



## Wilston State School Ever onward

Term 2. Issue 2. 27 April 2017.

### DATE CLAIMERS

27 April	Year 3-6 Assembly Alderley Tree Planting
28 April	ICAS Payments due
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 Mothers Day Stall 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 Under 8's Day
30 May	Information Night 2017 Canberra
1 June	Prep-Year 2 Assembly
2 June	Gala Day
3 June	Trivia Night
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
15 June	Whole School Assembly Choir, Ensembles P&C Meeting D Block
16 June	Gala Day (Wet Day)
19/20	Wilston Pre Track and Field Carnival Events
21 June	Wilston 9-12 years Track and Field Carnival
22 June	Wilston 6-8 years Track and Field Carnival
22 June	Whole School Assembly – Star Awards

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### Dear Parents

#### Learning Walks

In order to get to know the students as quickly as possible I do **daily learning walks**. I will pop into classrooms and chat to the students about the work they are doing at that time. I do not interrupt the teaching and learning, I will wander in and out looking at how engaged students are and what they are learning.

I write notes of what each child says, so that I can understand the learning from the students' point of view and give valuable feedback to the class teacher.

I will ask students five questions;

What are you learning?

How are you doing?

How do you know?

How can you improve?

Where do you go for help?

(Sharratt & Fullan 2012).

It gives me an opportunity to know what the students are learning and how they are progressing and to give them individual feedback about their learning. It is very important that the teachers fully understand what students know in order to determine what they need to know next and move them forward. It is equally important for the students themselves to understand their learning goals and be able to articulate them in their own words. Students must know how they are doing in order to improve and similarly must know what they have to do, to improve and know how to get help.

Asking a child to improve in reading is very general and not very helpful. But asking a child to work on the reading goal of chunking words or summarising is specific and attainable. Once students understand what chunking or summarising is and they can explain it in their own words, they are then able to focus on improving this strategy while reading.

Each Afternoon when I watch the students leave for the day I ask the question, "**What have you learned today?**" The reason I do this is to focus each student's attention on what happened at school and reflect on their learnings. When questioning, it gives them the opportunity to share their knowledge and clarify their thoughts. It also provides an opportunity for me to have a further conversation with them.

Instead of asking your child "How was your day?" try asking "What did you learn today?"

Parent Tip: Do not accept "nothing" or "I don't know" as an answer, and ask open ended questions such as "Tell me more about that?" and "Can you explain what that means?" to engaged them in a more detailed conversation about their learning.

Last Thursday I had the pleasure of attending two assemblies.

**The Easter Hat Parade.** Thank you to all the Wilston families who assisted their Prep student to create an Easter Bonnet. The students were delighted to be able to show the rest of the school their creations. Many thanks to Ms Mill for her commitment to this event.

**The ANZAC Day assembly** was also a great success. Thank you to the students and teachers who made this happen and of course to Mr Medlin for bringing it altogether. I find these ceremonies particularly evocative all the more so because of the students' participation and their knowledge and understanding of the ANZAC spirit.



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*Jude Fountain*  
Principal



## '13 Reasons Why'

Some of you may have already heard about the concerns being raised regarding a Netflix series called '13 Reasons Why'. We are aware that some students in the school may have already viewed this series. I attach for your reference a media release from Headspace (a youth mental health organisation) which outlines the concerns and also links to relevant information.

If you are concerned regarding your child, please contact the school to speak with the Guidance Officer or a member of the administration team. [Headspace - 13 Reasons Why Media release](#)

## FROM THE DEPUTIES

Last Thursday morning we held our annual Easter Hat Parade that was postponed due to weather at the end of last term. Our Prep students proudly modelled their wonderful Easter hats on stage and were justifiably proud of their delightful creations. Well done also to the mums and dads who helped with these – they were amazing!

The major Easter Raffle prizes were also drawn on our Easter Assembly and some very excited students were able to come up onto the stage to collect their Easter prizes. A huge thank you to: Mrs Paige OSleibhin who coordinated this year's Easter Raffle, the parents who helped with the beautiful wrapping of the numerous prizes, the tuckshop for housing and organising the large number of donations and last, but not least, all of the families who supported the Easter Raffle through the purchase of tickets and their donations of raffle prizes.

## ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Wilston State School held its ANZAC Day service on Thursday, 20 April in lieu of the usual assembly. Isabella S. was a very capable MC, and the school captains and Year 6 school leaders ran the service. This extends to operating the sound system, handing out programs, and raising the flag at the appropriate time during the service. The school's special guest speaker was Lt-Colonel Nicholas Rose, 7th Brigade, Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera, who spoke on the significance of ANZAC Day and its continuing commemoration. Bess S. also spoke about the 75th anniversary of the dark days of 1942, when Australia faced the threat of actual invasion for the first (and so far, only) time. Reverend Stuart Atkinson led the school in a prayer. Both Lt-Colonel Rose and Reverend Atkinson are parents of Wilston students. Many thanks also to Mrs Miranda Charters, Mrs Bev Barnett (music specialists), the school choirs, Mrs Kathryn Payne (instrumental music) and the Wilston Strings, who contributed to the live performances during the service. The active involvement of so many students adds a special dimension to the service. A final thank you to Leigh Hofmeister (school admin officer) for all her help behind the scenes.

Brendan Medlin

## QPARENTS

Parents, we hope you are enjoying using the QParents portal to view information such as invoices and report cards. Thank you to all the parents who are also using the attendance function to submit absence information.

Registration is still open for those interested in participating. Register at <https://qparents.qld.edu.au>, or contact us on [info@wilstonss.eq.edu.au](mailto:info@wilstonss.eq.edu.au) if you haven't received a unique registration code.

## STUDENT PAYMENTS

White statements were this week sent out to those students who are still owing for excursions/activities.

Please see the letter on the back of this statement for payment details. Please note that payments for excursions and school activities should be paid at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the activity/excursion.

We have had a number of parents saying the QParents App for payments is very user friendly. Have you registered yet?

## ICAS

Permission forms for students in Years 3 to 6 to participate in the 2017 ICAS tests were sent home last week. The cost of the tests this year is \$9.00 each.

Please note that the date for the permission forms and payment to be returned is **Friday 28 April 2017. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

## BOOK CLUB

Book Club was distributed to all students at the end of last week. **Please note the due date is 5 May 2017.**

## NEWS FROM HPE

### Gala Days

Permission notes and training times will be coming home this week for the upcoming gala days. Students need to make sure that the permission form is returned to be able to attend these days. Please check your statements to ensure that the gala day sport levy has also been paid.

### Cross Country

Good luck to the Wilston SS Cross Country Team competing at the City District Championships next Tuesday.

Rodney Bell. PE Specialist

## SCIENCE CLUB

Anyone interested in growing crystals should see Mr Medlin in the Science Room on Friday, 28 April, and sign up for this Science Club activity. There is a limit on the number of student participants, so be early! The activity will be during lunch hours in Week 3 (Tuesday and Wednesday). Students will need to bring empty egg shells. All other materials provided. Full details provided in Week 3. All questions should be directed to Mr Brendan Medlin (Science Room, F Block; [bmed-12@eq.edu.au](mailto:bmed-12@eq.edu.au)).

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

Monday 1	CLOSED
Tuesday 2	Mirella Fujimoto, Elenna Hoffman
Wednesday 3	Harvey McKibbon, Steve Lawson
Thursday 4	Sian Pratt, Ange Patel
Friday 5	Paige Oslebin, Bob and Sue Beham, Peta Bunce and Saskya

Bec Macdonald 0448 804 279 [60huet@gmail.com](mailto:60huet@gmail.com)

Dot Milne 0408 729 021

## FROM THE UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

The choir and instrumental music students looked very smart in their formal uniforms for the recent ANZAC Day ceremony with many changing into their formal uniform at lunchtime ahead of their performance. This will make a big impact come competition time.

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

**Opening times:** In Term 2, the Uniform/Bookshop will be open on Wednesday and Friday mornings 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](http://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.

**New winter jackets:** Thanks to the many families who have paid for their new jackets. For those remaining families who have informed us of their intent to buy our new winter jacket, now is the time to pay for those orders. You can do this via the class blue bag or come to the Uniform/Bookshop on Wednesday or Friday and pay at the counter. The new jackets cost \$50 each and will be delivered to class later this term.

**Entertainment books:** Take the kids tenpin bowling this weekend and get your second game for free. Drop by one of the many cafes on your way home for 25 per cent off the bill and then book everyone in for a movie at discount prices. The May long weekend could be so much more exciting with an Entertainment Book.

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](http://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:** We are fully stocked with all types of exercise books, from writing, botany, scrapbooks, playbooks, bank pads and grid books for every class level. We also have pencils, calculators, scissors and whiteboards to keep everyone happy in class.

**Did you know:** Our winter uniform improvements have been adopted following consultation with our school community. It's how Australians have always advanced their uniforms. In World War II, consultation with air crew serving in Europe led to changes in an airman's boots. When a plane was downed and an airman was on the run, the high-legged flying boots were too conspicuous and got water-logged.

The 1943 Pattern escape boot was designed so the airman could remove a concealed knife, and cut off the top section to reveal a civilian looking shoe. Source: Australian War Memorial

**Janice Nykiel and Debra Bela – Convenors**  
Ph: 3552 8490/0403 153 096 (Janice) / 0412 417 552 (Debra)  
[bookshop@wilstonpandc.org.au](mailto:bookshop@wilstonpandc.org.au)

## NEWS FROM THE P&C

### Trivia Night

It's coming!! The biggest night on the WSS Calendar! Get your people together, grab a table and get ready for some fun. Not into Trivia? Don't worry, most people go to WSS Trivia nights for the beer, the wine, to dress up in costume and the laughs! Did you know in a single calendar year, you can have up to 3 Friday the 13ths... that's a lot of black cats?!! Grab a table (10 per table) or drop us an email and we can help you find a table of likeminded peeps.

#### Not sure how it works?

You gather your class/cohort friends.

Put someone in charge – a table Captain.

Book a table online via email: [WSSTrivia2017@gmail.com](mailto:WSSTrivia2017@gmail.com)

Make the table payment. And THEN (this is the start of the fun bit!)...

Choose a theme for your table. Go wild – everyone does!  
No two tables will be able to do the same theme, so get in early.

**When: Saturday 3 June, 7.00pm**

**Where: WSS Undercover Area**

**\$250 table of 10 or \$25 per person (we can find you a funky fun table!) BYO Food**

**Book your table here:**

[WSSTrivia2017@gmail.com](mailto:WSSTrivia2017@gmail.com)

**Make your payment here:**

<http://www.wilstonpandc.org.au/index.php/make-a-payment>

## NEWS FROM WILSTON KIDS CARE

### Easter Vacation Care

The Easter vacation care program was exciting and fun, with a number of new activities and excursions to keep everyone entertained. From rock climbing for the seniors and incursions included jumping castles, science shows and a visit from the Easter bunny.

### The Waiting list

Our current waiting list for Afternoon Care is

Monday – 21

Tuesday - 59

Wednesday - 52

Thursday – 56

Friday - No waitlist (168 booked).

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. Space is allocated based on the government's priority guidelines.

**Committee Meetings.** The next Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, 11 May at 6.00pm in the WKC office. Minding and supper provided on site for children.

**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>

Office: 3352 6753

Service Manager (Tamara): 0402 621 150

[wkc.admin@wilstonpandc.org.au](mailto:wkc.admin@wilstonpandc.org.au)

From the WKC subcommittee

## NEWS FROM WILSTON SWIM CLUB

The **Swim Club Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held on **Thursday 4 May at 7.00pm, poolside**. We are keen to introduce new committee members for the up-coming season. It is not a large time commitment and there are many ways to be involved in our swim community.

At the AGM all executive committee and support positions will be declared vacant for the following season. Nominations for all positions will be called for and appointed on the night where possible. The club is looking to fill the following positions:

The WSSASC Executive Committee:-

1. Chairperson
2. Vice Chairperson
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

Additional key supporting roles:-

1. Chief Timekeepers (must be 13+ years to be a timekeeper)

2. Club Race Starters
3. Club Announcers
4. Chief Scribes
5. Club Referees
6. Marshalls
7. Computer Operators
8. Canteen Convenors
9. SQ/BSA Race Secretary/Parent Liaison (assists the head coach in this role)
10. Carnival Organiser
11. Maintenance Coordinator.

As you can see there are many ways you can contribute to the club. If we don't get enough volunteers there may not be a swim club! So please come along to the meeting as it would be great to fill all positions prior to the season commencing.

#### Message from Noel Bertwistle – Head Coach

Swimming is the best way to cross train for all sports – soccer, league, rugby, AFL, netball, dancing, triathlons- all sports! Swimming will assist with your recovery, breathing, fitness, core and general strength, balance and much more.

All 'swimmers' must swim through winter for technique and fitness. Join us in the heated pool year round for fun and to improve your technique and fitness!!

Availability for **Term 2 Learn to Swim** is filling fast. Our lessons run Monday to Thursday afternoons as well as Saturday mornings from 8:00am. Please see Kirsten in the pool office or email [swim@wilstonpandc.org.au](mailto:swim@wilstonpandc.org.au) for bookings.

## Open Day

Saturday 6 May, 10am to 12noon

Parents and children are invited to Ballymore Kindy for an Open Day at:

185 Butterfield Street, Herston, 4006

We are a small, single unit, not-for-profit community kindergarten, committed to the value of play in children's learning and development.

Affiliated with Lady Gowrie, we are located right next to Ballymore Rugby Oval in Herston.

Parents and children are welcome to visit our centre, meet staff, explore our beautiful environment and try out a range of kindergarten experiences.

#### Kindergarten program:

**Monday and Tuesday 8:30am - 4:00pm or  
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30am - 2:30pm**

visit [www.ballymorekindy.com.au](http://www.ballymorekindy.com.au)  
email [admin@ballymorekindy.com.au](mailto:admin@ballymorekindy.com.au)  
phone 3252 3732



**Ballymore Kindy**

+think + play + learn + grow

Inner North Community Kindergarten

**Wavell State High School**  
Open Day Information Afternoon  
Sunday 21 May 2017  
2.00pm to 4.30pm



Assembly Hall  
Telopia Avenue,  
Wavell Heights

Organised guided tours of the school  
An address by the Principal  
Opportunities to meet teachers and students  
Afternoon Tea  
Parents and students of any year level are most welcome to attend.

### Go Sports

5 May to 9 June 2017

\$105

Friday  
7.50 to 8.35am

School Oval

Go Soccer  
Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 and Year 3

Go Netball  
Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

Register and pay online at [www.gosports.com.au](http://www.gosports.com.au)  
Or SMS child's name, school, sport to 0417 614 509

**St Albans Church**  
Wilston  
with the  
Early Childhood Centre  
are holding a

Fair  
on Sunday 30 April  
from 9.00am to 12 noon  
on the church grounds  
Lovedale Street and Ingliss Street

# Mother's DAY Stall

**Thursday 11th May**  
**All Gifts \$10**

The Stall will also open on Friday 12 May from 8-9:15  
for those who are away or forget their money on  
Thursday

**Come with your class and choose a  
special gift for Mum or Grandma to  
say a big Thank you for all they do  
for you. You will be supporting you  
school P&C too!**

**Parents,  
If you can spare any time on the day  
to help 800+ kids choose a gift it  
would be greatly appreciated.  
Call or Text Wendy 0411320221**

WILSTON STATE SCHOOL P&C ANNUAL

# TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY  
3 JUNE 2017  
@ 7PM

Prizes, raffles, games  
and lots of fun!  
BYO food.



COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE  
CALENDAR DAY CELEBRATION!

\$250 table of 10 or \$25 per ticket and we will find you a table. Places are limited so get in quick!

Reserve your table via <http://www.wilstonpandc.org.au/index.php/make-a-payment>

Register your theme via [wsstrivia2017@gmail.com](mailto:wsstrivia2017@gmail.com)

THIS IS AN ADULTS-ONLY LICENSED EVENT (NO CHILDREN PLEASE).