Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Congratulations Zillmere State School

This week saw Zillmere State School in two very important arenas, firstly at Brisbane’s Spotless Suburbs 2014 our school received two prestigious awards:

Litter Prevention Litter Champion
Resource Recovery & Waste Management.

The hard work and dedicated of the entire school community, in particular our fabulous facilities staff, Mrs Julie Robinson, Mrs Janet brown and Mr Bert Jeffery and our highly creative and motivated Year 6/7 students and their class Teacher Miss Niven resulted in this great acknowledgement from Brisbane City Council. Check out the photo's later in this newsletter.

This week also saw the release of the preliminary NAPLAN results. Zillmere State School exceed many of its targets and goals with significant improvement in many areas. Congratulations to the students, teachers and support staff here at Zillmere. Over the next few weeks we will be integrating the data closely as we plan for further improvement to ensure our students continue to receive an outstanding, world class education at Zillmere State School. I will be discussing the school result at a future P&C Meeting, please come along here all about our results.

Individual student reports were sent home this week, if you would like some assistance interpreting your child’s report please contact your class teacher or myself.

Bramble Bay Track and Field Carnival

This recent event was a huge success for our school, it was an opportunity for students to compete alongside other talented students and demonstrated their fabulous behaviour and sportsmanship. I have had numerous reports that our students excelled in these areas and demonstrated the Zillmere State School family way impressively.

Congratulations to Ashton Dyer, who was selected to compete in the shot put next week. We know that she will compete to the BEST of her ability and will do Zillmere State School proud.

Book Week Parade

This week we held a Dress-Up Parade to celebrate Book Week, what an awesome sight everyone looked in their creative costumes. Check out the photos later in this edition. We send out a huge thank you to Kimberley Lucus from Ashton Scholastics for the book prize donations.
Team Blue Day
This Wednesday we are holding a blue day event to support mental health support agencies in our community. A team of staff will be participating in the upcoming Bridge to Brisbane as the culminating event for our awareness activities. Students are encouraged to wear blue and bring a gold coin donation. Students and staff are also able to further support this event by purchasing from the sausage sizzle. Order forms were sent home last week and all sausages need to be pre-ordered and paid prior to the day, orders need to be returned to the office by Tuesday 26th August 2014.

To further enhance our awareness initiatives a guest speaker from Kids Matter will be doing a presentation to all students during assembly on the 2nd September.

Prep Enrolments 2015
If you have a new Prep student starting in 2015 please pick up an enrolment form from the office next week and book into the Prep Transition Days (there are limited spaces available).
Wednesday 8th October
Wednesday 22nd October
Friday 7th October

9.30 – 11.00am
Future Prep students will be able to participate in activities, meet other children and become familiar with our Prep environment.
During the morning activities parents will have the opportunity to meet the Principal and teacher, become familiar with the Prep program and learn more about our Pre-Prep days that will occur throughout term 4 this year.

Zillmere Festival 2014
The annual Zillmere Festival (One Place - Many Cultures) is on again this year (Sunday 31st August – Saturday 6th September). This year it takes the form of a week of community cultural activities portraying a ‘map’ of the Zillmere cultural centre and portraying the range and diversity of our local community. Our school is hosting two separate evening events in the Library ‘Zillmere through the Looking Glass’ an historical exhibition reflecting Zillmere’s rich social history and ‘Chapters& Tunes’ readings with musical accompaniment. For more information check out the Zillmere Festival 2014 Facebook page.

Diary Dates
Tuckshop - Thursday 28th August 2014
Banking - Wednesday 27th August 2014
Zillmere Festival - Sunday 31st August—Saturday 6th September 2014

Warm Regards
Tracey Clark
Principal
Spotless School's Award

Book Week
Community News

Dollarmites Program

Zillmere State School takes part in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program. This exciting new initiative is a great way to teach our children about good money management, the development of strong financial literacy skills and the importance of saving.

The main purpose of this program is to give children a basic understanding of core financial values in a fun, hands-on way.

How do I get my child involved in this program?

To be part of the School Banking Program, your child will have to open a Commonwealth Bank Youth saver (Dollarmite account).

This can be done in a number of ways:

- Apply at any Commonwealth Bank branch (make sure you take a copy of your child's birth certificate and photo identification for yourself).
- If you're an existing Commonwealth Bank customer, you can open an account through NetBank.
- If your child already has a Dollarmite account, they can start using this account for school banking.

School Banking Day is every Wednesday.

They will need to hand in their money (to a minimum amount) with their yellow wallet and deposit book into their teacher for collection on Wednesday mornings. After the deposits have been processed, the children's accounts will be returned to their teachers to be handed back to the student.

Initiatives to keep your child excited!

This year the School Banking Program is centred around the Dolly Line Games—a magical land created to spark their imagination as they learn:

- Every time your child makes a deposit through the School Banking Program, regardless of how much, they receive a cool Dollarmite token. Once they have individually saved 10 tokens, they can swap them for fun Dollarmites gifts like hankies, money tins, headphones and much more!
- All you need to do is fill in: return your rewards card together with your 10 silver tokens to redeem your reward.

There will also be various rewards, certificates, and competitions running throughout the year.

Another great benefit is that your child will receive interest on their savings when they make a deposit but no withdrawals is a month.

This program will also benefit our school. For every activated account via the School Banking Program the Commonwealth Bank will give the school $5 for each student who banks through the school's program for the first year as well as a commission on every deposit made at school.
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