Dear Zillmere Families and friends

Enrolments and Classes for 2016

For 2016, we anticipate that we will have over 140 students attending Zillmere to commence the school year. As such, we will definitely retain our six classes. Queensland schools are staffed to optimum class sizes of 25 students [Prep to Year 3] and 28 students [Years 4 to 6].

We have organised classes according to current enrolment predictions to allow for forward planning, and exact class structures and staff may change up until enrolments are confirmed on Day 8, 2016.

The education of your children and matching class settings with specific needs, are our priority.

Zillmere Volunteers

The staff and students at Zillmere State School sincerely appreciate the contributions of those who have assisted with activities such as reading groups, book-covering, tuckshop, swimming, Science-Engineering and Mathematics programs, working bees, school banking, fundraising events, Religious Instruction, and excursions. Your generosity has made a significant difference to the opportunities the students have enjoyed this year, made our school a better place to learn, and strengthened Zillmere State School’s excellent reputation in the wider community.

We hope you can come along to our Volunteers’ Morning Tea today, Friday 27th November.

Zillmere Uniform and Footwear

Zillmere’s uniform policy is determined by student health and safety considerations. This week a number of students have been wearing shoes with wheels, and have fallen on concrete pathways. These shoes are not appropriate for school. The wheels may be removed from the shoes whilst at school, to help prevent injuries.

Semester Two Academic Reports

Semester Two reports will be sent home on Wednesday afternoon, 9th December. If you are going to commence holidays before then you may:

[A] Provide the school with written authorisation [a note] for another parent to collect your child’s report on your behalf.
[B] Provide your current address and the report can be posted to you.
[C] Provide your current email address and the report can be sent to you.
[D] Collect the report from the school at the beginning of the 2016 school year.

Unexplained Absences

Going through our records, we have noticed some students have many absences which have not been explained. This week you may receive a letter with your child’s absences listed. We would like to give you the opportunity to complete the section of the letter which explains the reasons for your child’s absences from school. Any absences which have not been explained will appear on your child’s Semester 2 report.

Please complete the reasons for your child’s absence on the dates indicated and return the letter to school by Friday 4th December. Alternatively, you may phone the school on 3863 8333 or email admin@zillmeress.eq.edu.au.

Active School Travelling from PCYC

On Wednesday 25th November Zillmere’s Active School Travellers walked or wheeled from PCYC on Zillmere Road to Zillmere State School. Sergeant Jason, PCYC Peit, about 60 Zillmere students and their parents, Miss Niven and Mr Young walked to school and then shared a healthy breakfast. The children learnt important safety rules such as how to ride safely and cross the road with their bicycles.

Leadership Speeches

Our 2016 senior students presented their leadership speeches on Tuesday afternoon. Every student spoke enthusiastically about their ideas for Zillmere State School’s future: fundraising for charities, after school sport activities, cultural celebrations, gardening and recycling programs! These students will provide excellent role models for our younger students and create a buzz of excitement at Zillmere.

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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.

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**Student Absences**

**24 hours**

**Phone 3863 8333**

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

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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Please note: Due to Education Queensland and safety requirements, only students are permitted in the pool at our swimming carnivals on Thursday 3 December and Friday 4 December 2015.

Parents, other children and extended family are not able to enter the pool at any time, including the free swim time.
Pre Prep

At Pre prep this week we visited our school library and our classroom for next year. The 2015 Preps were very welcoming and we sang a song together. We also learnt how to use the playground equipment safely! That was our last Pre prep session for this year. Thank you again parents for bringing your child to these sessions. We are very happy to welcome you and your family into the Zillmere State School community! I look forward to seeing you and your child the first day of school in 2016.

Michelle Tukuafu 😊

Prep News

Finally we got to go on the train to the Twelfth Night Theatre. It was a hot day but we had lots of fun and enjoyed watching the Christmas show. A big thank you to Mary, Daisy and Katherine, our lovely Prep parents who came with us to help and Miss Katrina our volunteer teacher aide. Without your help we wouldn’t have been able to go. 😊 Santa safely got our letters so now he knows what we want for Christmas! For the last few weeks of school we will continue with our Prep program as normal, so if you have a few spare moments feel free to stop in and join us for reading groups. Your child would love to see you there! Don’t forget our Christmas concert and disco is coming up on Monday the 7th of December at 5.30pm. The children are very excited as we have started practising our song with great gusto!

Only two more weeks of school left! Here are a few reminders.
The last week of homework will be this week (week 8). Homework is due on Monday. Please make sure to bring back all library books.

We have been working hard in class to learn our Christmas song which we will perform at the Christmas concert on Monday, 7th of December. Be sure to dress in red or green or wear a Christmas shirt to the concert. 😊
In year 2/3 this week one of our STRIVE words we found in a story was GNARLED. We then wrote a descriptive sentence using this word and illustrated it.

This is William’s:

My gnarled forest. It has knobbly, twisted, rugged trees.

Starting Friday some books will be coming home so that students don’t have to carry everything home on the last day. Next week will be the last week for written homework. Students are encouraged to keep reading every night, even through the break to keep up their reading skills.

School holidays should be a break from school but not a break from learning. Holidays provide a great range of opportunities to put into a fun practical setting what has been learnt at school. Some examples are...

- Read...visit the local council library and borrow your favourite titles. Make a cubby at home and spend time reading in it.
- Cook...measure the ingredients using grams, mls, kilograms etc. Understand about temperature.
- Craft...measure the pieces required using centimetres or millimetres. Make patterns or fit different shapes together.
- Write...Christmas cards with more than just “To...” and “From...” inside them. Keep a diary of the activities undertaken during the holidays.
- Maths...Going on a trip? Record how far you travel or how long it takes. Keep a list what of what you buy and how much it cost. Don’t forget, access to the Mathletics website is available throughout the holidays.
- Movies...discuss what happened, why it happened, any alternative to the ending, how the characters were portrayed, how your emotions were affected.
- Play games...they are great for developing patience, teamwork, lateral thinking, problem solving, relationships and much more.

The 5/6s are currently learning all about mould in our last unit of Science. They now know what it is, how and where it grows and that some moulds are 'good' for us! We are also reviewing some maths concepts like elapsed time, division and problem solving strategies.

Our STRIVE words this fortnight have been: artificial and secretion.

PLEASE NOTE ALL MONIES FOR THE YEAR 6 GRADUATION MEAL MUST HAVE BEEN PAID BY 3PM TODAY - THE RSL NEEDS TO BE INFORMED ON MONDAY WITH EXACT NUMBERS.
This term in Year 4/5 we have been writing traditional, cultural stories. We have been learning all about characters, human qualities, the structure of a narrative and the many language features that go into a story such as verb groups, noun groups, adjectives and adverbs.

Below is a featured story from one of our Year 4 students, Alainn Cahutay.

**Mi-cha and The Viper**

Written by Alainn Cahutay (Year 4)

Many years ago, in Andong Korea there lived a beautiful, young girl named Mi-cha. She was very hardworking and generous to all living creatures. Her dream ever since she was a child was to travel around the world. She lived with her grandmother Myung-hee ever since her parents passed away.

One day her grandmother asked her to get some water from the well. Mi-cha obeyed, on the way she heard a strange voice. “Hello child.” Hissed the eccentric voice. “Your dreams will come true if you follow me.” There before her was an amur viper grinning at her cunningly. Mi-cha was persuaded by the viper’s friendly smile and thought that this was a caring, thoughtful animal so she followed him and was led to a deep, dark forest.

The forest was grey and everything looked daunting. Trees hovered over the long pathway leaving frightening shadows on the ground. The viper led Mi-cha to a small hut in the forest but not following his word he wanted to eat her. “I’m extremely ravenous and I think that you would be a very delicious meal.” The viper said gleefully. “No, no please spare me!” pleaded Mi-cha. “You have one day to find me a sack of gold, a white butterfly and a hibiscus flower. If not, I will eat you.” said the viper.

So the gentle girl went to a small village to get the sack of gold. Everybody in the village was cheerful and positive. There she traded with an ancient woman her pearl necklace for a sack of gold. Then she went to her own garden and saw a beautiful, white butterfly fluttering gracefully near a bright, red flower which she gently put inside a jar. After that she picked a gorgeous hibiscus flower from her hibiscus tree. When she was finished getting all the items she headed back to the hut in the forest.

“I have brought everything you told me to get you viper now please let me go.” Mi-cha begged. The viper laughed wickedly. “You have brought me everything that I need to become the most powerful creature on earth!” The villainous animal shouted. He put all three items in a large bowl and mixed it together with boiling water. Then he drank it. He began to grow larger and larger and in a short amount of time he became an enormous, terrifying creature.

He had razor sharp teeth and blood red eyes. Mi-cha was shocked. Suddenly her grandmother appeared. “Leave Mi-cha alone!” she yelled. Myung-hee tossed a purple potion into the viper’s mouth. The frightening monster began to shrink rapidly then soon became a sack of gold, a white butterfly and a hibiscus flower. Myung-hee and Mi-cha walked home extremely happily and used the sack of gold to travel around the world.

**STRIVE Vocabulary Year 4/5**

Our STRIVE words are unfamiliar words we have read during various literacy activities. In order to comprehend what we are reading, we must learn what these words mean. We also explore the synonyms and antonyms for the word and its derivatives. Once we understand what the word means, we have a reason to know how to spell it so we can use the word in our writing.

Week 8 Strive words: appeal, cluster, verify
Week 9 Strive words: complex, segment, establish

Please discuss these with your children at home and ask them to share with you their understanding of these new words.
Hi!

There are so many special events coming up as we approach the end of the school year. Try to get along and support your child. It will make a huge difference in their lives.

- Twenty of our year 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 every Wednesday at lunchtime this term.
- The school will be holding it’s Christmas service on Wednesday 9 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.**
- 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.
- The Salvation Army Church (cnr Handford & Roghan Rds., Taigum) is holding their Community Christmas Celebration on Sunday 13 December 4.00pm to 8.30pm. A brochure will be coming home with your child. This event is one of the highlights of the year with lots of free activities.

**Parent’s encouragement:** During the holidays is a wonderful opportunity to not only spend quality time with your children but also quantity time. It doesn’t have to cost money to have fun. Some of my fondest memories with my daughter are going to different parks, going for walks, playing board games, having a picnic in the backyard etc.

**Quote:** Children spell LOVE - “TIME” (Dr Anthony Witham)

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

Thank you to our valuable volunteers. You make a difference every day in the lives of the students at Zillmere State School. The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers. ~Terri Guillemets
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
Active School Travel with Zillmere PCYC

Wednesday 25 November 2015
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
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.
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

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