Dear Parents

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I am now in my tenth and final week of the Principal Coaching that began way back in Term 1, the first week of March to be exact. While I am looking forward to being back at school fulltime, it has been a very interesting and educational period for me. Without a doubt, the core idea of the whole programme is that leadership matters. Leaders can make contributions that make positive changes to the lives of the people who chose to follow them. In many life areas, we take leadership for granted. We understand that it is an obvious part of being a Prime Minister, a company CEO, a captain of a sporting team or the head of a church or other institution. What most of us probably don’t realise is that everybody at every level has the opportunity to apply some sort of leadership at times and in situations in their lives. When we look at schools, we assume leadership is the monopoly of the principal or deputy, but in reality, leadership comes from teachers, from teacher-aides, from Year 7 student leaders and from many individual students through the course of any given day. Your leaders are regularly the people you are closest to. So in a classroom, I expect that the teacher is the educational leader within those four walls. At home, parents are not only the educational leaders, but the moral leaders, the behavioural leaders, the life skills leaders for their children. We all have a part to play. So when it comes time for parent-teacher interviews, the two most important leaders in the students’ lives get to meet each other. This is an important moment and one that can yield great results. Our Parent-Teacher Interviews took place yesterday and I was very impressed by two things. Firstly, how many parents made the time to come to school. We had a constant flow from 3pm right through to 6:30pm when the last parents left. Secondly, I was very taken by the positive attitude and optimism that I heard from many of our mums and dads. It made for some very constructive discussion. One of the aspects that I have learnt about leadership this year, is that one of the most important things we can do as leaders is to give feedback. How can anyone improve if they don’t realise where they are going wrong. I am happy to report, that I heard plenty of feedback last night, flowing in both directions. This information, I’m sure, will be used by both parties to improve the educational experiences of our students and so I declare last night a resounding success.

Election Day
Another resounding success for our P&C Association was the election day cake stall and sausage sizzle. I think when all the takings are counted and expenses subtracted, there will be a profit of around $2000. That is a brilliant result. What is not possibly understood though, is the preparation this took and the time donated on the actual day. Several of our mums put in many, many long hours baking, decorating and wrapping all the cakes and then spent many, many more running the barbeque that started early for party workers and kept on going through to about 3:30pm when they ran out of food. Thank you ladies, your work is very much appreciated.

Interschool Sport Term 4
Friday next week, we will be running trials for Term 4 touch for both boys and girls. All students in Years 4 to 7 are eligible to play and I encourage all of them to give it a go. Although Term 4’s games are the second half of the competition that started way back in Term 1, it is being totally re-organised so all who trial are able to be selected in a team. Once the trails have finished, notes will go home to parents and the matches will begin on the second Friday of term which is October 18. Once again, we will be playing two games every second Friday.
Last Weeks of Term
As I say at the end of most terms, we expect the high standards of behavior to be maintained right to the end of term. This term, that requires a bit more effort as it has been long and the temperature is starting to increase. Can I encourage all parents to reinforce this and encourage their children to do their very best all the way to Friday next week.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week
Prep B - Gianni for zooming ahead with his reading
Prep CD - Rune for an interesting book review
Year 1i - Ashlee for looking after our new student so responsibly all week
Year 1L - Krystal for excellent listening and cooperative behaviour
Year 1N - Riley for wonderful handwriting
Year 2H - Joshua for a great improvement in staying on task
Year 2J - Raymond for following directions and working well in class
Year 3B - Ethan for improved handwriting
Year 3TM - Sarah for a more positive approach to her work and great class participation, and Tiki-Mana for planning, drafting and editing his narrative writing. Good job.
Year 4C - Aliesha for an improvement in behaviour in class and in the playground
Year 4/5G - Fuatino for excellent manners and a fantastic attitude to work
Year 5W - Ehkeller, Taniela and Emily for showing the biggest improvement and being the hardest workers in Year 5 Maths
Year 6S - Mitchell for always being happy to help with a smile on his face
Year 6/7G - Noah for working conscientiously on his poetry assessment task
Year 7C - Alexander for a terrific job with finding the area of triangles

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 6th September 2013.

- 1i - Robbie
- 1L - Richard
- 1N - Danica
- 2H - Jaimey
- 2J - Riley
- 3B - Eh Tha Mee
- 3TM - Tyler
- 4C - Dushyant
- 4/5G - Drew
- 5W - Zoe
- 6S - Skyler and Jaymie-Leigh
- 6/7G - Beatrice
- 7C - Ethan
Help us win a $20,000 staffroom makeover!

Thanks to QT Mutual Bank we have the chance to win a $20,000 staffroom makeover as part of their “Staffroom for Improvement” competition. The prize is a complete makeover of our school’s main staffroom and even better is the chance for individual voters to win one of five $1,000 QTMB bank accounts. The winning school will be the one with the most votes weighted against the number of students, so any school, small or large has an equal chance to win. We need as much support from our local school community as possible.

Simply visit www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au to read the terms and conditions and register your interest today.

The competition kicked off on 28 August so spread the word and get as many people as possible to vote for Taigum State School.

Thank you for your support so far. Please keep those apples coming!
LOST PROPERTY

There is currently a large amount of lost property at the school. Please take the time to look through for any items you or your child may have misplaced during the year as all unclaimed property will be donated to charity at the end of the term.

BOOK DONATION

Thank you to Kristen V for her nomination of our school on the SEPIiiDAink facebook page. SEPIiiDAink aim to encourage a love of reading and support the education of Australian children.

Through Kristen’s nomination, Taigum State School have received two copies of the book “If you come with us, you’ll see what I mean.”

FROM THE P&C

Hi Everyone,

Last week was a tremendously busy week for us all. The school disco on Thursday night was great fun and congratulations to Sundip in Grade 3 on winning the Lucky door prize! During Saturday’s Election Day we held a cake stall and Sausage Sizzle which was a massive success. I would like to say a very big Thank You to everyone who took the time to bake cakes, caramel slices, coconut ices and a heap of other seriously yummy treats! The cake stall completely sold out, which is fantastic! I would also like to thank everyone who came to help on the day, the sausage sizzle did a roaring trade and kept everyone on their toes!

Tomorrow (Wednesday) is our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle from 8am – 3pm. We are still asking for volunteers to come down and help us out, so if you have a spare hour or so we’d love to see you down there! Bunnings has requested that all volunteers wear closed in shoes and that all long hair is worn up.

Finally, just a reminder that there is still time to send in your Fact-a-thon money; the person who raises the most money wins a bike and helmet and everyone who raises over $25 goes into the draw to win a Razor scooter and helmet. The winners will be announced on the last day of term (September 20). So make sure all money is returned by next week to be in with a chance. Good Luck!

Many thanks and have a great week!

Chloe Boswell
P&C Vice-President.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Just a reminder that our Jump Rope for Heart ‘Jump Off’ will be held on Friday September 20 (the last day of school).

Steve Unicomb
SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL CLINIC
Clever Little Ones is holding a Netball Clinic during the school holidays at Inside Sportz Strathpine.

For children aged 5 – 10 years
- Wednesday 25 September 2013
- 9am – 12pm
- Cost $35

For children aged 11 – 15 years
- Friday 4 October 2013
- 9am – 3pm
- Cost $65

To register or for further information please phone 0411 737 600, or visit us at www.cleverevents.com.au
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

ZILLMERE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Zillmere Community Centre are holding a Community Expo at Fitzgibbon Chase on Saturday 28th September 2013. The aim is to raise community awareness of services available in the local area. If you would like any further information please – Phone: 3865 2880 or Email: enquires@necsg.org.au

National Animal Rescue Groups of Australia (NARGA) Inc

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
**Bears Softball – Batter Up Program**

**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

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**SWIMMING CLUB SIGN ON**

Electric Eels Swimming Club
Sign on Fun Day
15 September 2013
10am to 2pm
Zillmere State School Merrett Ave Zillmere
Come and enjoy a BBQ and Free Swim in our Heated Pool
www.electriceels.org.au
Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work as a Zoo Keeper? Well, wonder no more because the school holidays are back, and so is Australia Zoo's holiday program, Zoo Keeper For a Day: Khaki Discovery!

If you are aged between seven and eleven you can join the zoo crew to help feed the animals and clean enclosures, with exclusive behind the scenes access and plenty of hands-on action with some of our gorgeous animals. Children aged twelve to fourteen can step it up a notch with Zoo Keeper for a Day: Khaki Extreme. It's a day you won't forget! Places are booking out fast so call 07 5436 2025 to make a reserve your spot.

**Ages:** 7 - 11 years or 12-15 years  
**Price:** $85  
**Includes:** Zoo entry, Zoo Keeper for a Day cap and water bottle, lunch, photo with one of our animals  
**Duration:** 5 hours  
**Location:** Australia Zoo  
**Dates:** 21 September to 6 October 2013

Further details are available at www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day
PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH
Information for Prospective Participants

The following research activity has been reviewed via QUT arrangements for the conduct of research involving human participation.

If you choose to participate, you will be provided with more detailed participant information, including who you can contact if you have any concerns.

Sibling relationships affected by disability: Perspectives of mothers and fathers

Research team contacts

Principal Researcher: Melissa Allison  Psychology Masters student, QUT
Supervisory Researcher: Dr Marilyn Campbell  Faculty of Education, QUT

What is the purpose of the research?
The purpose of this research is to investigate how disability impacts the childhood sibling relationship. We are interested in whether parents’ views about the sibling relationship are the same for mothers and fathers, and whether these views change when one child in the family has a disability.

Are you looking for people like me?
The research team is looking for families with two or more children living within the family home.

We are particularly interested in recruiting families in which one child (aged 6-12 years) has a disability (physical, intellectual/cognitive, hearing, vision or developmental), however this is not a necessary requirement for participation. Your second child must be under the age of 18, and have no diagnosed disabilities or severe/chronic medical illnesses.

Mothers and fathers must both be willing to participate.

What will you ask me to do?
In this study, mothers and fathers will be asked to separately complete a short 5-10 minute questionnaire about the sibling relationship – that’s it! We will send out the questionnaires to you, and even give you a postage-paid envelope to return it to us; it’s as simple as that!

Are there any risks for me in taking part?
The research team does not believe there are any risks beyond normal day-to-day living associated with your participation in this research. It should be noted that if you do agree to participate, you can withdraw from participation at any time during the project without comment or penalty.

Will I be compensated for my time?
We would very much appreciate your participation in this research.

Although it is unlikely that this project will benefit you directly, the information gained from this research will be useful for us to better understand how sibling relationships may be affected by disabilities. The sibling relationship is an important predictor of social development and childhood wellbeing – this research may allow us to make overall recommendations to parents and families about how to improve the sibling relationship.

I am interested – what should I do next?
If you would like to participate in this study, please contact Melissa Allison (melissa.allison@connect.qut.edu.au) for details of the next step.

You will be provided with further information to ensure that your decision and consent to participate is fully informed.

Thank You!

QUT Ethics Approval Number: 1300000466
DISCOVERING THE ANCIENT PAST

RD MILNS ANTIQUITIES MUSEUM

Ever wondered how the ancient Romans bathed, or what an Egyptian make-up case looked like? These school holidays discover the ancient past and hold history in your hands at the RD Milns Antiquities Museum. Learn how to wear a toga or chiton, and discover the use and purpose of a Roman fibula. Write like a Roman senator, play King Tut’s favourite board game, and take home your own piece of history.

Entry to the Museum is free and all age groups are welcome.

No bookings required for groups under 10 people.

Opening hours:
Monday 23rd September - Friday 4th October
Monday to Friday 11-4pm

Location: Level 2, Mitchie Building (G), University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus

Maps and Parking details:
www.uq.edu.au/maps

Please contact us for further information
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Museum Outreach Officer
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P: 07 3365 3010

www.uq.edu.au/antiquities
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We are a disciplined school and approach our learning with a growth mindset. Teachers deliver quality instruction in an orderly environment. Students know that learning is the work and wear their school uniform with pride.

High School 2015 – Here we come!
Family High School Experience
Saturday, October 12th 2013
9.30 – 12.00
School Tours
High School “Master” Classes (limited places in each class)
Register on our website: www.aspleyshs.eq.edu.au