Dear families

We are now at the end of our sixth week of Term 2 and students are busily completing assessment tasks. Thanks to all parents for supporting your children with the completion of homework activities and encouraging them to read every night. As you know, Zillmere students have commenced the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Our target is 100% student achievement so please remind your child to record the books they have read at home on their Challenge Record Sheet.

**Arriving at School on Time**

We appreciate that on cold, dark, almost winter mornings it is more difficult to jump out of bed when the alarm goes, but please be mindful of how being late for school affects your child’s education. When a student arrives late they miss the ‘what is planned for today’ discussion with their teacher and the start of the first important lesson. Students arriving late are also often embarrassed to walk into a full classroom where everyone is working. Missing the first ten minutes of every school day equals approximately 1.5 weeks of schooling over the course of a school year!

Students arriving after 9:15am are asked to report to the office where they will be given a ‘late slip’ to give their teacher.

**Late Office Notifications**

Our office frequently receives many last minute requests from parents regarding changes to pick-up places for students. Whilst we appreciate many of these changes are unavoidable, we do ask that firm arrangements are made with your child before they leave in the morning. If you need to contact us, please do so prior to 2:15pm as we cannot guarantee messages will reach students after this time. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

**School Wide Positive Behaviour Support [SWPBS]**

In our last newsletter we explained Zillmere’s behavioural expectations which are aligned to our values: *Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be a Learner*. This week our focus is on ‘Be Respectful’. Students have been taught what that means, and received Green Gotcha tickets for various respectful behaviours they have displayed, such as: listening when others are speaking, using kind voices, including other children in their games and taking turns, and ensuring their work/eating area is clear of rubbish. Ask your child how they have been respectful this week!

😊 Lyn
Hi, on Thursday we had an excellent free dress day – with some outstanding sports outfits. We were also able to raise money for the Salvation Army’s Red Shield Appeal. The iSee church at Taigum provide food hampers please see me if this would be helpful.

**Scripture Union Holiday Camps:**

*Winter Wipeout* is an excellent camp that caters for students in grades 5-6. It is on the Sunshine Coast with heaps of awesome activities. When: 29\(^{th}\) of June – 3\(^{rd}\) of July 2015. Cost: $300 which covers everything that you will need for the week, including bus transport. Go to [www.suqld.org.au/camps](http://www.suqld.org.au/camps)

*Footy Camp* is held at the Tallebudgera Active Recreation Centre on the Gold Coast for Grade 6 boys (June 27\(^{th}\) – July 1\(^{st}\) 2015) Cost $250  

**KRASH holiday program:**

Also in the school holidays Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2\(^{nd}\) and Friday 3\(^{rd}\) July 8.30am – 3.30pm I am helping run a day program of fun activities at the Salvation Army Taigum. This is for all primary school students. Cost $5 per day. This will book out quickly so see me if you are interested.

**Parent’s encouragement:**

Perseverance is a teachable skill that is learned from watching others successfully deal with their frustration when completing a hard task. Perseverance is a skill that can be learned. Each time you succeed, you reinforce the idea that you can do it. The more that you do it, the better you will feel about yourself and it will be reflected in your work and social relationships. One of the biggest impacts you can have on a child’s character is to teach them how to keep working when things are hard.

The outstanding UCLA basketball Coach John Wooden described this process in sports, “You have to apply yourself each day to becoming a little better. By applying yourself to the task of becoming a little better each and every day over a period of time, you will become a lot better.”

**Quote:**

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.” (Dr Martin Luther King)

God bless you Wal Ph. 0409 494 225
Year 3 students made an excellent presentation at assembly on Tuesday using column graphs to show the number of bottle caps brought in by each class. Please keep sending bottle caps in and leaving them in the collection box in each classroom.

The Premier’s reading challenge continues. Each Year 3 student is asked to bring their record sheet in next week so we can graph how many books they have read or listened to.

A reminder that the Mathletics subscription paid for by the school allows students to access the website from home as well. A short amount of time several times a week would be greatly beneficial to your child.

Zillmere has an attractive and comfortable uniform and we encourage all students to wear it. This includes the bottle-green, fleecy jacket which is available from the school office for $30.

Orders due every Wednesday
Our class have been very busy the last two weeks. Miss Mac has been teaching us all about animal and plant life-cycles. To help us with our learning we have hatched our own baby chicks. Mable was the first born and has now found a good home with Miss Robinson. We can’t wait to see the first eggs she lays.

Prep News

😊 What a busy few weeks we have had with Under 8s, the library excursion and the Fire Services visit today! Thank you so much to those parents who volunteered their time and came with us as helpers. Without your help these extra learning experiences wouldn’t be possible! Just a reminder that our school library day is on Wednesdays. Encourage your child’s love of reading by becoming as excited as we are about reading and borrowing books!
This week the 5/6 class have begun their new Science unit on Electricity. They have been exploring simple circuits and will learn about conductors and insulators.

REMINDERS :-

1. Remember to complete your Premier's Reading Challenge log

2. Dental visits will start soon as the Dental van arrived in the school grounds on Wednesday!

In Science Year 4/5 are learning all about Living Things, their life cycles, habitats and needs. Over the next few weeks Year 4/5 will be researching endangered animals and gathering information around why these animals have become endangered and proposing solutions to ensure they do not become extinct.

We are also learning about Money in Mathematics with a focus on calculating change and adding items together to find the total amount spent. You can encourage your child to practice these skills outside of the classroom by asking money related questions at the grocery shop, take away restaurant or speciality store.
Healthstream would like to offer swimming lessons over Term 2 in the heated ZSS pool. Please call us on 3236 9059 to enrol. Lessons are $10 each.

Zillmere State School’s website is www.zillmeress.eq.edu.au so if you miss any up and coming events you can find that information on our school’s website.

**Date Claimers**

- May 28\(^{th}\) - Dental Van at ZSS
- June 2\(^{nd}\) - P&C Meeting 3.15pm
- June 4\(^{th}\) - School Photo’s
- June 8\(^{th}\) - Public Holiday – Queen’s Birthday
- June 16\(^{th}\) - Prep & Yr 1 Excursion to Mt Cootha
- June 25\(^{th}\) – Naidoc Day
- June 26\(^{th}\) – Last day of term
- July 13\(^{th}\) – School resumes
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Child and Adolescent Oral Health Services

Newsletter Notice

Ph 3257 3533

Child and Adolescent Oral Health News

The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Program will be offering treatment to the students of this school at the end of May. All grades have been issued with a consent/medical history form. If you wish your child to be treated please return the fully completed consent form (4 pages) to your class teacher. Due to the demands on our service parents who return consent forms late will not necessarily have their children treated on site and may be offered treatment at another site. Once dental staff receive a completed form your child will be examined. If your child requires further dental treatment, a ‘consent to treatment’ form will be issued for your signed consent. For any enquires please contact staff on 0408 721 589.