From the Principal

Class changes

Last Friday saw many changes to the classroom structures due to the significant growth at the school. The transition from 4 to 5 classrooms has been smooth and the school is currently in the process of fitting out the new classroom with air conditioners and interactive whiteboards which should be completed within the month. The growth in numbers is a reward for the great work that our staff is doing and motivates us to work even harder to provide the best education for your child/ren. If you have not had the opportunity to meet your child/ren’s new teacher please arrange a meeting time with them. This can be arranged by calling the school on 3863 8333.

Bookpacks

All parents were invoiced for your child’s book pack. The book pack in 2013 is $80 making it one of the most affordable book packs in a state school. I congratulate the P&C who contribute significantly to ensuring the book packs are so affordable. Can parents please ensure that this is paid for as soon as possible? Thank you for your cooperation.

School Leaders

All Year 7 students are currently in the process of applying to become part of the School Leadership group whereby they will be rewarded with a badge and heightened experience and opportunities around the school. This will involve a month long course which includes a Year Leadership Camp. By the end of the term children who have passed all requirements will be recognised with a special assembly where all parents will be invited to come and along share in their success.

Student attendance

Student’s attendance at school is a legal requirement. It is important that during or after a child had returned from an absence parent’s 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’.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

Please add the following dates to your diary at home.

- Touch Football Bramble Bay District Sport
  - Friday 22 February
- Channel 7 Helicopter
  - Wednesday 27 February
- Touch Football Bramble Bay District Sport
  - Friday 8 March
- Year 7 Sleepover & Team Building
  - Monday 11 & Tuesday 12 March
- P&C AGM
  - Tuesday 19 March
- Touch Football Bramble Bay District Sport
  - Friday 22 March
- Easter Hat Parade
  - Wednesday 27 March
- Last Day of Term 1
  - Thursday 28 March
Students who are absent from school miss substantial amounts of school work. Consistent attendance at school is a significant factor in achieving better academic and social outcomes. New concepts and skills are taught and reinforced each day by the teachers. If your child misses the introduction or the reinforcement of these concepts and skills, he or she is likely to have gaps in his or her learning.

Arrival at School
I ask that parents endeavour to have their children at school before the first bell at 8.50am. Late arrivals are very disruptive to teaching and learning and the first part of the school day is very important in preparing the children for a successful day. By having all children present when the day kicks off we are maximising learning time.

Family Fun Day
Congratulations Chaplain Wal Greentree, Dot Aldis, Alison Jeffery and Qualified Swim School and Jumping Jay Jay’s for putting together a great Family Open Day. It was a huge success with many parents coming along to watch their child/ren participate in the many activities on offer. The open session in each classroom at the end of the day was well received with parents attending to hear about what their children will be learning throughout the year. Many parents also took up the offer to meet one to one with the child’s teacher to discuss anything further. If you were unable to attend the open day but would like to meet with your child’s teacher please make a booking with them at your earliest convenience.

Kind Regards,
Damien Greig
Principal

Congratulations to the following children who received prizes for their great colouring in from the Family Fun Day

* Tazman Dolling
* Jonathan Israel
* Jade Clark
* Tajuana Sivea
* Mateo Waetford
* Jaycel Tarin
* Joseph Mavaega

Go card makes travelling to school easy

Did you know that if your son or daughter uses a Translink go card to travel to school they save at least 30 per cent on the cost of a single concession paper ticket, which is half of an adult’s fare? What's more families can register the card so the balance can be protected if the card is lost or stolen. Registering the card also allows families to top-up online or over the phone. They can also set up auto top-up so students will always have funds on their card.

Hi Parents,

You are invited to this special event. The Channel 7 helicopter will be landing on our oval between 9.30 am — 10.00 am. John Schluter the Channel 7 Weatherman will be a special guest and will talk to some students about being a weather presenter on the tv.

We need your help to make a giant Z.S.S. on the oval, come along and be part of the Zillmere State School community - you might even see yourself on tv that night!

Hope to see you on the 13th.

Many thanks,

Wal Greentree
Damien Greig

Please note:
Students will need to be in full SCHOOL uniform.

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P&C NEWS

We need you! Your children need you!

The P&C is an opportunity for you to be involved in the running of Zillmere State School.

Meetings are once a month and your ideas are valued as we continue to improve this great school.

The AGM is on Tuesday 19th March at 3.30 pm. More information to come.

The school tuckshop is a wonderful opportunity to raise money for our school, but we need parent helpers to make it happen.

Can you give 1.5 hours on a Friday morning between 8.30 and 9.00 am? Tuckshop will be on Friday 1st March. We can only keep this going if we get helpers.

Thank you. Chantelle, P&C President
Invoices were sent home last week with regards to payment of your child’s book packs for 2013. For a one-off payment of $80 your child receives all writing implements, books, craft materials, headphones, photocopy paper and stationery items for the school year. Thank you to the families that have already paid for their children’s book packs. Part payments are also appreciated with statements sent home every 2 weeks. Zillmere State School has one of the cheapest book packs available for students, we hope we can continue to deliver these subsidized cost to you next year through payments made for 2013. Thank you.

**Uniforms**

**Winter is on its way.....**

*Come to the office and pre-order your winter jacket NOW only $30!*

*Plus new Zillmere State School shirts and shorts also available in all sizes.*

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Every Tuesday afternoon between 3:15 – 4:45pm during term, a fun and exciting program will be running for kids in year 5-7 at Mulbeam Park, Boondall.

The sessions will have a range of different activities each week, including sport, games, music, and arts & crafts. There will be some afternoon tea available and the program is completely FREE!

Come along and join in the fun!

WHO: Students in years 5-7

WHEN: Every Tuesday during term time 3:15pm – 4:45pm

WHERE: Mulbeam Park, Cnr Muller and Beams road Boondall
MyTime for Grandparents is a place to meet other grandparents who are the full-time carers of their grandchild. At the groups, you can find out about available community support, discuss issues that affect you, socialise and share ideas with others who understand the challenges and issues of your caring role.

Are you the full-time carer of your grandchild?

Brisbane Indigenous MyTime for Grandparents group will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 27 March 2013
Time: 9.30am – 11.00am
Venue: Koobara Kindergarten, 421 Beams Rd, Taigum

For More Information:
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