Dear Zillmere Families and Friends

Well, it certainly was a fun family Friday last week with so many parents able to join us to celebrate the beginning of another school year at Zillmere. One of the highlights was the jumping castle generously supplied to us by Jumping J Jays.

Parent Information Afternoon

Thanks to those parents who were able to attend our parent information sessions on Wednesday afternoon. If you missed this opportunity for your child’s teacher to explain classroom procedures and expectations, information will be shared in the newsletters over the next few weeks. Parent-Teacher-Student interviews will be held in Week 8 and 9 of this term.

Parent Reading Workshop at Zillmere

Due to requests, we are holding another Reading Workshop for Parents at Zillmere State School on Thursday afternoon, 3rd March. Mr Glen Veale, our Specialist Literacy and Numeracy Teacher, will be sharing ideas about how you can help your child to develop the skills they need to read. The session will commence at 3:15pm in the library and afternoon tea will be provided.

P & C Meeting

Our first P & C Meeting for 2016 will be held in the Library at 3pm [after parade] on Monday 15th February. Come along to be involved in decisions about what we can work on to improve our school for your children.

Positive Behaviour for Learning [PBL]

PBL is a whole-school approach to teach and support children to make positive behaviour choices at Zillmere State School. Throughout the year we focus on four behaviour expectations:

Be Safe  Be Responsible
Be Respectful  Be a Learner

We teach the students what these expectations involve, such as:

Be Respectful

Respect is an attitude of caring.
Respect looks like:
- I look at the person speaking
- I listen to what people are saying
- I look after my belongings
- I take care of other people’s property
- I take turns, share and use a happy face

Respect sounds like:
- I am polite and use my manners
- I use a quiet talking voice
- If I need to interrupt, I say excuse me and wait
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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Keep up to date with what's happening at Zillmere State School by liking our Facebook page today!
Thank you to all the parents and students who came along to the parent information afternoon. It was so nice to see your smiling faces and the interest you have in your child’s education!

You should have received a letter about our class attending Sing and Grow classes for the next 5 weeks. We start next Monday and it is going to be so much fun! Sing and Grow music sessions build on familiar musical experiences children may have experienced growing up and/or new musical experiences. Besides the sessions being fun and interactive, children stand to gain and develop further skills that support their transition into school. It is a worthwhile program which I know the children will benefit from.

Do you have some spare time? Remember to stop in and say hello or even join us for a learning session. We have reading groups, gross motor activities, maths rotations and many other ways of learning that you could help with. Your child would love to have you in the classroom! Look forward to seeing you soon.

😊 Michelle Tukuafu

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**Year 1 News**

We are off to a great start in year one!

Home readers and magic sight words were sent home this week. Please remember to read and practise sight words every night.

Students exchange their home readers every morning in class and are tested regularly on their sight words. Homework will start in week 5. It will be given out every Monday to be handed in on Friday.

Leslie Slovick
Year 2

Thank you to those students who are returning their homework on Friday. Please remember to write your spelling words in full sentences, using capital letters and full stops.

In Maths we are learning about number, place value and measurement. We have had lots of fun in groups rotating around activities.

When Mathletics ‘rolls over’ extra help in the computer lab would be fantastic. If you would like to volunteer, our computer time is on Monday at 12:30pm.

Veronica Evans

Year 3/4

Students have received their Mathletics log-on details. One advantage of the school’s subscription for your child is they can access it anywhere they have internet access. The program adapts to meet each child’s individual needs. Spending half an hour a couple of times of week would be a fun and rewarding way to improve maths skills. If you don’t have technology at home, consider visiting a local library, relative or neighbourhood centre. The website is www.mathletics.com.au

This week the Year 3 students commenced NAPLAN preparations. Tuesday, 10th May to Thursday, 12th May are the set dates. Every Year 3 child is expected to be present and participate in the program. Please mark your calendars now so no appointments, holidays or avoidable absences are planned for this week. Further information will be provided closer to the time.
We have been learning about nutrition in health. Using the information we have learnt we have made some advertisements for encouraging our audience to make healthy food choices. Our posters will be around the school displaying our knowledge of persuasive language choices.

Here is some work from Hughie and Joseph.

Enjoy the rest of your week. Remember to help your child to be accountable for their home reading and completion of homework tasks.

Jess Aldis

Year 5/6

Our STRIVE words for the last 2 weeks have been 'barren' and 'nomadic'. Ask your child about these words and what we have been learning in relation to their meanings!

REMINDERS - Library borrowing is on a Monday this year. Please remember to place all library books that you have been reading at home in your school bag Sunday night.

As you read this entry in the newsletter our Year 6 Leadership Camp will have come to an end. Watch out for the student report and a photo or two in the next school newsletter!

Jill Gardiner
Thank you to all the families that attended the Family Fun Day last Friday.

A huge THANK YOU to Jim and Jarrod for looking after the BBQ.

God bless

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

SCHOOL BANKING
Account Opening Day
Monday 7 March 2016
2:30pm-3:00pm

Requirements: Parents photo ID, child’s birth certificate

Please name all of your child/ren’s uniforms, swimming togs, towel, swim cap, hats and lunchboxes. Lost items cannot be returned when they are not named.

Instrumental Music Program
In 2016 we are once again offering our students the opportunity to learn an instrument in the Instrumental Music Program. Instruments such as Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Flute, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, and Percussion instruments (drums and percussion keyboards ie: Glockenspiel, Xylophone) are available for hire from the school at the VERY reasonable price of $40 per year. (Most music shops charge around $40 per month for these instruments!). Lessons are free but there is a fee of $40 per year (in addition to the hire fee if your child is hiring a school instrument) to go towards upkeep/maintenance and music requirements that your child will need.

There are still several instruments available for students from Years 4-6 to learn at the school, so if you would like your child to learn an instrument, and if they are willing to commit to practice, please see Mr Lincoln on Wednesday afternoons at the school or leave a message for him through the school office.
Term 1 Library Borrowing

We are straight into library borrowing. You would have noticed the children have already started bringing home library books. It was so refreshing to have the children visit the library both in their class sessions and in their breaks. What also brought music to my ears was listening to the children talk about the books they had read in the holidays and the (movies they had seen!).

A reminder that our library day has changed and children will now be borrowing on MONDAYS!

Here are a few tips to remember when borrowing from our school library:
* All children need a library bag. (School Library bags are available for sale at the office for $5).
* Books are borrowed for 1 week only – (they need to be re-scanned to be extended)
* All library overdue notices will be sent home with the children.
* Please report any (book) ‘accidents’ to the library or your teacher – we do understand accidents happen!

Thank you and happy borrowing.
Mrs Mitchell

I am a Sikh boy who wears a turban and I am going to write a few lines on turbans. All Sikhs Guru wear turbans which are officially made by our Tenth Guru Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Sikhs do not cut their hair as a respect towards God and the turban protects the hair from the dust. The turban is our Guru’s gift to us. It has been an integral part of the Sikh tradition. The turban signifies everlasting quality of truth and shuns falsehood and fraud. A Sikh never pulls down another man’s turban nor does he allow anybody to touch his own. He seeks well for all. Turban is a gift from our Guru, keep it safe and protect it. Show the world that we are proud of wearing this crown on our heads and we truly are worthy of it.
Agampreet Singh Nagpal

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Choir has started! Students in Prep – 6 are welcome to come and sing in the choir with Miss G, every Tuesday at second play. Please ensure permission notes are returned to the office by Monday 15th February 2016.
Boot Sale

The Salvation Army North Brisbane Church,
Corner of Handford & Roghan Roads, Taigum

Thrift Shop will be open for all bargains
Community Markets
Coffee & Cake
Morning Melodies
Sausage Sizzle
Jumping Castle for the kids!

Summer Clean Out • Great Bargains • Lots to see

$10 per site  12 March 2016  6.30am to 11.30am

Annie on annie.senden@gmail.com or FB for more info
RSVP 5 March 2016
Zillmere Library

We would just like to remind everyone about our Homework Help program. Any students needing help with reading, writing, assignments or school work are welcome to join us in the library for this FREE service for primary and high school students throughout the school term.

Homework Help is available every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 - 4:45pm at Zillmere Library. If any staff or parents need any