



Wilston State School Ever onward

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DATE CLAIMERS

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
28 March	City District Rugby Union Trials
30 March	Wilston SS Cross Country 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
4 May	Year 3-6 Assembly
11 May	No Assembly
15 May	ChoralFest Rehearsal Ascot SS
16 May	Yr 6A Power Up Power Down
17 May	Yr 6B Power Up Power Down
18 May	Prep-Year2 Assembly P&C Meeting D Block
19 May	Yr 6C Power Up Power Down
22/26 May	Prep Vision Testing
23 May	Yr 6D Power Up Power Down
25 May	Year 3-6 Assembly
26 May	Gala Day
30 May	Information Night 2017 Canberra Trip
1 June	Prep-Year 2 Assembly
2 June	Gala Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Parent Liaison Officers

Last week Leigh Hofmeister and I met with a significant number of parents who have committed to being a Parent Liaison Officer (PLO) this year. This is a very important role within the Wilston State School structure. This is not a position adopted by all schools. Primarily the PLO assists the teacher when communication with parents is needed. i.e. helpers for class activities, swimming etc.

One of my key messages to the PLO group was the request to ensure this form of communication between them and the parents was not overused. The majority of messages broadcasted by our PLO will have been organised by the class teacher but at times messages from our P&C and or school related will be delivered this way.

I have asked that private use of this form of communication is not to occur. i.e. Invitations to birthday parties, promoting particular businesses.

Term Payments

Thank you to those parents that have paid their Term 1 statements. I ask all parents to please be aware of our policy regarding the payment of invoices for excursions or activities your child will participate in. Wilston State School is a reasonably large school and even a small percent not paying impacts on the financial management of the school.

BPoint is the preferred method of payment. Please be aware that payment through this method potentially takes 72 hours to show in our records. This means that you need to pay for your child's activity well in advance.

We appreciate payments for excursions and school activities being paid at least 2 weeks prior to the date they take place.

I realise this is a hard stance to take but if the invoice is outstanding our policy will be that your child cannot attend. Though this may seem a little harsh, please keep in mind that your child would have been reminded of this situation on more than one occasion.

Please contact Deb Jackson, Business Services Manager, if you have any queries regarding your statement.

Twitter

Thanks to Natasha Hollier and Kath O'Hara, from our front office, I have finally entered the 21st Century. The school now has a Twitter account, which I have signed up to. If you are able to join I would encourage you to do so. We believe this is a convenient way to inform parents very quickly. i.e. the sports buses have been delayed. We encourage everyone to follow the school's twitter account. **Simply search for Wilston SS on Twitter and select Wilston SS (Official) @WilstonSS.**

Triple P Seminars: Get A Taste Of What Positive Parenting Is All About

"Why does my child do that?" Triple P seminars can help you understand your child's habits and encourage behaviour you like. With more than 50 free seminars scheduled across Queensland now's the time to start positive parenting. Find a seminar near you on the [Triple P calendar](http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/qld-uken/find-help/check-our-calendar/) (http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/qld-uken/find-help/check-our-calendar/).

Social Media Items

Life can be busy, and pressure on families is growing. Yet many of us are uncomfortable with asking for help when we need it. The @talkingfamiliesqld Facebook page provides information and resources that can help.



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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an every day part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of

- Reading
- Writing
- Language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum.

NAPLAN Dates

Parents we are mindful that dental appointments and specialists visits are often booked months in advance, please check to see if they clash with NAPLAN. Your child can sit the test at a catch-up session but most students prefer to participate with their class, under their teachers instruction.

Tuesday 9 May	morning and middle session.
Wednesday 10 May	morning session
Thursday 11 May	morning session.

STUDENT STATEMENTS

BPoint

Just a reminder to parents to please only put the invoice number where stated when paying by BPoint. Using the incorrect number in that section causes BPoint to be delayed.

White statements went home earlier this week. Please note ALL payments are now due.

2017 CANBERRA TRIP

On Monday 13 March parents were emailed a link in order that they may complete some of their child's details for Sno'n'Ski. If you did not receive an email, please let Leigh Hofmeister know on lhofm2@eq.edu.au Sno'n'Ski have asked that this information be entered ASAP. Thank you.

NEWS FROM LEARNING SUPPORT

Hearing Screening for Prep Students

Just a reminder that letters were due back on Wednesday 15 March 2017 for those students wanting to partake in the Hearing Screening.

Vision Testing for Prep Students

Just a reminder that these forms are due back this Friday 17 March 2017. No late forms will be accepted.

NEWS FROM HPE

Congratulations to Jayden L, Max F and Daisey B who were successful in making their respective City District Soccer teams to compete at the Regional carnival on the 26 and 27 April.

Cross Country

The school cross country for all students from Prep to Year 6 will be held on Tuesday 28 March. Information and race schedule was sent home with students last week.

Year 4-6 Gala Days

Students in Year 4-6 will be choosing their preferred Winter Gala Day sports in the next couple of weeks. The city district gala days will be next term on the 26/05, 02/06 and 09/06. Students will have the choice of the following sports:

- Rugby League
- Boys Soccer / Girls Soccer
- Netball
- Hockey (modified small field 6 a side)
- Tag League.

Students have been invoiced for both the Winter and Summer Gala days earlier this term. Students will not be able to be involved in gala days until this has been paid.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

CHOIR NEWS

Easter Services

Our choirs will be singing at St Columba's on Friday March 24. Please come along and join in our Easter celebrations. Junior service 9.30am; Senior service 10.15am.

Music Performance Uniforms

A note will be sent home next week regarding our new performance uniform for 2017. Strings, Band and Wilston Wonders Senior Choir will be moving to the new formal school uniform as discussed in 2015/16. We would like our students to have their uniforms organised for the start of Term 2.

Miranda Charters (Classroom Music Specialist)

STRINGS NEWS

Northside Junior Strings Camp

Permission forms and invoices have been sent home to selected students re attending the Junior Strings Camp on Tuesday 6 June to Thursday 8 June 2017. Please return these forms to the office via the class Blue Bag. If you child is not attending, please could you let Mrs Kathryn Payne or Mrs Hofmeister know.

BWP NEWS

Northside Band Blitz Workshops 2017

Selected students have been sent home information and permission forms to complete for the Northside Band Blitz Workshop. If you wish your child to attend please return these forms with your payment to the office via the class Blue Bag. If your child will not be attending please could you let Mr Col McIntyre or Mrs Hofmeister know.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Roster for the week beginning 20 March 2017

Monday 20	CLOSED
Tuesday 21	Roxanne Schofield, Bianca
Wednesday 22	Harvey McGibbon, Kerry Williams
Thursday 23	Sain Pratt, Ange Patel, Anna Sexton
Friday 24	Paige O, Peta Bunce, Bob and Sue Behan.

Bec Macdonald 0448 804 279 60huet@gmail.com.

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

A Wilston mum dropped by the Uniform Shop this week to say her family had lost eight school hats last year. This year, she insisted on having her children's hats embroidered with their names (surnames work well) and she has not lost a single hat so far. There are several businesses in the local area that do embroidery for a reasonable price. Drop by the Uniform Shop and we'll point you in the right direction.

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

Opening times: For the rest of Term 1 we are open Wednesday and Friday from 8.15am-9.45am. We are now closed on Mondays. 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 Wednesday and Friday. This will ensure orders are delivered to teachers' pigeonholes for class delivery on those days.

Tip of the week: If you're coming to the Beach Party on Saturday afternoon, why not drop by **lost property** and have a look through the pile of clothes, hats, lunchboxes and even school bags that have been collected so far. Lost property is located upstairs in C Block.

Did you know: The average adult spends 55 minutes a day looking for things they own but can't find like keys, matching socks and shoes. This is American research released by Newsweek, but lost property is a big issue in Australia too, particularly in schools. As the first term comes to a close, check and refresh your labelling on all school items, even umbrellas and raincoats as the weather becomes more unpredictable. This way you'll be ready for when school starts after the Easter Break.

Ever Onward Wilston!

Janice Nykiel and Debra Bela – Convenors
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NEWS FROM THE P&C

The next P&C General Meeting will be held Thursday at 6.46pm for a 7.00pm start in the Staff Room (D Block). You are all welcome to attend.

2017 Annual P&C Easter Egg Raffle Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who has donated already. Keep those goodies coming in. We need more 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 or to Wilston Kids Care.**

All donations must be received by Friday 24 March.



By now you should have received 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 30 March. All other 100+ prizes will be drawn on Sunday 26 March. **All tickets and money must also be received by Friday 24 March.**

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

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Run for Your Kids by You

Vacation Care

The Vacation Care program will be released to the end of this week and it looks like it will be an amazing two weeks, as usual! Please book in early to ensure that your children will have care for the holidays!

Overdue Accounts

There are still a number of accounts currently outstanding. WKC sent out communication to the relevant parents this week and will be following up with phone calls. **The deadline for outstanding accounts is 14 March 2017, after which suspension may apply.**

Please can you check your weekly statements to ensure that your Direct Debit has been set up correctly. If not please complete the Ezi-debit application form as these were required at the time Hubworks transitioned to Quikkids. If you have any concerns about your account, please see the team as soon as possible.

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).

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 6.00pm on 12 April 2017. Childminding is available for parents. Please contact the centre to arrange this.

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

Club Championships commenced last Friday night with some great racing. We look forward to our final night of racing for the season this Friday.

The engraver will again be at Club Championship this Friday. Engraving will cost \$4 per medal and if you could have correct change or close to, that would be great.

Swim Club duties this week

BBQ **Wright, Williams (Kerry) and Wilkinson families**
Canteen **Gordon, Coates and Hyde families.**

If you are on roster please arrive at 5:45pm. If you are unavailable please swap with another family. The Canteen and BBQ is a service run by volunteers and without your help the service will not be available.

The Presentation Night will be held on Saturday 25 March in the school's Undercover Area. The evening will commence at 5:30pm. Following the formal presentations there will be pizza for the children and a disco. The evening will conclude at 9:00pm. If parents could bring a plate for the adults to share that would be great. Please BYO drinks and camp chairs. We look forward to seeing everyone there to celebrate a great season of racing.

The last Learn to Swim and Squad Session for Term 1 will be on Saturday 1 April 2017. Bookings for Term 2 Learn to Swim are now open. The pool is heated to nice 29 degrees during the cooler months.

Details of the holiday squad program will be released shortly.

The Swim Club AGM will be held on **Thursday, 4 May 7.00pm poolside**. We hope to see you there!

Book now for our Easter School Holiday Program!

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