Principal News:

NAPLAN
Our students in Years 3, 5, 7 participated in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

Student attendance
Student’s attendance at school is a legal requirement. It is important that after a child is away absent or during their absence parents contact the school to provide a reason. Letter, phone call and email are all acceptable means of notification. If no contact is made the absences are marked as ‘unexplained’. Any child who has any unexplained absences will receive a letter next week for parents or guardians to complete. This provides you the opportunity to outline reasons for any absences your child may have had throughout the semester. It would be appreciated that all forms are returned to the school office before Friday 30th May.

Bramble Bay Cross Country
Congratulations to all the students who competed at Bramble Bay Cross Country earlier this week. The children represented their school with pride and looked fantastic in the school’s new running shirts kindly supplied by the P&C. There were close to a thousand students competing from a variety of schools. Many of our students finished in the first half of the running group, an impressive result. Thankyou to Leesa, Vanessa and Russell for transporting the children to and from the venue. I would also like to acknowledge Ms Lorraine and Wal for their organisation and help on the day.

Warm Regards
Damien Greig
Principal
Tip 4 – Set an Example

As a parent, you are your child's most important role model. If your child sees you reading, especially for pleasure or information, he or she will understand that reading is a worthwhile activity.

You can also share many daily reading activities with your child. Here are some ideas:

- Read recipes, food labels, schedules, maps, instructions, and brochures.
- Read traffic signs and signs in stores and restaurants.
- Look up information in cookbooks, manuals, phone books, atlases, and dictionaries.
- Read greeting cards, letters, and e-mail messages to and from relatives and friends.

School Awards

Spelling Awards

Kasia, Jake, Glevin, Toni, Susan, Eden, Michael and Simone

Class merit Awards

Jasmine, Solomon, Hsa, Deepesh, Melanie, Nethu, and Alexander

Fun run top fundraiser

Jake & Mrs Mahan

Mr Dargusch, Jessica & Ms Watson
This Term, Year 4/5 is still working hard and efficiently to improve their skills in reading, writing and mathematics. We have also been exploring materials in Science, and in Geography, we are comparing two different continents and how different climates support different types of vegetation.

**Here’s a SNAPSHOT of TERM 2**

We started the Term off with a visit from LIFE EDUCATION. We learnt all about the safe way to store and use prescription medicine and the effect it has on our body.

Our reading groups have been working hard to analyse the text, “The Twits”. They can now identify; noun groups, verb groups, prepositional phrases, pronouns, direct speech and text connectives.

A HUGE Congratulations to the Year 5’s in our class who have worked exceptionally hard in preparing themselves for NAPLAN Test.

You’ve done Zillmere SS proud.

In Science, Jay-Jay and Taz are attempting to build a supportive tower to hold a dictionary. Did it work? Was paper the RIGHT material to use?

Here the boys are creating a FREEZE FRAME. In Drama we are looking at how Freeze Frames can tell a story.

Well Done to all those students (and Parents) who have continually completed the Homework tasks each week. Homework allows for the students to reflect, and demonstrate their learning that has taken place in the classroom. Thank You for the enormous effort!

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

— **Dr. Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!**
Chaplaincy Week

Just a reminder Chaplaincy week starts on Sunday 18th May. There will be a touch footy game on Tuesday 20th May at 1.30pm – 2.00pm. The game is between our junior boys ‘ v senior boys’.

Our chappy’s challenge will take place on 22nd May. I have been inspired by the Brisbane Roar and living in the past I am giving the students the opportunity to try to score a penalty goal past me. This will take place on the oval during physical education classes. There will be prizes for students that score - I hope I have enough prizes to give out!

P & C Association

The P&C will be holding a Bunnings sausage sizzle at Carseldine on Monday 23rd June, from 7.30am – 3.00pm. If you are interested in volunteering please see Wal, all volunteers will be greatly appreciated. More information to come soon.

Hello again to all parents and care givers from Jabiru After School Care, Happy Mothers day to all.

Last Friday we welcomed parents to our special Mothers Day afternoon tea. It was an idea suggested by the kids to invite mums for an afternoon tea. The kids took great pride in making cards and loom bands for mum’s as gifts. The highlight of the afternoon was that the kids served the tea to their mums.

The mums got to sit down and relax, while the kids served a plate of food to their mums. It displayed a great sense of giving and the kids had ownership over being able to do something nice for their mums. It was also interesting to see that they make sure that nothing was missing from their mum’s plate!
Community News

Aspley State High School – An Independent Public School

High School 2015 – Here We Come!
Back by popular demand
High School Master Classes
Sunday 1st June
8:30 am – 11:30 am
High School "Master" Classes (limited places in each class)
Register on our website:
www.aspleyshs.ea.qld.edu.au

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all families who have already enrolled for 2015 here at Aspley High School. We are really looking forward to working with you and your child over the next six years of their learning. In response to your warm feedback about the Master Classes conducted last year, we are again offering them to families of currently enrolled students and those who are interested in experiencing the high quality learning here at Aspley High School.

I am pleased to invite your child to join us for our High School Master Classes on Sunday June 1st. This is a terrific opportunity to visit our school again. Registration is open to those who are already enrolled and those who are considering enrolment. Just go to our website and register for the classes. There includes a description of these classes for you to help you to decide.

We are ready for 2015. Our specialist faculties (Science, Workshop and Art) are ready to go. Our teachers are ready to work with you and your family to make the High School year really rewarding one. I am looking forward to seeing many of you on the 1st of June.

Regards,

Jacqueline Miller
Principal, Aspley High School

Limited places please register on our website: www.aspleyshs.ea.qld.edu.au

SOCCER

Experience soccer – full on! That’s the Aspley Eagles Development program. Come and join our Aspley Eagles master class and the Bluehouse River Turf and futsal to showcase your soccer skills and be a chance to add some paced. Take the opportunity to test your skills against current Aspley Eagles students and staff.

HISTORY

What is justice? What is fairness? How does the idea of justice and fairness impact on our history? Join us in our discussion to identify and debate this intriguing topic. This session highlights one of Aspley’s most powerful and effective teaching strategies – community of inquiry and engages students and parents in a fun and fascinating search for the essence of justice and fairness in human history.

VOCAL – Musical Theatre

Learn to sing a song. Learn a choreographed routine to match the song. Prepare and perform a short acted scene from a script. Have a laugh as you prepare, rehearse and perform the items for an audience. Drama, Dance, Music are all art forms and a wonderful medium for learning and teaching. These subjects develop the whole person – emotionally, physically, intellectually, imaginatively, aesthetically, and socially – by giving form and meaning to experience through performing. This workshop will be delivered in an atmosphere that is non-competitive, cooperative, supportive, joyful yet challenging.

WOODWORKING

Are you wood working skills? Come along to this "hands on" master class and manufacture your very own workbench item. A great lesson for all abilities and levels. You will be using hand tools and machinery and everyone gets hands on with a completed job. We are proud of the work our students do in Industrial Design and Technology.

Come and experience it for yourself.

SCIENCE

Particles, Particles, Particles! Everything we see, touch and smell is made up of particles. Explore their properties in this engaging and hands-on application of Chemistry! We are proud of the Science programs here at Aspley High. Our Junior School laboratories are purpose built for your son or daughter.

C & K OPEN DAY

10 – 12 Saturday 24 May

See the early learning environment

SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

Saturday 17 May

9am – 1pm

SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL

ACADEMIC ACHIEVER EXAM

Saturday 24 May

1pm

Enrolment is essential for the exam to be marked.
I would like to thank P&C Treasure Vanessa Mitchell for putting on a fantastic mothers day stall, and Lessa Masters, Linda Jordaan & Ruby Tribugenia for helping the P&C sell the items as it could not happen without volunteers like you.

P&C President
Russell Mitchell
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