

# WILSONTON STATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 2, Issue 2

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Good Afternoon Wilsonton State School community,

I would like to start with a very big thankyou to you all for your warm welcome to the school. Although it's only my second week, I feel as if I have been here much longer due to your kindness and welcoming nature. Please continue to come and say hi if you see me out and about. I look forward to continuing to get to know you all and becoming a part of this great community.



Since I started last week I have spent a lot of time in classroom, talking with staff and becoming accustomed with current structures and processes to best assist all of our kids. I am very happy to share that there are so many wonderful things taking place each and every day to ensure success for our little ones. We really have a wonderful school of kids who are friendly and welcoming, and a staff that is dedicated, committed and professional. I look forward to continuing to learn and work with the team to best understand Wilsonton State School.

*Please see below for some important messages.*

### School Security

Safety of students, staff and the community is of the upmost importance for the leadership team at Wilsonton State School and is something we take very seriously when making decisions about school operations. In keeping with this, towards the end of last term, we began a security review process, involving members of our leadership team, as well as regional and central office representatives. There have been many findings that we at school have been called to act upon to ensure our school fulfills Departmental policies, procedures and guidelines.



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### *School Motto*

Always our Best

### *School Values*

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be a Learner

There is one particular aspect that we are obliged to do that we are asking for your assistance with in regards to pick-up times and locations. The reason for this is because we need to have all our school gates locked at 9.30am until 2.45pm in the afternoons.

#### What this means is:

- **Members of the school community need to access the school from the office from 9.30am**
- **Parents/guardians are unable to enter school grounds to wait to collect their children until after 2.45pm**
- **Any access to the school prior to 2.45pm (to collect children early) must be through the front office**

Whilst I understand this will cause a change to normal proceedings, please understand that this is a requirement to ensure the security and safety of all at Wilsonton State School. We thank you for your understanding of this required change. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

#### Facebook

I encourage all that haven't as yet to please like the Wilsonton State School Facebook page. I intend to utilise this to continue to celebrate the many great things our school and students do on a regular basis.

I will also be conducting fortnightly school updates via Facebook on the alternate weeks to the newsletter. Stay tuned for our first video which will be posted on Friday afternoon of week 5.



#### Student Leadership

Last week I met with our student leadership team to brain storm some ideas on how we can effectively lead our designated areas and some strategies that may assist. I look forward to meeting with our leaders on a regular basis and stretching their clear leadership potential.

Have a great week Wilsonton!!!

Charles Moncada

Principal



## From the Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning

### Book Week is Coming - 21 August!

The countdown has begun for one of my favourite days of the school year. Our Book Week Day of Celebration is a very special day and a much-loved part of the WSS school calendar. We are looking forward to celebrating it with our students and school community on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August. While it's still a few months away, we'd love you to mark the date in your calendar now and get thinking about costumes. It will be a day full of fun, laughter and storytelling.

The theme this year is 'Reading is Magic'.

This is how we will be celebrating on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August:

- Book Character Costume Dress Up
- Book Costume Parade
- Book Week Art Show
- Reading Picnics



### Year 7 2024 Transition Program – WSHS

It's not too early to be thinking about enrolling Year 6 students for high school in 2025. Doing so ensure you and your child have as much information about the school as possible and are able to participate in all transition activities.

Transition Days are critical part of a child's transition to High School as they provide opportunities to become familiar with their next learning environment, school procedures and staff.

**Wilsonton State High School** will be hosting Transition Days on the following dates this year:

1. Any prospective student - June 13 (Term 2)
2. Enrolled students only – September 11 (Term 3)
3. Enrolled students only - December 6 (Term 4)

On Transition Day, students are required to meet at the WSHS Auditorium and bring their morning tea, lunch, water bottle and a hat. Transition Days involve a full day program from 8.45am – 2.55pm.

If you'd like to know more about the transition program of the high school your child will attend next year, I encourage you to give the school a call and have a chat with the person responsible for their transition program. At Wilsonton SHS, that person is Mr Mick Jarroush.

## **Year 5 Emu Gully Camp**

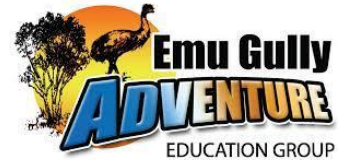
Places available for the Year 5 camp to Emu Gully in September are filling very, very fast. We have less than half of the places available remaining. To secure a place for your child, please pay the \$100 deposit as soon as possible.

**Ten places remain!**  
**Get in quick to secure a place for your child.**

**WHEN:** Monday the 2nd to Wednesday the 4th of September

**COST:** \$312.50 per student, this includes bus transport, accommodation, all meals, equipment and activities.

**PAYMENT:** A non-refundable deposit of \$100.



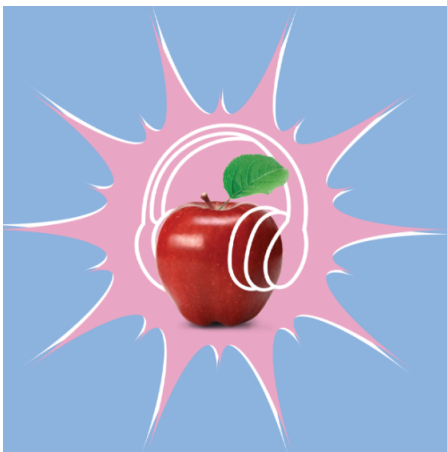
Numbers are strictly limited to 50 students, so it is important to note that it is essential to pay the deposit as soon as possible. Full payment must be made by the 9th of August.

Periodic payments can be made at any time; however the full payment of \$312.50 must be made by Friday the 9th of August.

Thank you to the Wilsonton State School P&C for funding the transport costs for this camp.

The Emu Gully website is a great place to go if you are looking for more background information about the camp. You can find it at: <https://www.emugully.com.au/helidon-campus>

## **Grand Central 'Shop for your School' Promotion**



### **SHOP FOR YOUR SCHOOL**

Help your local school  
**WIN a share of \$23,000!\***

Upload your receipt/s from purchases made at Grand Central to earn points for your school.

Plus, you'll automatically go into the draw to win some incredible weekly prizes to thank you for your support.

Our school is in the running to win \$10 000 through the Grand Central Shop for Your School promotion. **We are currently in 5<sup>th</sup> place and would love your help to move up the prize ladder.**

All you need to do is:

- Spend at participating stores in Grand Central between 1 May – 9 June
- Visit <https://www.schoolrewardsatgc.com.au/home> to register your details and nominate Wilsonton State School as the school you would like your points to go towards.
- Every dollar you spend earns a point to the participating local school of your choice. The more you enter, the more chances to win!

Plus, you'll automatically go into the draw to win a weekly \$100 Grand Central gift card to thank you for your support.

School Prizes:

1st Prize - \$10,000

2nd Prize - \$5,000

3rd Prize - \$3,000

4th Prize - \$2,000

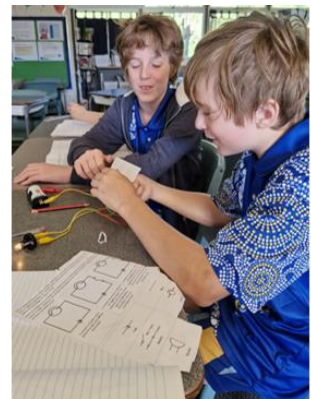
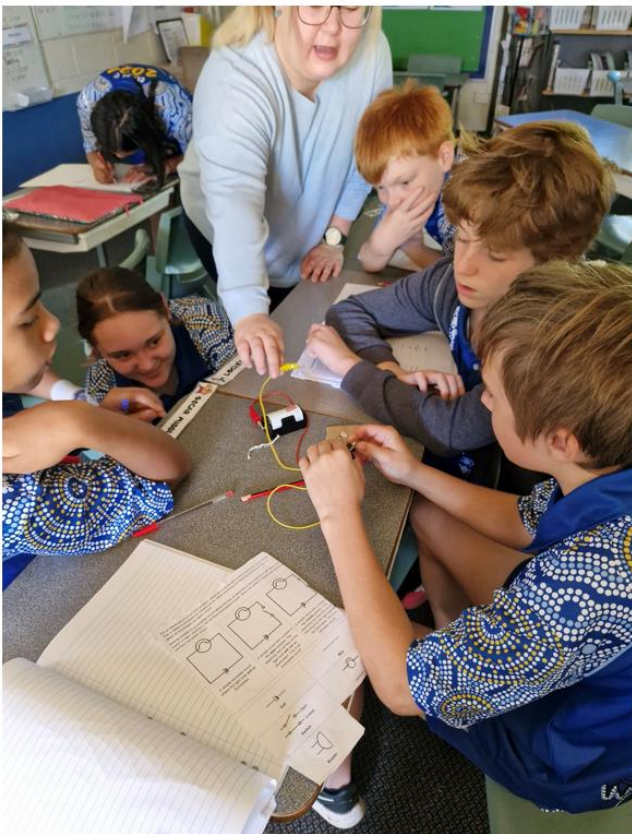
5th Prize - \$1,000

Runners Up Prizes - \$200 Grand Central Gift Cards

Thank you for your support!

### **Year 6 Science**

Our Year 6 students are learning about electricity this term and have had lots of fun making simple circuits. I visited 6SS last week when they were completing group activities to solve problems involving batteries and light bulbs.



Thank you Mr Gray and the students of 6SS for sharing your learning with me.

## Year 1 Swimming Lessons

Our Year 1s have commenced their swimming lessons this week and are having a blast! Lesson days are Tuesdays - 14, 21, 28 May; and 4, 11 June

Children will need to bring a waterproof bag, togs, bathing cap, sunshirt and a towel. Swimming bags (\$12.00) and bathing caps (\$3.00) are available for purchase at the School Office.

Please ensure that all belongings are named.

**Please note, parents and carers are not permitted to attend lessons as the DLSA pool is also being accessed by members of the public for private lessons.**

## School Calendar

Week 4	May 6	
	May 7	
	May 8	
	May 9	
	May 10	Year 5/6 Sport Training (2-3pm)
Week 5	May 13	
	May 14	Year 1 Swimming Program
	May 15	P&C Subway Meal Deal
	May 16	
	May 17	Athletics Training (2-3pm)
Week 6	May 20	
	May 21	Year 1 Swimming Program
	May 22	
	May 23	
	May 24	Athletics Training (2-3pm)
Week 7	May 27	
	May 28	Year 1 Swimming Program
	May 29	Prep Amaroo – PYAT
	May 30	
	May 31	Athletics Training
Week 8	June 3	Prep Amaroo – PYGL and PYKR
	June 4	Sing Out
	June 5	
	June 6	
	June 7	Athletics Training (2-3pm)
Week 9	June 10	
	June 11	Year 1 Swimming Program
	June 12	P&C Meeting
	June 13	
	June 14	Year 5/6 Sport Training (2-3pm)
Week 10	June 17	
	June 18	
	June 19	Report cards distributed WSS Athletics Carnival
	June 20	WSS Athletics Carnival
	June 21	Australian Early Development Census closes Year 5/6 Sport Training (2-3pm)

# WSS P & C UPDATE

## WEEK 4

### NEXT MEETING:

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Wednesday 9th June, 2024

4.30pm

Wilsonton State School Library

### MEAL DEAL

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Subway Meal Deal

Date: Wednesday 15th May

1st Break

### RECYCLING

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*We are launching a bottle recycling program. Crates will be provided in lunch sheds for students to recycle poppers and plastic bottles. 10c for every container will be donated to the P&C.*

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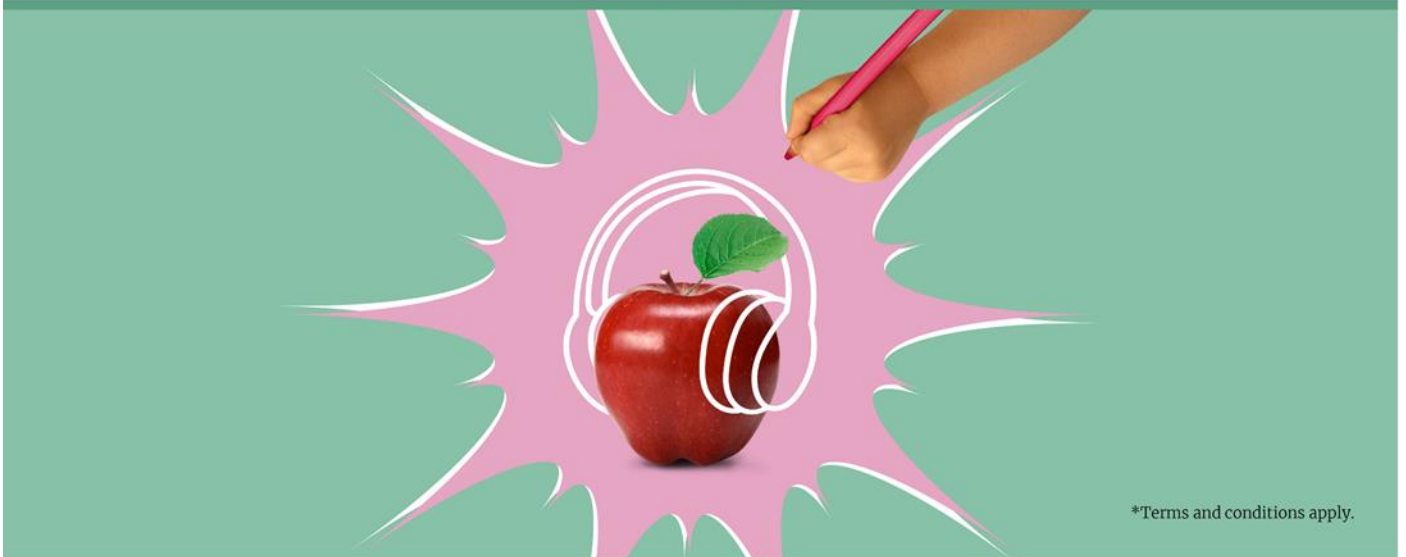


# SHOP FOR YOUR SCHOOL

**1 MAY - 9 JUNE**

Help your local school WIN a share  
of over \$23,000! Plus weekly giveaways\*

Find out more



\*Terms and conditions apply.

GRAND CENTRAL





**ONLY 10 SPOTS AVAILABLE  
FOR YEAR 5 CAMP –  
\$100 TO SECURE A SPOT**

**PLEASE SEE LADIES  
AT OFFICE IF YOU HAVE  
ANY QUESTIONS**



**PREP AMAROO EXCURSION**

**PYAT – 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**PYKR & PYGL – 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE**

**PAYMENT & PERMISSION FORMS**

**BY MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY**



**PARENT PLEASE CHECK**  
**YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN'S BAG**  
**FOR A LETTER REGARDING**  
**OUTSTANDING LIBRARY BOOKS.**  
**THESE NEED TO BE RETURNED**  
**AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**