

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Much of this week is taken up with the national testing programme for our Year 3, 5 and 7 students. (The full schedule is below). As these students will be heavily involved in this assessment from 9:30am to 1 pm each day, we will be making sure that there will be no other interruptions in that time and that other classes are very quiet and considerate. Please do not schedule a teacher meeting, a medical appointment, etc during these times as it is necessary for all students in these grade levels to be present for all three days of testing. School Assembly will still occur tomorrow morning, but we will ensure that it is kept short.

Yr	Tuesday 13 May	Wednesday 14 May	Thursday 15 May
3	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
5	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes
7	Language Conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy 40 minutes x 2 (80 minutes total)

Last week I mentioned the Year 5 Bike education activities. So far we have only had a few responses to our notes home. The 4 one hour sessions cost only \$5 in total and will teach every student something new about their bikes and how to ride them. Should we not get enough Year 5s, we may have to offer it to the Year 6 students instead. The first class is 20 May so bring those sheets in as soon as possible.

On Thursday, our upper school students participated in our annual cross country event. Races were held for boys and girls

in each year level. There were some really great performances from some of our runners, but the best part of the morning for me was seeing how many students participated. Everyone who was here ran and so each house got plenty of points. It was quite a warm day so it was a strong effort from every athlete who finished the course. Our best, of course, will be running at the Bramble Bay Cross Country in a couple of weeks.

At present, we have 15 student teachers working at our school. I think it is great to have young educators on site as they come with huge enthusiasm, boundless energy and fresh ideas. While their main task is to learn, they also can re-energise and motivate us older, or should I say, more experienced teachers. I enjoy their presence greatly and they are finding the experience of teaching to be quite illuminating. I notice also that many of our students like a new person in the room, or a new person helping to coach or a new person keen to talk about new and different topics. We will continue to have more student teachers each semester to maintain these mutual benefits into the future.

The Queen's Birthday holiday is on Monday 9 June and that's the only extra break in the next seven weeks of school until the June vacation. I look forward to our students being involved in the long period of solid, uninterrupted school work.

Mark Fisher

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Hi everyone, it's Steve the School Chaplain here.

I've been the Chaplain for 14 weeks now and I'm settling in very well. 360 names are pretty hard to remember but I'm trying my best. Please say hello if you see me and if I can help in any way, please just ask.

Steve Unicomb

FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Fair – Our May Book Fair commences this Thursday at lunchtime and will run for one week.

Opening and closing times are as follows:

Thur 15 May	3pm – 3:45pm
Fri 16 – Wed 21 May	8:15am – 9:00am 3:00pm – 3:45pm
Thur 22 May	8:15am – 9:00am only

In addition to the above times, students may view and purchase items during lunch and during their library session.

Ed Alive offer closes tomorrow Tues 13 May.

Unfortunately, orders received after Tuesday cannot be accepted. Completed orders should arrive back at school at the end of this month.

Michael Salmon's Author Visit will take place on Mon 2 June at a cost of \$2 per student. The cost has been reduced as the school is subsidizing this event. Michael will hold two sessions here – one between morning tea and lunch, and the other after lunch. A range of his books will be available for purchase and he will be happy to autograph these. Parents and children under Prep age are most welcome to attend at no cost.

Thanking you

Theresa McArdle
Librarian

P & C NEWS

Well I'm pleased to say that the Mother's Day stall was a great success. We sold everything...

I would like to thank everyone for your support, all of you who donated gifts and all of you who bought a gift for that special Mum.

The raffle was drawn on Friday morning and the winners are as follows...

1st prize Fuzail Dean (prep B)

2nd prize W. Drummond.

3rd prize Emily Evans (prep B)

Congratulations to all our winners and once again many thanks to all of you who purchased tickets.

The P & C will be holding a pie drive this month. All menus and pricelists will go out this week (hopefully, today with the newsletter) so look out for those. All orders and money must be back by 27th May and delivery date will be Thurs 5th June, so don't forget to ask family, friends or neighbours, etc. More order forms are available.

Generation X Dance Night

Sandgate PCYC

Friday 16th May

6-8pm

Sandgate PCYC

106 Kempster St

Sandgate

3269 5358

Jiggling Jack's Jungle Gym

Jiggling Jack's Jungle Gym is now running fitness, coordination and dance classes for children of all ages up to 12. The classes are taught by an experienced teacher and cater for children with specific needs. Help your kids get fit while having fun and developing coordination skills. Classes run Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons or Saturday mornings. \$12 for a 45 minute class – limited places – book now.

Contact Jackie on 3205 4306 or email: jigglingjacksjunglegym@hotmail.com

2008 Zillmere Multicultural Festival

many cultures ... past and present

SATURDAY 17th May 10:00am – 5:00pm

O'Callaghan Park – Zillmere Road, Zillmere

- Traditional Cuisines
- Free Children's Activities
- Authentic Arts & Crafts
- Interactive Workshops
- Cultural Performances
- Village Displays & Stalls
- Traditional Games
- Free Event
- Free Parking