Principal News:

Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools

Another coup for Zillmere State School!!

In 2005 the Education Department started an awards competition to allow schools that have gone that little bit further and aimed a little bit higher, to showcase and receive recognition for their initiative and efforts to make their school the best it can be. One of the areas of this showcase, awards ‘Excellence in Community or Industry Partnerships’ which in fact ‘recognises programs which create positive outcomes and improved performance for students through: productive partnerships with students, staff, parents and their communities’.

Zillmere State School is proud to announce that we are a Regional award recipient in this category with our ‘Through Little Things Big Things Grew’ program. This award comes with a $1000 development grant. We also have the opportunity to vie for an additional $5000 grant if we are lucky enough to be selected as a State Finalist and $20000 if we are chosen as the Queensland winner. A huge thankyou to all the staff who were involved in this process and presentation.

Prep Information Evening

Zillmere State School will be holding a Prep Open Evening on Wednesday 18th June from 5.00pm—6.00pm. We ask that you as parents of our school let as many families as possible know about this evening to ensure the best transition possible in 2015.

Starting school is a major life transition for families and children. Managing this change is best done if information is shared between parents, carers, children, principals and early years’ teachers in schools and kindergartens. By managing the transition to school in a supportive way, children's continuity of learning is maintained. A positive start to school means children and families have a greater and ongoing connection with the school community.

Warm Regards
Damien Greig
Principal
Tip 5 – Talk About Books

Talking about the books you read is just as important as reading them. Discussing a story or a book with your child helps your child understand it and connect it to his or her own experience of life. It also helps enrich your child's vocabulary with new words and phrases.

Here are some ways to help your child acquire skills in comprehension, reasoning, and critical thinking:

- Ask your child about the kinds of books he or she would like to read.
- Talk to your child about your favourite books from childhood, and offer to read them.
- Encourage your child to ask questions and to comment on the story and pictures in a book before, during, and after reading it.
- Look at the cover and the title of a book with your child, and ask your child what he or she thinks might happen.
- Be patient and flexible in your efforts to help your child.
- Show your child that you see him or her as a growing reader, and praise his or her efforts to learn.

School Photos

Just a reminder that ZSS photos will be taken on Wednesday 4th June. Orders can be made online, if you do not have an envelope you can collect one from the office, sibling envelopes can also be collected from the office.

Photo packages are:

A—Deluxe $40.00
B—Regular PLUS $36.00
C—Regular $35.00
Basic $33.00
Photobook Only $30.00
Group Only $22.00

These photos are a wonderful reminder of your student's time at Zillmere S.S. and the classmates who shared this time.
Grade 2 and 3 have been very busy this term! We have learnt 2 digit addition, looked at 2D and 3D shapes and are currently investigating money. We have also been concentrating on problem solving skills which see children use a “Think Board” to assist them to unpack Mathematical problems, using the “See” “Plan” “Do” “Check” strategy.

Our Literacy program is as exciting! We have reading groups 4 times a week. Literacy is deeply embedded in every task we do. We are concentrating on writing a retell from a character’s point of view. We also use the “Words Their Way” program which sees children assessed and grouped into their spelling needs groups. These groups range across the school from years two to seven, each group concentrates on each individual child’s spelling needs.

In Science news we are investigating “Spinning Earth” we are investigating how everyday observations including day and night, sunrise and sunset, and shadows occur because of the Earth’s rotation.

In History we are investigating the differences between celebrations and commemorations. We are paying close attention to significant historical events as well as community diversity.

Our Art and Technology unit sees us investigating gender stereotypes. Children are creating a card for a specific gender using key gender stereotypes.

Homework- Monday
Library- Wednesday
Banking- Wednesday
Tuckshop orders- Wednesday
Swimming- Thursday
School Awards

Special Class Awards
Glevin, Jalijay, Mike & Jessica
Zac & Mervin

Spelling Awards
Toni, Mikaela, Melanie, Carey, Nas, Ola, Joseph & Hughie
Melody, Alkirea, Melanie, Matthew, Bhim & Jay
Susan

Pen Awards
Jalijah & Rebecca
Sezom, Jeffery, Mareta, Mikaela, Lashonda & Hayley
Brosen, Willson, Badhi & Tamui

Aim High Awards
Merit Awards
Well Chappy week was lots of fun – great dancing at the breakfast, a close game of touch footy and I survived the penalty shootout. Also had a great time with our students at the under 8’s day at Taigum State School.

It was a pleasure to attend the Regional School’s Showcase Awards and to see Zillmere State School gain 1st prize in their category. This is a tough award to win so congratulations to Mr Greig and staff and students who were involved in the project “From little things big things grew.” Congratulations to our sport’s encouragement award winners: Joseph for rugby league and Taryn and Amber for netball.

Coming events:

- **World cup soccer** coming to Zillmere State School
- **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle** at Carseldine on Monday 23rd June 8.30am – 3.00pm. This is an awesome fundraising opportunity for our P&C to raise money for our school. We need your help! A letter will come home giving you the opportunity to volunteer an hour or so to help cook/serve on the day. We have lots of fun too.
- **School dance party** at The Salvation Army Taigum on Wednesday 25th June 5.00pm – 7.30pm. This is a family event and you are all invited. The theme is “Pirates of Zillmere” so dress up and come along for a great night. There will be dancing, games and competitions. Food will be available to purchase from the P&C.
- **KidsGames:** This is a holiday program I am running at the Salvation Army North Brisbane (Taigum). It starts Monday 30th June till Wednesday 2nd July from 8.30am – 3.30pm. There will be sports, games, craft, spiritual input and lots and lots of fun. The cost is only $30 for the three days and includes morning tea and lunch, a KidsGames t-shirt and a gold medal. There are limited places available so you need to book your child’s place ASAP. You can register online at [www.kidsgamesqld.com.au](http://www.kidsgamesqld.com.au) or see me for a registration form.

For your information:

- Free English Conversation classes are available at The Salvation Army cnr Lemke and Roghan Rds. Taigum 10.00am – 12.00pm.
- Cup From Above Café at Aspley on Gympie road is a community café that provides assistance with food and also free tutoring to help students with their school work on Sundays 11am - 3pm. If you are interested phone Polly Lewis on 0403 423 649.
- Isee church have food hampers available – please see me if this would be helpful.

God bless you heaps
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Ph. 0409 494 225 or walg@chappy.org.au
High School 2015 – Here We Come!
Back by popular demand
High School Master Classes
Sunday 1st June
8:30 am – 11:30 am
High School “Master” Classes (limited places in each class)
Register on our website:
www.aspleyshs.qld.edu.au

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SOCR
Experience soccer – full out! That’s the Aspley Eagles Soccer Development program.
Come and join our Aspley Eagles master class and the Brisbane Roar Infrastrust to showcase your soccer skills and be in the chance to win some prizes. Take the opportunity to test your skills against current Aspley Eagles students and staff.

HISTORY
What’s justice? What’s fairness? How has the idea of justice and fairness impacted on our history? Join us in our discussion to identify and decode this intriguing topic. This workshop highlights one of Aspley High’s most powerful and effective teaching strategies ‘community of inquiry’ and engages students and parents in a fun and fascinating search for the essence of justice and fairness in human history.

VOCAL – Musical Theatre
Learn to sing a song. Learn a choreographed routine to match the song. Prepare and perform a short acted scene from a script. Have a laugh as you prepare, rehearse and perform the items in an audience. Drama, Dance, Music are all integral parts of a wonderful medium for learning and teaching. These subjects develop the whole person — emotionally, physically, intellectually, imaginatively, aesthetically, and socially — by giving form and meaning to experience through performing. This workshop will be delivered in an atmosphere that is non-competitive, cooperative, supportive, joyful yet challenging.

WOODWORKING
How are your wood working skills? Come along to this hands-on master class and manufacture your very own wood working item. A great lesson for all abilities and levels. You will be using hand tools and machinery and everyone goes home with a completed job. We are proud of the work our students do in Industrial Design and Technology. Come and experience for yourself.

SCIENCE
Particles, Particles, Particles! Everything we see, touch and smell is made up of particles. Explore their properties in this engaging and hands on application of Chemistry! We are proud of the Science programs here at Aspley High. Our Junior School laboratories are purpose built for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.

GREEN HEART FAIR
SUSTAINABILITY DISPLAYS + ENTERTAINMENT + ACTIVITIES + MARKETS
PEPPA PIG & GEORGE ‘Talking Turns Show’
Look music featuring DANNY WIDDISCOME, CHEAP BANDS & BANDS OF FREQUENCIES
Cooking demonstrations by MKR’s PAUL & BLAIR
GOURMET FOOD, MASTERCLASSES + WORKSHOPS
All free kids’ activities and entertainment
SUNDAY 1 JUNE 2014 9AM-2PM
2ND BRIGADE PARK, CHELMISIDE
Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/heart for details

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Cycle to the event with Cycling Brisbane and Kelly Reviews for your chance to win a free bike from W Bikes. Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/greentransport

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Like the Fair on Facebook for details
FREE native plants from 9.30am Bring your own pot and bag
FREE sustainability advice about reusing, recycling and upcycling
FREE water bottle when you register for FREE in the Sustainable Life program
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