



Wilston State School Ever onward

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DATE CLAIMERS

23 February	Year 3-6 Assembly
24 February	City District AFL City District Hockey Trials
2 March	Prep-Year 2 Assembly
3 March	Year 3 Looking at Living City District Rugby League Trials City District Netball Trials
8 March	Year 4 Save our Soil
9 March	Year 4 Save our Soil Year 3-6 Assembly
10 March	Year 4 Save our Soil City District Soccer Trials
13 March	Young Leaders Day Yr 2 Newstead House
14 March	Yr 2 Newstead House
15 March	Yr 2 Newstead House
16 March	Whole School Assembly Crazy Hair Day
17 March	Year 3 Looking at Living City District Touch Trials
23 March	Whole School Assembly – Star Awards
24 March	Easter Service – St Albans 9.15am Lower School 10.15am Upper School Year 3 Looking at Living Selected Year 4-6 World Science Festival City District Rugby Union Trials
28 March	Wilston SS Cross Country
30 March	Whole School Assembly Easter Hat Parade
31 March	Last day of Term 1
14 April	Good Friday
17 April	Easter Monday
18 April	First day of Term 2
20 April	Whole School Assembly – ANZAC Service
24 April	City District Tennis Trials
25 April	ANZAC Day
27 April	Prep-Year 2 Assembly Alderley Tree Planting
1 May	Labour Day
2 May	City District Cross Country
4 May	Year 3-6 Assembly
11 May	No Assembly

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

P&C 2017

I would personally like to thank the outgoing P&C Executive Members, Chris Burke (President), Adam Spencer (Vice President), Luke Moulson (Treasurer) and Craig Parravicini (Secretary) for the tireless work they have undertaken in support of this school. We now have a number of programs in place, such as iPads in all classes that will have a long term positive impact on the learning in this school.

I welcome the new committee of President, Toni Plant; Vice President Tracey Bradford; Secretary Nick Pearson and Treasurer Morgan Corkill. I look forward to working with you over the year.

Let's 'stand together' against bullying and violence!

Our school is proud to say 'Bullying. No Way!' On Friday 17 March we will stand united with schools across Australia for the 2017 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Taking a stand together will deliver a powerful message that bullying and violence is never okay.

We strongly encourage parents and carers to have open and honest conversations with their children about bullying in all forms.

To get the discussion started with helpful information and tips visit the [Bullying. No Way! website \(www.bullyingnoway.gov.au\)](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au).

Student Resource Scheme

Each year Wilston State School requests parents to contribute to a Student Resource Scheme. Items are purchased on your behalf of yourselves to support your child's classroom, art, science, cooking and other programs. The cost of the scheme for 2017 will be \$40.00.

Forms for the Student Resource Scheme (Lilac) will be going home within the next week or so. This form may be completed for the whole family. Once the form has been completed by yourselves please return it to the school office via the class Blue Bag. An invoice will then be raised and sent home for payment to be processed.

Please **DO NOT** send payment prior to receipt of the invoice.

It would be appreciated if all forms could be returned to the school **by 15 March 2017.**

Guy Hendriks

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WELL DONE AWARDS

Prep

Lucy S PA, Oliver P PA, Darcy B PB, Indiana G PB, Isaiah H PC, Ruby B PC, Finn H PD, Madeleine S PE, Quinn M PE, Thomas B PF, Abigail C PF.

Year 1

Lachlan K 1A, Julia C 1A, Margaux C 1B, Hudson G 1B, Jim G 1C, Gian W 1C, Owen M 1D, Jordana H 1D.

Year 2

Sarah Mc 2A, Oliver G 2A, Grace M 2B, Helena G 2B, Olivia C 2C, William G 2C, Rorey I 2D, Samara W 2D, Hamish C 2E, Eve L 2E, Saoirse O 2F, Oliver H 2F, Archie R 1E, Henry S 1E.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

You Can Sit With Me

We are very pleased to announce that the 2017 School Leaders are continuing the anti-bullying program 'You Can Sit With Me' at Wilston. This program was started and implemented by our 2016 School Leaders and we are so pleased the Year 6 School Leaders this year are keen to continue.

We believe that no child should feel alone and insecure! The 'You Can Sit With Me' initiative aims to educate and inspire children at a grass roots level to overcome childhood anxiety, depression and loneliness.

The concept is a simple one—a highly visible wristband is worn by our school leaders to show that they welcome anyone to sit with them regardless of age, religion, gender or culture, and that they are inclusive. The band helps to strengthen communities and break down barriers between age groups.

What we feel what is important is that the children understand that if they wear a YOU CAN SIT WITH ME wristband it is a commitment for the day. Our school leaders have a timetable and have nominated some days to participate.

It is important that the children think carefully prior to wearing the wristband. They need to consider the following points prior to wearing the wristband:

- Am I having a good day today, do I feel strong enough to help others?
- Am I happy for anyone of any race, gender, age or culture to sit with me today?
- Am I too busy today to help other people because I have activities on at recess and lunchtime?

STUDENT UPDATE FORMS

Thank you to all those parents that have updated their student details. Just a reminder to please complete the form and return it to the school office via the Class Blue bag if there are any changes in addresses, phone numbers or email addresses. **PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY DETAILS THAT HAVE CHANGED NEED BE COMPLETED ON THE FORM.**

STUDENT PAYMENTS

Green statements went home with the youngest in the family at the beginning of the week. It would be appreciated if you could read the instructions on the back of the statement.

These have been repeated below. **Please ensure that envelopes being sent to the office via the class Blue Bag are clearly marked with the child's name, class and excursion.** We have already received a number unmarked.

Please follow the payment process that includes BPoint, internet banking and credit card:

- BPoint – This is the preferred method of payment (please see BPoint note below).
- Internet Banking – make sure you use your Debtor ID in the reference field – this Debtor ID is located under the Statement Date on the right hand side of your debtor statement.
- Credit Card - Return statement in full if paying by credit card. **Credit card details can be written on the bottom of the statement.**
- Cash - Place payment and statement in an envelope with **child's full name and class** on the front. One payment per family is great but please return each child's statement.
- **Give payment envelope to your child's teacher** who will send it to the office for processing via class Blue Bags. **For security reasons, payments will not be accepted at the school office.**

BPoint – Biller Code: 1002534

BPoint is our preferred method of payment. This secured payment facility is available for all invoices. It can be accessed via any computer or Smart Phone at www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete, and all details required to make payment are on the invoice provided by the school, including the invoice number, CRN number and amount payable. **Please note these details need to be accurately transcribed for payment to be correctly processed.**

As students have already attended the Year 5 Convict Clues, we ask that payment for these activities be paid as a matter of urgency. **Payment for a number of excursions are now due now if you wish your students to attend. As payments can take up to four days to go through it would be appreciated if they be made well in advance.**

PLEASE DO NOT TEAR THE BOTTOM OFF THE STATEMENT.

ECOMARINES

Did you know that on February 15 it was International World Whale Day? In celebration of these beautiful mammals we held a colouring in competition. International World Whale Day is all about the conservation of our whales. We had 14 entries and of these we chose two winners, Natasha B and Rebecca S from Year 3, congratulations! They have been rewarded and acknowledged on upper school assembly this week.

This week our mission was to give out EcoMarines We-Gotcha-Cards. We give out these special cards to students who do things, like picking up rubbish, reducing the use of plastic wrapping and encouraging others to care for the environment. At the end of each term, six students are chosen randomly to attend a movie lunch time with a friend. The reason for these cards is to promote a healthier environment within our school and the Moreton Bay region.

Next week our mission is to start off our Trash-It-Thursday campaign.

FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

World Science Festival Brisbane—Flight Club

The World Science Festival Brisbane is being held between 22-26 March 2017 and will take science out of the laboratory and into the streets, parks, museums, galleries and performing arts venues of Brisbane and regional Queensland.

This is only the second time the World Science Festival has been held in Australia. The original Festival began in New York in 2008 and is an annual weeklong celebration and exploration of science.

Educational workshops are being offered to primary students, and Wilston has secured 28 places at the Flight Club presentation on Friday, 24 March 2017 (1:00-2:00pm), at the Science Centre, Level 1, Queensland Museum. Flight Club allows students in **Years 4-6** to explore how the animal kingdom has perfected the art of flying, soaring, parachuting and gliding to survive within diverse habitats. In this hands-on workshop, students will get up close and personal with museum specimens, examine the unique features and adaptations that enable flight, and use the wonders of nature to inspire their very own winged creation.

The cost of the excursion is \$23.00 (including bus travel to and from the venue). Students will have an early lunch and depart from school at approximately 12:15pm, and depart from the Queensland Museum at approximately 2:15pm.

Please see Mr Brendan Medlin (Science Room, F Block) for a permission form.

CHOIR NEWS

No Choir this Friday

The Wilston Wonders rehearsal this Friday (February 24) is cancelled as I will be away. Rehearsals will resume as normal next week. I apologise for any inconvenience.

Miranda Charters (Classroom Music Specialist)

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Roster for the week beginning 27 February 2017.

Monday 27	Closed
Tuesday 28	Lorraine Tibbits
Wednesday 29	Chris Matheson Kelly Smith
Thursday 30	Natalie McMaster, Bev Mitchell, Kate Thurston
Friday 31	Tina Robertson, Tarah Hastie, Sue Anderson

We wanted to thank the lovely people who have helped out this last week in Tuckshop. It was lovely to see you and we hope you can visit again.

The Prep children are doing a great job of coming over to Tuckshop to collect their lunch.

If you have any question about the Tuckshop or our menu and Munch Monitors please pop in and we would happy to help.

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Dot Milne 0408 729 021

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

Thanks to all the families who have been handing in second hand uniform items this term. We are even seeing new uniform shirts in the mix and we have a couple of good quality second hand school bags too so pop in and have a look.

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: 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.

Senior Shirts: Almost all permission forms for the printing of school shirts have been returned. Congratulations to 6C for being the first class to have them all back. If we can get them all by the end of the week, the shirts will be sent off for printing on Friday.

New winter jackets: Thanks to all the families who have registered for a new winter jacket. The material preparation is underway now. We are expecting the size of the jackets to be the same as our check shirts.

Tip of the week: The first whole school sports event - the cross country - is coming up next month and we are fully stocked in new house colour shirts so freshen up your sports uniform with a new shirt before the big day. House shirts sell for \$25.

Did you know: A backpack's weight should be less than 10 per cent of a student's body weight, according to advice from the Department of Education and Training website. When the shoulder straps are adjusted the bag should sit just above the child's waist.

Ever Onward Wilston!

Janice Nykiel and Debra Bela – Convenors

Ph: 3552 8490/0403 153 096 (Janice) / 0412 417 552 (Debra)
bookshop@wilstonpandc.org.au

NEWS FROM THE P&C

WANTED!

Please APPLY!

Casual Finance Officer - Wilston SS P & C

School Hours (10 - 16 hrs/ week), Flexible position.

Wage - Award Rate (Parents & Citizens Associations Award - State 2016)

To Commence end of March.

For a copy of the Position Description email business.manager@wilstonpandc.org.au

Applications Close 10 March.

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Run for Your Kids by You

There have been a number of queries over the last few weeks and we thought it best to address these again this week, in case parents missed our previous communication.

Prioritisation of care

Last year WKC issued a notice to all parents on the enrolment process and prioritisation. This letter explained that priority of access was based on the guidelines provided by Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) through the current Child Care Services Handbook, as stated in our policies (available on our website).

In summary, the levels of priority include:

1. A child are risk of serious abuse or neglect
2. A child of a single parent who satisfies, or of parents who both satisfy, the work/training/study test under section 14 of the Family Assistance Act.
3. Any other child.

The more detailed order of priority for enrolment for Wilston Kids Care is as follows:

4. General Enrolment
 - a. Children at risk of abuse or neglect are a priority group for access according to Section 6.3 Childcare Services Handbook 2013-2014.
 - b. A child of a single parent who satisfies, or of parents who both satisfy, the work/training/study test under section 14 of

the Family Assistance Act.

- c. Continuing Wilston State School pupils already enrolled in Wilston Kids Care, for whom there are no problems with outstanding fees. (Re-enrolments and applications for siblings will not be processed until requests for fee payments have been met.)
 - d. Newly enrolled Wilston State School pupils who are siblings of the above.
 - e. Pupils on the waiting list who do not fit into priority 1-4 will be given access to the service in the following priority (as outlined in section 6.3 Childcare Services Handbook 2013-2014).
 - I. Children in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families
 - II. Children in families which include a disabled person
 - III. Children in families on lower incomes (ie CCB %100)
 - IV. Children in families with a non-English speaking background
 - V. Children in socially isolated families
 - VI. Children of single parents
 - VII. Otherwise, access will be given to those on the waiting list with the earliest inquiry date.
 - VIII. A child at risk of serious abuse or neglect.
5. Casual Enrolments
- a. Cases of special hardship will be given urgent priority for casual or short-term care.
 - b. Applications for continuing enrolment based on special hardship will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and will be accommodated outside the above priorities if necessary.

If you require a copy of the previous letter please contact the team.

Parent Liaison

As mentioned previously, Jason Horwath is acting as the **Parent Liaison Co-ordinator** for the service. Please feel free to contact Jason if you would like to negotiate swapping days with other parents (tasdevil42@yahoo.com).

Overdue accounts

There are a number of accounts currently outstanding. WKC will be sending out communication to the relevant parents directly. If you have any concerns about your account, please see the team as soon as possible.

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. Thank you to all parents who attending our meeting in February. This was the most support we have seen in a number of years. Please note our next meeting is at 6.00pm on 8 March 2017.

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>

WKC's Contact Details

Office: 3352 6753
wkc.admin@wilstonpandc.org.au

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Reminder - **Nominations for the championships close on Saturday 25 February at 11:00am.** The championships are held over two weeks, the 10 and 17 March.

You must have swum a minimum of six Club Nights to compete or if you joined in 2017, a minimum of three. Races are swum as age on blocks. All swim fees (Club, LTS or Squad) must be up to date prior to Club Championships nominations closing. If you are unsure if you have any outstanding fees please check with Kirsten.

The **Presentation night** will be held on Saturday 25 March in the schools Undercover Area. More details will follow shortly.

Preparation for the **Ascot Cup** on the 4 March is coming along well. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to assist on the day or donated raffle items.

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 **Carley, Sharpe and Cameron families**
Canteen **Victorsen, Bell and O'Hara 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.

The next Committee Meeting is **Thursday, 2nd March 7pm 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.

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

**Not too late to join Auskick at
Wilston Grange Junior AFC**
Hickey Park, Babarra St, Stafford.

Bendigo Bank



**Auskick has started on Saturday
mornings at 8:30am**

However it is not too late to join our fantastic 8 week program, and even get an opportunity to extend your football season into next term with Roy's Footy and U8 Junior Football.

Join by 26th Feb and receive tickets to a Brisbane Lion games, T&Cs on registration form.

Info: Donna Telfer – Ph: 0400 829 954

donna.telfer@gorillas.com.au

Register online at www.aflauskick.com.au

House for short-term rent in Wilston

WSS family going overseas
20 April - 3 August

Would suit a family renovating their own
home, or in between moving

Please contact Simone on 0448 465 529
or simone.rosengren@gmail.com



The WIPE OUT BEACH PARTY
2017

SATURDAY 18 MARCH / 4-8.30PM
WILSTON STATE SCHOOL

The school Wipe Out Beach Party will be held on Saturday, 18 March so lock it in your calendar now! The event is a welcome party for families of the school with live music, food and drink (including a bar), and activities such as swimming, rides, little kids slide, Dodge Ball, Dunk Tank, face painting and more.

So:

- ★ Ring everyone you know and tell them the Wipe Out Beach Party is the place to be.
- ★ Dust off that favourite Hawaiian shirt and the old zinc cream.
- ★ Get excited about having fun with your family, meeting new friends, catching up with old friends, and immersing yourself into the fantastic community spirit which is Wilston State School.

Tickets are available from Munch monitors.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

As always we need parents to help out on the night to ensure the night is a success, so please consider volunteering your time for an hour or two. You can sign up online and see the roster at <https://tinyurl.com/wsspandc>

We are also looking for help with convening the Dodge ball. If you can help out please contact Jason on jdfinselbach@optusnet.com.au or Adam on aa@hovespencer.com

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The 2017 Annual Wilston State School P&C Easter Raffle



Please help to make this event as successful as previous years.

We kindly ask for donations of Easter eggs/baskets/plush bunnies/craft/allergy free items to be brought along to the Tuckshop by Friday 24 March.

Raffle tickets are only \$1 each and will be sent to all students shortly.

Tickets to be returned by Friday 24 March. Winners will be announced on the 30 March.

If you have any questions, please call Paige OSleibhin 0405281475 or email paigebaden@outlook.com