Principal’s News

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What a fantastic place Zillmere State School is in which to work, learn, play and celebrate. Welcome back to all our returning families and a special welcome to our new families. Thank you for choosing Zillmere State School as the school to educate and nurture your child. We have 20 new Prep students and they are settling well into our school. All classes have started well and the teachers are already working tirelessly to ensure a smooth year ahead.

The classroom teachers for each class are:
P-1 – Michelle Tukuafu
1-2 – Jess Aldis/Kylie Speirs
2-3 – Helena Mahan
4-5 – Nick Dargusch
6-7 – Melissa Nevin

I would like to welcome new staff to our school. In the Year One/Two class we welcome Mrs Speirs who is co-teaching with Mrs Aldis, who has returned from leave. Mr Dargusch is teaching the Year Four/Five class and Ms Niven is teaching the Year Six/Seven class. We also have some new support staff. Mr Veale has taken on the role of Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy, Mrs Bagley is the school’s Guidance Officer and Ms Nicol takes on the role as our ESL teacher. As previously communicated, I take on the role of Acting Principal while Mr Damien Greig is undertaking another Acting Principal role.

In the week before school began staff were at school preparing classrooms, planning and preparing resources as well as attending professional development activities. I would like to congratulate all teachers on their outstanding energy in planning innovative and exciting learning programs, all teacher assistants on their invaluable support and contributions and to all non-teaching staff on their efforts in their particular areas of responsibility.

I would also like to extend my thanks to all students and their families for making me feel so welcome.

Arrival at School
I ask that parents endeavour to have their children at school before the first bell at 8.50am. Late arrivals often are disadvantaged in terms of teaching and learning already undertaken. The first part of the school day is very important in preparing the children for a successful day. Having all children present when the day kicks off maximises learning time.

Sun safety
Please ensure that your child has a broad brimmed hat for school on a daily basis. No hat means no play. Students without hats will be redirected to sit under a shaded sun safe area within the school. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. School hats can be purchased from the school office for $5.00.
Newsletter
The school newsletter is published fortnightly on a Friday. We ask all parents to provide a current email address so that the newsletter can be sent digitally. This will provide a far better viewing of the newsletter as it will be a colour copy. 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.com.au

Can you help?
On Sunday 9th February 2014, The Zillmere State School Parents and Citizens Association will be holding a sausage sizzle at the Bunnings store in Carseldine. This is a fantastic fundraiser for our school. We are desperate for volunteers to cook and serve on the day. If you are able to help between the hours of 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM, fill out your details on the roster provided in the office.

Swimming
Swimming will take place every Thursday for the remainder of this term. Your child will need bathers including a sunsafe shirt that covers the shoulders, a towel, sunscreen and a swimming cap. We are also after parent helpers who can assist on the day. Please see Mr Kelsey on the day and let him know if you are able to assist.

Labelling your child’s property
Could all parents please label your child’s clothing, lunch box, drink flask and hat using a permanent marker? We have already had a number of lost items and without names. Clearly labelled property should allow us to return the item to its owner. This will cut down on the significant cost of replacing these items.

Tuesday Assembly
Our assemblies will take place on a Tuesday morning at 9.00 am in the school library. All parents and families are welcome to attend.

P&C AGM – Monday 3 March
The P&C are instrumental in providing so much to our school and we invite all interested parents to be a part of this team. The P&C is seeking more parents to assist with improving our school. I ask all parents to consider this as a positive opportunity to make a real difference. The P&C meet every four weeks on a Monday in the school’s staffroom from 3:30pm. The annual general meeting will be on Monday 3 March. If you require any further information about being part of the P&C please contact me via the office.
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Warm Regards
Ange Padgett
Acting Principal

Tuckshop
Tuckshop will commence on Thursday 13th February 2014. Order forms will be sent home Monday 10th February, please have order forms and money returned to the office by Wednesday 12th February. No tuckshop forms will be accepted on Thursday 13th February 2014.
Order forms will be handed out Monday to be returned to the school office by Wednesday, every week.
To ensure your child does not miss out, have their tuckshop order forms with their money, handed in on time.
As all ingredients have to be bought on Wednesday, we can only cater for those orders handed in on time.
If there are any parents/carers who would like to help out with tuckshop on Thursdays, please don’t hesitate to contact me.
Family Open Day
Thank you to all parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents for attending our Family Open Day on Thursday 6 February. Great fun was had by all. Children got to participate in art and craft, squash, sports rotations, jumping castles just to name a few. Thank you to Jumping J Jays for donating the use of the jumping castles, Piet from the local PCYC, Healthstream, Nathan and Jess from Sandgate Squash Centre and Jabiru for assisting us with making this day so enjoyable. Thank you to all the families that stayed on for the Meet and Greet. Teachers were very heartened at the warm response displayed.
Welcome to Zillmere State School!!! For those parents who have children already attending Zillmere, welcome to Prep/One again!!! The Prep/One students have made a wonderful start to their schooling and are beginning to settle into the routines of school life. We have been on many tours of the school getting to know the area and staff who work here so students are becoming very familiar with their new surroundings.

The children have been lining up beautifully to enter the classroom in the mornings and it is helping us to get into class quickly and begin our day of learning. Thank you for your cooperation in having your child prepared and organised for learning each day.

Thank you to all the parents that came to our Family Open day and parent information afternoon. It was great to see you there and your child loved having you at school! If you would like an interview about your child please feel free to see me and make a time.

We look forward to seeing you visit us in Prep/One sometime soon!
Hi and welcome to 2014 which I believe will be an awesome year. For those that don’t know me I am the school chaplain and my role is to offer pastoral care for all families at our school. If I can support you or your child in any way please let me know. I am at the school on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. I can be contacted on 0409494225 or email walg@chappy.com.au

God Bless
Wal Greentree
Due to our intake in Padua College in 2015 being Year 7 and Year 8, scholarships will be offered for the remission of tuition fees:

1. Year 8 for three years (2015, 2016, 2017);
2. Year 11 for two years (2015, 2016);
and also
1. Year 7 for three years (2015, 2016, 2017);

Registration via our website – www.padua.qld.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships

Cost: $120
Closing Date: Monday 10 February 2014
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