17 September 2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

It has taken eleven long weeks but we are now nearly at the end of Term 3. Much has been done and achieved this term as, apart from the Show Day holiday, we had a good long uninterrupted period in which teachers could teach and students could learn. Of course, we still have another ten weeks to go in the school year when we will also accomplish much, but that’s for after the holidays.

Naplan 2013 Results

You may have heard some news about Naplan on TV and in the weekend newspapers. The broad picture is that Queensland as a whole has improved greatly to be in fourth spot nationally. Three years ago we were seventh, so progress has been good. The best performing region in the state is Brisbane Metropolitan, of which, we are a part. Our results as a whole are better than last year. Our Year 5s and Year 7s have shown strong improvements but unfortunately our Year 3 students didn’t do as well. Over the next weeks, we will analyse all the Naplan data provided to us and try and find the common strands of what we are doing well and those in which we have to improve. This will form a lot of our work for next term and Term 1 in 2014. Due to a printing problem, individual written reports will be ready to distribute in the first week after the vacation break.

Senior Leaders

I am returning once more to my theme of leadership as I have in the past two newsletters. Leadership can happen at all levels within an organisation and in our organisation it is important for it to occur among our students. I have often said that a good Year 7 means a good school. Whether they know it or not, our younger students tend to follow the example set by our Year 6 and 7s. One of the ways we attempt to foster good leadership in our upper school is through the ‘Senior Leaders’ programme. Our Senior Leaders are students we can rely on to do the right thing, to have excellent manners and to be the ones to become our School Captains and House Captains. For the past seven years we have followed a process for our leaders to be selected but this year things need to change with the advent of the Year 7s in high schools from 2015. This means that at the end of 2014, all our Year 7 students and our Year 6 students will leave our school. That means that the 2014 Year 6s will not have a chance to be school or house captains in their own right. Next year therefore, we will have our School and House Captains selected from Year 7 and our school and house vice-captains selected from Year 6. This is a compromise forced on us by outside factors beyond our control. In the process, we have decided to change our selection criteria for all our leaders and the new forms will be ready for students to start on their leadership path in Term 4. It will require good behaviour, good attendance, participation in school events and volunteer service. All will be revealed in Week 1 after the break.

Parent Carpark Driveway

As reported some time ago, the parent carpark entry is to be completed excavated and resealed over the September holidays. The work will begin on Saturday, be finished by Tuesday but the entry will be closed for the next week to allow the concrete to cure. Anyone using the car park in that time will have to enter and leave through the existing exit. This will cause some inconvenience, especially for Jabiru parents, but it will be ready for the beginning of Term 4 and the wet season which is just around the corner.

Next Term
Next term begins on Tuesday October 8 and runs for 10 weeks, finishing on Friday 13 December. Before then we have two weeks of holidays. I wish you a long and relaxing break and will look forward to seeing everyone back on the first day of the new term.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

Prep B - Adam for a great job on his book review
Prep CD - Basil for learning his Jolly Phonics sounds
Year 1i - Rivery for trying his best in reading groups and making great progress
Year 1L - Jamie for his fantastic story writing and reading with expression
Year 1N - Roqaya for making great progress in learning sight words
Year 2H - Anand for being a spelling star
Year 2J - Madelynne for great work in maths
Year 3B - Isabella for effort and improvement in spelling
Year 3TM - Trae for being a responsible member of class and fitting in with his new friends
Year 4C - Hayley for being an active traveller and having excellent road safety skills
Year 4/5G - Shaunmanning for always working hard in mathematics
Year 5W - Fuzail, Tristan, Charlotte G, Tiara, Charlotte M, and Garry for achieving A’s in both maths assessment tasks for Term 3
Year 6S - Depandra for writing a very good comparative review of two books
Year 6/7G - Jonathan for working hard to complete his English task
Year 7C - Morgan for giving clear explanations using Mathematical terms

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 13th September 2013.

- 1i - Jessica
- 1L - Maayewin
- 1N - Blaize
- 2H - Nate
- 2J - Spencer
- 3B - Rico
- 3TM - Brandon
- 4C - Annabella
- 4/5G - Fuatino
- 5W - Bruna
- 6S - Liam
- 6/7G - Avisa
- 7C - Bree

FROM THE OFFICE

YEAR 7 CAMP
A friendly reminder that Year 7 Camp payments and medical forms need to be returned to the office by Friday 20 September.

Please make final payment of $165 (total cost of camp being $205) by this date.

**SCHOOL SWIMMING**

Class swimming lessons will commence in week 2 of Term 4. All students must wear a swimming cap and rash vest so please remember to pack these items along with your togs and towel.

Only those students with an illness substantiated by a letter from their parent or a medical certificate will be excused from swimming lessons.

**INTERSCHOOL SPORT**

Interschool sport will commence in week 2 of Term 4.

Permission forms and payment requests will be sent home in week 1.

**STAFFROOM IMPROVEMENT COMPETITION**

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.

2014 BOOKLISTS

Order forms for 2014 Booklist requirements (Prep – Year 7) will be sent home with your child this week. Please ensure you have received your copy.

If you wish to purchase the pre-packed supplies, please return your order form with payment to the office on or before Wednesday 27 November.

Your pre-packed supplies will then be available for collection from the school between Tuesday 21st January and Friday 24th January 2014.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking Update: Redeem your tokens for a moneybox this year! In 2014 the School Banking program will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens for. Each reward item will continue to be valued at 10 tokens (i.e. 10 deposits) and there will be two new reward items for students to choose from each term.

With exciting new reward items on offer in 2014, please be aware that the Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available next year. To avoid
any child missing out on claiming their moneybox, please let your children know of this change and encourage them to redeem their moneybox this school year. In an effort to ensure your child doesn't miss out, the rule of one money box per year has been removed. If your child is trying to collect the series of Dollarmite moneyboxes, they are encouraged to do so before the end of the school year. Please understand that the still need to redeem each moneybox for the required 10 tokens.

FROM THE P&C

Hi Everyone,

As we all look forward to the holidays I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big Thank You to absolutely everybody who has helped make this term a really successful one! Last Wednesday we had our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle which was a huge success. I would like to thank Bambi, Jo, Katey, Kursty and Nadine for ALL their hard work and effort. I would like to say a very special Thank You to Rod Chiapello from McDonald’s Bracken Ridge for so kindly supplying the onions and the sausages; we are always so grateful for your continued support! Finally, just a reminder that all Fact-a-thon money must be returned by Thursday as the winners will be announced on Friday’s Parade!

Many thanks, have an awesome holiday and we'll see you next term!

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
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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
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FIRST LESSON FREE

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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
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, Michie Building (G), University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus

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

Please contact us for further information
Jessica Dowdell
Museum Outreach Officer
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WAVELL HIGH SCHOOL COMBINED SHOPS
Have a student starting at Wavell High School in 2014?

Beat the end of year rush and come in now to purchase your uniforms and books.
Open: Monday to Thursday 8.15am – 11.15am
For more information phone Virginia Wootton on 3359 5126

BRACKEN RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Bracken Ridge Baptist Church will be holding a Ladies Event, How one night can change your family, on Monday 14 October at 7.00pm in the BRT function room, Barrett St, Bracken Ridge.
Special guest Lynne Burgess - author of the book All-In Night
Cost is $10 – includes entry and a drink
To RSVP or for further information please phone or email Rachel on 0412 161482 or rachel@sweeney.id.au
mancini Art gallery

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS 2 for 1

- Children's School Holiday Workshops 2 for 1
  $20 per class - pay for 1 child and bring a friend or mum for free. Classes start at 9am and 1pm.

- Children's Art Classes Tuesday and Wednesday after school and Saturday mornings (including 2 - 4 year olds)

- Arty Birthday Parties for children from $15ea

- Adults Learn to Draw Classes, materials included
  Monday 1pm, Tuesday evenings 6.30pm - from $15

- Adults Learn to Create an Artwork
  for your home (all mediums)
  Tuesday and Saturday from 10am
  Wednesday and Thursday evenings - from $15

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www.manciniartgallery.com.au
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Are you interested in playing indoor soccer during the summer season? The Redcliffe PCYC are running, for the 7th consecutive year, their popular Indoor Soccer competition open to people of all ages and abilities. So get some friends together and register a team for this year's season, commencing Week 1 of Term 4. If you can't get enough players for a team don't worry, we'll find one for you. Games are usually played on Tuesday and Friday evenings (depending on demand) and are played at the Redcliffe High School Hall, Clontarf High School Hall, and the PCYC. There is a 5-6 week break during the Christmas holidays with a late January return for finals. So don't wait, call us to register now on 3385 1900.