Dear Zillmere Families & Friends

Athletics
Beautiful weather, great teamwork, and loads of cheering Parents ensured our young athletes enjoyed a memorable carnival last Thursday. We wish success to those students who are representing Zillmere State School in the Bramble Bay District competition next Monday and Tuesday. If your child will be participating in this event, please complete and return the permission forms to the school by Friday afternoon.

NAPLAN Reports
In May 2015, Australian school students were tested under the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy [NAPLAN]. In the Primary Schools, National tests assess the skills of all students in Years 3 and 5 in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions [Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation] and Numeracy.

Students from all state and non-state schools across Australia take part in these tests which provide an important measure of how all students are performing against national standards. These individual reports were distributed to parents of Zillmere students in Years 3 and 5 yesterday. An explanation page of how to interpret these tests was also included in the envelope. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding your child’s report.

Learning Goals
As you know, your child has been setting their personal learning goals for success in Literacy [Reading, Writing, or Spelling]. When your child brings home their goal to show you, please discuss how you will help them achieve it. They are excited and determined!

Opti-MINDS Challenge
Opti-MINDS is a team competition which provides the opportunity for students, who are capable learners and problem solvers, to showcase their skills and talents. On Sunday 23rd August, twenty-one of Zillmere’s Year 4, 5 and 6 students will be representing our school in the Science/Engineering Challenge to be held at Kedron State High School.

Mathematics Tournament
A team of Zillmere’s senior students will be competing against students from many other schools at Brighton State School on Monday, 24th August. Teams will be required to solve complex Mathematical problems and our team members have been working diligently in preparation.
**Bookwork Awards**

At Zillmere State School we promote the development and maintenance of a high standard of written book work and presentation from our students. The standard of bookwork and the presentation of work in general is a primary method by which parents and others form opinions about the school. A student’s book also holds the evidence of teaching, learning and assessment, and reflects their commitment to quality and effort.

Each week your child’s teacher will select one student who deserves to receive the Bookwork Award. Please encourage your child to take pride in the presentation of their work and complete their homework tasks neatly.

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**2016 Prep Enrolments and Open Days**

On Wednesday afternoon we held an information session in our Prep Classroom and met some eager 4 Year olds who will be joining us in 2016. We will also be holding Prep Open Days in September and November.

It is at this time of year that we start planning for 2016. One of the biggest impacts on our planning is student numbers. To assist us in planning for 2016 we need to have an accurate forecast of our 2016 Prep numbers.

If your child will be attending Zillmere’s Prep Program in 2016 we ask that you complete and return your enrolment forms as soon as possible. We also ask that you pass this message to any families who may be coming to Zillmere State School for the first time next year. We aim to make the start of the year as smooth as possible for all involved and appreciate your assistance.

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**Brisbane Show Holiday Next Week**

With the Brisbane Ekka next week, it is timely to remember Queensland state schools receive only **one show holiday annually**. In the Brisbane area, that day is the public holiday on **Wednesday 12th August**. Our students are busy learning for mid-term assessments so it is important for them to attend every school day.

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In 2/3 we have been learning how we can conserve resources to ‘Save Planet Earth’ in science.

As part of the unit we conducted an experiment on how much water is wasted from a dripping tap. We had two sets of results from water collected from a fast dripping tap and a slow dripping tap.

The results of the fast dripping tap (once every 3 seconds) were as follows:

4.6 litres of water was collected in 30 minutes. This means 110.4 litres would be wasted over the day and a whopping 40,290 litres of water would be wasted in a year.

So the lesson learnt was fix dripping taps and make sure taps are turned off all the way otherwise

A LOT of water is wasted. We have come up with some ways we can conserve water at home and at school. Here are some of our suggestions.

How You Can Save Water:

- Turn the tap off when you brush your teeth
- Turn the bubblers off when you have finished your drink
- Use the half flush on the toilet
- Use your drink bottle water to water the garden at the end of the day

In Maths students have continued to be learning about money. They have been using different combinations of coins and notes to make the same amount e.g. a $2 coin and two $1 coins make $4 as do eight 50c coins. Try some activities like this at home. We have also started looking at working out change by counting on e.g. If we spend $4.40, the change from $5 would be $4.40 + 10c + 50c = $5 so the change is 60c. Students are also working on their X2, X3 and X4 times tables. We have done a great deal of work to understand what these multiplication number facts actually look like with concrete materials. Now it is time for the students to meaningfully commit them to memory.

Homework sheets are sent home on a Monday and expected to be returned completed, in their homework book, on a Friday. Regular revision at home helps strengthen your child’s ability and gives you insight as to the skills they are learning at school. Please ensure your child completes their homework each week and returns it to school. Feel free to contact me if the homework doesn’t make it home.
We are continuing to learn rhyming words so don’t forget to discuss any rhymes you know with your children 😊 Thank you for continuing to listen to your child read their home readers and sight words at home. It is a great idea for all children to go back and reread the words they have already passed in their Willy worm books, as they can be forgotten. Look for these words in books too! Next Thursday is our “Ekka” day at school. Thank you to all the people who have kindly sent in donations. Please ask your child about it if you have not received the yellow note! Bit overdue, but here we are with our beautiful Mums who shared our Mother’s day pamper session last term. I love hearing the students talk about their special Mums; you are all doing an extraordinary job 😊
Aim High Awards

CRAIGSLEA STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Year 7 2016 Programs of Excellence

Excellence in Science
Second Round Examination
Wednesday 7 October 2015

Signature Music
Workshop and Auditions
Saturday 8 August 2015

Craigleah Volleyball Academy
Fitness & Skills Trials
Monday 7 & Tuesday 8 September 2015

For bookings contact Cathy - admin@craigleashs.eq.edu.au or please call - 3326 5222

Our Motto: Striving for Excellence
Our Vision: All Students to be Active Citizens in a Global Society
A big pat on the back to all students who participated in last week’s Athletics Carnival. It was a close competition between Border and Fraser with Fraser only winning by 24 points! Thank-you to all the parents who helped, it is much appreciated and assists with the smooth running of the day 😊

Congratulations to the following students who have made it to Bramble Bay Districts -

Kasilembo Olemo - Long Jump, High Jump, Discus, 100m, 200m, 800m
Toalei Masoe - Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, Discus, 100m, 200m, 800m
Theo Tanner – Shot Put
Jeffery Tanner - Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, Discus, 100m, 200m, 800m
Jedidiah Samuela - Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put
Mike Temo – Shot Put, Discus, 100m, 200m
Jomaikah Lingwood-Franks – Long Jump, 100m, 200m 800m
Hannah Watkinson – Long Jump, High Jump
Sepiuta Siale – Shot Put, Discus
Taryn Dawson - 200m, 800m
Ashton Dyer – Shot Put, Discus
Aroha Smith - Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, 100m, 200m, 800m

ZILLMERE AFL AUSKICK

DATE – THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST (WEEK 5)
TIME – SECOND BREAK (1:20 –2:00)
COST – $25
LENGTH – 5 WEEKS
REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE AT WWW.AFLAUSKICK.COM.AU OR AT THE ZILLMERE STATE SCHOOL OFFICE