

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

The year is very quickly coming to an end and everyone needs to be aware of what is happening in the next month so that we all have a pleasant finish to 2008. To that end, I have below a summary of the main school activities in the next four weeks.

Week 7 (This week) – Mr Swales and I will be conducting interviews with parents about class placements for next year. The Book Fair is on and tomorrow is Christmas Dress Up Day. Wednesday is for Wheeling and Walking as usual.

Week 8 (24-28 Nov) – Our swimming carnivals are on this week; Thursday will be the 4-7 Carnival. This one is the big House competition and will go all day. Students need to wear their House colours and appropriate swim wear for racing. At day's end we will present the Age Champion and House trophies. Friday is for P-3 and is a very much quieter event with an emphasis on fun and participation. It will be on in the morning session, starting at 9am.

Week 9 (Dec 1-5) – The library closes on Monday for the rest of the year so all the cataloguing and shelving can be redone for the start of 2009. Tuesday is Volunteers' Morning Tea where we thank all those parents and citizens who have given their time to us so generously. On Wednesday, our Student Leaders (who are eligible) will be going to White Water World. Thursday (Dec 4) is a very big day for our Year 7s as they have High School Orientation at Aspley and Sandgate SHS and then their graduation at Kedron-Wavell that evening.

Week 10 (Dec 8-12) – Tuesday, Report Cards go home and students meet their teachers for 2009. Carols by Candlelight is on at the Salvation Army Church at 6:30 pm. Our last Walking Wheeling Wednesday occurs on December 10 and Thursday is Party Day and Furniture Moving Day. That leaves Friday as Clean up Day and the last day of 2008.

Of course, as these events get closer, more information will become available to students and parents.

As I have already stated, Walking Wheeling Wednesdays are nearly over for the year. One last job for parents is to complete the short survey for the Brisbane City Council so they can see where the programme is working and where it can be improved. I have included the survey in this Newsletter. If you could fill it in and return it to the office, it would be greatly appreciated. We have received a DVD of the BLAST Concert from two weeks ago, so any of our parents who wish to

receive a copy, please let me know and we will make you one. It is of a very good quality and our item came out well in the film.

A last safety message: We have found lately that many students have been wearing thongs and sandals to school. While these are definitely cool and convenient, they are not very safe or practical for school use. Our preferred option is the wearing of enclosed shoes that give protection against rough surfaces, sharp objects and sunshine. Please ensure your child wears these if possible.



Mark Fisher
Principal

FROM THE LIBRARY

Christmas Book Fair continues this week. Below is the list of days and times available for viewing/purchasing:

Today 17 Nov	8.15 – 9am & 3 – 3.45pm
Tues 18 Nov	8.15 – 9am & 3 – 3.45pm
Wed 19 Nov	8.15 – 9am & 3 – 3.45pm
Thur 20 Nov	8.15 – 9am only

In addition to the above times, students are able to purchase items both at lunchtime and in their usual library session.

Christmas Dress Up Day is tomorrow, Tuesday 18 November. Students are invited to dress up in their Christmas attire to celebrate the Book Fair and are asked to contribute a gold coin donation for the day. Proceeds collected will go towards purchasing gifts for the Salvation Army's Christmas appeal. Thank you for your anticipated support to this good cause.

Our Colouring-in Competition closes this afternoon. Winners will be announced on Assembly tomorrow and presented with their book voucher prize.

Book Club Issue 8 orders are due in this Wednesday, 19 November. Orders need to be accompanied by payment which can be made by cash, cheque or credit card.

Kind regards

Theresa McArdle
Librarian

P&C NEWS

Don't forget to place your orders for the wonderful Prep Plate. They are at the bargain price of \$10. The orders and payments will have to be in by Wednesday 19 November. Please send in a note with your child to their classrooms to let us know if you would like them to paint a picture or have their

hand prints placed on it. More order forms are available if needed.


Next year we will need to find a new Convenor for the tuckshop. It is a volunteer position as all P&C positions are. Without a new Convenor the tuckshop will not be able to function and therefore not be able to be open next year. There is also a great need for volunteers to help out in the tuckshop. It is a great, friendly and happy environment to be involved in.

The last P&C meeting for 2008 was held last Tuesday. The P&C would like to thank all members of the Committee for their individual contributions. Please note, the next meeting will be held in February 2009. There will be key appointments vacant at the next AGM to be held in March 2009. If you would like to be more involved in your children's school, this is a wonderful opportunity to be an active member of the P&C.

The Christmas stall is fast approaching. If there are any donations of items that could be sold to our kids, please drop them off at the tuckshop. Items are all sold for under \$5. (Remember what it was like when you bought things for your family at your school stalls). Let's make it the best stall yet.

The monster Christmas raffle tickets will be sent out this week. The prizes are amazing... a chest freezer, a BBQ, a Thai Pack. It will be drawn at the Carols by Candlelight on Tuesday 9 December. We will also be selling (light) candles on the same night. Let's make it an amazing night and get into the Christmas spirit.


From your friendly P&C Committee




Student Council News

This Term, the Student Council are working on gathering donations for the Salvation Army Christmas appeal. Each week, we are asking for a donation in one of the following categories:

- Canned food,
- Drinks, pet food
- Lollies, biscuits, packet foods
- Christmas decorations



This week's category is
Xmas Decorations



P.S. We would also appreciate any new Christmas paper or ribbon that you may have left from last year.

Thanks

Taigum State School Student Council

LOST PROPERTY

A couple of weeks ago, someone left a lady's watch at the swimming pool. If you think it could be yours and can give an accurate description, please come and see us in the office.

Jenny Skerman and Maxine Lecole

THANK YOU

We'd like to say thank you to John and Lisa Virtue for their donation of a drum kit to the school. The children really appreciate it and will benefit greatly from this generous gift. So once again, thank you so much.



From Fiona Wilkinson

Fancutts Tennis Academy will continue the tennis program at the school courts during this Term on Wednesdays.

Beginners 3.00 – 3.45pm
Players 3.45 – 4.30pm

Annual grade singles championship (for trophies) is being held at Fancutts on Sat 29th & Sun 30th Nov. Players represent their school. A Wall-a-Thon, Awards & Raffle will also be held with Xmas sausage sizzle. A McDonald's voucher is given to every player.

School holiday tennis programs will be held at Fancutts Tennis Centre, Lutwyche Mon to Fri from 1-5, 8-12, 15-19 Dec & 5-9, 12-16, 19-23 & 26 Jan for children up to 17 years. A separate morning or afternoon program is available. The full day program includes a tennis clinic 9-11.30am, (Beginners, Players, Advanced taught separately), lunch break, followed by Doubles Tournament 11.45-2pm & Singles Tournament 2-4.45pm for a Trophy. Ace Hot Shots Tennis is held 8.30-9am for 3-6 years.

Friendly Tournaments/Hot Shots for trophies are on Saturdays 11am-1pm at Fancutts during school term. Superleague/External fixtures are on Saturdays from 2-5.30pm & Sundays 3.45-6pm. All enquiries, please contact Fancutts on 3857 2922 in office hours or email Fancutts@bigpond.com.

