Principal’s News:

Thank you

I would like to say thank you to everyone who has made my return to Zillmere so warm. It is nice to see so many smiling faces around the school. It is good to be back and I am happy to report that our school is settled and running smoothly. I would like to thank Mrs Padgett who filled in for me during my absence. I would also like to welcome all of our new families and if I have not done so already, I hope to meet you in the coming weeks. The 2014 school year has seen the arrival of a number of Prep students and quite a number of new students across the other year levels. Lots of new faces to recognise and names to learn! As always, our school offers many extra-curricular activities for your child. Please keep an eye on the calendar and I look forward to all students participating.

P&C AGM

The Annual General Meeting was last Monday with a huge turnout of parents. At this meeting the 2014 Executive Committee were selected. I would like to thank the 2013 committee of Chantel Henningsen (President), Dot Aldis (Vice-President), Leesa Marsters (Secretary) and Vanessa Mitchell (Treasurer). They have done an outstanding job for our school and I thank them for their efforts throughout the 2013 school year. I would like to acknowledge the new committee for 2014. Russell Mitchell (President), Chantel Henningsen and Alina Manttan (Vice-President), Leesa Marsters (Secretary) and Vanessa Mitchell (Treasurer). I look forward to working alongside this team throughout the year and achieving many of our goals.

School Leaders

All Year 7 students are currently in the process of applying to become part of the School Leadership group whereby they will be rewarded with a badge and heightened experience and opportunities around the school. This will involve many activities culminating in the Leadership Camp. By the end of the term, children who have passed all requirements will be recognised with a special assembly where all parents will be invited to come along and share in their success.
Bramble Bay District Swimming
Congratulations to both Rebecca and Amber who represented Zillmere State School at Bramble Bay District Swimming Carnival. Both students achieved their personal best times; a huge achievement in a very competitive competition.

Gentle reminder: Food before school
Please note that food is not to be eaten at school before 9:00am. We are finding that students are eating their lunch at this time and do not have anything to eat for the remainder of the day. Can you please discuss this with your child and ensure they are having a healthy and wholesome breakfast before arriving at school. Your assistance in this matter appreciated.

Student attendance
Student’s attendance at school is a legal requirement. It is important that, during or after a child has returned from an absence, parents contact the school to provide an explanation for their child’s absence. Letter, phone call or email are all acceptable means of notification. If no contact is made the absences are marked as ‘unexplained’. Students who are absent from school miss substantial amounts of school work. Consistent attendance at school is a significant factor in achieving better academic and social outcomes. New concepts and skills are taught and reinforced each day by the teachers. If your child misses the introduction or the reinforcement of these concepts and skills, he or she is likely to have gaps in his or her learning. Zillmere State School aligns attendance to our celebration day at the end of term. If your child misses more than 5 days at school they will be unable to attend this very exciting and popular activity.

School Jumpers – Winter is coming!
Please note the school has a strict policy on school uniforms and this includes jumpers. With winter approaching I encourage parents (if required) to place an order by completing the attached form in this newsletter. Jumpers are $30.00 and payment plans are available if required. Please contact the office on 3863 8333 for further information.

Swimming
Swimming is every Thursday. Your child requires swimmers with a sun-safe shirt and a swim cap. Please help by ensuring all equipment is labelled and your child comes to school with all the necessary swim equipment. Thanks for your assistance.

Warm regards,
Damien Greig
# ZILLMERE STATE SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM JACKET

Price List as of January 2014

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### Payment Options

- **Cash OR** Cheque – payable to Zillmere State School P & C
- Total of Order: $__________
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### Office use only

- Payment Received: $__________
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  (signature)
Grade 2 and 3 have been very busy this term! We have learnt to collect data, tally results, display data in column graphs and interpret and describe outcomes of data investigations. We are learning about arrays and equal groups of... early multiplication and division. We have also been concentrating on problem solving skills where by the 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 analysing and creating persuasive texts this term. In this unit, students read, view and analyse persuasive texts. We also use the “Words Their Way” program which involves the children being assessed and then grouped according to the level they have achieved. These groups range across the school from years two to seven, each group concentrating on individual children’s spelling needs.

In other news we are studying ‘Is it Living?’ In this unit students will understand what constitutes a living thing and understand that they can be distinguished from non-living things. We will be visiting the Brisbane Botanic Gardens at Mt Coot-tha on 20th March whereby year 2 and 3 will investigate ‘What’s Living in the Gardens?’ as part of the Green-heart initiatives project.

We are also discovering the world around us in Geography. Year 2 and 3 are investigating personal, local, regional, national and global scale. We are also learning to understand maps and the world around us.

Points to remember:

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

Liam, Nethu, Sophie, Hsa, Harmony & Zac

Year 1-2 Assembly Performance

Taz, Nate, Jonathan W, Bronson, Mervin, Thomas, Akelo & Annelyse

School Banking Awards

Aim High Awards

Class Awards
Hi!

What an incredibly busy start to the school year. But guess what, there is so much more to come. A huge thank you to the staff, parents and family members who helped out at the Bunnings sausage sizzle. We were able to raise $1595 for our school. Thank you for supporting the Valentine’s Day stall which raised $80 for chaplaincy – a huge thank you to Miss Dot and Mrs J for baking goodies and Russell and Vanessa Mitchell for helping sell on the day. Congratulations to our touch footy teams on their performances last Friday for interschool sport. Scores: Junior boys won 2-0 and 6-0 and close results for both the senior boys 1-2, 1-2 and the girl’s team 2-5. Encouragement awards were given to Kevin, Zach and Taryn.

On Wednesday 12th March we have the privilege of having a group of college students from the country of Denmark visit our school. They will be doing a 45minute presentation in the school library from 9am and all parents and families are invited to attend.

Friday 21st March is National Day against Bullying. We are blessed at our school that we don’t have too many problems in this area but we do need to be made aware if there are any issues arising for your child. This is an area in my role as chaplain that I can offer practical help and support.

Tuesday 25th March is the school’s cross country/fun run. This has been a really fun day but also a very successful fundraiser for our school ($2,220.05 was raised by Zillmere State School in 2013). Next week students will receive sponsorship books and information about prizes etc.

Scripture Union offer awesome school holiday camps – please see me for more information

Need help with sport’s fees: Go to www.nprsrqld.gov.au (conditions apply)

During this term I have opportunity to fill in for our awesome school cleaners Julie and Janet and here are some tips I picked up as I cleaned class rooms.

Tips for parents from Wally the cleaner:

1. Zillmere is fortunate to have the best teachers – every day they show your child something new. They are so creative and professional.
2. As a cleaner it was my role to support the teachers. I clean – they teach. As parents we can be so supportive to the teachers. I parent – they teach.
3. If I clean properly daily – life is so much more manageable the next day. In other words don’t sweep family problems under the carpet.
4. Don’t let little frustrations with our children pile up so that they become huge

God bless you and your family heaps
Wal Greentree Ph 0409494225
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