Dear Zillmere Families and Friends

It has certainly been a busy last week filled with excitement and laughter throughout the events below.

2015 Christmas Concert and Awards Ceremony

On Monday evening we enjoyed our Christmas Concert at the Salvation Army Church. We were entertained by a variety of performances including poetry and dance routines which were written and choreographed by our students, and White Christmas sung in sign language.

A special hurrah! to Yaleela, Taryn, Melanie and Toni, who found a wallet at the Christmas Concert and returned it to the owner. Such honestly is praiseworthy. You’re a credit to your parents and our school!

Prep–Year 6 Academic Excellence and Academic Effort Awards

Congratulations to following students who were recognised for their academic accomplishments in 2015.

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Sincere thanks to the Taigum Salvation Army Church for allowing our school to use their facilities and providing their Sound & Audio Technicians to ensure this was such an enjoyable event.

Seniors’ Graduation and Assembly

We formally farewelled our graduating seniors on Tuesday evening. A few tears were shed, punctuated with laughter, as the students reflected on their years together at Zillmere. A truly remarkable group of friends who will be missed by our staff and students.

On Wednesday the official graduation parade was held at the school. Our Preps graduated and their senior buddies awarded them with the Zillmere badge. Following the guard of honour, the seniors’ delicious graduation cake was enjoyed by all. A special thank you to Mrs Jessica Fetzer [Victoria and Eric’s mum] for creating the cake, and Mrs Barbara Irvine [Xavier’s nona] for donating the ingredients.

2016 Students Leaders

This Term, all Year 5 students were invited to nominate for leadership positions for next year. Speeches were prepared and delivered, and then voting by each student in Prep to Year 6 was conducted by secret ballot.

The Zillmere Student Leadership Team for 2016 is:
- School Captains: Reece & Liana
- School Vice Captains: Manu & Elia
- Border House Sport Captains: Janine, Caleb & Jasmine
- Fraser House Sport Captains: Taryn, Jeffery & Toalei
- Student Council President: Bronson
- Student Council Vice President: Gavin
- Student Council Treasurer: Poppy
- Student Council Secretary: Corey
- Student Council Fundraising and Events Managers: Jade & Bodhi
- Zillmere Environmental Awareness Managers: Kaden & Kevin

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2016 Classes and Staffing
Staffing arrangements for 2016 are currently based on predicted enrolments of students [Prep – Year 6] commencing at Zillmere State School. Parents need to be aware the staffing of all Queensland schools is based on enrolments on Day 8 of each school year. Ultimately Day 8, 2016 may bring changes to class structures due to any significant increases or decreases in overall student enrolments. If any class changes are necessary, we will communicate this to all parents early in the new school year. Our predicted enrolment makes provision for 6 Primary classes across the school.
Our staffing for 2016 is currently as follows: Mrs Tukuafu, Miss Slovick, Mrs Evans [who joins us from Sandgate State School], Mr Young, Mrs Aldis and Ms Gardiner. Our specialist teachers include: Miss Niven [PE], Miss Gianduzzo [Music], Mrs Dang [EALD], and Mrs Krause [German Language].

It is also the time of year to farewell some of our staff. Mrs Robin has accepted a full-time teaching position at a large school in the Metropolitan area, and Mrs Eagleson has welcomed her baby boy, James, so will be not returning to us to teach German in 2016.

P & C News
The Zillmere State School community is fortunate to have a small, dedicated group of parents always working to make our school a better place for your children. This year they have sizzled thousands of sausages, organised the school banking to encourage children to save, operated the tuckshop, managed the Zillmere uniform shop, helped with reading activities in the classroom, held working bees, and assisted with co-ordinating major school events such as NAIDOC, Athletics and Swimming Carnivals.

Nobody has worked harder than Mr Graham Kattenberg, your P & C President. Sadly for Zillmere, Graham, Catherine, Mia, Grant and Luke will be returning to Canberra next year. We sincerely appreciate the significant contributions the Kattenberg family has make to our school, and hope in the future they may return.

We also regard Mr Rod Chiapello as part of our P & C. Rod has made so many generous donations to our school’s events this year, most recently the healthy treats he provided to the children for our Swimming Carnival last week. When you visit his business at Bracken Ridge during the holidays please acknowledge the support he has given to our students.

On behalf of the staff of Zillmere we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Our school office and uniform shop will be open from Monday 18th January. See you all back safely on Wednesday, 27 January 2016!

Lyn ☺️
Prep News

Sadly this is our last Prep news for the year! Firstly, I would like to thank you all for being so supportive of your child’s learning this year. It has been a pleasure teaching your child for 2015. I can’t believe how fast the time has flown! It will be exciting to see this year’s Preps’ work next year when they are in Year 1! Don’t forget to keep up sight word recognition and reading over the holidays. Research tells us that children who read for at least 10 minutes a day over the holidays have a better start to the new school year than children who spend little or no time reading. Reading over the holidays helps children maintain or improve the reading level that they developed through the school year. Children who don’t read over the holidays can lose core reading skills and slide backwards, potentially falling behind when they return to school. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and safe holidays. I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

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It has been a great year! We have all grown a little bit taller, learned so much this year and are ready for year 2. Remember to continue to practise reading, sight words and your mathematical concepts over the holidays 😊

2015 Year One's
Enjoy the holidays and see you all in 2016.
A huge thank you to everyone who has been part of making this year such a great year for me at Zillmere State School. This is a fantastic community to be a part of. The staff are so dedicated and the school has many worthwhile programs to support your children to reach their full potential in and out of the classroom. It is a privilege for a teacher to share with parents the responsibility of educating your children. Thank you for sharing that role.

The poem recited by the Year Three students so well at the concert was a collaborative effort by the students. As part of an English unit on poetry, the students planned, wrote, edited, added actions and performed it. Here is a copy of it:

**Year 3 Christmas Poem**

It’s a jingle and a jangle,  
Christmas is nearly here.  
It’s Jesus’ birthday,  
So let’s all cheer.

The Christmas tree is sparkling,  
Santa is on his way.  
I hear him laughing, ho! ho! ho!  
He is riding on his sleigh.

The wise men brought gifts,  
To give to the newborn king.  
Jesus was born in a stable,  
Without anything.

Santa visits every place,  
For him I will leave cookies and milk.  
And when he arrives I’m sure,  
I’ll be tucked up under my quilt.

Christmas in Australia is hot,  
Some places lie covered in snow.  
I know which I prefer,  
To the pool I will go.
As we come to the end of another school year it has been a real privilege to be involved in your children’s school life.

Congratulations to the year 6 students as they move on to high school. Parents you can be very proud of them. They have been wonderful boys and girls and I have enjoyed their friendship.

I look forward to being your school chaplain again in 2016.

I pray that you will have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Christmas is a great opportunity to attend church. There are a number of Christmas services at the following churches who support Zillmere State School:

St Matthias Anglican church next to the school -
Christmas Eve 6pm and 11pm. Christmas Day 8am.

St Dympnas Catholic Church 479 Robinson Rd Aspley
Christmas Eve 6pm and midnight. Christmas day 7am & 9am.

Living House Family Church at the PCYC has a Christmas Eve Carol Service at 7pm.

The Salvation Army Taigum Cnr Roghan and Handford Roads has a Christmas Day service at 9am.

May God bless you real good.

Wal Greentree (School Chaplain) Ph:0409 494 225    Email: walg@chappy.org.au
Awards Assembly

Swimming Age Champions

Fraser House Captains

Aim High Awards

Book Award
Year 6 Graduation Dinner
Year 6 Celebrations

Thank you to Mrs Irvine and Mrs Fetzer for the Year 6 Graduation cake. It was amazing!
Zillmere State School Term 4 Swimming Lessons - bookings available now!

Swimming lessons for just $13 per class!
Our swimming lesson levels vary from Beginner to Big Arms, Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke and Butterfly.
Squad fees range from $115 - $120 for monthly unlimited access - All you have to do is book in through our friendly receptionist staff at Healthstream Aquatic Centre, Kelvin Grove.
Not sure what to do for your child’s birthday party this year? Why not have a pool party!
Healthstream organises children birthday parties at Zillmere State School Pool, Kelvin Grove and Gardens Point.
From $20 per child you won’t want to miss out on this great deal!
We also offer Holiday intensive swim lessons and holiday camp programs.
For further information please phone directly 3236 9059 or email healthstreampool@belgravialeisure.com.au
Dear Parents and caregivers,

Has your child had a free healthy mouth check-up this year?

Metro North Oral Health Services is committed to improving the oral health of our children. If your child is starting school in 2016, or is finishing school at the end of 2015 please contact our friendly staff to book your child’s free check-up.

Our dental clinics are open over the school holidays so call to arrange a free dental appointment today.

Simply call 1300 300 850 to arrange a free dental appointment at a location near you (see our list over the page).

Who is eligible for free dental care?

- All children age 4 through to grade 10
- 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule
- Children (or their parents) who hold a current:
  - Centrelink Card
  - Health Care Card
  - Pension Concession Card
  - Seniors card
You are invited to a Community Christmas Party
Zillmere Community Centre
54 Handford Road, Zillmere

Dec 16th 1.00pm-5.00pm

For children’s gift bags and catering call reception to register.
Phone 38652880

Santa will bring party packs for all children between the ages of 0-10 years

Sausage Sizzle
Fairy Floss
Slushies
Christmas Goodies

Wayne the Magician
Face Painting
Carols
Raffles

Supporters
Lord Mayor’s Charitable Trust
Evocca
Cr Jared Cassidy
Leanne Linard MP

54 Handford Rd, PO Box 373, Zillmere Qld 4034, Phone 3865 2880 Fax 3865 4077 Email enquiries@necvg.org.au
If you would like to be part of our Community Advertising please contact Zillmere State School on 3863 8333.