especially black school shoes, which can get jumbled up during swimming classes.

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

Opening times: In Term 1 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: wiltonss 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.

Senior Shirts: Permission forms for the printing of school shirts are going home early next week. Please sign these and return to the school (via the class Blue Bag) as printing cannot begin until all these forms are in. There are still a few Year 6 families who have not given us a school shirt for the Senior Shirt printing this term. Please can you do this urgently so we can get the shirts to the printers and have them back in time for the start of the year. Selectors are looking for singers who are committed to choir and demonstrate excellent vocal and musicianship skills.

Look smart on excursion day: The Year 5s are the first to start excursions this year and it’s a great time to remind families to consider wearing our formal check uniform while representing the school in our community. It is not compulsory this year, but wearing the check shirt with shorts/skorts or a check dress on excursion days will look very smart, and the material is a lot cooler too. Great in this hot weather.

Tip of the week: Just another reminder to update MunchMonitor accounts with the current student class so we can deliver items to the correct classroom. A big thanks to all the families who have done this already.

Did you know: There are five steps to being sun smart in this extreme heat. Cancer Council Australia explains them:

1: Slip on sun-protective clothing that covers as much skin as possible (we sell long-sleeved sun shirts in a range of sizes and colours for $40);
2: Slop on SPF30+ sunscreen 20 minutes before you go outside, and reapply every two hours if you are staying outside;
3: Slap on a hat that protects face, head, neck and ears;
4: Seek shade wherever possible;
5: Slide on sunglasses that meet Australian Standards.

NEWS FROM THE P&C

The P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Thursday 16th Feb, 7.00pm in D Block. The P&C will be welcoming nominations for all positions as there are no incumbents seeking nomination again this year, therefore the following positions will be available:

President
Vice-President (2 positions)
Treasurer
Secretary.

We would encourage people to get involved. Being part of the P&C Executive is a very rewarding experience representing the families of WSS and collaborating with the school to continually develop and improve our children’s educational experience.

We are also seeking volunteers for several other items. We’re looking for some people to get together to be convenors for the Fete this year, and also people to be involved as Grants and Sponsorship coordinators.

ROBOTICS

STEMMING it up in 2017 – welcome to Term 1 STEM Robotics

First Lego League
On December 10 2016 Wilston STEM Robotic students competed in First Lego League Nationals held at Macquarie University in Sydney. We were so proud of our rookie Horses competing with the best in Australia. We didn’t make the finals however we are richer for the experience. Well done Captain Atticus, robot designers and programmers Riana, Liam T and Christopher.

Term 1 Wilston Robotics
If you would like to join our club please email wilstonssstem@gmail.com
Cost per term is $40.00.

Monday 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Intermediate – commencing 6 February.
Thursday 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Beginners Workshop - commencing 16 February.
Limited places so please book early. Parents are encouraged to join your child. Please bring a laptop if you have one else we have a few spare available.

So get your Bots moving!!!!

Susan, James and Chris

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Run for Your Kids by You
Welcome to term 1 of 2017!
After a very successful Vacation Care over the Christmas holidays, we are ready to continue to provide a quality service to all our families. Unfortunately, we have reached capacity and we are aware that there are a number of families that we could not accommodate this year, due to space restrictions. This is something we worked very hard to rectify in 2016. We look forward to working with the P&C this year to come up with an agreed solution.

In the interim please contact Jason Howarth, who is acting as the Parent Liaison Co-ordinator for the service (tasdevil42@yahoo.com) or the committee.

Meeting times
For all those new parents, we are a volunteer run centre. You are welcome to attend the monthly meetings at the centre and share your support, join the committee and assist in sharing ideas for continuous improvement. Please note our next meeting is at 6pm on 9 February 2017.

WKC’s Policies and Procedures
These can be found on the Parents and Citizens website: http://www.wilstonpandc.org.au/index.php/wilton-kids-care

WKC’s Contact Details
Office: 3352 6753
wkc.admin@wilstonpandc.org.au

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Welcome back to all our swimmers. It was also great to see a lot of new families at the pool on Friday night.

Congratulations to Amber D, Ella J, Eve T, Guillaume K and Alice C, our Club Captains for 2017. We look forward to their leadership of the Crocs this year.

Congratulations also to the swimmers who competed at the Vorgee Brisbane Sprint Champs last weekend.

Reminder - Nominations close Wednesdays at 6.00pm. You can nominate on the Crocs website – http://swim.wilstonpandc.org.au/club/nominate-here/

Swim Club duties this week –
BBQ Stubbins, Keating and Babnik families
Canteen Abbott, Beasley and Gordon families.

If you are on roster please arrive at 5:45pm. If unavailable to attend on your night please arrange a replacement, there is no need to contact the office.

Preparation for the Ascot Cup on 4 March is coming along well. This is a three way carnival between Wilston, Ascot and Eagle Junction Swim Clubs. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to assist on the day. We need more volunteers though! Also if you can donate any prizes for the raffle that would be great – we would like bottles of wine, chocolate, or other unwanted Xmas gifts that are appropriate!

Donations can be dropped into the pool office on Friday night or weekend afternoons.

The next Committee Meeting is Thursday, 2 March 7.00pm poolside. This is our last meeting before the Ascot Cup and Club Championships so it would be great to see as many people there as possible.

Reminder - there are also a number of families who have not finalised their membership fees with Swimming Qld. Members who are not financial cannot swim in any upcoming meets and will not be able to participate in the club championships at the end of the season.

There is still some availability for Learn to Swim in Term 1. Classes are held Monday to Thursday afternoons and Saturdays. Please email swim@wilstonpandc.org.au for bookings.

See you at the pool!
Go Sports  
Cricket  
Prep to Year 4  
Netball  
Years 2 to Year 5  
**Friday 10 February to Friday 17 March**  
7.50-8.35am  
School Oval  
www.gosports.com.au  
Or SMS child’s name, school, sport and mobile number to 0417 614 509

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**Orienteering - Coaching**

Orienteering Queensland is excited to announce an ongoing coaching program for young people. **Ultra Mini Cyclones**, launched on 18th of January at Pine Rivers Park, is perfect for people who have enjoyed some orienteering at school! Coach Gordon Bossley has worked with other senior orienteering coaches and the president of Orienteering Queensland to create a competency-based program for young orienteers. This program is a great way for young people and their families to build their knowledge and skills, after completing the Sporting Schools program.

Gordon says: “We’ll run about six sessions each year however, attendance to all sessions is not compulsory. Participants can progress at their own pace, and get involved as often as they want to.”

To get involved with Ultra Mini Cyclones you do need to be a member of an orienteering club. To find out more contact Gordon at gbossley@westnet.com.au or on 0412 776 876.

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**Running Training**

Get ready for the Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals with the Wilston Running Club  
**Tuesday and Friday mornings**  
7.30am-8.20am  
Training with ATFCA coach Tim Class-Auliff 10605  
Cost is only a gold coin for each session  
Call Tim 0416171904 for more information.
Register to Play Football Now

- We are looking for 5, 6 and 7 year old boys and girls who wish to play football in 2017.
- Places are still available in other age groups too.
- Join Brisbane’s family club - you’ll love it!
- Watch our 2017 promo video to see why:
  - www.youtube.com/mitchiefcv
- Call 0418 786 086 for more information.

Mitchelon Football Club
www.mitchiefc.org.au

Looking for a great sport for 2017?

Join Commercial Hockey Club

Hockey is a fantastic sport for boys and girls. It has:
- plenty of action with lots of player participation on the field
- friendly parents, coaches and coordinators
- a game for all the family (u7's, u9's, u11's, u13's and u14-17's, seniors & veterans)
- Complementary winter sport for cricket, baseball and softball & great for fitness!

Sign on day: Sunday 5th February 2017 at 10am -12noon
Hockey/Hockey Program: Come & Try session 10am-11am by club coaches & senior players.
Enrolments are welcome afterwards as well. Just contact us!

Fees: New players free for U7 & U9 (reduced fees for new U11’s) Excludes Hockey
Old membership fees. Parent membership $15.00.

Where: Commercial Hockey Clubhouse, Finsbury Street, Newmarket.

For more information: Boys (Ewan Ward): dch.juniorboys.2017@gmail.com or ph. 0421 953 216
Girls (Jo Hudson): dch.juniorgirls.2015@gmail.com or ph. 0448 748 321

PIANO & CELLO LESSONS!

I am a past WSS student currently studying a Bachelor of Music at the Conservatorium. I have been awarded my Associate in Music on piano and cello. Based in Wilston, I am willing to teach students of any age or experience.

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francescamasael@gmail.com

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