

WILSONTON STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3, Issue 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Carers,

NAIDOC Week at Wilsonton State School – 17–21 August



The poster features a lion mascot on the left wearing a blue shirt with 'WSS' on it. The text 'WILSONTON STATE SCHOOL' is at the top left, followed by 'Always our best' in a script font. The main text reads 'NAIDOC WEEK IS THIS WEEK! 17 - 21 AUGUST'. On the right, a circular logo says 'CELEBRATING 50 NAIDOC WEEK'. Below this, it says 'NAIDOC WEEK 50 YEARS DEADLY'. Three activity icons are shown: a person dancing (WILLOW BROLGAS STORYTELLING & DANCE PERFORMANCE), a calendar (FRIDAY 21 AUGUST 9:00AM NAIDOC WEEK PARADE), and a cup of coffee (CUPPA & YARN FOR PARENTS & CARERS). At the bottom, a paragraph states: 'Wilsonton State School is proud to celebrate NAIDOC Week – 50 Years Deadly. Join us as we celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This is a time to recognise, respect and walk together.'

We are proud to celebrate NAIDOC Week - 50 Years: The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy this week.

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are the next generation of leaders and storytellers, and NAIDOC Week provides a wonderful opportunity for them to share their culture, knowledge and experiences with others. I am particularly proud to see our students confidently sharing and celebrating their culture with our school community and helping others to learn, understand and appreciate the richness of First Nations cultures through involvement in Willow Brolgas, class and activities.



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School Motto
Always our Best

School Values
Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be a Learner

I'd like to acknowledge the work of Kiara Taylor, Susan Boase, Jessi Ellison, Sindy Locke and Genevieve Pearson who have worked together to prepare our NAIDOC Week activities this year.

If you can come along and join us for parade on Friday you'll see a special performance by Willow Broglas, who will present an engaging storytelling and dance performance in the school hall. Parade starts at 9am.

Following the performance, we warmly invite our parents and carers to stay for a Cuppa & Yarn. This will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with other families and staff, enjoy a morning tea together and continue celebrating the strength and culture of our school community.

Staffing Update

Miss Sarah Bowden has extended her leave for the remainder of this term, and I am pleased to share that Mel Arthur will continue working with 3SB during that time.

Learning Walks and School Improvement

We continue to strengthen our approach to learning walks as part of our focus on improving teaching and learning across the school.

During the past few weeks, our School Improvement Coach, Penny Grant, worked with members of our leadership team, visiting our three Year 2 classrooms to further develop our approach to learning walks as a leadership team. Matt Gurr and I also visited Serviceton South State School to see how they use learning walks, particularly around English learning walls. We found their approach highly relevant to our own context and identified some practices we can consider as we continue to develop our work. The Serviceton South then had the opportunity to visit our school on Monday. They spoke highly of the work they saw our teachers and support staff doing in classrooms to make learning visible for our students.

Today we welcomed back School Supervisor Coach Lesley Pecchiar and our Acting School Supervisor Darren Marsh. Their visit focused on our work in the area of teaching reading, including Explicit Vocabulary Instruction and the connection between vocabulary teaching and our English learning walls. They too shared some lovely feedback about the work we are doing as a school, the very high levels of engagement from students in classrooms and our approach to explicitly teaching vocabulary.

Save the Date

Wilsonton State School Parent Teacher Interviews

3:20 – 6pm, Tuesday September 15, WSS Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Parents and carers are invited to attend a face-to-face interview with your child's teacher to discuss their progress, celebrate achievements and identify ways we can support their learning.

Each interview will run for 10 minutes.

Due to the number of interviews, appointments will run strictly to schedule, with a bell sounding every 10 minutes. Late arrivals may have a shorter interview. If you are unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an alternative time.

4KK families: Interviews will be held on a different day, Monday the 7th of September.

Please return your slip to Deb, Nikki or Kirsty in the office by Monday 7 September. Early return is encouraged to help secure your preferred time. Your allocated time will be sent home with your child.

Prep Transition – We had a fabulous morning!

Sometimes, as school leaders, we make changes and hope that our plans will have the impact we are hoping for. This year, we made a deliberate decision to change the way we approach Prep transition at Wilsonton State School. Rather than waiting until later in the year, we wanted to begin building relationships with our 2027 Pre-Prep children and their families much earlier.

Our first 2027 Prep Transition Morning was absolutely wonderful! We welcomed 21 children and their families to Wilsonton State School, and the morning was everything we had hoped it would be - relaxed, welcoming, purposeful and full of excitement from our pre-Preps.

During the morning our team had time to talk with individual children and families, introduce themselves and really get to know the children enrolled with us to commence school in 2027. The children explored a range of spaces around our school, enjoyed activities together and had plenty of time simply to play as a whole group. They even had the chance to dance and play with Brian the Lion!

Our Pre-Preps received their very own 2027 Wilsonton State School shirt and a copy of our beautiful new Wilsonton Prep book. With thanks to our P&C, they also received a school hat.

One family shared this beautiful feedback after the morning:

"The event was beautiful and felt so well thought out. Little things like having the colouring activity set up when we walked in, to all the beautiful staff greeting us, to the beautiful prep book. And the shirts! What a lovely idea. I think the minute they put them on, they all felt connected and part of the community."

Our next big opportunity for children to experience what our school has to offer will be our Early Years Extravaganza, with further transition experiences planned throughout the remainder of the year.

We will continue to take enrolments throughout the year but would love to have as many enrolments as possible early in the year to ensure we get to know all the children starting with us as much as possible. When you provide your enrolment paperwork to Kirsty, Nikki and Deb for a 2027 Prep they will give you their Get Ready for Prep bag so they have their shirt, hat and book too.

To all who joined us last week, thank you. It was so lovely to spend the morning with you and your child.

Always our Best in Action

Our Instrumental Music Program, led by Mr Del Jensen, continues to grow, with more students discovering the joy of learning and playing an instrument.

Last week, I had the pleasure of watching some of our Year 5 and 6 Instrumental Music students work with Mr Jensen. Their passion and commitment were wonderful to see, and they proudly shared their rendition of *Surfin' USA* with me.

It is fantastic to see the confidence, teamwork and pride our students are developing through the program. A big thank you to Mr Jensen for sharing his passion for music with our students.

Interested in your child joining Instrumental Music? Please contact the school for more information.



Early Years Extravaganza – Register Now!

We are also looking forward to our inaugural Early Years Extravaganza on Thursday 3 September from 9:00am–11:00am. Families can enjoy sensory play, bubble play, sand play, gross motor activities, crown making, parachute games, face painting, musical entertainment and our student art show, while meeting community organisations including Goolburri, PCYC, Act for Kids and the Toowoomba Library.

We've also secured Maggie Moo Music who will be with us all morning and we will have two face painters joining us too.

You only need to register non-school aged children who are not attending with their kindy. If your child is coming independently, an adult must attend with them.

Scan the QR code on the flyer or register here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/3NV3Fru9fU?origin=QRCode>

If you know a family with a child starting Prep next year, we'd love you to encourage them to enrol and register for these events.

Roar and Explore at **WILSONTON'S** EARLY YEAR'S EXTRAVAGANZA!

A fun and exciting event for future cubs and their families to discover the Wondrous World of Wilsonton!

WILSONTON STATE SCHOOL
WILSONTON S.S.
ALWAYS OUR BEST

SCAN TO REGISTER!

Activities:

- MAGGIE MOO MUSIC
- FACE PAINTERS
- BUBBLE, SAND & SENSORY PLAY
- CRAFT ACTIVITIES
- FIRST FIVE FOREVER
- GOOLBURRI
- ACT FOR KIDS
- WSS ART SHOW

BBQ **COFFEE VAN** ...and more!

DATE: Thursday 3rd Sept

TIME: 9am - 11am

LOCATION: Wilsonton State School
429 Bridge Street
Wilsonton QLD 4350

All future cubs welcome!

Roar, Explore, Grow – Together at Wilsonton!



Wilsonton State School Book Week Wednesday the 26th of August

**You are invited to
come along and help us
celebrate!**

Book Character Dress-up

We encourage students, their family members and staff to come dressed up as their favourite book character. People may also like to come in a costume related to the theme 'Symphony of Stories'.

Book Character Costume Parade

At 9:30am, parents and guardians are invited to the school hall for a costume parade.

Reading Picnic

From 10:15am we'd love for you to join us for a reading picnic. Each class will have a designated area in the school where they will spend time reading,

sharing stories and playing games to celebrate reading and Book Week.

Art Show

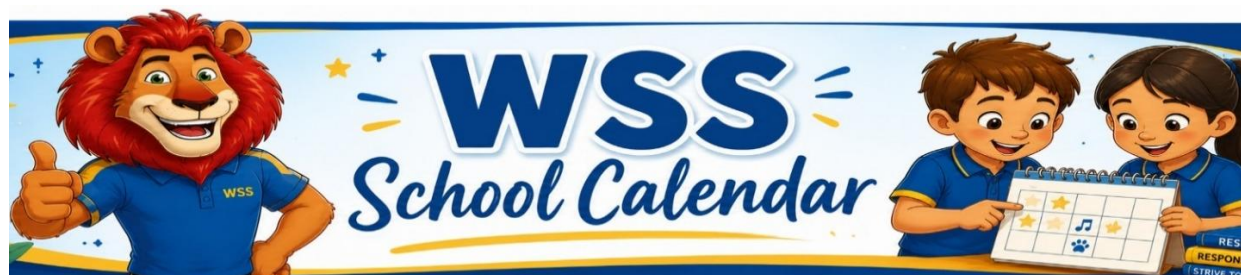
Students, staff and members of the school community are also invited to take a tour of our school Art Show. Our media centre will be transformed to create a beautiful book and story themed art gallery with thanks to the efforts of our students and staff.

It's going to be a fabulous day and we cannot wait to share it with you!

Student Free Day – 4 September

Friday the 4th of September is a Student Free Day for all Queensland State Schools. Please ensure you make arrangements for your child on this day as the leadership team, teachers, teacher aides and office staff will not be on campus.

Warm regards,
Melita Patti
Acting Principal



Week 6	17 August	NAIDOC Week
	18 August	Year 3 Swimming
	19 August	Newsletter Published Cuppa and Connect with Miss Jessi – 8:30 – 9:30
	20 August	
	21 August	Year 5/6 Sport NAIDOC Week Performance at Parade National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
Week 7	24 August	Book Week
	25 August	Year 3 Swimming
	26 August	WSS Book Week Day of Celebration
	27 August	
	28 August	Year 5/6 Sport
Week 8	31 August	
	1 Sept	Year 3 Swimming
	2 Sept	Newsletter Published Cuppa and Connect with Miss Jessi – 8:30 – 9:30
	3 Sept	Wilsonton's Early Years Extravaganza 9-11am Teacher Aide and School Support Staff Day
	4 Sept	STUDENT FREE DAY
Week 9	7 Sept	Emu Gully Year 5 Camp
	8 Sept	Year 3 Swimming Emu Gully Year 5 Camp
	9 Sept	Emu Gully Year 5 Camp P&C Meeting Cuppa and Connect with Miss Jessi – 8:30 – 9:30 Year 4 Amaroo
	10 Sept	
	11 Sept	Year 5/6 Sport Gold Awards
Week 10	14 Sept	
	15 Sept	PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
	16 Sept	Newsletter Published Cuppa and Connect with Miss Jessi – 8:30 – 9:30
	17 Sept	P-2 Athletics and P&C BBQ
	18 Sept	Year 5/6 Sport Free Dress Day

Thank You!



A HUGE
THANK YOU
TO GRAND CENTRAL!



We are thrilled to announce that **Wilson State School** won \$2000 in the recent *Shop for Your Schools* promotion!

This incredible support from Grand Central will make a real difference for our school and our students. **Thank you** for investing in our community and helping us **create even more opportunities** for every learner.

Always 
our **Best**



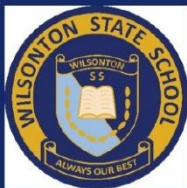
PRIDE IN OUR SCHOOL. PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY.



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WEST ZONE ATHLETICS

WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST 2026

Wilsonton State School representative team

Congratulations to all of our West Zone competitors!

Every student did a wonderful job representing Wilsonton State School in their events.



PROUDLY REPRESENTING WILSONTON



Outstanding Results

Harlee-Quinn Petzler

Long jump - 4th place

Joshua Lilliman

Long jump - 3rd place

Lucas Bartkowski

100 m: 1st in heat, 5th in final | 200 m: 2nd in heat, 8th in final

Lydia McCarthy

Shot put - 2nd place, with a throw of 7 m 34 cm

Freddie Radke

1500 m final - 16th place | 800 m - 2nd place



ALWAYS OUR BEST

Congratulations to every student who competed and supported the team.

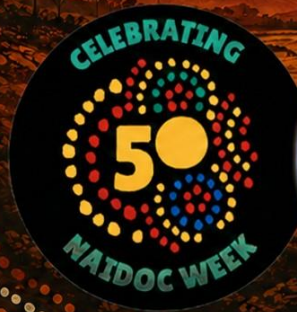


2GW are thrilled to have won the attendance trophy again! We are so proud of 2GW for showing up and giving their best every day. Our attendance has been above 90% every week, which is an amazing achievement. Thank you to our students and families for helping us make every day count!



Help us celebrate NAIDOC's
50 years of deadly with a
CUPPA AND YARN

Friday 21st August 2026
In the hall, after school parade
until 10.30am



All Wilson State School
parents and carers welcome

SWIMMING LESSONS TUESDAY

4TH AUG. 11TH AUG. 18TH AUG.
25TH AUG. 1ST SEPT & 8TH SEPT

3NA, 3SB, 3JH



PHOTO COMPETITION

WE WANT TO SEE WHAT FAMILY MEANS TO YOU!



Send in a photo that shows what family means to you – this could be a family portrait, morning routine, a shared meal or even that never-ending pile of washing!



PLEASE NOTE:

Your photo may be uploaded to our Facebook page.



Laughs ❤️



Together time ❤️



That never-ending pile! ❤️



Cuddles ❤️



Sharing ❤️

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY WITHIN
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. ❤️

WILSONTON
STATE SCHOOL



❤️ AMAZING PRIZES! ❤️



FIRST PRIZE
is a family pass to
'INTO SPACE - THE EMPIRE'



RUNNERS UP PRIZES PROUDLY FROM

CHIPMUNKS
Playland & Café



COMPETITION WILL BE JUDGED ON
FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER



SO EMAIL YOUR PHOTO TO
FAMILY SUPPORT COORDINATOR JESSI
JPENN74@EQ.EDU.AU

⚡ We can't wait
to see your photos! ❤️

BOOK CLUB

**ORDERS
DUE
TUES
1ST SEPT**



TRANSITION MORNING 2

for Year 7 2027 students
WSHS Auditorium 8:30am to 11:45am

All students enrolled
in Year 7 for 2027
are eligible to attend!
Get your enrolment
forms in now!

Monday 7th September

Year 6 Rockville SS/other school's students

Wednesday 9th September

Year 6 Wiltonon SS students

Friday 11th September

Year 6 Fairview SS students

**** Student must have returned their
enrolment forms to attend**

SCHOOL TOUR

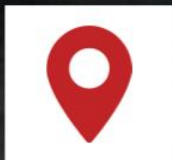
2026



24
August



3:30PM
Start Time



MEET
TSHS Administration

Join us for an in-depth School Tour, led by our Principal,
Ms Sippel and experience the Lofty Difference!

Darling Downs

AUSSIE HOOPS

Wilsonton Primary



Darling Downs



Sign up today!



7 WEEKS / SESSIONS
AUG 24TH TO OCT 26TH
11:00AM TO 11:40AM

- ✓ Grade 1 -6
- ✓ Runs on Mondays

\$130

New Aussie Hooper: Includes
a ball & customised jersey

\$75

For returning Aussie Hoopers (pack not included!)



COACH POP



BONUS BASKETBALL

At Pop Dickerson's Runnin Rebels Basketball Club
Free training for the duration of the Aussie Hoops
program.

When: Saturday

Time: 8-9am

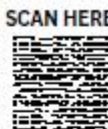
Where: The Glennie School 41 Vacy Street

Government assistance to play sport!

Get \$200 for Sport via Play - Available Jul 27th **SCAN HERE**

Left-over voucher funds can go towards future
training sessions at our club.

*voucher can't be used to
purchase merchandise



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