

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Swine Flu remains a compelling topic of discussion across the country. You may be aware that it is now fairly close to home with Ferny Hills State School being closed until later this week as a precautionary measure. It is important for all parents to understand that Queensland Health is working very closely with all schools in relation to the ongoing outbreaks of the disease. We have been given strict guidelines to follow, which we of course are doing. From a parental point of view, it is important that you notify us if your child has been in contact with a confirmed case or is confirmed themselves. Other than that, it is business as usual unless your child has recently visited Victoria, Japan, the US, Canada or Mexico. In that case, they are to be kept at home for a week after arriving to ensure they are free of infection. In the meantime, common sense is to be exercised in disease prevention. Wash hands after going to the toilet and before eating; cover mouths and noses with a handkerchief when coughing and sneezing, and avoid contact with others who have flu like symptoms. I am sorry for repeating these messages but it is important that our school community is aware and informed about our precautions.

About this time in every term, I take the opportunity to remind all our students about the need to maintain high standards of behaviour right up until the holidays. Just last week, Mr Swales and I noticed a spike in the number of students visiting the RTC. We realised that several factors, outside our control, have contributed to this. Over the last month we have had tremendous rain and our students haven't been able to get out and play as much as we'd all like. The flu talk has disrupted some children. We have had a teachers' strike, student teachers, cancelled sport and now some very cold weather. All this adds complexity to the school day and can trigger irritability and distraction. However, whilst these circumstances might explain the behaviour, they do not excuse it. It is unfortunate that in the last two or three weeks, we have had some suspensions both in school and out of school. I do not like suspending students but I will not tolerate deterioration in the accepted standard of behaviour expected from our students. I request that the point is also reinforced at home. We have had tremendous support from parents in all matters relating to student behaviour and I am sure this will continue as we all have the common goal of a safe, secure and supportive environment for all students, every day.

I wrote about our Big Breakfast last week. It is on tomorrow from 8:00am for all students, staff and

parents at \$2 per person. What I didn't write is that it is also the day we judge our best active travelling class for Term 2. You will remember that in 2008 we collected results every Wednesday on the numbers of students walking, wheeling or car pooling. This year we do it once a term. So tomorrow when the rolls are marked, the scores are tallied and we announce the winning class on assembly next week. The class wins the Active School Travel trophy which is engraved with their name and displayed in their classroom until the next AST Breakfast in Term 3. So if you can encourage your child to walk, or ride, or catch the bus or car pool, you're not only helping the class, but you are also contributing to improve traffic congestion, carbon emissions and child health – all very worthy causes. Councillor Victoria Newton is our sponsor and will be our special guest for breakfast. I hope to see everyone tomorrow morning for bacon and eggs on the parade ground.



Mark Fisher
Principal

FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Club Issue 4 was ordered last Friday and should arrive back at school towards the end of next week. Orders will be distributed to students on arrival.



Gold Star Reading Club – we now have twenty-one students who have joined the Gold Star Reading Club. Congratulations to our newest members and welcome to the Club! On Assembly today, three students' names were drawn by Mr Fisher to receive a prize for our May draw. If students can let me know when they join the gold Star Reading Club, I can add their names to our "Gold Star Wall of Fame!"

Library Books Overdue – with the Winter Vacation only three weeks away, I ask for your assistance in getting all overdue books returned to the Library. Some students' books are still overdue from last term and it would be a great help for all books to be returned before the holidays.

Kind regards

Theresa McArdle
Librarian

P & C NEWS

Dear Parents & Guardians

I would like to thank all parents, teachers and students who have contributed to the 5c and 10c fund raiser. We have had a wonderful response in the first week. Parents and guardians please note that when I spoke to all the students last week, I did stress to them that they must get their parents and guardians permission to bring in the coins. I will re-iterate this again on parade on Tuesday. The winning class for this week is 3J. There is still another 5 months to go so still plenty of time for other classes to catch up. All money raised will go towards the school.

The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 14 July after Assembly. If any parents have any concerns about anything the P&C are doing, this is an opportunity for you to come and voice your opinion. We are open to any suggestions or comments you wish to share with us, and it would be great to see new faces at these meetings.

We have only received 5 surveys back regarding opening the Tuckshop for one day each week. The Tuckshop will not open again until we have enough volunteers to help out on the day. If you have lost or not received a survey letter, you can get another one from the school office.

On Wednesday morning, a breakfast will be held before school from 8:00am. The cost of a bacon and egg sandwich will be \$2. There will also be tea, coffee and orange juice selling for 50 cents per cup. We hope to see you all there.

Have a great week

Therese Peachey
P&C President

BIG BREAKFAST

8:00am TOMORROW
Wednesday 10 June

Bacon & Egg Sandwiches
\$2.00 each

Tea, Coffee or Juice
50c per cup

All welcome



Cine Sparks opens world of film to young people

Translink Cine Sparks – The Australian Film Festival for Young People – not only offers a unique opportunity for young people to see films from around the world but also a great chance to get hands-on with activities and workshops.

On Sunday 2 August TransLink Cine Sparks will host Kids' Day – a day filled with family-friendly screenings at the historic Regent Cinemas, and free entertainment and activities in the Queen Street Mall.

Films include the classic *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and the Queensland premier of the highly-anticipated animated feature *Coraline*.

The Translink Cine Sparks Masterclasses, in conjunction with Griffith Film School, provides an opportunity for young people aged 14 to 18 to learn from experts about film production and animation while getting a taste of film education at a tertiary level.

For scheduling information and to make a booking, visit: www.translinkcinesparks.com.au

Sports Skills Development – School Holidays (June - July) Ages 6 – 16

1. "Mastering the Basics" Cricket Coaching.

Conducted by ex-international cricketer and leading coach, Geoff Dymock.

2. Learning and Mastering Games and Ball Skills, including soccer.

Conducted by highly qualified instructors.

WHEN – Mon 29 June to Thurs 2 July -
9am till 12.30 pm daily.

OR Mon 6 July to Thurs 9 July -
9am till 12.30 pm daily.

WHERE - Kedron State High School

COST - \$190 (special discount for 2 or more)

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Numbers are limited – respond early!