Principal’s News:

Dear Parents

Welcome to all of our families returning to Zillmere and to the many families who have chosen our school to educate your children. I am also new to Zillmere this year and I feel privileged to be joining such a progressive school with strong community support. Thanks to the students, staff, parents and community members for your warm welcome.

We also welcome several other staff members. Mr Young and Ms Gardiner are experienced classroom teachers also new to Zillmere in 2015. Mrs Dang, our English as an Additional Language or Dialect [EALD] teacher, will be working with the students each Tuesday and Thursday; Miss Gianduzzo, our Music teacher, will be teaching each Monday; and Mrs Fenaughty, our Guidance Officer, and Mrs Quine, our Speech Language Pathologist, will visit each fortnight. Miss Niven will be teaching Physical Education each Thursday.

Zillmere has 20 gorgeous Prep students who are settling well into our school and so excited to be making new friends. We have so many new students that we will be forming a sixth class for 2015. The Metropolitan District Office is in the process of appointing another teacher to Zillmere. All Year 1 students will be together in the same class with the new teacher. If your child is in Year 3 or Year 5 and is changing their current classroom teacher, they will have been given a note today to let you know.

The classes will be:
Prep - Mrs Tukuafu
Year 1 – Teacher new to Zillmere
Year 2/3 – Mrs Aldis
Year 3 – Mr Young
Year 4/5 – Miss Niven [Mon, Tues, Wed] & Mrs Robin [Thurs and Friday]
Year 5/6 – Ms Gardiner

In the week before the students began school, the teaching and non-teaching staff were preparing classrooms, planning curriculum and participating in professional development activities. Zillmere is fortunate to have such a dedicated staff to ensure your children are receiving the best education in a safe environment.
Swimming
The children will be swimming each Thursday for the remainder of Term 1. Your child will need bathers, including a sunsafe shirt that covers the shoulders, a towel, sunscreen and a swimming cap. We would also appreciate the help of any parents during these lessons. Please see Miss Niven, our PE/Swimming teacher, if you are able to assist.

Labelling Your Child’s Property
Could all parents please label your child’s clothing [including swimming gear], lunch box, drink bottle and hat using a permanent marker? Clearly labelled property should allow us to return the item to its owner. This will reduce the significant cost of replacing these items.

Election Day Sausage Sizzle
Many thanks to the staff and parents who helped with the sausage sizzle on Saturday. $430 profit was raised towards the purchase of a sandpit cover and new sand in our junior playground.

Tuesday Assembly
Our assemblies will be held in the library each Tuesday afternoon commencing at 2:30pm. All parents and families are welcome to attend.

Parent Information Afternoon
Our parent information afternoon will commence at 3:15pm on Thursday 12th February. This is an opportunity for your child’s teacher to explain classroom procedures and expectations. Sessions are of 15 minutes duration to allow you to visit each classroom in which you have a child.

Prep 3:15pm – 3:30pm
Year 1 3:30pm – 3:45pm
Year 2/3 3:45pm – 4pm
Year 3 4pm - 4:15pm
Year 4/5 4:15pm - 4:30pm
Year 5/6 4:30pm – 4:45pm

You may wish to arrange a longer meeting with your child’s teacher at a mutually convenient time. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held at the end of Term 1.

Parking and Walking to School
The safety of our students is vital and for this reason we ask that you avoid parking within the school grounds. Thanks to those parents who either walk with their children, or park in a street off Murphy Road and ensure they cross safely at the traffic lights.
Newsletters and Notes
The school newsletter is published fortnightly on Friday. We ask all parents to provide a current email address so that the newsletter can be sent digitally. If any parents would prefer a paper copy it is essential that you contact the office so that a newsletter can be printed. Additionally, the newsletter is also uploaded onto the school’s website each Friday following its distribution. The website address is www.zillmeress.eq.edu.au

When notes are sent home to each Zillmere family, they will be given to the eldest child. Please ask your eldest, “Any notes today?” to help ensure you receive these.

Play Groups at Zillmere
Koobara offers a playgroup at ZSS on a Wednesday morning from 10.30am in D Block. Save the Children offer a playgroup on a Thursday morning for more details please see the notice board outside C Block.

Warm Regards

Lynette Wood
Principal

Aim High Award
On behalf of the P & C I would like to thank the following people who helped at the Election Day sausage sizzle. Parents: Graham, Amor, Ruth, Chantelle and Darren. Staff: Julie and her husband Peter, Robyn, Mrs Wood and her husband Bob and Bert.
We had a great day and raised $430 to go towards buying a cover for the school’s sandpit.
Thank you
Wal

Chappy’s News
Hi! Welcome to another school year. I am the school chaplain and I am here to support you and your children. Please feel free to contact me at any time. I am at school on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Valentine’s Day Fundraiser:
Next Friday 13th February there will be cupcakes, biscuits and chocolates available for the students to purchase. All money raised goes towards school chaplaincy activities.

Parenting seminar: On Tuesday 24th February 2015 – Aspley East State School is holding a free event where Darren Lewis from ‘Fathering Adventures’ (www.fatheringadventures.com.au), will be sharing how best to ensure your child achieves well at school, has a healthy self-esteem, and avoids high risk behaviours. This will commence at 9am -10.00am in the Multipurpose Activity Centre.

Families in transition: This is an 8 week course for children 6-12 years old and their parents who have experienced change in their lives through family separation, divorce or death of a loved one. It commences 10th February – please see me for further details.

Quote: “Believe in the best, think your best, study your best, have a goal to be your best, never be satisfied with less than your best, and in the long run things will turn out for the best.” (Henry Ford)

God bless you heaps
Wal Greentree
Ph. 0409494225
Wilston Grange Junior AFL Club Sign On Days - Feb 8th & 9th

Gorillas Den, Hickey Park, Babarra Street, Stafford.

Saturday and Sunday 7th and 8th February
10am to 2pm


New players please bring Birth Certificate.

Any enquiries please email Jo Jardine on jo.jardine@gorillas.com.au or w gjafc@optusnet.com.au or phone 3166 8379
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