Welcome to the 2013 School Year
The commencement of the 2013 school year has welcomed 139 students and their families to our Wilton Public School family. It has also seen the positioning of two demountables to cater for the increase in student enrolments. This increase in enrolments has resulted in a significant increase in staff allocated to the school.
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new staff members to our school and look forward to working with them throughout the year.
Classes for 2013 are as follows:
KM - Mrs Blake McLeod
KT - Mrs Lea Tidyman
KA - Mrs Heather Ale (Relieving Assistant Principal)
KS - Mrs Jenna Smith
1L - Miss Katie Louttit
2B - Miss Cobi Nicholls (replacing Mrs Breasley on Maternity Leave)
3/4C - Miss Shelley Clune
4/5/6 - Mrs Clancy Gibbs (MTW) and Mrs Carley Timmins (TH&F)
Reading Recovery/Support Teacher Learning - Miss Rene Ghassibe
RFF and classroom support - Miss Brittany Patrick
Administration and Support Staff
Mrs Tina Darley - School Administration Manager
Mrs Jayne D’Arcy – School Administration Officer (Tues only)
Mrs Kate Ricketts and Mrs Shelley Shaw – Student Learning Support Officers
Mrs Kellie Osgood – Student Learning Support Officer-Integration (Tues)/ School Administration Officer (Mon)
Mr Joel Beazley – General Assistant
Mrs Leanne Sathiah- School Counsellor (every Monday)

New Systems Operating in the School
1. Gates: To ensure the safety of all students there is now a need for our entry gates to be locked during school time. This ensures that students are unable to leave the school grounds without permission and strangers are unable to enter unsupervised. This is as a result of Work Health and Safety obligations to ensure the safety of all students. Gates will be locked at 9.40am and reopened at 3.20pm. If you require entry to the school outside of these times, please just call the office on 4630 8006 and the gate will be opened for you. I apologise if this has caused an inconvenience for anyone, however, as I have stated before, the safety of students is paramount.

2. Morning and Afternoon Assemblies
It is very exciting to see so many families present for our morning and afternoon assemblies. However we have identified the need for cones to be placed around the area to ensure that the students can hear the announcements made by the teachers. I ask that you position yourself outside the marked area and request that noise be kept to a minimum so that parents can hear the announcements as well.

3. Bus Timetable
I have been informed by Picton Buslines that due to an increase in student numbers we will be allocated our own bus for the after school run. This bus will arrive at school by 3.40pm and consequently, students will arrive home earlier than previously. This new run will be the RABBIT bus. All parents of students who currently hold a bus pass will be sent a new timetable by the bus company outlining all of the specific details prior to the commencement of the changes.

4. Before and After School Care
A Before and After School Care facility will operate from our school grounds from March 4 this term. Big Fat Smile (previously known as Illawarra Children’s Services) will use our facilities here at the school as an interim to the construction of their Long Day Care Centre and Before and After School Care facility directly opposite the school. It is expected that the construction of this centre will be complete by November this year. In the meantime our hall will be used for this service. Please find attached a full outline of the details, including an offer of free care for a short period of time. Interested parents are invited to request an enrolment package from the office. A representative from the Big Fat Smile will be available at school to answer any parent questions on February 25th, 26th and 27th between 9am – 9:30am.

Active After School Communities Program
From next Wednesday the AASC basketball program will incorporate all students from K-6. Please ensure that your child is wearing his/her sport uniform on this day.
This a Federal Government Funded Initiative which provides the students with the opportunity to experience a variety of healthy lifestyle activities. The program also provides fresh fruit for these sessions. As our numbers have increased we are no longer able to accommodate all of our students under the government funding, so I have decided to fund the extra session from the school budget to ensure that all of our students have access to this wonderful program. Please complete the AASC Participation and Research Consent form and return it to your child’s teacher by Tuesday 19/2.

Construction of Shade Sails
The construction of our second shade sail was completed during week one of term. This sail was funded through our school budget to help alleviate the shortage of shade areas where the children can sit and play. I am currently applying for a grant to assist in the funding of the $7000.00 to place a third sail over the silver seat area. Fingers crossed, I will keep you posted!!!

Canteen
A big thankyou to Mrs Randall and Mrs Doubell who have so graciously offered to manage our school canteen. They have outlined an exciting menu for this term and would appreciate volunteers to assist with preparation and serving each Friday. The canteen will only open for Friday lunches, with a possibility of opening for a second day in the second semester. Our canteen does not sell recess items and I don’t foresee any changes to this in the near future.

Woolworths Voucher Redemption
Our rewards from last year’s Woolworth Voucher Drive arrived this week. With such a wonderful response from our community, we were able to order a large variety of maths and language resources for the classroom. A photo of these items has been placed near the term planner outside the admin office. Well done Wilton community, you have done us proud!

Head Lice
With the warm weather we see an increase in the number of students experiencing head lice. I ask that you ensure that you consistently check your child’s hair and treat accordingly. The internet provides a wealth of information on how to effectively address the issue of head lice. You can also access the NSW Health website for more information. Please also note that children presenting at school with head lice cannot be sent home by the school. If there is a presence of head lice in your child’s class, everyone in the class will be given a note to inform parents.

School Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all of our students who represented Wilton at the Picton PS swimming carnival. From all reports, these students were great ambassadors for our school. Congratulations to Keisha Haezebruck, Sarah Day, Tamara Rean, Adeline Veech, Braydon Taylor, Jake Pizzuto, Reece Perram, Hogan Pascoe and Brock Sturges who will represent the school at the Zone Swimming Carnival on 28/2 and 1/3.

Calendar Dates
15/2 - Meet and Greet BBQ 6.00pm
18/2 - Best Start Assessment for all Kindergarten students commences
20/2 - P&C Meeting 6pm
21/2-22/2 - Installation of the school’s solar panels on Admin block
22/2 - Wanderers’ Soccer Clinic for classes 1L and 2B
23/2 - P&C BBQ at Bunnings. Volunteers desperately needed. If you can spare an hour please notify the front office or Mark Williams.
25-27/2 – Big Fat Smile representative at school 9 - 9:30am
28/2-1/3 - Zone Swimming Carnival

Kindest regards
Debra Gray

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