**Principal’s News:**

**Athletics Carnival – Well done Fraser!**

Congratulations to Fraser who successfully won the 2013 Athletics Carnival. It was wonderful to see the house spirit running so strongly with encouragement and support heard from all students regardless of which house they were in. It was sea of blue and red with some of the students going to a great deal of effort to dress up. The huge parent turn-out also added to the atmosphere on the day. A huge thank you goes to Ms Lorraine, the classroom teachers and Wal Greentree for helping organise the event. I would like to make special mention of Alina Graham a parent helper who worked alongside Ms Lorraine to keep score. I would also like to acknowledge Aspley State High School for providing their oval and equipment. They were so giving in their time to ensure that we were able to have the carnival in time for Bramble Bay District Trials. Please find below a list of results from the day.

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Parent Teacher Conference
Semester 2 Parent/Teacher conferences were held on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st of July. Any families who did not receive an interview and 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. All parents who participated found it a valuable and worthwhile session.

School Opinion Survey
Each year, the department of Education and Training 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.

Mural Launch
The school officially unveiled the new mural at the front of the school and thanked Jessika Tong for all her hard work in preparing it. It has certainly brightened the front of the school and I congratulate all the children who were involved in the design and painting. In years to come I am sure all the children will look back fondly at this as they travel past.

Cairns West State School
On Monday and Tuesday I had the privilege of being invited by the department to travel to Cairns to meet with the Principal of Cairns West State School Mr Michael Hansen. During my visit we discussed a variety of things around school improvement with attendance being a priority. It is always wonderful to share best practice and I look forward to rolling out some of things I saw, at Zillmere State School in the near future.

Warm regards
Damien Greig
Principal
**Merit Awards**

Mikaela, Melanie V, Jessica, Nas

Kasia, Sezom, Krrish, Yeshua, Kim, Ridun, and Miles

**Aim High Awards**

Mike, Yaleela and Ryan

Jake, Rebecca N, Jade, Wendy and Jonathan
Year 4/5 had the opportunity to meet and discuss politics with Jason Woodforth MP for Nudgee
Hi! as we enter the month of August it does seem true that “time flies.” I am reminded how important it is to make the most of everyday with our family and friends. What a great day we had at our school’s athletics day, the students were excellent and you can be proud of your children. It was great to see so many parents there also.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge:** The challenge for students to read up to 20 books by Friday 6th September to gain a certificate. What a great opportunity to read together. Don’t forget to record the book titles.

**Bunning’s Tree Planting:** Narelle from Carseldine Bunnings has been to our school to talk to students about Australian native trees and indigenous bush tucker. Bunnings have kindly donated native trees which the students have planted as well as our friendly kookaburra and wombat for our nature walk.

**Zillmere State School’s special fundraiser:** This year as a school we will be raising money for Bowel Cancer Australia to help find a cure for this terrible disease. To help achieve this Mrs. Mahan, Mrs. Robin and I are entering the Bridge to Brisbane on Sunday 1st September. If you would like to donate to this cause you can go online to www.everydayhero.com.au click on the supporter’s page and type in Helena Mahan who is our school’s representative. Alternatively you can donate at the school office.

There will be more information sent home but the student’s will be having a free dress day and sausage sizzle later this month to help them participate in helping this important cause.

**Parent’s encouragement:** “Take time to talk about your child’s troubles.” A problem shared is a problem halved. Talking about what’s worrying you is a great way to remove the burden of worry and reduce anxiousness. If your child has concerns let them know you are interested in them and that their concerns are important to you.” Michael Grose [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au)

**Quote:** Worry is like a rocking chair – it gets you nowhere!

God bless you heaps

Wal Greentree
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Community News

Open up new possibilities...

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 2015 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

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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