

Dear Parents

I am regularly asked by mums and dads, just before holiday times, what they can do with their children on the breaks to keep them occupied. I can think of many interesting, engaging and entertaining activities for children to do and many are free. Our Brisbane City Council libraries are a good first option. We have three nearby - Zillmere, Bracken Ridge and Chermside. These provide access not only to quality books and magazines but CDs, DVDs, computer games and the internet. Often the libraries run vacation activities including craft, book readings and competitions. Several of these types of activities are also run at the Zillmere Community Centre, just half a kilometre south of our school on Handford Road. Another excellent venue for children is the South Bank area, which apart from the parklands and the beach, includes the State Library, the Museum and the Art Gallery. Once again, these institutions run holiday programmes of high quality. The Andy Warhol exhibit is still running at the Museum of Modern Art (next to the State Library) and it has an area specifically set aside for students to do art activities on a Warhol theme. I went there two weeks ago and can highly recommend it.

In the Year of Physical Education, it might be a good idea to visit a park, ride along the bike tracks or go down to the beach. Kid Space at Chermside is an excellent facility for fun and fitness as is Pine Rivers Park at Strathpine. Queensland Running organise cross country races every Saturday afternoon through to July on courses ranging from 500m for beginners up to 8km for experienced runners. Their winter timetable and event venues can be found on their website at [www.queenslandrunning.com.au/](http://www.queenslandrunning.com.au/). Many other recreational activities are available and often our libraries and community centres are the places to find this out.

I hope I have given you a few good ideas about some alternative activities for next week. Good luck with them.

Of course before next week we have a very busy 'this week'. I wrote last week about Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday evening and our school disco on Thursday evening. Tuesday is also our official opening of our new bike cage. We will have BCC Officers, Councillor Newton, our School Captains and P&C representatives in attendance and I invite

any interested parents to attend what will be a very short and low key ceremony at 9:30 am. We picked Tuesday as this week is Bike Week and I have a very special promotion for our Walking Wheeling Wednesday participants on April 2. Anybody actively travelling this Wednesday will go into a draw to win one of two bikes, a smaller one for Prep to Year 3 and a larger bike for Years 4 to 7 students. We will draw the winners at our Disco on Thursday night. Remember, entry is free, all you have to do is walk, ride or car pool to school to be in the competition. Let's see if we can break our record this week. So far our figures have been 74.5% were active travellers in Week 1, 70% in Week 2 and 69% in Week 3.

A reminder to everyone that Term 1 concludes on Friday, we have a week of holidays and Monday is a Student Free Day. So we expect to see all our students on Tuesday April 15 which we will start with our usual Parade at 8:50am Enjoy your holiday and when I see you next we'll be ready for busy Term 2

Mark Fisher  
Principal

### **P&C News**

Hello everyone, my name is Lynn Austin and I am the new president for 2008. I would like to thank Bambi Silvertand and the outgoing team for all their hard work over the last year. I look forward to chatting with many of you in and around the school.

Mothers Day raffle will be held again this year but more information about that after the holidays...

~ Uniform Shop News ~

With the cooler mornings approaching, we have in stock new windcheater jackets available in all sizes 4 - 12, maroon in colour, sporting the school logo, these are good value at \$20.00 each...

To everyone have a safe and happy holiday and see you in Term 2.

~Tuckshop News~

**Smilies will not be available to order for the last week of this term but will be available next term**

### **Generation X Dance Night**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April

6pm-8pm

\$6.00

Sandgate PCYC  
3269 5358  
Luck Door Prize of a T.V  
NO PASS OUTS ALLOWED

### Working with the Brain Man

The past decade has seen an explosion of information about the brain and its function. More has been learnt about the functioning of the human brain in the last decade than in all the proceeding centuries. 'Learning with the Brain in Mind' is a parent workshop that allows you to use some of the information about the functioning of the brain and how it helps your child to learn.

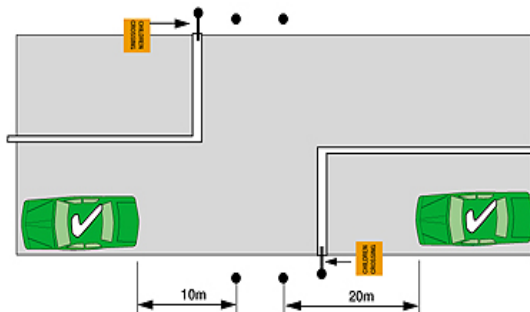
How can you as a parent help your child to learn? John Joseph, affectionately known as "the brain man", is one of the very few Educational Consultants who is able to captivate his audience and at the same time present with credibility, how to teach children. John is an Australian educator and has worked extensively though out Australia and countries across the world. Come and meet him and learn more.

**When: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Where: Sandgate District State High School Library**  
**What time: 6:30pm**

## Stopping/Parking near crossings

While children are being picked up or dropped off, some cars either stop or park in the area immediately adjacent to a children's crossing.

Section 171 of the Queensland Road Rules states that a driver must not stop on a children's crossing while the flags are displayed, or on the road, within **20m before or 10m after the crossing.**



The "no stopping" area in the diagram above may be marked by signs or a painted edge line. If there are no signs or lines drivers/riders still can not park all the way up to a crossing, the

driver must still be at least the proper distance from the crossing.

Lack of car parking is an issue at most schools and parking in "no stopping" areas contributes to the problems of congestion and lack of visibility for pedestrians and motorists. This lack of visibility is a major contributing factor to possible dangerous situations at these crossings.

If you drive where there are supervised crossings please be aware of the following:

- wait until the children and crossing supervisor have walked to the other kerb
- don't stop when the crossing supervisor is on the kerb or footpath
- stop when the supervisor walks onto the road with the stop sign

If you would like more information on this or any other road/child/bike safety or other transport issue, please phone your Road Safety office on 1300 360 135.

# NYW08

## NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK IS COMING TO ZILLMERE....

**Come have fun at ZCC on:**

**Monday April 7: Belly Dancing (12:30-1:30pm)**

**Monday April 7: Hip Hop Dance (2-4pm)**

**Tuesday April 8: Computer Access (3-5pm)**

**Thursday April 10: Create Art/Lyrics (1-3pm)**

**Thursday April 10: Computer Access (3-5pm)**

**54 Handford Rd, Zillmere— Call 3865 2880 for info**

**Bookings are essential**

### A Final Reminder

### Taigum State School Disco

When: Thursday April 3 - 5:30 pm

Where: Taigum Salvation Army

Church Roghan Rd

Food on Sale

International Theme



