FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

With this week being shorter than usual due to the Pupil Free Day on Monday, we will have a very busy four days. Highlights occurring over the next fortnight include:

School Chaplaincy Celebration
A School Chaplaincy Celebration will be held next Friday 1 November. The evening will commence at 4:45pm with fun games followed by a BBQ Dinner at 5:30pm at the Salvation Army Hall. A concert will begin at 6:30pm with our Junior choir performing a few items and a solo performance from Year 7 student Vindhya Chetty. This celebration acknowledges the positive contributions our school chaplains make to our local schools. The evening is free with an optional gold coin donation. Please come along to show your support for the wonderful work done by our School Chaplain Steve Unicomb!

PCYC Touch Football
The PCYC Community Cup – Touch Football training sessions will commence this Thursday at second lunch. Due to the overwhelming response by students to participate in this event, teams will only be drawn from our Year 7 population. Coaching will continue for five weeks with the Gala Carnival being held on 21st November at Zillmere PCYC.

Learnscape Working Bee
Thank you to everyone who has indicated they can come along and help out this Saturday at our Learnscape Working bee from 8am. Please remember to cover up! We will be focussing on the removal of vines & cut trees into skip bin. There may be some slashing so if you have a petrol brushcutter, gloves or secateurs (pruning shears) they may be helpful. Students are most welcome to come with you but please make sure they know that they cannot use cutting implements.

World Teachers’ Day
We will be celebrating World Teachers’ Day this Friday 25 October. All compliments will be gratefully accepted. Please acknowledge the fantastic job our teachers do!

Indigenous Student Camp
Invitations will be sent home this week to Year 6 & 7 students with an Indigenous background, to participate in an adventure camp at Mapleton Outdoor Recreation Centre. The camp will run from 16th -18th December. The camp is being offered by the Zillmere and Redlands PCYC and will be staffed by experienced and qualified staff.

Prep Enrolments 2014
Enrolments are currently being taken for students commencing Prep in 2014. We would greatly appreciate these being forwarded to the office as soon as possible so we may finalise our staffing arrangements for next year. Unfortunately, teaching numbers for 2014 are based on known numbers. Our enrolment returns close on 15 November so we ask your assistance in ensuring that enrolments be sent to the office by that date. Please check with your relatives, neighbours and friends if you know they are intending to enrol.

Active After-school Communities
We have received word that our submission to the Active After-school Communities Program for 2014 is successful. Next week we will meet with Shannon Profitt to discuss our grant and formalise the programs to be offered free to students after school hours in 2014. We hope that these will include free swimming lessons for Year 1 students in term 1 and Prep in term 4. We are looking at providing coaching for other school students in Term 2&3. This may take the form of Rugby, AFL or touch football training. We shall update our school community once further information is available.

Lynne Tunny
A/Principal

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**Students of the Week**

| Prep B | Anneke for always being a responsible class member |
| Prep CD | Isabela for wonderful behaviour |
| Year 1i | Marzieh for always working hard and showing enthusiasm for reading |
| Year 1L | Ellauoise for all her hard work in class and following classroom rules |
| Year 1N | Rhiana for being a caring and thoughtful member of 1N |
| Year 2H | Chauncey for lovely handwriting in class |
| Year 2J | Samuel for his consistent effort in all classroom activities |
| Year 3B | Ryan for being an attentive listener in class |
| Year 3TM | Sharn for trying her very best on all occasions |
| Year 4C | Hayley for always helping her peers in class |
| Year 4/5G | Tha Say Gay for an excellent attitude and participation in all class activities |
| Year 5W | Brandon for working well in problem solving groups on Thursdays |
| Year 6S | Kyawsanoo for attending homework help after school and finishing his homework every week |
| Year 6/7G | Kristine for displaying good sportsmanship at interschool sports |
| Year 7C | Lachlan for leading the ‘Yellow Team’ to a brilliant win! |

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**BOOK AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 18th October 2013.

- 1i - Avneesh
- 1L - Zaki
- 1N - Princess
- 2H - Matthew
- 2J - Ryan
- 3B - Olivia
- 3TM - Daniel
- 4C - Aliesha
- 4/5G - Tayla
- 5W - Charlotte
- 6S - Kheley

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FROM THE OFFICE
PaCE MEETING

Our next PaCE Meeting (for parents of ATSI students) will be held on Monday 4th November at 2.00pm in the staffroom. All interested parents are welcome.

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

Round 2 of Interschool sport will be played on Friday, 1st November. 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

Congratulations for being involved in the School Banking program this year. If you have collected 10 or more silver Dollarmites tokens you MUST redeem them for a reward before the end of Term 4 as you won’t be able to use these extra tokens next year. The Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available from next year so collect them now.
Select the reward item(s) you want by completing the coupon on your rewards card and take it, along with your 10 tokens per reward, to school with your next School Banking deposit. 8 exciting new rewards are coming in 2014!

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

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(all volunteers welcome)

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**

**Melbourne Cup – Tuesday 5 November 2013**

*Luncheon or High Tea*

- Free Sweeps
- Best Hat
- Big Screen

Bookings Essential - Group Bookings Welcome
Phone (07) 3265 7066 or email: events@vrooms.com.au

**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)
Performance by Geebung SS
Performance by Taigum SS
Performance by Zillmere SS
Principals vs Chaplains Challenge
Message from the Chaplains
- 8.00pm Finish

**BBQ Pricelist**

- Sausage Sizzle $2.50
- Drinks $1.50
- Ice creams $1.00
- Donuts $1.00

**HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT**

**TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER**

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer host families to host international exchange students arriving in for a stay of one term, one semester or two semesters. Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5
or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!