Dear Families and Friends

Welcome to all returning to Zillmere State School and to the many new families who have chosen our school to educate your children. We have 22 gorgeous Prep students who are settling well into our school and so excited to be making new friends.

We also welcome several new staff members: Mrs Evans, who has been teaching at Sandgate State School; Mrs Krause, our German language and English specialist teacher; Mrs Eaton, our Guidance Officer from Aspley State School; and Mrs Quine, our Speech Language Pathologist.

Enrolment and Classes

As you may be aware, schools receive resources based on the student enrolment on Day 8, which is Friday 5th February. Consequently, it is important for all students who intend to enrol at Zillmere State School to do so before next Friday. Based on our current enrolment of 142 students, we have formed the following class groups:

- Prep – Mrs Tukuafu
- Year 1 – Miss Slovick
- Year 2 – Mrs Evans
- Year 3 / 4 – Mr Young
- Year 4/5 – Mrs Aldis
- Year 5/6 – Ms Gardiner

In the week before the students began school, the teaching and non-teaching staff were preparing classrooms, planning curriculum and participating in professional development activities. Zillmere is fortunate to have such a dedicated staff to ensure your children are receiving the best education in a safe, clean environment.

Swimming

Miss Niven is our swimming instructor who will be teaching your children each Thursday for the remainder of Term 1. Your child will need bathers, a sunsafe shirt that covers their shoulders, a towel, sunscreen and a swimming cap. Swimming caps are available from the office for $5. We appreciate the help of parents during swimming lessons so please let us know if you would like to join us.

Labelling Your Child’s Property

Please label your child’s clothing [including swimming gear], lunch box, drink bottle and hat using a permanent marker. Clearly labelled property will help ensure the return of misplaced items.

Monday Assembly

Miss Gianduzzo, our Music teacher, will be at Zillmere each Tuesday this year. Therefore, we have changed our assembly day to Monday. Assembly will be held at 2:30pm in the library. All parents and families are welcome to attend.

Instrumental Music Program

Mr Lincoln teaches woodwind, brass and percussion instruments at Zillmere each Wednesday. This program is offered to students in Years 4, 5 and 6. If you would like your child to learn an instrument please contact the office. You do not need to purchase your own instrument as we have these available for hire.
Parent Information Afternoon 10th February

Our parent information afternoon will commence at 3:20pm on Wednesday 10th February [Week 3]. This is an opportunity for your child’s teacher to explain classroom procedures and expectations. Sessions are generally of 15 minutes duration to allow you to visit each classroom in which you have a child.

- Prep: 3:20pm - 3:40pm
- Year 5/6: 4:00pm - 4:15pm
- Year 3/4: 4:15pm - 4:30pm
- Year 1: 4:30pm - 4:45pm
- Year 2: 4:45pm - 5:00pm
- Year 4/5: 5:00pm - 5:15pm

You may wish to arrange a longer meeting with your child’s teacher at a mutually convenient time. Parent and Teacher interviews will be held at the end of Term 1.

Parking and Walking to School

The safety of our students is vital and for this reason we ask that you avoid parking within the school grounds. Thanks to those parents who either walk with their children, or park in a street off Murphy Road and ensure they cross safely at the traffic lights.

How Do I Help My Child Learn to Read?

If this is something you’ve wondered about, come along to our Reading Support Information Session for Parents in the Zillmere School Library at 9am, Thursday 11th February. Mr Veale, our experienced Literacy and Numeracy Specialist Teacher, will be sharing ideas for how you can help your child at home, and answering questions you may have.

After you have brought your children to school, pop into the library to have a chat and morning tea with Mr Veale and other parents. Questions about the Reading Information Session? Please ask me or email: the.principal@zillmeress.eq.edu.au. We hope you can come along.

Lyn 😊

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**The school newsletter is published fortnightly on Friday. We ask all parents to provide a current email address so that the newsletter can be sent digitally. If any parents would prefer a paper copy please contact the office so a newsletter can be printed. Also, the newsletter is available to view on the school’s website each Friday following it’s distribution. The website address is www.zillmeress.eq.edu.au.**

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Welcome to our new Prep Zillmere families. We had a busy first day settling into “big school”. It is with the greatest sincerity that I congratulate you all on doing a wonderful job in preparing your child for school. I believe that we are going to have a great partnership in educating your child.

Yes we started swimming straight away! There was a lot of excitement about swimming on our second day! Please remember to name all of your child’s uniforms and swimming gear.

Some other lessons outside of the classroom are:

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A parent information night will be held Wednesday the 10\textsuperscript{th} of February. As we all live such busy lives it is hard to find a time that suits everyone. At the moment I am trying to see what time would suit most people. Please let me know what suits you best, however if the time chosen does not suit you, you are welcome to book a one on one interview to discuss your child’s education. I look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Michelle Tukuafu

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Welcome back to a new school year. We have an exciting year ahead with lots of learning and fun!

Some important notes about this year:

- Library is every Monday. Please make sure to bring a bag to put your library books in.
- Parade is Monday from 2:30-3:00.
- Tuesday is our music day.
- Swimming is every Thursday from 12:00-12:30 in terms 1 and 4.
- Homework will start in week 5. Homework will go out on a Monday and be due on Friday. Spelling words will also be included in the homework to practise for our spelling test at the end of the week.
- Home readers and magic words will go out end of week 2 (next week). Every student will get a reading folder with a book and magic words to practise everyday.
- Don’t forget our meet the teacher night on February 10\textsuperscript{th}.

Looking forward to a wonderful new school year!

Leslie Slovick
Year 2

What a lovely start to the year. We have been very busy in the classroom learning routines and starting our C2C units. This term, some of the areas we are looking at are:

History: Technology and how it has changed
English: Poetry and Narratives
Science: Different Materials
Geography: Connections to different places

Please remember that swimming is on Thursday mornings and a reminder to bring all booklists items into school. Homework will start week 2.

Veronica Evans

Year 3/4

Welcome back to a new school year!

It has been a great start to our year long journey of learning in the Years 3 & 4 class. Please plan to be at the class meetings being held in week 3. This will be an excellent way to be informed about the routines, expectations and learning planned for the students.

Some students have not yet brought in all the booklist requirements. Students without all the resources do not work as well as those who are fully-equipped. Please make it a priority, for your child’s education, to get the missing items as soon as possible.

For the next two weeks we are focusing on finding the main idea in texts and writing sizzling starts. Help reinforce these concepts by asking your child about them. If you have any questions prior to our parent meeting, don’t hesitate to pop in to the classroom just before or straight after school or email me at txyou0@eq.edu.au.

Tim Young
Year 4/5

We have had a busy start to the year in 4/5.

This term we are looking at persuasive and narrative texts. At the beginning of the year we are looking at persuasion techniques used in advertising and how we can persuade people towards our opinions using writing.

We will use this writing to further our understanding and show our learning in our Science, Geography and Health units.

Some reminders for the beginning of the year:

**Monday:** Parade and Library

**Tuesday:** Music

**Thursday:** Swimming and Homework is due

**Friday:** Homework goes home for the following week

Students are also reminded that they should be reading for 20 minutes each night and are challenged to fill in as many squares of their Reading Bingo as possible.

Jess Aldis

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Year 5/6

A very warm welcome to 5/6 for 2016

This term we are endeavouring to recapitulate and reinforce the comprehension strategies that we started to learn last year. In week 2 we are looking at 'Finding The Main Idea'. Ask your child about this as they do their nightly reading of 20 minutes, as part of their homework!

We are also reinforcing the writing strategies started last year and are kicking off with 'Sizzling Starts'.

We had lots of super Sizzling Starts in 5/6 in 2015, let's see if we can better those this year!

Others areas of the curriculum which will be covered this term include:-

- English - Persuasive and Narrative Writing
- Maths - Data, Fractions, 3D objects, Factors, Properties of Whole Numbers
- Science - Survival in Australian Environments
- Health - Healthy Eating
- Geography - Exploring How People and Place Affect One Another
- Visual Art - Portraits
- History - Term 2
- Technology - Term 2

Homework, which will be set each week and due on Fridays, consists of reading (as mentioned above), spellings, times tables focus and a sheet of Maths or English. I encourage all students to attempt the homework to the best of their abilities. If there are any issues please come and see me so I can adjust their homework requirements.

**Year 6 Camp**

Camp Warrawee is at the end of week 3 - please endeavour to make payment to the office by 29/01/16.

Wishing all my students a very happy and fulfilling year of study for 2016.

Jill Gardiner
Hi and welcome to Zillmere State School.

My name is Wal Greentree and I am the school chaplain. I am here to support you as a family and I am available at anytime for a chat.

I also organise lunch time activities, sport, classroom support and special events.

I look forward to sharing life with you in 2016.

God bless

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

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

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 i.e: 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 devote the amount of time required for their practice, then please see Mr Lincoln on Wednesday afternoons at the school or leave a message for him through the school office."

Regards

Ken Lincoln
FAMILY FUN DAY
Friday 5 February 2016

11:30am  Fun games on the school oval
         Including jumping castle, netball, soccer
1:20pm    Lunch
2:00pm  Fun games continue
3:00pm  Home time

Free Sausage Sizzle for students
Sausages $2.50 for parents and other family members
Asley Devils Netball Club
Est. 1975

Who are we?
We are a long-standing family netball club established in 1975. Each season we have teams ranging from 8 years to seniors (19 years and above).
Our club dedicates itself as a community for netballers, their families and friends. We endeavour to provide an outlet for all netballers, coaches and volunteers to excel at every level of competition and standard.

Why choose us?
We promote, support and develop our members' skills in a fun and family-oriented environment. Our approach creates self-esteem, pride, loyalty and team spirit.
We offer a community that encourages, supports and provides the platform for all ages to develop personally through the game of netball.

What you need to know
- We train at the Craiglea State High School netball courts at Chermside West.
- We compete each Saturday at Downey Park Netball Association, Windsor.
- We are a ‘Get Started’ club.
- We are devoted to player and coaching development.
- We accept players from 8 years to adult.
- We are a NetSetGO provider.

For more information call 0468 454 566 (638)
Find us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/asleydevils
www.asleydevilsnetball.com.au

Healthy Families
Want to get your kids active and eating well?
The FREE PEACH™ program can help.

PEACH will be running in your local community in Term 1 - 2016.

The program covers:
- Motivation - colourful and fun ideas, healthy treats and tips on how to plan ahead.
- Physical activity - the benefits of exercise; how to be more active as a family, physical activity recommendations for children and how to reduce screen time.
- Parenting - setting boundaries, planning for change, managing resistance to change, risk-modelling with ways to be successful and connected.

PEACH runs weekly within a school term and after school hours.
Sessions are 90 minutes. Parents meet with a trained parent facilitator to discuss topics while children enjoy fun active play run by a trained child facilitator.

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ZILLMERE PCYC

JABIRU
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SWIMMING CLUB

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