Dear Zillmere Families and friends

New Commencement Date for the 2016 Queensland School Year

All Queensland students will now start the 2016 school year on Wednesday 27 January — the day after the Australia Day public holiday.

Term Dates
Term 1 Wed 27 January - Thurs 24 March 9 weeks
Term 2 Mon 11 April – Fri 24 June 11 weeks
Term 3 Mon 11 July - Fri 16 September 10 weeks
Term 4 Tues 4 October - Fri 9 December 10 weeks

STRIVE in English at Zillmere

Educational research has shown that reading comprehension improves with an enhanced word knowledge, and that vocabulary is the strongest predictor of reading success. STRIVE, a whole school approach to the explicit teaching of vocabulary, has been implemented in every Zillmere classroom this term. Students learn the spelling and meaning of the word, how to use it in their speech and writing, and the synonyms and antonyms associated with the STRIVE word. The students also enjoy deciding on an action to help them remember the word meaning. Ask your child what their STRIVE word is this week!

Active School Travel  Walking  Wheeling Wednesday from PCYC

On Wednesday 25th November Zillmere’s Active School Travellers are invited to walk or wheel from PCYC on Zillmere Road to Zillmere State School. We will meet at PCYC at 8am and then active travel together. The format for the morning:
8:00am – Students, parents & teachers meet at PCYC on Zillmere Road and walk, ride or scoot to school.
8:20am – Students who have actively travelled to school will receive a healthy breakfast snack when they arrive at school.
A map of the route will be sent home with students next week or you may collect a map from the school’s office.

Prep – Year 2 Scooter Skills

Our Prep – Year 2 Scooter Skills Session will be held on Wednesday 18th November from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. Students who have returned their permission forms will need to bring their scooter and helmet to school that day.

Year 3 – Year 6 Bike Skills Cancelled

Unfortunately our Bike Skills Program was cancelled last week due to an insufficient number of permission notes returned by the due date. Hopefully we will be able to offer the Bike Skills Program, generously provided by the Brisbane City Council’s Active School Travel Team, in Term 1 next year.

Zillmere Christmas Concert, Academic Awards Ceremony, and Disco

On Monday 7th December, Zillmere State School will be holding our Christmas Concert at the Salvation Army Church in Taigum. The evening will commence at 4:30pm with a sausage sizzle, followed by the concert and awards ceremony, and concluding at 8pm after the disco. An information sheet with these details has been given to your child today.

Academic Awards

The core business of a school is teaching and learning. We acknowledge each student’s hard work this year and their family who has supported and encouraged him/her to achieve their best. This year two students in each year level, from Prep to Year 6, will be chosen to receive an Academic Award: one for Academic Excellence and one for Academic Effort. These awards will be announced at the Christmas Concert.
Age Appropriate Pedagogies [AAP] Research

This semester Zillmere State School’s experienced Prep Teacher, Mrs Tukuafu, has been invited to contribute to the Age Appropriate Pedagogies [the method and practice of teaching] research conducted by Griffith University.

The literature tells us that children develop their learning capacities through activities that stimulate high levels of concentration, interest and enjoyment. This can be achieved through teachers adopting pedagogies that balance children’s academic, social, emotional, physical, cognitive and creative skills while considering the age, background, abilities, interests and characteristics of individual learners.

The teacher’s role in guiding and facilitating learning experiences is critical and needs careful consideration. It involves deliberate, purposeful and thoughtful decision making and actions on the part of the teacher to promote children’s drive for independent learning.

The following table explains some of the characteristics of age-appropriate pedagogies which Mrs Tukuafu uses every day with our Prep students at Zillmere State School.

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<td>Language rich and dialogic</td>
<td>Ensuring that learning occurs in environments where rich language is modelled and used by both children and teachers. Meaningful conversations between children, as well as between children and teachers, are created to support thinking, learning, engagement and imagination.</td>
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<td>Learner focused</td>
<td>Recognising that all children learn in different ways and that learning is a highly individual process. They also acknowledge differences in children’s physical, intellectual, cultural, social and personal experiences and perspectives.</td>
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<td>Playful</td>
<td>Encouraging children to make connections through imagination and creativity to explore different ways of thinking and new possibilities.</td>
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More information about the AAP research can be found at: http://deta.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/about/successful-transitions/age-appropriate-pedagogies.html

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PREP – YEAR 6 2016 ENROLMENTS
Please encourage relatives and friends who are considering enrolments for 2016 to make contact with the school. We have an open catchment.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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At Pre prep this week we learnt what types of healthy food to put in our lunch boxes when we come to school next year. We also did lots of counting and showed Mrs Tukuafu that we are definitely ready to start Prep next year! Some of us can already count to 20. 😊

Our next session on Wednesday the 25th of November will be the last one before school starts in 2016. Thank you Pre prep parents for bringing your child to these sessions. We are very happy to welcome you and your family into the Zillmere State School community!

Michelle Tukuafu 😊

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Wow only a month of school to go! It is an exciting time checking the students’ learning journey ready for reports. Just a reminder we have couple of exciting events coming up: our excursion to the Twelfth Night Theatre to watch A Bush Christmas and our Christmas concert on Monday night the 7th of December. If you haven’t paid for the excursion please do so as soon as possible.

At Zillmere State School we are interested in using best teaching practices to maximise our students’ learning. Therefore, our Prep class has been involved with Griffith University and Education Queensland in an Age-appropriate pedagogies project. The department has funded Griffith University to conduct a pilot project supporting Queensland schools to use evidence-based approaches to teaching and learning in the early years. 46 Queensland schools volunteered to participate in the project and we are one of them. The Age-appropriate pedagogies in the early years project is based on the key characteristics of effective early years teaching and learning as identified in international research. It is exciting to be part of the refoce that is happening in Prep. It means that we are further implementing active, learner-focused and creative learning experiences into our Prep program. If you would like to know more about the project feel free to see me.
Just a few reminders: Library is every Wednesday so make sure library books are coming back every week so new books can be borrowed. Homework is due every Friday and make sure you are taking home readers home every night.

In English this term we learned about procedural texts. We wrote a procedural text on “How To Make A Pizza” and then made our own pizzas in class.

Our STRIVE words are unfamiliar words we have come across when reading class text for English. In order to comprehend what we are reading we must learn what these words mean in context. Once we are familiar and comfortable with these words we can then use them in our writing.

STRIVE words we have been exploring: Courageous, enormous, anxious and sensible.
I am also looking forward to seeing our Dance stories that the students have written and choreographed, then practiced for homework to perform for the rest of the class this week.

😊 Remember students are expected to read each night for 15 minutes.

😊 Students are getting very hungry on Thursdays due to swimming, so maybe pack an extra nutritious snack like a small piece of fruit or yoghurt to sustain them.

The Year Threes have had a lot of fun with our poetry unit. We have learnt about rhyme, rhythm, alliteration and onomatopoeia. Part of the assessment is for students to find a poem and present it to the class. Most students have found one during class time. If your child doesn’t have one yet, please help them find a suitable one. Over the next two weeks they will be presenting them to the class. Having a practise at home, either in front of the mirror or to family members, will be very helpful.

For Technology students are making a Christmas decoration or display. Next week is the last week for construction. They are welcome to bring crafty items or recyclables from home to help with their creation.

Our STRIVE words are selected from the Colin Thiele novel, Pinquo. Recent words include blurted, scoffed and paused.
Yr 4/5

We are learning about Forces in Science. Please encourage your child to recognise everyday forces such as push, pull, friction and gravity at home and in their everyday environment. The children in Year 4/5 have been enjoying experimenting with gravity and friction and will soon design their own game which investigates a chosen Force.

Reminders:
- All library books are now due to be returned.
- Your child is performing a Christmas Dance in the Christmas concert this year and they will need to dress according to their character. If there are any questions regarding this please speak to Mrs Robin as soon as possible.

Yr 5/6

The Year 5s are currently starting their journey to becoming the school leaders for next year - their leadership preferences should have been returned on Tuesday and they are compiling their speeches for presentation at assembly week 8.

The year 6s would like to thank everyone who supported their sausage sizzle fundraiser this week. We raised in excess of $150 which will go towards their 'send off' at the end of the year. A huge thank you to all at Zillmere!

Swimming is on Thursdays!
THANK YOU to the parents that come along to help out.
Swimming caps are available at the office for $5

Keep up to date with what’s happening at Zillmere State School by liking our Facebook page today!
Hi!

As we come towards the end of the school year and life gets busier it is so important we keep a positive attitude and make the most of each day. As the saying goes, an “attitude of gratitude” is so important.

We have so much to be grateful for. What are you grateful for?

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation has a free safety app DanielMorcombe.com.au/APP and Amego a phone app that gives kids independence and parent’s peace of mind www.amegoapp.com

- On Friday 27th November we will be holding a morning tea to say thank you to our many volunteers that help make such a difference in our school. Think about volunteering to help at school - I can guarantee you will find it very rewarding.

- Twenty of our years 5 and 6 students will have the opportunity to play in a touch football competition against other schools at the PCYC on December 2nd. Piet from the PCYC will be holding training sessions on Wednesday lunchtimes this term.

- The school will be holding it’s Christmas service on Wednesday 9th December at 9am. This is held at the Anglican Church next to the school. This is a traditional event for our school and parents and family members are invited. There will be more information coming out soon.

- Scripture Union hold fantastic camps in the school holidays. Please see me if you would like a brochure.

- Isee church provide food hampers - please see me if you would like one.

Parent’s encouragement: Building Blocks of a Meaningful Life

Two psychologists’ research reports show that poverty doesn’t necessarily lead to crime. Rather it depends if children between 5-8 years were taught virtues and morals.

- A self to live with: What are six good things about you?
- A work to live for: What job would you like when you are older?
- A faith to live by: What do you think God is like?
- A cause worthy of your life: What’s the most important thing in life?

These are just conversation starters. Don’t impose your answers on your children. Ask and listen carefully. Then drip feed your ideas as the conversation develops.

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

From the Library
Reading for Pleasure

Reading is one of the greatest pleasures a parent can share with their child. Research also says it’s one of the single most significant factors influencing both educational success and social skills.

Sharing a bedtime story seems like such a simple routine, yet it brings so many benefits – improved motor skills from learning to turn pages as well as mastery of objects, it develops concentration and memory, empathy for others and understanding of the world.

Research has shown that through reading, children develop social skills by playing out social simulation of real life - “What would I do?” “Why did they do that?” Reading not only extends children’s imagination to worlds outside their own, but children find their place in the world.

Best of all, you will help your child to develop a love of reading, which will last a lifetime.

- Thank you to those children who have returned their very overdue library books this week. It the coming weeks I will be chasing those who still have outstanding books. We would like to ensure all books are returned and back on the shelves by the end of the term.
- Our last Book club order is due Wednesday 18th November.

Thank you
Mrs Mitchell (Librarian Aide)
MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER
4.30 – 8.00PM
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Zillmere State School Christmas Concert, Student’s Academic Awards Ceremony & Disco

4.30pm Sausage sizzle + drinks + lollies for sale

5.30pm Christmas Concert & Awards Ceremony

6.30pm—8.00pm Disco

VENUE:
The Salvation Army
Cnr Handford & Roghan Roads Taigum
School Awards

Class Work Book Awards

3 November 2015

Aim High Awards

3 November 2015

10 November 2015

10 November 2015
Thank you for allowing your students to participate in these fun activities.

**GOLF**
Active After School Sporting Program

**BASKETBALL**
Friday After School Sporting Program
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

WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Orientation Day for students
in Year 7 2016
Monday 7 December 2015
Assembly Hall
Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights
8:30am for 8:45am start
3:00pm finish
(Morning Tea provided for parents at 10:00am)
Students to bring/wear:
Primary School Uniform
Notepad & pens
Morning Tea & Lunch
Combined Shop Hours – Monday 7 December
Stationery & Clothing  1:00pm – 5:30pm
(Pre-purchase your requirements prior to Orientation Day.
Shop opens Monday – Thursday 8:15am – 11:15am)
Applications still welcome.
Enrolment Enquiries: Contact : Sandra Lock
Enrolment Officer on 3350 0328

Padua College
SCHOLARSHIPS
27 February 2016
At least two Academic scholarships are offered for
Years 7, 8 & 9/2017-2019.
and
At least two Academic scholarships are offered for
Years 10, 11 & 12/2017-2019.
Registration via our website –
www.padua.qld.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships
Cost: $125
Closing Date: Monday 8 February 2016

sunday 10 january 2016
resolution run
Keeping my new year's resolution!
www.active8change.com.au
New to 2015 Holt Kids Spy Training is the all new fun, fitness program for Primary School aged kids! Sessions held at Spy Headquarters Aspley State School. Park at Horn Rd and Follow the Signs.

Girls and Boys progress to become Super Spys during 45 minute sessions after school!

Spy training activities include:
- Nerf Gun Target Shooting
- Obstacle Course Including Inflatable Obstacles
- Self defence
- TRX training systems
- Core Strength building
- Laser Tag
- Foam pit
- Walkie Talkies + more!

During the term sessions will run MON & WED (Prep-Year 2) and TUE & THU (years 3-6). Maximum 15 kids per session. One session for $15 or 5 for $60 (more pricing options with bulk sessions available on website). If your child signs up for five or more sessions they will also receive a free Spy Training watch!

*45 minute sessions with five mins break between sessions. Options each afternoon include 3:30-4:15pm or 4:20-5:05pm.

Holiday Spy training camp is on January 11-15th...5 Days for just $20 per session or $75 for all five. These sessions run for 1 hour, 2:30-3:30pm (Prep-Yr 2) and 3:30-4:30pm (Years 3-6).

Kids who participate in the whole Holiday program (all five days) will receive a pair of Holt Bolt Sunnies!

Register your child now at www.holtkidsspytraining.com.au. For more information please email admin@holtkidsspytraining.com.au or call 0405 919 574.
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

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