

WILSONTON STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1, Issue 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Good afternoon, Wilsonton State School Community,

As we make our way through Week 5 of Term 1, I continue to be proud of the work our school community is doing. It has been a wonderful start to the year and it is hard to believe we are near the halfway point of Term 1 already!

As we are in the middle of learning I encourage you all to please discuss with your children what they are learning. I am sure you will be just as pleased as I am with their responses! Please see below for important messages.

2025 Improvement Agenda

Building on the success of 2024, 2025 continues to shape up as another great year at Wilsonton SS! A reminder, our improvement priorities for the year are **Reading, Student Engagement and Inclusion**.

Actions in these 3 areas will see our school ensure the best possible practices in teaching our students to read, pedagogy used in classrooms, whole school expectation systems and how we ensure all students receive what they need to be successful. If you have any questions of the work currently being undertaken by our wonderful staff in this area, please contact a staff member to discuss further.

School Review

Every 4 years all QLD state schools are required to undertake a school review. The review process involves us showcasing our great school to 3 or 4 other principals from outside of our region. The purpose of the review is to review our work for the last 4 years and to provide next steps



that will assist in creating our 4 Year Strategic Plan moving forward. Next week we have the privilege of having our school review from Tuesday to Thursday.

I look forward to sharing with you all the findings of the review and celebrating our recent successes.

To ensure the reviewers complete a thorough review from everyone involved with our school, they will contact some parents via phone and potentially chat to parents during drop off/pick up time.



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School Motto

Always our Best

School Values

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be a Learner

Communication

As a school and through our P and C we have been holding discussions regarding our school's communication methods. The response we are fielding is a keen preference to move to digital communication. With this in mind we continue to investigate platforms/apps that may meet our contextual needs. Please stay tuned for further communication of any communication changes that may eventuate.



Attendance

As we approach the mid-way point of the term work and assessment tasks are in full swing and approaching. With this in mind, it is vital that if your children are fit and healthy that they are at school doing their learning. To ensure we give our kids the best chance for success it is important that they are exposed to the content needed in their learning. We can only ensure this if students are at school.

Uniform



A reminder to all regarding our uniform policy that we forged and distributed last year. As we start to be greeted with cooler weather, please ensure that all jumpers are blue without hoods. I also want to remind everyone that jewellery must remain at home to keep it safe and for safety purposes. If you would like a copy of what is and isn't permitted at school please contact the office for more detail.

Charlie Moncada

P & C
AGM
WEDNESDAY
12TH MARCH
NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

From the Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning

The Positives of Arriving at School on Time



At Wilson SS, our classroom doors open at 8:30am. This time is vital as it gives our students time to ready themselves for their day and it's also a terrific time for our teachers to check-in with each of their students before learning formally commences. When children enter the room in the morning their teacher will have a routine for them to follow and activities to be completed. In the coming weeks, some of our younger children will be invited to participate in specialised early morning programs to help develop their work knowledge and reading skills. This is also a great time for children to be completing fine motor activities, reading with their peers and catching up on tasks they may not have completely finished the day before.

Arriving on time:

- Ensures your child doesn't miss out on the important learning activities that happen early in the day when they are feeling refreshed and ready for new learning.
- Helps your child to learn about routines and habits they will require for later in life.
- Gives your child time to greet their friends and teacher before learning time commences and this can reduce the possibility of disruptions in the classroom.



Our New Approach to Teaching Phonics and Spelling - PLD

Since the beginning of this year our whole school has been implementing our new approach to teaching phonics and spelling using a program called PLD. I shared a little information about PLD in the previous newsletter.

I have been working closely with our teachers to implement the program, as has our new PLD teacher, Amy Gibbs. I am tremendously proud of the work our students, teachers and teacher aides are doing to implement the program.

I dropped by 1SS during a PLD lesson and was thrilled to see our students so engaged and proud to share their new learning with me.

When talking with your child about their school day, I encourage you to ask them about their learning during PLD lessons as I am sure they will be very keen to share with you what they have been up to!



Watching Others Work (WOW) Program

I have shared with you previously how fortunate we are to have such an amazing teaching team and I am very privileged to work with them closely as we implement teaching and learning initiatives at our school.

One of those initiatives is our WOW Program which focuses on pedagogy or the craft of teaching. Twice a term teachers volunteer to have other WSS colleagues visit their classroom to observe teaching and learning in another classroom or year level. Teachers observing are looking for strategies and techniques they can use with their own class or groups. I'd like to thank 1JB, 2LW, 4KK, 6JF and 6NW and their teachers for being involved in our first WOW Day of the year.

In addition to this, many of our teachers join me after school, three afternoons a term to talk about pedagogy, specifically the Teach Like a Champion approach. We had 17 teachers come together for our first meeting of the year in Week 3 which is amazing! Our teachers are dedicated to professional learning and adopting new ways of teaching to best suit the learning needs of our students.

I look forward to sharing more about our approach to pedagogy throughout the year.

Year 4-6 School Swimming Program

Unfortunately some issues with our school pool and its chlorination system saw us need to cancel swimming lessons last week. We hope to have lessons recommence again soon.

Year 2 DLSA Swimming Program

Our Year 2 students have gotten off to an awesome start with their swimming lessons. Lessons continue on Tuesdays through to the 25th of March.

Wear Orange for Harmony Day – 21 March

We will be celebrating Harmony Day on the 21st of March. Students, staff and community members are encouraged to wear **orange** to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity. It is a very special day about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Students can wear as much orange as they like, but please note this is not a free dress day where students can wear anything. Students are to wear their uniform if not wearing orange. Students need to wear their regular school shoes. Students in Year 5 and 6 also need to ensure what they wear is sun safe and suitable for playing sport.



Coming Soon – WSS Cross Country

Our students are now preparing for the annual WSS Cross Country which will be held on the 26th of March. Year level groups complete the cross country on a variety of tracks inside the school grounds and around the boundary of the school. Cross Country distances are as follows:

Wilson State School Cross Country



Otter

Cherokee

Piper

Cessna

Prep - 300m, Yr 1- 600m, Yr 2- 900m, Yr 3- 1.2km, Yr 4- 1.4km, Yr 5- 1.5km, Yr 6 – 1.8km

We encourage students to train for their event and it's important their pace is a steady jog, not a sprint, to be able to complete the distance.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend and we'll have more information for you in the coming weeks.



Year 5 Emu Gully Camp

We are very close to confirming the cost per student for the Year 5 camp and more information will be sent home very soon. The camp group is strictly limited to 40 students, so it will be important to put a deposit down on a place at the camp to secure this experience for your child.

The camp will be held from the 8th to the 10th of September.

You can visit the Emu Gully website here:

<https://www.emugully.com.au/>

Keep an eye out for more information, including an invoice to make a payment, coming home with your child very soon.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Each semester we invite parents/guardians to participate in a face-to-face interview with their child's teacher. These interviews provide a wonderful opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress to date and ask any questions you might have about how their learning is progressing. This year, interviews will be held on Monday the 31st of March, in the school hall, commencing at 3:20pm.

A letter with additional information and a return slip will be sent home later in the term. We look forward to seeing you at parent teacher interviews during week 10.

Cub Care – Urgent Paediatric Consults

The information below was taken directly from the Cub Care website:

Who do we treat?

Almost anything short of an emergency, but if you think your child needs to go straight to hospital, you're probably right, please call 000.

How can we help?

Our service includes:

- Virtual Ward - video, audio and text consults with a Paediatric Emergency Doctor
- Prescriptions to a pharmacy of your choice
- Pathology requests including COVID-19 testing forms
- X-ray requests

Is this service really free?

Yes! For Darling Downs residents this service is free, thanks to support from Darling Downs Health. Please check your eligibility to learn more.



Cub Care
URGENT PAEDIATRIC CONSULTS

- Free emergency video consults for kids in the Darling Downs region
- 4-10pm, 7 Days a Week

ddkids.com.au
1800 519 552

Urgent Care Clinic

Located at
Corner of West & James Street

They treat –
Cuts requiring stitches
Basic fracture
Minor burns
Insect/Animal bites
Dental emergencies
Removal of objects from ears,
skin, nose & throat
Minor illnesses



medicare
Urgent Care Clinic

Care when it's urgent,
but not an emergency.

Toowoomba
Medical & Dental Centre
A ForHealth Practice

Open 7 days, Monday – Sunday
8am – 10pm
Walk-in and online appointments.
Bulk-billed services.
Corner West & James Street, Toowoomba
☎ 07 4642 2025

See us for treatment of urgent but non-life-threatening injuries and illnesses.
We are open 7 days a week until 10pm. Walk-ins are welcome.
Appointments are bulk-billed.

We Treat

Minor injuries including:

- + Lacerations/cuts requiring stitches
- + Basic fracture management
- + Minor burns
- + Insect and animal bites
- + Dental emergencies
- + Removal of foreign body from ear, skin, nose or throat

Minor illnesses including:

- + Respiratory symptoms
- + ENT infections
- + Rashes
- + Urinary tract infections
- + Gastroenteritis
- + Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)
- + Conjunctivitis

☎ 07 4642 2025

Scan here for opening hours and to book an appointment online.



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School Calendar

Please add the following dates to your calendar.

School Terms

Term 1: Tuesday 28 January to Friday 4 April—10 weeks

Term 2: Tuesday 22 April to Friday 27 June—10 weeks

Term 3: Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September—10 weeks

Term 4: Tuesday 7 October to Friday 12 December—10 weeks

24 Feb	
25 Feb	Year 2 Swimming 4MS Kids Helpline Online Session
26 Feb	
27 Feb	
28 Feb	Year 5 and 6 Sport (2-3pm) 4KK Kids Helpline Online Session
3 Mar	Prep Vision Screens
4 Mar	Year 2 Swimming Whole School Review
5 Mar	Whole School Review
6 Mar	Whole School Review Mayoral School Leaders Morning Tea
7 Mar	Year 5 and 6 Sport (2-3pm)
10 Mar	
11 Mar	Year 2 Swimming
12 Mar	P&C AGM & Meeting NAPLAN
13 Mar	NAPLAN
14 Mar	Year 5 and 6 Sport (2-3pm) NAPLAN
17 Mar	Harmony Week Year 3 Amaroo NAPLAN
18 Mar	Year 2 Swimming Year 3 Amaroo NAPLAN
19 Mar	NAPLAN
20 Mar	NAPLAN
21 Mar	NAPLAN Harmony Day Celebration Year 5 and 6 Sport (2-3pm) 4KK Kids Helpline Online Session
24 Mar	NAPLAN 4MS Kids Helpline Online Session
25 Mar	Year 2 Swimming
26 Mar	WSS Cross Country
27 Mar	P&C Meal Deal
28 Mar	Toowoomba Show Public Holiday
31 Mar	
1 Apr	
2 Apr	
3 Apr	
4 Apr	Final Day of Term 1

Melita Patti

Deputy Principal

Year 4 Science

In Science, Year 4 have been exploring the Interactions between living things. 4KK have been working on biodomes to show how consumers and producers interact with each other in their habitats. Check out our biodomes!





YEAR 3
AMAROO
17/03 – 3JH
18/03 – 3NA/3ZA



BOOK CLUB
DUE
WEDNESDAY
19TH MARCH



YEAR 5 CAMP
EMU GULLY
\$100 TO
SECURE SPOT
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE



YEAR 6 CAMP
TALLEBUDGERA
\$100 TO SECURE
SPOT
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE