



Wilston State School Ever onward

Term 1. Issue 8. 23 March 2017.

Reminder

The Parent Teacher Interview booking system is set to 'go live' at 9.00am on Saturday 25 March.

DATE CLAIMERS

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	Year 3-6 Assembly Alderley Tree Planting
1 May	Labour Day
2 May	City District Cross Country
4 May	Prep to Year 2 Assembly
9 May	NAPLAN Yr 3 and 5
10 May	NAPLAN Yr 3 and 5
11 May	NAPLAN Yr 3 and 5 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	Info Night 2017 Canberra Trip
1 June	Prep-Year 2 Assembly
2 June	Gala Day
6-8 June	Junior Strings Camp (Yr 4)
6 June	Beginner Band Blitz (Yr 4)
8 June	Year 5 to Planetarium Year 3-6 Assembly
9 June	Gala Day
7 June	City District Softball Trials
14 June	APSMO Mathematical Olympiad

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Farewell

Due to family circumstances I have sought leave from Education Queensland for next term. My wife has secured a job in Singapore and I intend travelling with her to ensure she settles in.

I have asked for long service leave for Term 2 however I may ask for an extension to this leave depending on our situation in Singapore. I have relished my time at Wilston and I am of the hope that my relationship with the school will continue but I realistically understand that this may not be so.

Last week I met my replacement Mrs Jude Fountain and who brings with her a wealth of experience. Mrs Fountain has worked in the Department since 1982 and I could tell from our conversations that she is a very passionate educator.

Since starting as a teacher at Jindalee State School Mrs Fountain has worked in a number of large schools in the western suburbs of Brisbane and in the Ipswich area. In the year 2000 Mrs Fountain accepted a Deputy Principal position and held this post until 2009 when she became a principal of a large school that under her leadership grew in numbers. A very good indicator of community confidence. I would believe a strength of Mrs Fountain is her ability to work well with the staff, parents, students, P&C and all members of the school community to improve learning outcomes for all students.

She has stated that she is looking forward to developing strong partnerships with the Wilston State School Community and ensuring the great work already started continues. I believe she is a very visible principal and when you pass her at the front gate in the afternoon please introduce yourself.

Beach Party

I thank the organising committee of Jason Finselbach and Adam Spencer for organising this wonderful event. It was lovely to see so many parents and students enjoy themselves.

I attend many P&C meetings and I have become very aware that it is becoming harder and harder to get parents to volunteer to organise many of our community events. Each year our P&C run a number of wonderful community events and this helps build a very good community spirit. The school would not have the same feeling about it if events such as the; Prep Welcome Evening; Beach Party; Mother and Father Day Stalls; Trivia Night; Discos and the Art Show were not organised and run. I would encourage as many parents as possible to become involved in these activities throughout the year.

Wilston State School 2016 Yearbook

On behalf of our students, staff and school community we would like to thank Natalie Gardiner, Garth Gardiner and Helene Wilson for the outstanding work they did on the Wilston State School 2016 Yearbook. Without their enthusiasm, hard work and support this wonderful reminder of our school year would not have been completed in print. It is through the dedication of these three parents that your child will be able to reflect on their school life in 2016. Thank you very much!

QParents

If you have been trying to access the QParents app to no avail the glitch in the system has now been rectified and invitations have gone out again. We apologise for the inconvenience. Please use your Student Eq Id number to register. This was sent to you in a letter and again on a card. Feedback so far has been very positive from parents this week. Register now!!



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Guy Hendriks
Guy Hendriks
Principal



WILSTON STAR AWARDS

Prep

Serena C, Genevieve S PA, Cate B, Hamish H PB, Megan S, Austin L PC, Claudia S, Felix H PD, Mahdiya F, Ethan V PE, Nicholas B, Alice Stuart PF.

Year 1

Alice Mc, Cooper Wright 1A, Naya T, Noah A 1B, Evangeline S, Noah T 1C, Rebecca W, Sam N 1D, Hugo F Audrey H 1E.

Year 2

Esther E, Ruben P 2A, Jonty H, Helena G 2B, Abigail B, Will G 2C, Evie F, Aidan M 2D, Lauren V, Edward C 2E, Sydney L, Zak W 2F.

Year 3

Darcy G, Sophie H 3A, Natasha B, Angus P 3B, James h, Alexandra S 3C, Philippa M, Aiden N 3D, Henry C, Rosie B 3E.

Year 4

Rose H, Percy E 4A, Isla G, Grayson G 4B, Jarrell M, Lucy Mc 4C, Charlotte Harris, Benjamin R 4D, Thea L, Thomas W 4E.

Year 5

Kate M, William W 5A, Laura P, Jack Y 5B, Erica L, Erin R 5C, Maya D, Taylor C 5D.

Year 6

Annie F, Matthew M 6A, Zoe A, Kallen M 6B, Poppy P, Zac L 6C, Sam M, Jaz N 6D.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Chicken Pox Advice

In recent weeks we have had 5 reported cases of chicken pox in the school. Please be aware of the signs and symptoms of chicken pox by accessing the fact sheet <http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/217/23/Chickenpox-Varicella>

High risk contacts include pregnant women, immunocompromised individuals and neonates. Significant exposure for these contacts is defined as living in the same household as a person with active chickenpox or shingles, or direct face-to-face contact with a person with chickenpox or shingles for at least 5 minutes, or being in the same room for at least one hour. In the case of varicella infection, the period of infectivity is from 48 hours before the onset of rash until crusting of all lesions has occurred.

Students who have chicken pox need to be excluded from school until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least five days after the rash first appeared in non-immunised children and less in immunised children.

NAPLAN in Queensland—An Overview

The National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is used by governments, education authorities and schools to determine whether young Australians are meeting important goals in literacy and numeracy.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to sit the NAPLAN tests which are held over three days in May each year.

NAPLAN gives a snapshot of how children are performing in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. It complements other effective classroom assessment and reporting practices.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) develops the tests and marking standards. The development of the tests is guided by the National Statements of Learning in English and Mathematics.

NAPLAN tests will be aligned to the Australian Curriculum once it has been substantially implemented in schools across the country.

Format of the Tests

For Years 3 and 5, there are four tests:

Language conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy.

For the Writing test, students are given a stimulus and asked to write a response with a maximum length of three pages.

The response formats for questions on all other test papers are either multiple choice (shade a bubble to indicate the answer) or constructed response (write the answer in a box or a line).

Students usually sit the tests in their own schools. Tests are administered by the class teachers.

Withdrawals

Parents can withdraw their child from the test by notifying the school in writing.

Withdrawal is intended as an option to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing.

Exemptions

Students who have learning disabilities or poor English language skills, who have been in Australia for less than one year, may be exempted from NAPLAN testing.

Exemptions for students with physical and/or intellectual disabilities are determined through consultation between the principal, student and parents/carers.

Adjustments

A range of adjustments can be made for students with physical and/or learning disabilities. For example:

- Students with certain physical disabilities may use a computer rather than pen and paper.
- Depending on their disability, students may receive slightly more time to complete the tests or be seated separately from their regular class.
- Modified formats, for example large print and Braille, are provided for students with vision impairment.

Reporting Student and School Results

The QCAA sends student reports to schools in September. At the same time, individual, class and school data is made available to schools on the QCAA's secure website.

Public Reporting 'The NAPLAN Outcomes report is published annually on the QCAA website. It shows Queensland student achievement in NAPLAN tests on a school-by-school basis. School results are also reported on the Australian Government's My School website.

More Information

For more information about NAPLAN visit www.nap.edu.au for general information including FAQs, brochures for parents and carers, and the future delivery of NAPLAN online.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Crazy Hair Day

Thank you all for your donations. The Student Council raised \$941 for the Leukaemia Foundation (World's Greatest Shave).

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is **OVERFLOWING**. If your child is missing any items of clothing, lunch boxes, swimming items, please ask them to come and check lost property. It is situated in C Block, poolside outside SWD.

2017 CANBERRA TRIP

Just a reminder to parents to please complete the details on the online link that was emailed to you. Sno'n'ski have asked that this be completed as soon as you are able.

<https://goo.gl/forms/DbyjtFpeijMdBgmd2>

NEWS FROM HPE

Cross Country

The school cross country for all students from Prep to Year 6 will be held next Tuesday 28 March. Parents are more than welcome to come along and support their children on the day. The carnival timetable is on the note that went home 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 May, 2 and 9 June. 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

Don't forget our choirs will be singing at **St Columba's this Friday March 24**. Please come along and join in our Easter celebrations. Junior service 9.30am; Senior service 10.15am. The Wilston Wonders rehearsal at 8.00am will run as usual.

Best wishes to those students attending **the Choral Honours Camp** next week. It will be a wonderful learning experience for our singers!

Miranda Charters

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Munch monitor

The number of children without morning tea or lunch has been increasing. Could all parents please double check orders before submitting online. Remember all orders need to be submitted by 9.30am in order to be processed.

Roster for the week beginning 27 March 2017

Monday 27 CLOSED
Tuesday 28 Lorraine Tibbits
Wednesday 29 Christen Matheson, Kelly Smith, Danae Sherry, Soong Ooi
Thursday 30 Natalie McMaster, Bev Mitchell, Kate Thurston
Friday 31 Tina Robertson, Tarah Hastie, Help needed.

Bec Macdonald 0448 804 279 60huet@gmail.com

FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

Another opportunity to wear Wilston's new formal uniform is coming up on Friday when the school walks across to St Columba's for the Easter Service. It's not compulsory this year but if you can, wear the new dress or checked shirt and impress the neighbourhood.

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

Opening times: For the rest of Term 1 and Term 2 we will be open 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 Wednesday and Friday. This will ensure orders are delivered to teachers' pigeonholes for class delivery on those days.

Winter jackets: Coming home this week will be payment forms for those who have already registered to pre-purchase our new winter jackets. Please return these forms as soon as possible so we can deliver jackets to student classrooms as soon as they arrive in Term 2.

Entertainment Books: They're back! Packed with discounts for restaurants, cafes, movies, shops and travel, the Entertainment Book would make a great family investment or gift for someone special. It costs \$65 and has over \$20,000 of value inside. The Uniform/Bookshop is handling Entertainment Book orders this year so when you order online at www.entbook.com.au/221987b we'll deliver the book direct to your class teacher's pigeonhole on Wednesdays and Fridays. You can also drop in and pay at the shop on Wednesday or Friday mornings, or see Leigh in the office. The best part for the kids is that 20 per cent of sales is donated back to the school.

Tip of the week: The concert band, strings and Wilston Wonders senior choir transition into their new performance uniform this year, which for the girls is our new formal checked dress and hair tie (if applicable) and for the boys, the new formal checked shirt and brown gaberdine shorts. The Uniform Shop is fully stocked in all sizes so come down and get ready for performance season.

Did you know: The **Cross Country** is next week and there is a temptation to buy new running shoes for the occasion. However every pair of shoes needs an appropriate breaking in period and unless you bought new shoes a month ago or have shoes that are falling apart, consider sticking with the shoes you have. Structural differences in new shoes can irritate tendons, particularly in longer runs.

Ever Onward Wilston!

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bookshop@wilstonpandc.org.au

NEWS FROM THE P&C

2017 is a Fete year for our school. The Wilston State School (WSS) Fete is one of the highlights of the school year for both the school and the wider community.

Unfortunately in 2017 we have been unable to find a parent/carer or group of parents and carers who are willing to take on responsibility to coordinate our Fete. If we are unable to find this group by April 13 we may have to take the disappointing action of cancelling the Fete. The Fete has been a tradition at WSS for many years and is an important source of funding for the P&C. Over the years the P&C has funded many initiatives at WSS for the benefit of all students such as: computers and iPads, resource for Science, air-conditioning units for the classrooms, upgrading of the eating area under A Block and the major upgrade of the area at the front of the school.

The Fete is also a wonderful way for students to feel they are directly contributing to the school community with each class taking responsibility for a stall at the Fete.

We implore you (or a group of parents/carers) to consider putting your hand up to assist and can assure you that both the P&C and school will provide support. If you are interested please contact Toni Plant on president@wilstonpandc.org.au

Thank you for your support.

Toni Plant. President. Wilston State School P&C

Final Days - 2017 Annual P&C Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you so much for all the wonderful donations we have received so far. **All remaining donations need to be delivered to the Tuckshop or Kids Care by this Friday - 24 March. Tickets also need to be returned in the Blue Bag by Friday to be entered in the draw.** Most prizes will be drawn this weekend with the Major prizes to be drawn during the Easter Parade. Good luck to you all

Paige OSleibhin – 0405 281475 - paigebaden@outlook.com



WILSTON STEM ROBOTICS

We have had a busy term in preparation of Robocup 2017 at UQ. Thank you to all the parents who are helping mentor and coach our students. We have some awesome ideas and enthusiastic Roboticists. Special mention to James T, Andrew and Tony for their help sourcing information, supporting, auditing and managing/coordination of the activities.

Welcome Jonathan, Natasha, Aiden, Joshua and parents to our Beginners Robotics on Thursday nights.

The Worlds Science Festival will held on at South Bank 25th-26th April. This weekend!!! <http://www.worldsciencefestival.com.au/>

There are experiments and things to do and see so if you have time indulge in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths for fun.

NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

Run for Your Kids by You.

Easter Vacation Care – Booking is Available!

Have you received your booking forms for Vacation Care? If not, please request them from the staff of WKC. Bookings go quickly, especially for the three days in the middle of the week, so it is important to secure your place early. Tamara, Georgia and the staff have organised great activities for the duration of the Easter holidays. The first week includes interactive science shows, Bollywood dancing, wildlife and an excursion for the seniors. The second week includes an excursion to the movies, Easter activities, jumping castles and bringing out the inner artist.

All children can join! Even those who are on the waiting list during school days and those who do not go to before and after school care during the year. Vacation Care is on a first in first served basis, and though we do have a limit we rarely exceed it. However, as for school care, we need to know how many children will be attending so that the correct number of educators can be organised, so registering early is the way to go. Safety first!

WKC and the Beach Party

WKC is part of the P&C and likes to be involved in the events. A big thank you to Nicola and Will who volunteered their time at the Beach Party and fronted the dunk tank with humour to the great amusement of the children.

An Update on Numbers

As of the end of February, the centre had 499 children and 332 families registered. The waitlist for afternoons was Monday 23, Tuesday 67, Wednesday 55, Thursday 64 and none on Friday. There is availability in the mornings. We ask parents with children on the waitlist to be patient; they will be informed when a space is available.

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 19th 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:

Tel: 33526753

wilstonkids@optusnet.com.au

NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

Club Championships concluded with some great racing on Friday night. Congratulations to Gloria F, Joshua A and Stella S who all broke a club championship record during the meet.

The **Presentation Night** will be held this 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 a nice 29 degrees during the cooler months. Swimming year round has many benefits and we encourage all our Learn to Swim and Squad swimmers to maintain their skills and swim over the winter months.

The Crocs will be holding **Easter holiday Squads** from Monday 3rd – Friday 7 April and Monday 10 – Thursday 13 April. All Squads will run from 7:00am – 9:00am. Noel will be running a fun program consisting of pool and dry land games for all sessions. The cost for holiday Squad will be \$10 a single swim or \$70 unlimited.

Please note we will not be holding learn to swim intensives over the Easter holidays.

Term 2 swimming will resume on Tuesday 18 April.

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



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Sunday 23 April
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1.30pm Meet the Staff and Students
2.00pm Presentation: Year 7 2018
2.30pm Tour the School
3.00pm Afternoon Tea



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Junior Girls Indoor Cricket

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**Junior Girls Indoor
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Start Date: Thursday 20th April, 2017
Season: 6 Weeks+ Finals
Ages: 8 - 15 yo
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NEW THURSDAY CLASS FOR AGES 9-11 OPENING IN TERM 2

After School Drama Classes Term 2

- ❖ On Mondays at 4:00pm - 5:00pm for ages 7-9 year olds.
- ❖ On Mondays at 5:00pm - 6:00pm for ages 9-11 year olds.
- ❖ On Thursdays at 4:00pm - 5:00pm for ages 9-11 year olds.
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