Principal's News:

NAPLAN report highlights positive results

The 2013 NAPLAN summary report is now available from the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority website at [http://www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/national-reports.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/national-reports.html). Since testing began in 2008, Queensland is the most improved state with significant gains made in 9 out of 20 areas over this time. Zillmere is constantly improving demonstrating its best results in Naplan since its roll out in 2008. I congratulate all students, parents and staff in working so hard to achieve this result. Our staff has already gone through the NAPLAN results in much greater detail to look closely at the areas where we can build on our performance in coming years. Although NAPLAN results form a useful piece of information, they are not the be all and end all upon which to judge a school’s success. It is important to remember the results represent a point-in-time testing over a few hours each May. The NAPLAN results are important but are just one of the many pieces of information our school uses to improve learning outcomes for your child/ren.

Minister Elmes visiting Zillmere State School

Next Tuesday we have the pleasure of meeting Minister Glen Elmes who’s portfolio includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs. It is not often that a school receives a visit from a Minister and I strongly encourage parents to come to Tuesday’s assembly to hear Minister Elmes speak and see your child perform on the day. We will be providing a small morning tea for all families and guests after the assembly.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Thank you for ensuring your children attend school regularly and are punctual and well prepared for each school day. At Zillmere, the average attendance rate for students was 91% in Term 3, 2013, our goal is 95%. Every increase above 90% does add up to improved learning for students. Education Queensland research has established a link between a high level of attendance at Prep and Year 3, 5 and 7 NAPLAN (National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy) results. Moreover, there is a link between good NAPLAN results and good OP (Overall Position) results in Year 12. A good OP result is a reliable predictor for success with a good job generating a good wage/salary. Higher levels of literacy and numeracy will allow young people to move into new industries more easily, helping to address unemployment and encourage the development of new industries. Send your children to school every day to help them achieve their potential so as to have the best chance for the future. In the coming weeks each child will receive a slip outlining their attendance. Our target for Zillmere state school is 95% or having less than 5 days for the entire term. If your child misses more than this they will not be able to attend the extremely popular end of term celebration.
Community Centre Performance
Thank you to each family who attended the school’s performance at the Zillmere Community Centre last Saturday. The children performed admirably winning over the crowd. I would like to thank Mrs O’Shea for her time and effort getting the children prepared for the day.

Warm Regards
Damien Greig
Principal

Library News
Just a reminder that overdue library notices went home at the end of Term 3, could you please check and make sure all overdue library books are brought back to the school.

Swimming News
Unfortunately Zillmere State School have sold out of swimming caps. As caps are compulsory for children swimming in the school pool we suggest you purchase a cap from your local Pharmacy or K Mart.

Pupil Free Day Reminder
Monday 21st October is a Pupil free Day and all Teachers will be at Personal Development Training. Please do not send your child to School as there will be no supervision available.

Prep Open Afternoon
Zillmere State School would like to invite families with children enrolling in Prep next year to our Open afternoon on Wednesday 23rd October 2013 from 2-00pm – 3.30pm.
School Awards

Aim High Awards
Anthony, Belle, Susan, Liam and Mikaela T.

School Banking Awards
Mikaela T. Havenah, Jaylen

Golden Words
Liam, Lane, Jessica M. Seth, Symmone P. Melanie, Stefani, Jaylen, Tainui, Theo, Jomaikah, jade, Kevin, Mae-va and Laylanee

Year 4/5 Sing
"The 3 Little Bears Rap"
Welcome to term 4. It will be busy but rewarding and I look forward to spending time with you and the students.

**Friday 25th October**
- Day for Daniel: The student’s will have opportunity to wear something red with their school uniform. I will be discussing stranger danger with the students.
- World Teacher’s Day: Please take the opportunity to say thank you to the teachers. They do a wonderful job and I know they want the best for your child. Each teacher at Zillmere State School go the extra mile in preparing lessons, excursions, special events to make school a rewarding experience for every student.

**Friday 1st November**
Chaplaincy Celebration: This promises to be a great night and everyone is invited. It commences at 4.45pm with some fun games, at 5.30pm there will be a sausage sizzle with drinks and ice creams for sale. At 6.30pm – 8pm there will be a concert with our own Zillmere guitar band performing. There will also be performances by indigenous dancers, Che-Jazz show team and Geebung and Taigum State Schools. This will be held at The Salvation Army, Cnr Handford & Roghan Rds. Taigum. I would love to see you there!

**Saturday 2nd November**
A team of people from the Taigum iSEE church are coming to school for a working bee to bless our school from 8am – 12.00. Why don’t you come and work alongside them as we give the school a spring clean.

**Parent’s encouragement:** Parent’s must work hard at creating a positive atmosphere in their homes while their children are young. Build an environment where it is easy for your child to share what is happening in their lives. So that when they are teenagers they will still share openly. Never be too busy not to have input in your child’s decision making process.

Teach them:
- Functional behaviour is: I Feel – I Think – I Act.
- Dysfunctional behaviour is: I Feel – I Act. (Fathers who dare win).

*Quote:* “A good example is twice as effective as good advice.”

God bless
Wal Greentree

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**P & C News**

Just a reminder Pie/Cake Drive forms went home at the end of last term and orders with money are due back by 29th October 2013. If you don’t have an order you can collect one from the office.
Community News

Zillmere Blue Light Dance Party

Entry Just $5.00!
5.00 - 8.00pm
Primary School Age
1st Dance March 23 is FREE!

Police Supervision
Good standard of behaviour required, drug & alcohol free event.
Come & Join the Fun! Tell your Friends!

2012 Dance Dates: March 23, April 27, May 25, July 27, August 31, October 26, November 29

Zillmere State School Working Bee
Saturday 2nd November
9:00 - 12:00
Many hands make light work!
All parents welcome.

Join us for a BBQ afterwards.

Zillmere State School SWIM ACADEMY
Exciting new swim school opening for all swim levels

- Daily lessons
- Free assessments
- 30 days to trial
- Convenient location - 79 Murphy Rd, Zillmere

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Northern Cents
Kern Creek Greenbank 4126

SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY CELEBRATION!

Friday November 1st
at The Salvation Army, North Brisbane
Corner Handford & Rognan Rds, Taigum

4:45pm Fun Games
5:30pm BBQ Dinner
6:30pm Concert
Che-Jazz Show team (dance group)
Performances by Galbung S.S.
Performances by Taigum S.S.
Performances by Zillmere S.S.
Principals vs Chaplains Challenge
Message from the Chaplains

8.00pm Finish

BBQ Pricelist
Sausage Sizzle $2.50
Drinks $1.50
Ice cream $1.00
Donuts $1.00

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