

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

It is unfortunate that we had to postpone the House Athletic Carnival last week. The day itself was quite fine but the oval was too wet to run and jump on, and no one would have been able to sit anywhere. So we have rescheduled it for tomorrow, Wed 25 June, starting at the same time, 9am, and running exactly as per programme. That means that 4-7 students will be involved all day and our P-3 will be running in the middle session between 11:30 and 1:00pm. Once again, the P&C will have their barbecue running and we are hoping for a beautiful fine day. If rain intervenes again, we will use Thursday or Friday if necessary. I hope it doesn't come to that but we will do it if we have to. Our P-3 Tabloid Sport morning is scheduled for 9:30am Thursday and all parents are welcome to attend and cheer on our junior athletes. Our House Captains were presented officially with their badges by Councillor Victoria Newton on assembly today. Parents of the captains also enjoyed a short morning tea with us straight after the ceremony. ***Due to rescheduling of athletics, our free dress day will now be Thursday not tomorrow as planned.***

Also today our Student Leaders will be going on a leadership trip to Aussie World on the Sunshine Coast. This is a reward for the good service and excellent role modelling that they have provided to our school through Semester One. We have thirty Senior Leaders who have worn their badges with pride so far this year. Mrs Godwin and Mr Swales accompanied the students on the bus which left school at 9:30am after the House Captains' Investiture and morning tea.

Report Cards are set to be given out to all students at the end of this week. Our teachers have been working on them for the last month to give parents an accurate indication of student performance. You will remember from last time that we report on all the Key Learning Areas on a five point scale from A to E. In many cases, teachers will write comments on specific areas as well as a general comment on performance overall. Information on school behaviour and attendance is also included. We ask you to read, sign and return the reports to school early in Term 3. Should you have any questions about report cards, assessment or any other aspect of your child's semester, please contact the class teacher for clarification.

There has been much talk in the media recently about our "One School" computer system. I can reassure parents that the programme is quite secure. It has been tested forensically for the last 18 months and found to be completely reliable. Much was made of the fact that hackers could have access to personal information and pictures of students. Our 'One School' database has no student pictures on it at all and that is the case for most primary schools. The programme does allow this to occur but we don't use this feature. So far

our 'One School' experience has been very positive. We have used it to record all our behaviour data and complete our Report Cards. We were a trial school for 'One School' and we will continue to increase our use of it into the future.

And so we come to our last week of Term 2. It has been a busy Term packed with activities. We are now half way through the year. The June-July vacation begins on Friday 27th June and school resumes on Tuesday 15th July. I hope you all have a pleasant break and I'll see you back in Term 3.

Mark Fisher
Principal

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

KidsGames places are filling up fast. Get your forms in quick so you don't miss out. If you have registered, you'll receive an info letter and some extra forms in the mail soon. Also, The Salvation Army at Taigum is running 'The Marriage Course' over 8 Thursday nights starting July 17th. The Marriage Course is very practical, giving any married couple the tools to build a strong and healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime. If you would like more information, call the church office on 3865 1088.

Steve Unicomb

P & C NEWS

Well, school holidays are upon us once again. Only 1 week of school left, and I'm really looking forward to the 2 weeks break, even though I have two small children to run after. One of the things I will be doing with the kids is cooking, my favourite hobby. My kids just love helping me in the kitchen, which brings me to our School Cookbook that we are putting together for another P & C Fundraiser. So, come on all Teachers, Students, Mum's, Dad's, Grannies and Grandad's, let us know your favourite recipe so we can print it in our book. You can drop it into the uniform shop and don't forget to include your name. Here are two very easy winter warmers that you might like to try over the holidays.

~Braised Lamb Shanks~

Preheat oven to 160°C

4 Lamb shanks

1 onion diced

1 carrot diced

2 cloves garlic finely chopped

1 tin diced tomatoes

1 ½ cups chicken stock

Flour for dusting

Sprig rosemary and 2bay leaves.

Dust shanks in flour and lightly fry in olive oil till lightly browned, put into casserole dish. Add all other ingredients and season with salt and pepper. Cover with lid and cook for approx 1 ½ hours. Serve with mashed potatoes and steamed greens of your choice.

~Golden Syrup Dumplings~

120g SR Flour
30 g butter + 1 tbsp extra
1 egg
1 tbsp milk
Pinch salt
3 tbsp golden syrup
90g sugar
1 cup water

Sift flour and salt. Rub in butter.
Add egg and milk and mix to a soft dough, then roll into small balls. Boil water, golden syrup, sugar and extra butter on stove and add balls of dough. Cover with lid and simmer gently for 20mins. Serve with cream or ice cream.

Have a very safe and happy break. See you in term 3.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Thanks to all for supporting the BBQ that we had last week. Even though the sports day wasn't on we still continued with the BBQ and it was very successful bringing \$960 for the day. Because of this, we have been allowed to have another one this Wednesday to coincide with the new date for the Sports Carnival. Please look out for the order form being sent home. It is recommended that the student's food orders go into the Tuck Shop Boxes so there will be no waiting for their goodies on the day. We will still have everything on sale during the day so parents and caregivers will be able to get a burger or two. If you have a bit of time to spare on the day, your help would be most welcome.

As from next term we have been asked to only open the Tuckshop in the morning to take lunch orders and to sell milk or fruit juice products. Chips and biscuits will only be available during first break or with lunch orders.

Also, during the holidays we will be taking a good look at our menu and, unfortunately, because of the cost of living, the drought and rising petrol prices we will be having a number of price rises. The prices have not had any real change for nearly 18 months but we will of course keep in mind that we are a Tuckshop and our prices will always remain quite low. A new menu will come out during the first week back at school.

Thanks must also go out to all our wonderful volunteers who keep our Tuckshop running. Without these people the Tuckshop would not function – THANK YOU.

LOST PROPERTY

The school has a large container of lost property. If your child is missing something, please check the large box which is currently being stored in the Sick Bay (ask the ladies in the office to point you in the right direction). Any unclaimed goods will be sent to a charity during the holidays.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council are once again working on a "Warm Clothes for Overseas Kids" project. We are asking families to help us by knitting squares which we will then make into rugs. The knitted squares need to be:



8 ply wool
No. 8 Needle (or No. 4 metric)
Cast on 40 stitches
Knit 80 plain (garter) rows

Squares should be approximately 23 x 23cm (8½ x 8½ inches).

If you can't knit, we would appreciate a ball of 8 ply wool which could be dropped off at the office. Happy knitting ☺

Thur 26th June (Free Dress Day) – Hilarious Hat Day.

Decorate a hat and win a prize and wear free dress. Bring a \$2 coin donation to go towards supporting our World Vision Child, Godfrey.



SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Do you have a student commencing Year 8 in 2009?

We are now accepting enrolments for students in Year 8 for 2009.

Applications for the Academic Achievers Program for 2009 as well as our Academy of Sports, Master Music or Immerse IT are now due. Scholarship winners will be announced after the Academic Achievers Entrance Exam scheduled for 2 August.

Enrolment packs are available from our office at 41 Braun Street Deagon or by contacting us on 3869 9888

Enrolment forms need to be returned by Friday 26 September 2008



Indoor Sports Multi Sports Day

Qld

DATE: **Wednesday 2nd July 2008**

VENUE: **Action Arenas Bracken**

Ridge

SPORTS: Cricket, Netball, Soccer

COST: **1 person \$15 or book 2 or more people for \$10 each**

So bring a friend along to play in your team.

TIME: **9.00am – 3.00pm**

AGE GROUP: **8 - 15 years**

BRING: **Packed lunch
Drink Bottle**

COACHES: **Qld Development Officer
Qualified Coaches**

CLOSING DATE: **Thurs 26th June**

For more info contact Luke on 3369 7077