

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Our last week was a very busy one. The parent-teacher evening went very well with many mums and dads taking the opportunity to talk about their child's progress. The feedback I've received has all been very positive. Our Bush Dance was a great success also. Mrs Tompkins and Mr Carter ensured that the catering and dancing ran like clockwork. I was pleased to see the large numbers of students, parents and staff who attended. Our thanks also have to go to the volunteers from the Salvation Army church, who provided a great venue and great service through the night. I'm sure that our Carols by Candlelight will be just as good down there in December.

This week, we find ourselves almost at the end of another term, not knowing where the last ten weeks went. After the holidays, there are only 49 school days left in 2008 and they will be very full. Staff transfers come out Thursday and that will begin the process of planning for classes in 2009. At this point it is hard to say exactly how many students we will have next year as there are many unknowns. I am very sure however, that over the next few years, our enrolment will grow substantially with the new residential development occurring in Fitzgibbon. Planning for new buildings will also have to occur before that time and this process will begin next term as well. Facilities representatives visited the school last week with a view to provide some improvements in the grounds including new paths from 'F' Block to Prep and from the Office to 'E' Block. Both will be welcomed and well used, I'm sure.

Much has been said in the media lately of this year's 3, 5 and 7 tests. As yet, ours have not arrived, but as soon as they do, they will be sent home. Apparently Queensland's results are lower than those of the other Eastern States. One of the main reasons for this is that the rest of Australia has had Prep year classes for quite some time and thus those who sit the tests in other parts of the country have been at school up to 12 months longer than our Queensland students. From next year our Year 3 children will have had the benefit of Prep and this will filter through to Years 5 and 7 over the following four. After my section I have included an explanatory note about the tests from Education Qld. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need to know more about any part of the process.

Tomorrow (Wednesday) is photo day for Sport teams, Student Council, Choir, etc and we want all students wearing full uniform so they look their best. On the other end of the spectrum is Free Dress Day on Thursday. We of course wish all our

students to pay for the privilege so we can raise money for our Student Council. Please remember that we still have dress standards on the day – clothes need to be neat, tidy, appropriate to school and sun safe. Bare arms and backs are very prone to sunburn. Practical footwear is also a must as far as ensuring safety whilst playing so please no high heels or flimsy shoes that are difficult to walk in. Tomorrow is our last Walking Wheeling Wednesday for the term. Last Wednesday was our best for quite some time with 70% of students being active school travellers. The Year 1 class of Mrs Innes was the highlight having 22 out of 23 participate. On another day last week, we had 36 bikes in our enclosure. This is a remarkable number, representing 10% of all our students. This proves to me that many parents are seeing the benefits of not driving their children to school, not only on Wednesdays but every day. This is great to see and all involved should be complimented on their efforts. Don't forget to try and walk, ride or car pool to school tomorrow.

I wish everyone a happy and relaxing holiday and remind you all that school resumes on Monday 6 October. There is no Student Free Day the first week back. It is actually in Week 3, October 20.



Mark Fisher  
Principal

## EQ Item - National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy test results

In May, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 across Australia participated in the first common national tests for reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The results are now in, and the Queensland Studies Authority is in the process of distributing results to schools across Queensland. These reports are now being distributed via schools to parents and carers.

Every student who participated in these tests will receive an individual report containing their results. This report provides a range of information about each child's relative performance on the literacy and numeracy tests. It also contains a detailed guide on how to interpret these results. Parents and carers are encouraged to thoroughly read the report and the explanatory notes. These literacy and numeracy results are used by schools and schooling systems to monitor school performance to ensure that they are meeting the educational needs of students. While these tests are important 'point-in-time' indicators or 'snapshots', the results should be considered, along with other information collected by our school about your child's performance. If you have any questions or

concerns about the national testing, please contact our school.

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

# KRASH

Kids Really Are Special Here

These holidays I'm running a Kids Holiday Program at The Salvation Army North Brisbane Church at Taigum. It's called **KRASH** which stands for **Kids Really Are Special Here**. It's on Wednesday 24 September and Thursday 25 September from 9am till 12 noon. It's Free! There'll be outdoor games, board games, computer games, craft, Bible stories and heaps more! Morning Tea will be provided.

For kids in Grade 7 and High School, we have a shed called The Hanger. The Hanger will be open these holidays on Thursday 25 September and Friday 26 September from 1pm till 4pm. The Hanger has a pool table, Xbox 360, Table Tennis and we'll probably play 'Capture the Flag' as well.

Steve Unicomb

## FROM THE LIBRARY

**Book Club Issue 6** should arrive early this week and will be distributed to students on arrival. Issues 7 and 8 will be available in Term 4.

**Zillmere Library Gold Star Readers** – Congratulations to the Gold Star Readers who received their gold medal and certificate at the Awards Ceremony last Friday afternoon. Councillor Victoria Newton attended the Ceremony and distributed the medals and certificates. It was a lovely afternoon and Taigum State School was well represented.

**Chermside Library Gold Star Readers** – The awards ceremony for those students who joined the Gold Star Reading Club at Chermside is this Thursday 18 September from 5.30pm onwards.

**Movers Morning Tea** – Those students who helped with moving resources from the old library to the new are invited to participate in our morning tea this Thursday. If those students concerned could bring a small plate of food to share, it would be greatly appreciated. A note regarding this will be sent home with the students today.

**Christmas Book Fair** – Our second annual Christmas Book Fair is only two months away. Last year's Book Fair was a great success and enjoyed by all. There will be our traditional colouring-in competition to celebrate the Book Fair.

Kind regards  
Theresa McArdle  
Librarian

## SCHOOL BANKING

Just a reminder that Thursday is school banking day. Remember to send your children's Dollarmite Account deposits to school every Thursday morning.

## LOST PROPERTY

A blue & white hooded jacket went missing at the bush dance. If someone mistakenly took it, we would appreciate it being returned to the office. Thank you.



## SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL

**Thank you to all those families that have submitted enrolment applications for Year 8 in 2009.**

**We are now organizing our class numbers for next year so if any families would like an enrolment pack please collect it from our office at 41 Braun St Deagon or phone Lisa Wagner on 3869 9888**

**Enrolment forms need to be returned as soon as possible.**

## Australian Girls Choir

**Performing Arts Holiday Programme – October 1 & 2**  
for all girls in Grade 2 and above with an interest in the Performing Arts.  
Activities will include workshops in drama, circus skills, modern dance and pop singing sessions.

**Open Day – Saturday November 1**  
Open Day offers the opportunity to join in a tryout class or a group assessment, attend an information session and find out further details about 2009 classes.

**Contact us for further information!**

**Ph: 3256 0207**

[www.ausgirlschoir.com.au](http://www.ausgirlschoir.com.au)

## SPORTS SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE TENNIS – FOOTBALL – GOLF

At

Kelvin Grove State College

Would you like to improve your skills in any of the above sports at the same time as completing your school education at one of Brisbane's leading High Schools?

The Sports Schools of Excellence program at Kelvin Grove assists young players from Grade 8 – 12 to reach their full potential in their chosen field of sport without compromising their education. It provides comprehensive training for young sportsman backed-up by Sports Physiotherapists, Dieticians, Sports Psychologists, fitness trainers and professional coaches.

Students are provided with a career pathway either into the professional player arena or into the area of coaching / sports administration / HPE.

For more information or an enrolment package please contact Ian Milligan, Sports Excellence Coordinator on 3552 7345 or 0412 479385

**PROGRAM TO HELP YOU FIND THE JOB YOU WANT – TRAINING at NO COST TO YOU**

Are you looking for a job and need assistance? Have you decided to return to work but are not sure where to begin and/or need to upskill? Or you may require assistance with reading and writing.

**WE CAN HELP YOU**

With programs starting every week at Lawnton, we offer Career Counselling, Job Search, Job Applications, Selection Criteria, Interview Coaching including Computer Training to meet your requirements eg Internet, Keyboard Skills, Word, plus Language, Literacy, Numeracy (the course is tailored to your needs).

This program is funded by the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations' Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative.

Sponsored by Community Alliance Australia Ltd.

Delivered by Trish Farrell Consultancy.

Enquiries: Phone 3889 9515

**QLD YOUTH CHOIR**

Are you looking for a choir with a difference? This is your opportunity to audition for a place in the Queensland Youth Choir who recently appeared in Channel 7's Battle of the Choirs! Come and join one of our ensembles in 2009 - auditions will be held on the evening of the 8th & 9th October by appointment. The Queensland Youth Choir offers Queensland's finest and most comprehensive choral music programme for young singers age 5 to 25 to develop singing and performance technique, self-confidence, teamwork, personal friendships and a sense of community. Want to know why the Queensland Youth Choir is more than great singing? Next year the choir celebrates 25 years of shaping choristers, creating lasting memories and of course "Choralography". Registration form and audition information available from [www.qldyouthchoir.com.au](http://www.qldyouthchoir.com.au) or phone 3257 4905.

**Free Silent Movie Screening at The Old Museum Building, Tuesday 23 Sept, 10am**

Cine Retro Film Society, with the support of the Brisbane City Council Ward community fund, is presenting a FREE Silent Movie morning at the Old Museum Building Concert Hall..

The Main Feature of the day will be Buster Keaton's classic "The General" (1927), shown on full 35mm film.

As a support feature, there will be a rare screening of Charles Chauvel's first feature film "The Moth of Moonbi"(1926). Only approx 30 minutes of the film remains, however the narrative is quite clear.

As an extra special treat, Ron West from the Majestic Theatre, Pomona will play throughout

both films on the wonderful Pipe Organ that lives in the Concert Hall.

A Gold Coin Devonshire morning tea will be served in the intermission. Doors will open at 10am, first film to start at 10.15am. Bring your neighbours, your grandparents and your kids. This is a rare day of wonderful silent film, spent in the majestic Concert Hall of the Old Museum Building. For more info see [www.cineretro.org](http://www.cineretro.org).

**Learn to Swim Classes**

**Coming to the:**

**Taigum State School Pool**

**6<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

\* INFANTS \* CHILDREN

\* ADULTS

**Swimming Fun and Fitness**

**Sessions**

**( Not Squad Training )**

\* CHILDREN \* ADULTS

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