

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Last Wednesday was a great success as far as active travel was concerned. Overall we had almost two thirds of our students walking, riding or car pooling. Our winners for this term were 7CG who had all but one in their class not driven to school. That is a fantastic effort. We also had good results from 6M and 2/3H. All classes are set out below. Next term, it would be great to see our juniors with higher results. That is a job for those parents of young ones when the time comes.

Class	Active Travellers	Number in Class	%
Prep B	12	23	52.2
Prep CD	11	21	52.4
1C	11	19	57.9
1i	12	19	63.2
2B	16	24	66.7
2/3H	23	26	88.5
3J	13	27	48.1
4D	13	24	54.2
4T	11	26	42.3
5G	16	25	64.0
5W	16	24	66.7
6S	14	23	60.9
6M	17	22	77.3
7CG	21	22	95.5
7SG	16	23	69.6
Totals	222	348	63.8

Another way we have seen wonderful support from our parents was the 'Crazy Hair' Day today. I was pleasantly surprised by the number of students participating, especially in this case, in the upper school. The time and effort put in was obvious and credit goes to our parents for making this day a success. The next activity parents can turn their attention to is the Easter Bonnet Parade which will be run in conjunction with our whole school assembly on Tuesday 7 April (last week of term). I'm sure there will be some fantastic creations then too.

You may have seen a new face around the school this week as we have started another Janitor Groundsman, following Mr Tompkins departure. Our new man is Mr Gary Lynn who has been in this and related fields for the last 30 years. This week has already seen him busy mowing, weeding and whipper snipping around the grounds. It is a big job of course and I am sure that Gary will get everything looking ship shape in no time at all.

With Term 1 coming to a close, it is the time for our first round of Parent / Teacher interviews for 2009.

We have allocated Monday 6th April from 3pm – 6pm as our Parent evening. Please take the opportunity to talk to your child's teacher in this time as the benefits of face to face discussions are many. Should Monday night not suit, I'm sure a chat with your child's teacher will result in organising another time.

Also, as is often the case at the end of a term, some children get a little tired and irritable. Sometimes behaviour standards drop and concentration and application falls away. Could I ask all parents to be especially vigilant at this time and encourage our students to put in their best efforts, all the way to the last day of term on the Thursday before Easter.



Mark Fisher
Principal

FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

This year, once again, the Student Council would like to encourage people to knit squares for World Vision blankets. During the winter months, people can knit squares and they can be left at the school. We would also like donations of 8 ply wool, any colour. More info will be given in another Newsletter and on parade.



Thank you.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

On behalf of our dedicated teams of volunteers, it is with regret that we must inform you that the Tuckshop will be closed as of 9 April. We have had no response to our requests for volunteers or Convenor; therefore we have no choice but to shut down the Tuckshop.

As stock is not being re-ordered, items will be deleted as they run out. If possible, please come to the Tuckshop to place your order. We will do our best to make sure all orders get filled.

We thank those of you who have supported us.

Louise Moriarty
Tuckshop Convenor

P & C NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians

As you all know, I asked for volunteers to help me run the bbq and cake stall on Election Day. We all

had a great day raising \$932.50 from the bbq and \$343.50 from the cake stall.

I wish to personally thank Ms Rigby, Sangita Singh, Diane Maher, Sue Dillon, Daphne Hoko, Tori & Ben Peachey, Jenny, Chloe & Jordan Moore, Vicki & Kira Barry, and Chris & Justeen Newton, for giving up their time on Saturday to help out.

Thank you also to Amanda Kaplan, Lynn Austin, Bambi Silvertand and the grandparents for making the cakes and icing them.

Finally, a very big thank you to the Zillmere Egg Farm on Muller Road for donating 10 dozen eggs.

Have a great week

Therese Peachey
P&C President

TAIGUM SENIOR CHOIR

Our Senior Choir sang at the Harmony Day Celebrations at the Zillmere Community Centre on Saturday. Congratulations to the group. They performed well.



Ms Templeton

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE NEWS

The School Dental Program will be offering treatment to the students of this school soon. Years Prep - Seven have been issued with a consent/medical history form. If you wish your child to be treated, please return the fully completed consent form (3 pages) to your class teacher by 30/3/09. Parents who return consent forms late will not necessarily have their children treated on site and may be offered treatment at another site. Once dental staff receives a completed form your child will be examined. If your child requires further dental treatment, a 'statement of treatment needs' form will be issued for your signed consent. You will be notified via the school newsletter of the date the school dental program commences treatment at this school. For any enquires please contact staff on Ph: 0412 706 507.



FLICK THE SWITCH FOR EARTH HOUR

For one hour, from 8.30pm to 9.30pm, on Saturday 28 March the whole of Australia is being asked to 'flick the switch' for Earth Hour. Earth Hour, the World Wildlife Fund's global environmental initiative, aims to raise awareness of

the climate change issue and makes it possible for individuals to take action and reduce greenhouse emissions. It is a global call to action to every individual, every business and every community – a call to stand up, to take responsibility and to get involved in working towards a sustainable future.

All households are encouraged to participate by switching out their lights and turning off non-essential electrical appliances. It is important to register your participation on the Earth Hour website in order to make your action count.

For more information on how to register and how to participate visit www.earthhour.org. It's a fantastic way to support your child's creative development and also gain a special keepsake.

To find out more about the projects, competitions and events throughout this year, go to the YOC website at: www.yearofcreativity.deta.qld.gov.au



SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Do you have a student commencing Year 8 in 2010?

OPEN NIGHT 2009 Tues 12 May
Performance Hall Braun St Deagon

Visit our school, speak to teachers, experience faculty displays, see our facilities, interact with students and meet our Principal

5:30 pm School tours

6:30 pm

7:00 pm

Principal's address

Information on Signature Programs
& Tours of school

*Enquire about Academic Scholarships
for 2010*



Sports Tuition is conducting a Survivor Camp for 8-13 year olds, and a Father & Son

Fishing Weekend during the April School holidays. Both activities take place on Hinze Dam. Shortly after the break there is a Father & Daughter Fishing & Horse Riding Weekend. All details are available at <http://www.sportstuition.com.au/> or phone 0403 154 510.