FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

This week is Book Week and there are many great activities happening in classrooms and the library to celebrate. Our biggest day is Friday, when we have the Book Week Dress-Up Day. All the great costumes will be on show on assembly, so if you are able to attend, it is well worth the effort. I’m looking forward to seeing the creative design ideas from both our students and our teachers who always enter into the spirit of the occasion.

Parent-Teacher Interviews
As I write this newsletter, it is only three weeks until our Parent-Teacher Interview evening for Semester 2 which will be held on Monday 9 September. You will soon receive an invitation to attend and I recommend that every parent try to find a time that suits. The fifteen minutes spent chatting often save hours of worries, or concerns or frustrations for parents. Not all problems can be solved immediately, but a discussion with your child’s teacher is often a great place to start.

Learnscape Working Bee
Last week’s newsletter was taken up with a lot of detail about our teaching and learning audit so I didn’t have any space to write about our working bee two Saturdays ago. We had a tremendous turnout. All up there were twenty adults and six students getting in and doing the work necessary. When we started at 8am, much of our learnscape looked like a jungle. Two and half hours later, most of the area was clean and tidy. It looked fantastic and we should have taken before and after photos so we could have documented the progress we made. I thank all the parents, teachers, teacher-aides and students who volunteered on the day. Your work is much appreciated. I was also impressed with the number of other parents who told me they would have attended but had other commitments. We will have another working bee in the garden in the next few weeks and we are also putting in some concrete paths this weekend as our push to make the area much more user friendly, continues.

Road Safety Assembly
Road safety is something we take very seriously. Handford Road and Beams Road are very busy, especially around the time school begins in the morning. If I stand on the footpath for a few minutes I will always see some foolish driving, some reckless driving and driving that puts pedestrians in danger. Most of the time it is caused by impatience. Just last week I watched several of our mums and students cross at the lights outside the school, with the walk signal, completely legally as a couple of cars decided to drive between them after going through a red light. I was horrified and the mums told me it is quite a regular occurrence. The motto of the story is we all have to be very aware when near traffic. If we can’t trust drivers to do the right thing, we have to take up the slack and be even more safe ourselves. The Brisbane City Council is all too aware of this and as part of their ‘Active School Travel’ programme, they will be bringing their road safety presentation to our assembly on Friday week, August 30. Our students have met the presenters before –Roadstar, Red and Green actors who do a fantastic job getting their message across. They are also bringing their portable pedestrian crossing and a variety of other aids to make the show enjoyable as well as educational.

Afternoon Duties
On a related issue, we have changed our duty procedures for afternoon duties. For years we have been doing the parent car park duty but we have just recently started a Handford Road duty (for want of a better name). One of us will walk down to the Roghan Road intersection
every afternoon to ensure that the large number of Taigum students using that busy corridor are behaving well and staying safe.

**Bramble Bay Athletics**

Congratulations to all who took part. Several officials told our teachers that they were very impressed with our students' behaviour and sportsmanship. Great to hear. Five of our athletes made it into the team for the Met North championships, later in the term. They are Levi, Connor, Sara, Sasha and Ajani. I wish them all good luck in their events.

**Last Word**

Steve and I participated in the ‘Tough Mudder’ event on the North Coast on Saturday. We were part of a six person team that ran the 17 kilometre course and traversed the 18 obstacles that included holes, hills, frozen ice baths and electric shocks. We were out there for four hours and by the end we were very hard to recognise due to the thick layer of mud. It was a great event and much fun. I believe there will be a picture or two on our Facebook page. Mrs Boundy also went in the event in a different team, an elite one I think, because they did it in less than three hours. Obviously show offs.

**Coming Up in Week 8**

- **Monday 27 August**  
  District Maths Competition, Brighton State School
- **Wednesday 29 August**  
  WWW Big Breakfast, sausage sizzle from 8 am

Mark Fisher  
Principal

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**Students of the Week**

- **Prep B** - Our whole class for being amazing readers  
- **Prep CD** - Ezekiel for participating well in class and school activities  
- **Year 1i** - Ben for trying his best during Maths  
- **Year 1L** - Baelee-Maree for being a respectful and friendly class member  
- **Year 1N** - Cooper for always being a reliable and considerate student  
- **Year 2H** - Harsimran for a great improvement in spelling  
- **Year 2J** - Josiah for always following instructions and fantastic bookwork  
- **Year 3B** - Quinn for the most interesting oral presentation of The Lorax  
- **Year 3TM** - Hope for an improved effort shown in class  
- **Year 4C** - Lanna for always showing her best manners in class  
- **Year 4/5G** - Sevval for a pleasing improvement in story writing  
- **Year 5W** - Adrian for working well in literacy  
- **Year 6S** - Riley for trying to write and keep up with all the written work with a broken finger  
- **Year 6/7G** - Caitlyn for an excellent effort in her number properties math test  
- **Year 7C** - Chola for a huge effort when converting fractions, decimals and percentages

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**BOOK AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 16th August 2013.

- 1i - Harith  
- 1L - Ma Aye  
- 1N - Vanshu  
- 2H - Hunter  
- 2J - Abbie  
- 3B - Aishwin  
- 3TM - Hayden
FROM THE OFFICE

STAFFROOM IMPROVEMENT COMPETITION

Thanks to QT Mutual Bank we have the opportunity to win our school a $20,000 staffroom makeover. What’s more, this year you have the chance to share in $5,000 worth of cash and prizes for yourself. Remember, the earlier you start the more apples you can earn so visit staffroomforimprovement.com.au and register today.

Competition starts 28 August 2013

‘Apples’ refers to votes made on the website. Refer to www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au for terms and conditions. Promoter is QT Mutual Bank Limited and can be contacted on 13 29 30 or email on qtmb@qtmb.com.au
FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Well the Ekka is over and so is our show-bag day. A big THANK YOU to the parents and students who helped make the day a huge success.

A special thank you to the following local businesses. Without their support our show-bags would not have been so full.

- McDonalds - Bracken Ridge
- Bunnings – Carseldine
- RACQ
- Queensland Rail
- Queensland Police
- Commonwealth Bank
- National Australia Bank
- our Local Council

I hope the children enjoyed their show-bags.

Lisa Virtue
Tuckshop Convenor

FROM THE P&Cl

Hi Everyone!

We have been extremely fortunate to secure a Sausage Sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings, Carseldine (thank you to Mrs Silverstand for her hard work). This is very exciting for us and the date we have been allocated is Wednesday 11th September. We are looking for volunteers to help out on the day and would greatly appreciate any help. The sizzle will be on from 8am – 3pm and if you have any spare time we would love to see you down there!

If you are interested in helping out (remember ALL help is appreciated, even if it is half an hour or so), please feel free to contact me via email on c.boswell826@gmail.com or alternatively you can pop into the uniform shop and let us know.

As you know we are also holding a cake stall and sausage sizzle on Election Day (Saturday 7th September) and we are also asking for any volunteers to help out on the day. Also if you are able to donate any flour, cakes etc that would be awesome! I apologise that everything is happening at the same time but I can’t stress enough how appreciative we are to everyone that takes the time to help out.

Chloe Boswell
P&C Vice-President.
FROM THE LIBRARY

From the Library…

We're getting close to that time of year when all who love reading and children's books have a huge celebration known as Children's Book Week (17th to 23rd August). This year's theme: Read across the Universe. As part of our celebrations we will be having our Dress-up parade on Friday the 23rd August (week 7). We encourage children to dress as their favourite storybook character.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

During the rest of this Term our school is participating in the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser for The Heart Foundation! Kids will have the opportunity during lunch times to do skipping in the hall.

Mondays: Prep & Yr 1.
Tuesdays: Yr 6 & 7.
Wednesdays Yr 4 & 5.
Thursdays Yr 2 & 3.

Skipping is great exercise and also a lot of fun! We want to teach some fancy new skipping skills to the kids too. On Tuesday September 17, we are having a Jump Off day, where the kids will show off their skipping skills.

Jump Rope for Heart is a fundraiser for The Heart Foundation. Soon I'll be giving each of the kids a fundraising form to take home to get sponsors. If you want to, you can help your child to register online and email friends and family to get online donations. There are a lot of cool prizes for raising money!

All the money is due back at school on the Jump Off day, Tuesday September 17 (last week of this term).

Steve Unicomb

DATES TO REMEMBER

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHEERLEADING CLASSES IN TERM 4

Recreational cheerleading classes for children aged 6-12 years. Learn to cartwheel, flip, jump and dance in a fun environment focused on learning to work as a team, developing discipline as well as making friends and having fun!

- 8 week program (7 October to 15 December)
- Cost $80
- Classes held at our gym at 128 Granite Street, Geebung
- For further information or to register, please email info@queenslandcheerelite.com.au or call our office on (07) 3161 5069

SANDGATE/REDCLIFFE DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INC.

Sign on for Junior Players – Season 2013/2014

When:  Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th August 2013
Time: 2.30pm to 5.00pm Saturday and 9.00am to 12.00pm Sunday
Where: Clubhouse, Albury Oval – Racecourse Road, DEAGON
Teams: Under 8’s to Under 17’s

For further information or to register, please email srdcc_juniors@clubs.qldcricket.com.au or phone Michael Duff (President) 0401 692 956 or the clubhouse (07) 3269 1098
Softball Batter Up
Come and have some fun and try Softball!
3 week program for kids 7-12 years old
When:
Saturday 9am-11am
31 August, 7 September and 14 September 2013
Where:
O'Callaghan Park, 340 Zillmere Road, Zillmere
How Much:
$30 for registrations by 26 August 2013
$45 for registrations after 26 August 2013
Includes 3 wk program, Softball glove & ball!
More info:
Kim Cooper - 0416 058 047
getintosoftball@gmail.com
www.Bearssoftball.com.au
Have you always wanted to help animal rescuers but don’t know how or just can’t over commit?

Home Checks are for you! Rescue groups all over Australia struggle to be in all the places they would like to be at any one time, and can’t always do home checks and yard checks for potential fosterers or adopters, which most would prefer to do if they had the resources.

If you have an hour or two to spare a week and can help, for any specified length of time, please send us an email to admin@narga.org.au and we can discuss this new program with you.

Together we will make a difference! www.narga.org.au
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- FUN COMPS, PRIZES & TROPHIES
- AGES 4 – 15 ALL LEVELS WELCOME

MINIMUM OF ONE PARENT PER CHILD MUST ATTEND. CHILDREN CAN ONLY PARTICIPATE IF THEIR PARENT IS PRESENT. BOOKING ESSENTIAL.

2199 Sandgate Road, Boondall Parking map can be found at http://sc.pl/nx
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