Welcome back.
It was great to see the smiling faces of our students on Tuesday morning, especially those of the students new to Pilton. We started with three new students in Mrs Heaton’s class, Kaela, Charlie and Riley and two new students in my class, Katelyn and Leon. We welcome all new students and their families.

2013 School Centenary.
Further congratulations are due to the Centenary organisers and the Pilton community who together made the Centenary Day such a wonderful event. The Centenary Day was awarded Event of the Year for 2013 at the Clifton Australia Day Awards

In the classrooms.
We have started the year with the same break up of classes we had in 2013, a Prep to Year 2 class with Mrs Heaton and Ms Stewart and a Year 3-6 class with Mrs Duggan and me. To date, twenty new and previous students have attended this year. We are desperately hoping at least one more student arrives in the next couple of days. If our enrolment stays at twenty, we will lose Mrs Heaton and I will need to take responsibility for all seven year levels. This is obviously far from ideal as, with numbers at the maximum for the class, it will be a difficult task to manage the teaching and learning for all students.

So, if you know someone who is thinking Pilton could be a good choice for their child, please ask them to come along and see for themselves what we have to offer. Our twenty-first student has to be enrolled by next Thursday morning, 6th February or I need a signed letter of intent to enrol the student before the end of February.

Parent and Citizens Association.
A date will soon be announced for the Annual General Meeting of the Pilton P&C. All parents and interested community members are invited to attend. I am hopeful that the meeting will proceed in similar fashion to last year. In 2013, we held a “meet and greet” for new parents that included a barbecue tea. This was followed by just the AGM to elect office bearers for the year. So that it did not become a protracted meeting, the General Meeting of the P&C was held over to a later date.

This year, the AGM will require one additional item as a new P&C constitution has to be approved. This should be a brief item of business as we generally adopt the model constitution from the Education Queensland website.

Please give consideration to running for a position on the executive. The P&C plays a major role in the school. An example of the value of a strong P&C for this time of year is the use of book lists. Because the P&C supports the school so strongly, the school is still able to provide writing pads, stationery, text books, copy paper, tissues etc etc, all things usually found on school book lists. This is probably a saving of over $100 per student, more than enough to cover the family levy set by the P&C. So, become an active member of your P&C, give some thought to fundraising ideas and support fundraising activities. It is in both your child’s and your interests to do so.

Parent and Community Involvement.
As I advised last year, I will be calling on parents and other community members to have much more input in how the school is run. We are not necessarily asking you to run the school on a day to day basis, but to ensure some of our policies and procedures are understood and agreed to by you.

A number of processes and documents are involved. They include:

- The Annual Implementation Plan or AIP.
  This is effectively our budget but includes our major areas of focus for school improvement. Based on our NAPLAN data from recent years, the AIP will include a focus on Spelling and Numeracy.

- The Curriculum, Teaching and Learning (the CT&L Audit).
  The auditor will want to speak to one or more parent representatives, probably including the P&C president. The Teaching and Learning Audit process places a strong focus on auditing key curriculum, teaching, learning and assessment practices of a school.
The Discipline Audit.
A Discipline Audit is a process where an independent, experienced school principal (Discipline Auditor) visits the school to collect a range of data and information about school wide behaviour programs, practices and procedures. This audit will occur with the CT&L audit. I am hopeful that those practices and programs we have in place will be seen as adequate in our circumstances. Thankfully, we have not needed to forefront discipline as children at this school can generally be relied on to act appropriately. However, we do need to review our Responsible Behaviour Plan and to have the plan accepted by parents.

The Quadrennial School Review.
The Quadrennial School Review (QSR) is scheduled every four years. The Teaching and Learning Audit is considered a vital dimension of this review and will be timed to inform the QSR. The QSR process includes:
- community consultation
- internal school review
- consideration of the achievements of the previous School Plan
- consideration of previous Plan priorities requiring renewed strategic focus
- consultation with the principal’s supervisor
- external review (T and L Audit)
- risk assessment process
- verification of the review process
- endorsement of the School Plan

The Great Results Guarantee.
Announced only this week, the Guarantee will provide some $131 million of additional funding to State school. Our share of this is a little over $5000. To receive the funding schools must complete an agreement that commits them to guarantee that every student will either:
- achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy for their year level or
- have an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, in place to address their specific learning difficulties.

The agreement will outline how each school will use the additional funding to improve student performance and schools will have the flexibility and autonomy to decide how the funding should be spent. State schools will enter into an agreement with the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE), while Independent Public Schools will establish an agreement with the School Council. Agreements will be published on school websites so that parents and other members of the community can see how this funding is being used.

Extra-curricular events.
The Central Downs swimming carnival will be held next Tuesday in Clifton. Students whose times were considered fast enough to compete in an event will be advised today or tomorrow. As there are only a small number of students involved, parents need to get their child to and from the event.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is an advertisement for a music teacher. The teacher, Chad Wilson, is offering tuition in guitar and drums. Chad and his wife are building in the Pilton area and so will be able to eventually provide local lessons. Students seeking to learn music currently have to travel to Allora or Toowoomba.

I am currently negotiating with Chad over the use of the library so he can provide lessons to individual students this year. The school is also looking at how we might be able to provide music lessons for classes of children. I am hoping we may be allocated some instruments from what was Toowoomba South State School which would help with this.

Regards,
Stuart Fuller

Book Club
This year we are going to offer Book Club to the children. There are brochures attached to the newsletter. If you wish to purchase books there are order forms on the back of each brochure. The school is no longer able to receive cash for these orders. It must be Cheque, money order or credit card. If you choose to pay by Credit Card you must use the phone number provided to make your payment before returning your order to school. The receipt number is then recorded on your order form for our reference. If you are interested in ordering books this month your order must be returned by Monday the 10\textsuperscript{th} of February. We will send new order forms home each month. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact Leanne Heaton.

Playgroup
Playgroup will resume tomorrow for 2014 and we welcome any new families who wish to join in the activities.

Shopping Bags
Mrs. James has requested donations of used shopping / grocery bags please.
Joey Scouts HOP into 2014

Clifton Scout Group is reforming the Clifton Joey Scout Mob in 2014. The first Mob meeting for children aged 6 and 7 years old will be held from 4 pm to 5 pm on Friday 31st January at the Scout Hut, 5 Davenport Street, Clifton. HOP (Help Other People) is the motto of the Joey Scout section. The level of interest expressed at a meeting held at the end of last year justified reforming the Joey Scout Mob. Group Leader, Ian Gregory will be involved in running the Mob activities until a Joey Scout Leader is recruited and trained.

Clifton Scout Group will now offer programs for Joey Scouts, aged 6 and 7 years, Cub Scouts, aged 8 to 10 years, and Scouts, aged 10 to 14 years old, for youth from Allora to Greenmount and Leyburn to Pilton. For further information about Scouting in Clifton and surrounding districts contact Group Leader Ian Gregory on 4697 3553 or at cliftonscoutgroup@live.com.au.

Soccer Signup!!!!!

Registration is available online Right Now! Just go to www.myfootballclub.com.au click register now and follow your nose. If you have any problems message us via Facebook or email registrations@warwickwolves.com.au and we will help you through it. We have also put an online registration guide on our website (www.warwickwolves.com.au) which will help you out if needed. All players are required to register online. It is simple, quick and convenient! No waiting in queues! Give it a Go!

Registrations will close on Sunday 16th March to enable time for us to finalise teams for the season ahead.

In addition to Online registrations we are running 2 registration information days:

- 15th February will be at the Rose City Shopping Centre (bottom of the escalators) and will run from 8-30am until 12-30pm. Warwick Wolves members will be present to assist you with the online registration process. There will be two computers available for this purpose.
- 22nd February – will be held at the WDFA Clubhouse, Queens Park, Park Road, Warwick, from 10:00am till 12:00pm. Warwick Wolves members will be present to assist you with the online registration process. There will be two computers available for this purpose.

If you have any questions please call Paul Butler 0423 647 890, Rebecca Butler 0428 715 663, Peter Darton 0427 498 478

Hello, my name is Chad Wilson.

My wife and I have recently returned to Allora upon retiring from the Royal Australian Navy to raise our small family. As a result I am semi-retired and at a loose end. I am a guitar and drum teacher and am giving private lessons in Allora. I charge $20 for a half hour class of either drums or guitar. If I have enough numbers and a room, I could come to your school for one day a week for private lessons. I thought I would make contact and offer my services, as I know how hard it can be in rural areas. I can be contacted on 0407735440 for further information.
Welcome Kaela and Charlie to Prep