



Wilston State School Ever onward

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DATE CLAIMERS

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 Brisbane North Chess Championships P&C Meeting D Block
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 P&C Meeting D Block
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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Religious Instruction

I have implemented a number of changes to the way our RI program has been running. Traditionally the Religious Education teachers have attended each class and the students who do not attend are placed away from the lesson. We have noted on several occasions that students who should not be attending have been in proximity to the lessons.

Starting this Friday, we have organised that all instruction for particular year levels will take place at the same time. i.e. all Year 1 classes will have their lessons between 9.00am and 9:30am. We have organised that all non-attendees will be placed in one of the classes in that year level. All students will be supervised and they will be required to take work that they are completing in their own class. We have asked each teacher who will supervise the class of non-attendees to ensure they consider friendship groups when distributing their own students to move to a particular class that will be undertaking a religious education lesson.

Assessment to Fuel Learning

The primary purpose of assessment is not to measure; rather, assessment is meant to fuel learning forward for our students – to *advance* it, create change, inform innovation, and give direction. Students and teachers who don't see assessments this way learn to fear what the data could communicate and how the results could be used against them.

To create and use assessments that advance teaching and learning we need to:

- Be curious about the world rather than judgmental, fearful, or deficit-oriented.
- Go beyond standard checklists about teaching and learning.
- Treat ourselves with kindness when we struggle, and surround ourselves with people who also want to learn so we are not alone in the process.
- Embrace the fact that failing is part of learning.

"Assessments: A Key Ingredient in Our Practice" by Dru Tomlin in *AMLE Magazine*, February 2017.

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).



Nominations are now open for The Diana Award. Nominate a young person who goes above and beyond in their daily lives to create and sustain positive change <http://diana-award.org.uk/>

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Principal**



STUDENT PAYMENTS

Thank you to those parents that have paid their term accounts.

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.**

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

STUDENT COUNCIL

Upcoming Dates:

Crazy Hair Day 16 March 2017.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club catalogues will be sent home this week.

Orders for this issue will close on **Monday 20 March 2017.**

Our school has a cashless Book Club with all orders being selected and paid for online. Please use – LOOP – Linked Online Ordering and Payment available on www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the LOOP Apple or Android app.

While there is never any obligation to order, each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our library and classrooms.

Please note Wilston State School is not accepting cash orders.
Please do not send any orders or cash to school.

NEWS FROM LEARNING SUPPORT

Hearing Tests

Prep families would have received a letter inviting them to participate in a Hearing Test. The cost of the test is \$20 and will be invoiced on the Term 2 statement.

Just a reminder that the signed consent forms are to be returned to the office via the class Blue Bag by Wednesday 15 March 2017.

NEWS FROM HPE

City District Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the 17 swimmers who competed at the Regional Swimming Championships last week. All swimmers performed well with a number gaining selection into the Met North team to compete at the state championships later in the term.

The following students have gained regional selection:

Abigail A
Alexandra G
Will M
Stella S
Eve T
Angus K
Kyan B

Congratulations also to Aiden T, Jack T, Nick H and Sam M who have gained selection into the City District AFL team to compete at the Regional carnival later in the term.

Rodney Bell
PE Specialist

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop is a busy place this term. Please see all our menus are online at munchmonitor.com

Our flavoured milks are from Maleny dairies and cost \$2.50 if the children wanted to purchase them at the Coffee Shop.

Roster for the week beginning 6 March 2017

Monday 6 CLOSED
Tuesday 7 No one is able to help. Can you?
Wednesday 8 Kate Usher, Liezel Boshoff
Thursday 9 Wendy Bensley, Chloe Smith, Danielle
Friday 10 Kathy Davies, Janice Nykiel, help needed.

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Dot Milne 0408 729 021

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

Goodbye Summer! As the weather cools down, remember the uniform shop has tights, cargo pants, jerseys and jackets as well as second hand stock so come down early to avoid the rush.

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' pigeon-holes for class delivery on those days.

Tip of the week: Bring out your black shoes and have a polish session this weekend. Looking after shoes as a family helps develop a sense of pride in footwear and an understanding that feet and shoes need as much attention as nails, hair and clothes.

Did you know: Wearing your hair in a ponytail or bun every day can damage and break hair over time. To prevent damage, do not use elastic bands on hair. The Uniform Shop sells thick fabric-coated hair ties in the school colours to protect hair while keeping it neat and tidy. They sell for \$6.

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

P & C Update

Thank you to the following individuals who have volunteered valuable time to support the P & C in executive roles:

President: Toni Plant
Secretary: Nick Pearson
Treasurer: Morgan Corkhill
Vice President: Tracey Bradford.

Dates for Diary - General Meetings

The P&C promotes the interests of the children of WSS and assists with the further development and improvement of the school. The P&C encourage your support in attending the General Meetings.

Please note the following dates in your diary for 2017.

16 March
20 April
18 May
15 June
20 July
17 August
21 September
19 October
16 November

Any agenda items are to be forwarded to the secretary one week prior to the general meeting secretary@wilstonpandc.org.au

2017 Annual P&C Easter Egg Raffle

It is that time again for the Annual Wilston State School P&C Easter Raffle. Last year we were able to give more than 140 children a range of big and small prizes to take home.



We need donations of Easter goodies/eggs/ chocolates/baskets/plush toys/craft including allergy free items. When you are out shopping please add in a little something for the Easter raffle. All donations will be gratefully received and **should be delivered to the tuckshop.**

Over the next week all students will receive a book of 5 raffle tickets. The ticket price is \$1 a ticket. For SOLD tickets please write your child/ children's name and class or ticket holders name and phone number clearly on each ticket and return in an envelope with payment to your class Blue Bag. Please make sure the envelope is clearly marked "Easter Raffle". Please also return any unsold tickets.

10 Major Prizes will be drawn at the Easter Parade on Thursday 30th March. All other 100+ prizes will be drawn on Sunday 26th March. All donations must be received by Friday 24th March. All tickets and money must also be received by Friday 24th March.

If you have any queries, contact Paige OSleibhin 0405281475 or paigebaden@outlook.com

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Run for Your Kids by You

New Committee

We would like to welcome the new WKC Subcommittee!

Chair Véronique Lévy
Vice-Chair Jay Bawdon
Treasurer Amanda Huxham
Secretary Prue Camisa.

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 sent out communication to the relevant parents this week and will be following up with phone calls. 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

Preparation for the Ascot Cup is coming along well. We are looking forward to a competitive carnival against Ascot and Eagle Junction Swim Clubs on Saturday. Thank you to everyone who has assisted so far and we wish all our swimmers good luck.

Nominations for the Club Championships are now closed. The program will be completed this week and available for viewing by Friday night. Please check that your nominated events and age are correct. There will be no further changes to the Club Championships Program after Saturday 12 noon.

Reminder - all swim fees must be up to date prior to Club Championships commencing. If you are unsure if you have any outstanding fees please check with Kirsten. This includes Club Membership as well as term fees. Your child will be removed from the program if your fees remain outstanding.

The Presentation night will be held on Saturday 25th March in the school's undercover area. More details will follow.

Reminder - Nominations for the last regular Club Night of the season close Wednesday at 6.00pm. You can nominate on the Crocs website – <http://swim.wilstonpandc.org.au/club/nominate-here/>

Swim Club duties this week:

BBQ Vincent, Whipps and Kalinin families
Canteen Currie, Wilkinson and Pollock families.
If you are on roster please arrive at 5:45pm.

The next committee meeting is **Thursday 2 March 7.00pm poolside.** We hope to see you there!





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 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