

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

The Federal Education building agenda is getting plenty of coverage in our papers of late in respect to delays, mismanagement and misdirection of priorities. With over 9,500 schools in Australia receiving funding, I am sure that there will be some problems. However, I can assure you that in our case, no such problems exist. In fact, I would say the exact opposite is true for us. We have two funding streams, the National School Pride (NSP) money and the Building the Education Revolution (BER) money. We received \$150,000 for NSP and the builders are presently at work refurbishing 6 rooms in 'C' Block. They will be finished by the end of term so our 5 displaced classes will be able to move in after the holidays. The builders are very accommodating and have varied the design to suit our needs precisely. The BER process is well underway and has proceeded very smoothly. I have drawings for our new buildings and tentative starting dates for construction. I have been very happy with how this has occurred and I am confident that all the school community will be proud of the end result.

Our athletics carnival will be held on Thursday next week and I know that Mr Taylor, our Phys Ed teacher, has written a column in this newsletter explaining what will occur on the day. I do not wish to repeat what he has written but I have included a timetable for the day so you can plan ahead of time if you are coming to school to be a spectator.

Time	Group	Activity
9:00am	Prep – Yr 3	Tabloid Sports
	9 – 13 yr olds	Sprints, Long Jump, Shot Put, Ball Games
11:30am	Prep – Yr 3 + 9yr olds	Sprint Finals
	10-13 yr olds	High Jump
1:45pm	Prep – Yr 3	Spectating
	9 Yr olds	High Jump
	10-13 yr olds	Sprint Finals
2:30pm	All students	Presentations

Our Walking Wheeling Wednesday Big Breakfast was the most successful to date, with more parents and students involved than ever before. The P&C ladies reported cooking a mountain of bacon and eggs and having just enough to feed all those who participated. Even though it was a very chilly morning, over 60% of our students were active travellers on the day. I was very happy that Councillor Victoria Newton was able to attend as she has been an enthusiastic supporter of the programme. I, unfortunately, was unable to attend

as I was doing student teacher interviews at QUT. Our class by class results are below:

Walking Wheeling Wednesday Results

Class	WWW s	Class No	%
Prep CD	4	14	28.57
Prep B	9	22	40.91
1C	13	23	56.52
1I	14	21	66.67
2B	11	19	57.89
2~3	22	27	81.48
3J	17	25	68.00
4D	10	27	37.04
4T	15	29	51.72
5G	14	22	63.64
5W	12	21	57.14
6M	12	21	57.14
6S	10	21	47.62
7CG	18	21	85.71
7SG	17	22	77.27
Totals	198	335	60.10

A final point: In this time of swine flu and associated illnesses, can I ask parents to keep their children at home if they present with symptoms like raised temperatures, rasping coughs, vomiting and diarrhoea, etc for their own wellbeing and for the good of the rest of the school community. After a day or two resting at home, most of these ailments settle and then students are most welcome back at school.



Mark Fisher
Principal

Electronic Newsletters

A major problem with newsletters is getting them home. Many parents complain that they haven't received a newsletter in many weeks. To address this problem we provide two alternatives. Firstly, our newsletters are uploaded to our website within 24 hours of their issue, although this version doesn't contain Students of the Week. Secondly, the newsletter can be emailed directly to your home by typing the following link into your web browser and following the prompts thereafter. http://mailouts.austnews.com.au/subscription/T/taigum_ss_signup.html. The emailed version is in full colour and is very attractive. Neither of these delivery methods depends upon children so they are very reliable.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Club Issue 4 has been ordered and should arrive at the school later this week. Orders will be distributed to students on its arrival.



Gold Star Reading Club – our membership in the Gold Star Reading Club keeps growing! We now have twenty-six members which is already more than last year. Congratulations to our five newest members! Gold Star runs until the beginning of September so new members are always welcome. If students can please let me know when they join the Gold Star club, their name can be added to our Gold Star Wall of Fame.

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

Kind regards

Theresa McArdle
Librarian

P & C NEWS

Our 5c and 10c fundraising is going well, a big thank you to everyone who has contributed. The winning classes for this week are:

- 1st place – 3J
- 2nd place – 4D
- 3rd place – 5G

Next week I will let you know how much each class has raised so far. There is still plenty of time to catch up. A reminder that all money goes back to fulfil the needs of the school. Some concerns have risen about the P&C counting the money so in the last month (October), we will have some other person not related to the students to count the money, therefore the P&C will have no knowledge of the class totals. I hope this will allay any concerns parents, students and guardians are having.

Our P&C meeting was held last week in the staff room after assembly. Our next P&C meeting will be held after the break on Tuesday 14 July. If anyone would like to come to any meetings but are unable due to other commitments, please let us know and we will keep you up to date on what is happening.

We have received 12 tuckshop surveys back with only 8 people volunteering to help out and unfortunately, they are all on different days. As soon as we can get at least 4 volunteers on the same day, we can then look at opening the

tuckshop again. If you would like to fill out a survey, you can obtain one from the office.

Have a great week

Therese Peachey
P & C President

FROM THE PE TEACHER

Students have been busily training for their Athletics Carnival, to be held on Thursday 25th June, in the last week of this term. The Senior Carnival, for all students in Years 4-7, will include high jump, long jump, discus, sprints and ball games. Events will take place from 9:00am and conclude with presentations after 2:00pm. All Prep-Year 3 students will participate in the Junior Carnival, which involves a circuit of novelty activities on the front lawn between 9:00



and 11:00am, and sprint races from 11:45am - 1:00pm. As with recent years, both the Junior and Senior Carnival will take place on the same day. Students should dress in house colours, remember to bring a hat and water, and wear closed-in shoes. All family members and friends are welcome to attend.



LOST PROPERTY

Parents, prior to the holidays, please check the lost property box for any missing belongings. The lost property box is located on the ground floor of A Block (underneath the Library). Anything left over at the end of this term will be donated to a charity.

SICK CHILDREN

A number of health conditions are both quite common amongst children and highly contagious. In order to protect and promote the health of the general public, there are a number of recommendations made by the health authorities which aim to help control the spread of contagious conditions. This is particularly important within the school setting as sick children can infect other children as well as adult school staff. If your child has been sick through the night or is showing symptoms of being unwell prior to leaving home of a morning, it is advisable for you to keep your child home.

