Dear Parents

Week Two of Term Four finds us right back into the hot weather pattern that we are used to at this time of year. Unfortunately, it will probably get hotter as well. We have at least three areas where we need to take notice of these conditions. Firstly, every break children get the chance to play on our ovals. We do not let them do this without a hat. The ‘No Hat, No Play’ rule is understood by all and enforced by our staff. All children need to take regular drink breaks and rest in the shade if tired. Secondly, our swimming programme is once again in operation. The pool is beautiful at present and every child is required to swim. They need to be sunsafe by wearing some sort of shirt whilst in the water. A proper sun shirt is the best idea but a T-shirt is sufficient. Children should also remember to drink water during swimming times as dehydration still occurs in pool sessions even if it doesn’t feel like it is. Thirdly, interschool sport starts this week and it is very important to have regular drinks, regular breaks and stay out of the sun between matches where possible. The P&C will be selling cold drinks on the oval each Friday and there are water taps down there as well. The motto of this whole paragraph - ‘Stay Sun Safe’.

Student Free Day
Next week contains the only Monday Student Free Day of the year. For students it is a long weekend. They resume school on Tuesday. Our staff will be in attendance and they will all be doing their recertification for CPR, a very important task. For those who already have their current CPR, their day will be taken up with a refresher course on ‘Jolly Phonics’, part of our reading strategy, especially in the Junior School.

Year 7 Camp
Our Year 7 students will be on camp from Wednesday to Friday and Alex Park Camp at Alexandra Headland on the Sunshine Coast. They will be accompanied by Mr Cran, Mrs Gould, their two student teachers and Steve. I have been to the last six camps at this site and they have been fantastic. It is a great venue, only 300 metres from the beach. Steve is an expert on camp and he has devised some brilliant activities as usual. The highlight will be C.S.I., where our Year 7s will have to find the clues to the identity of the devilishly clever criminal, causing havoc at the camp.

Goodstart
You may have seen the ‘Goodstart’ Programme on the ABC news last week. It was once a small programme centred on Logan City but has since been picked up by the government and funded through the Department of Health. It is aimed at the health, fitness and nutrition of Pacifica families. We began being part of it this time last year and have continued ever since. It is well attended and very popular among our students who learn cooking skills, dance and games. The first session is on Friday afternoon this week.

Active School Travel
Every child will be bringing home an Active School Travel survey this week. The BCC asks if each family fills out just one, they will get some valuable information about travel habits and the barriers to active travel in our local area. It will take about 5 minutes to complete. I hope you get a chance to tell us your point of view.
Long Service
I’m off for the next week on long service leave. In my absence, Mrs Tunny will be the Principal and Mrs Innes the Deputy Principal. I will be back on deck in Week 4 for the run home to the end of term with plenty of enthusiasm.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week
Prep B - Alex and Adam for all your help in the garden
Prep CD - Junior for being organised and ready for swimming
Year 1i - Konnor for counting backwards in 10’s from 100 with no mistakes
Year 1L - Kyeron for his excellent participation in classroom activities
Year 1N - Dennise for always being a polite and diligent worker
Year 2H - Audrey for being a hard worker in class
Year 2J - Shee Shee for always completing written classwork activities in a neat and tidy manner
Year 3B - Gus for always being eager to participate in class activities
Year 3TM - Jai for great on-task behaviour and enthusiasm in maths, and Jada for great participation during poetry discussions
Year 4C - Nathanael for excellent work in problem solving classes
Year 4/5G - Shaunnanning for very good participation in class and bookwork
Year 5W - Whitney for working hard on her presentation about the theme of conservation in the novel Storm Boy
Year 6S - Lemi for an excellent write-up of the differences between informative and literary texts
Year 6/7G - Josh for participating actively in class discussions
Year 7C - Seth for being a focused student who actively participates in all lessons

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 11th October 2013.

- 1i - Robbie
- 1L - Richard
- 1N - Jesse
- 2H - Emily
- 2J - Deean
- 3B - Ashwin
- 3TM - Danica
- 4C - Miguel
- 4/5G - Carl
- 5W - Lincoln
- 6S - Lavinia and Song
- 6/7G - Levi
- 7C - Har Le Lu
FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL SWIMMING

Class swimming lessons have commenced. 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 this Friday, 18th October. Permission forms and payment requests have been sent home and must be returned prior to your child being able to participate.

2014 BOOKLISTS

Order forms for 2014 Booklist requirements (Prep – Year 7) were sent home with your child last term. 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 Wednesday 22nd 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.

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**FROM THE P&C**

Hi Everyone,

Welcome back! This term will be another busy one with lots of events and activities lined up. This Friday is Interschool sports, round 1, where the P&C will once again be selling (on the upper oval): Zooper Doopers, Ice Monys, cold drinks and home – baked cookies! So don’t forget to bring some money with you.

As has become tradition, we will be holding our Christmas Stall during the last week of term. To make this another great year, we are asking for donations. So, this week we are asking for sweet treats; lollies, chocolates or anything yummy! Please drop them into the Uniform Shop and remember ALL donations are hugely appreciated.

Chloe Boswell
P&C Vice-President.

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**FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

I’m employed by SU Qld, as are most chaplains in Qld. SU Qld run some great camps in the school holidays. One camp I’d particularly like to promote is called SchoolzOut camp. It’s just for Yr 7’s and it’s to celebrate finishing primary school. It’s on the week after school finishes this year. He’s a blurb about the camp.

*Come and celebrate the end of primary school at SchoolzOut. A jam-packed week including the Team It Up Tuesday Tournament, Graduation Dinner, Dance Party and a trip to MovieWorld. Amongst the fun, be challenged to think about God and life as you move into high school.*

All of Scripture Union Qld camps can be seen at [http://www.sucamps.org.au/](http://www.sucamps.org.au/).

Next Easter holidays I’ll be going on a camp called Gents Ignition. It’s just for boys in Yr 5, 6 & 7. It’s listed on the website above and you can register now if you want (it’s probably a good idea to register early because last year it sold out and a lot of boys missed out).

There’s plenty more camps to choose from too!

Come talk to me if you want any more info about these camps.

Steve Unicomb
*School Chaplain*
DATES TO REMEMBER

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Learnscape Working Bee

We will be holding a working bee in the Learnscape garden on Saturday 26 October and would really appreciate your assistance for only an hour or two commencing at 8am.
Lynne Goodberg and Gary Lynn will be there to lead the volunteers. Please help us to make this happen. Please contact the school by return email or by ringing the front office if you are able to help, even if only for a very short time.

Melbourne Cup Luncheon
Cyber-Safety for Parents

A Crime Prevention Police Officer will present an information session for parents on child internet safety at the Zillmere Library on Saturday 19 October between 10-11am. Come along and learn more about how to keep your child safe in an online environment. Booking are essential so please contact Zillmere Library on (07) 3403 1455 for more information or to register.

SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY CELEBRATION

Geebung, Taigum and Zillmere State Schools are holding a combined School Chaplaincy Celebration on Friday 1st November at The Salvation Army, corner of Handford & Roghan Rds, Taigum.

- 4.45pm Fun Games
- 5.30pm BBQ Dinner
- 6.30pm Concert
  Che-Jazz Show team (dance group)
  Performances by Geebung SS
  Performances by Taigum SS
  Performances by Zillmere SS
  Principals vs Chaplains Challenge
  Message from the Chaplains
- 8.00pm Finish

BBQ Pricelist
Sausage Sizzle $2.50
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Ice creams $1.00
Donuts $1.00
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