Welcome back to term 3
I hope you all enjoyed your holidays. I have heard many stories of children travelling overseas and doing a number of fun activities with their parents. I look forward to working with all of our families both new and existing in Term 3. Throughout the term there are many opportunities for you to engage with your child’s learning. Please refer to the Term 3 calendar of events that was sent home at the end of last term for all upcoming events.

Parent Teacher Conference
Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st of July to discuss your child’s semester 1 Report Card. Families who would like an opportunity to discuss their child’s educational development need to complete and return an interview form to the classroom teacher. This is a valuable opportunity for parents to get up-to-date feedback about your child’s progress. A positive and ongoing partnership between the parent and teacher is the most powerful educational resources a child can receive.

Athletics Carnival – Junior and Senior
The annual junior and senior athletics carnival will be held on Thursday July 25th. Unfortunately, the oval will not be available for this upcoming event. This is the result of the damage caused from the Zillmere Festival last term and the constant wet weather preceding it which has stopped work commencing on the oval. Aspley State High has kindly offered the use of their oval for our athletic carnival. This is huge commitment as this will require them to close the oval and tennis court down to their students on the day.

Buses will transport the children to and from Aspley High free of charge. The children will leave Zillmere School by 9:00am and arrive at Aspley High by 9:15am for the children to be ready to compete by 9:30am. The events will run all day with children competing in the following events: 50m, 100m, 200m and relay running events. They will also partake in shot-put, long jump, high jump and ball games. Children in Prep and Year 1 and 2 will also travel to Aspley High to participate in a fun morning of sporting activities. After lunch they will participate in sprint events. Please refer below for the full schedule of events.

A mini-van will also be available for parents throughout the day for any parents requiring transport to Aspley High. I look forward to seeing many parents on the day cheering and offering support to your child/ren. A permission slip was sent home earlier this week, can you please complete and return to the office or classroom teacher by Tuesday 23rd July.

School Opinion Survey – Year 4, 5 & 6
Each year, the Department of Education undertakes a survey of parents/caregivers and students to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling. If you received a survey please take the time to complete and return it to school. Later in the year, the school will receive a report outlining the results. The results will help the school to evaluate and reflect on how well the school is going and to identify areas for improvement. I hope you take the time to complete the questionnaire and help make Zillmere a better place for your child/ren.

School Photographs —
School photos will be handed out to each class by the end of next week.
Why Join The P&C Association?
Your strong involvement with the school will assist in providing your child with a valuable outlook on the importance of education and life-long learning. Being a part of the P&C can afford you this opportunity. Joining the P & C is a great way to keep informed, to contribute to the quality education of your children and to make new friends. Your involvement can be as large or small as you can manage, but your ongoing support of the P & C is invaluable. Whilst part of the P&C role is to provide or assist in the provision of financial or other resources, the most important part is to represent and communicate the parent and community voice to ensure the school grows in a positive way. The school needs the active involvement of its community and parents to work in partnerships for the benefit of students. It will be your actions that will speak a lot louder than words in convincing your child that school is important, and not only that, but it is important to you.

The next P & C meeting will be held at the school at 3:30pm, Tuesday 13th August.

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 90% in Term 2, 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.

Great teachers = Great results
Great teachers = Great results is the Queensland Government’s five-year, $537 million action plan to make our state’s education system even better. It will support teachers with mentoring, training and resources reward outstanding teachers with career opportunities and scholarships strengthen state school discipline allow schools to have more say in how they are run because each school community knows what’s best for Queensland kids. The plan will lift standards of teaching and give schools more flexibility to get on with the job with a range of research-based initiatives to help your child get a great education, no matter where you live. There will be new ways of measuring and rewarding high performances among our teachers, as well as strengthened discipline and streamlined processes for suspensions and exclusions. Find out more about the plan: www.qld.gov.au/greatteachers

Warm Regards

Damien Greig
Principal
Assembly Awards
NAIDOC Week

The theme for NAIDOC Week 2013 was We value the vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963.

This year’s theme proudly celebrates the 50th anniversary of the presentation of the Yirrkala Bark Petitions to the Federal Parliament. The petitions protested the Commonwealth’s granting of mining rights on land excised from Arnhem Land reserve and sought the recognition by the Australian Parliament of the Yolngu peoples’ traditional rights and ownership of their lands. Asserting title to Yolngu country under Yolngu law, the petitions were the first traditional documents recognised by the Commonwealth Parliament and helped to shape the nation’s acknowledgment of Aboriginal people and their land rights. Today, we look to a future that better understands and celebrates the unique connection that Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islander’s share to country, as we continue to build an Australia that reflects the achievements and furthers the aspirations of our people.

In recognising this, the students of Zillmere participated in a number of activities. They planted a number of native plants in the school rainforest and read stories and shared their thoughts on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander History recognising the theme – We value the vision. Thankyou to Bunnings Castledine and Narelle’s hard working team who donated the plants and helped put together a number of plaques for our school rainforest. I hope you like the new changes being made.

Today we went to the Zillmere Library to watch a performance for NAIDOC week. I really liked touching all the weapons and when we got to get up and dance I felt excited. I danced like an emu with all the other girls, it was lots of fun.
By Toni Clark (Year 2)

Today I liked dancing at the Zillmere Library. We went with the teachers, Year 1/2 and parents and we learnt all about weapons and hunting. I really enjoyed when we got to do the dancing like an emu.
By Eden Dolling (Year 2)

Today teachers, Year 1/2, parents and my class all went to the Zillmere Library to watch a performance to celebrate NAIDOC week. We had to walk there and when we arrived Gwenda performed for us. She started to show us weapons and animal skins. She showed us a stone axe and kangaroo skin. My favourite was when I got to hold the stone axe. It was so much fun!
By Kaden Campbell (Year 3)
**St James College Open Day**

Friday 2 August, 2013  ~  10.30am to 12.30pm

- Come and see St James College during the course of a normal school day
- Let our student leaders take you on a guided tour of the College
- Meet our highly qualified, caring and enthusiastic staff
- Learn how 2016 will see refurbished facilities for Year 7 together with state of the art science and library facilities
- Come and see for yourself how a St James education can provide YOUR child with the skills for a happy and successful future

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**Brighton Roosters Softball Club**

**SOFTBALL / T-BALL DEMONSTRATIONS**

- 12th July, 2013 (2.45 - 4pm)  
  Nashville State School Oval  
- 19th July, 2013 (2.45 - 4pm)  
  Brighton State School Oval  
- 26th July, 2013 (3.00 - 4.15pm)  
  Bracken Ridge High School Oval

We are holding some FREE demo days for any interested students to learn more about playing softball and t-ball  
For BOYS & GIRLS from 5yrs  
We also have LADIES and MEN’s Teams of all skills for interested parents.

Register online at:  

Our official sign on is August 7th, 5.00pm to 8.00pm at the Brighton Roosters Football Club.  
Fees and Uniform costs advised at sign on.

Please visit our website or call us if you have any further queries.
www.brightonsoftball.com.au

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