The Importance Of Reading

Since the start of 2012 Zillmere State School made reading a priority learning area. We have completely revised our approach to reading in the classroom and it is expected that every child will complete at least 30min of reading each day. We have incorporated 1-1 reading sessions with our teacher aides for all children in Prep to year 2 and have developed a school wide intensive reading session for children in Year 3-7. The school also adopted a home reading program for all students in Prep to Year 3 where students take a book home to read to you each night and swap it over the following day.

We have done this based on the fact that reading is the single most important skill necessary for a happy, productive and successful education and life. A child that is an excellent reader is a confident child, has a high level of self-esteem and is able to easily make the transition from learning to read to reading to learn.

It is instructive to think of the importance of reading by listing the consequences of being a poor reader. The following is a list of stops on the road ahead for children with reading difficulties.

- For children with reading difficulties, reading aloud is a painful experience. They stop and start frequently, mispronouncing some words and skipping others.
- The first casualty for poor readers is self-esteem. They grow ashamed as they struggle with a skill their classmates seem to master easily.
- Poor readers are prevented from making the transition from learning to read to reading to learn which keeps them from exploring science, history, literature, mathematics and the wealth of information that is presented in print.
- Of the 10 million children with reading difficulties, 10 to 15 percent eventually drop out of high school.
- In today's globalized, flat, Internet-information-driven world, children that cannot read well will not be able to readily access the wealth of print information available on the Internet on just about any subject of interest.

From reviewing the above list of the potential consequences of poor reading, it is clear that learning to read well is an essential life skill that each parent must ensure that their child acquires.

At Zillmere State School we set very high expectations for reading and the table below outlines what we expect from your child by the end of the year.

Reading targets for all children at Zillmere State School

### CALENDAR of EVENTS

Please add the following dates to your diary at home.

- **Year 7 Sleepover & Team Building**
  - Monday 11 & Tuesday 12 March
- **P-1 Mt Cootha Botanical Gardens Excursion**
  - Tuesday 19 March
- **P&C AGM**
  - Tuesday 19 March
- **Touch Football Bramble Bay District Sport**
  - Friday 22 March
- **Easter Hat Parade**
  - Wednesday 27 March
- **Last Day of Term 1**
  - Thursday 28 March
- **First Day Term 2**
  - Monday 15 April
- **Anzac Day Ceremony**
  - Wednesday 24 April
How can you help your child reach their targets?

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. When you help your child learn to read, you are opening the door to a world of books and learning. Reading aloud to children is the best way to get them interested in reading. Before long they will grow to love stories and books. Eventually they will want to read on their own. With the help of parents, children can learn how to read and can practise reading until they can read for their own enjoyment. Then they will have a whole world of information and knowledge at their fingertips! Reading can be a family activity. Spending time with word games, stories, and books will help your child to:

- gather information and learn about the world
- learn how stories and books work – that they have beginnings, endings, characters, and themes
- build a rich vocabulary by reading and talking about new words
- learn how to listen and how to think
- learn the sounds of language and language patterns
- fall in love with books

Not all children develop reading skills at the same pace. What's important is that you are aware of your child's reading level so that you can choose books and activities that will help him or her improve. Throughout the upcoming newsletter many tips for reading will be provided. Work with us to improve your child's reading skills so that they can have many opportunities in their future. The following reading tips will be printed in our upcoming news newsletters.

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Tip 1 – Talk to Your Child

Oral language is the foundation for reading. Listening and speaking are a child's first introduction to language. Talking and singing teach your child the sounds of language, making it easier for him or her to learn how to read. Here are some things you can do to help your child build an appreciation for words and language:

- Tell family stories about yourself, your child's grandparents, and other relatives.
- Talk to your child as much as possible about things you are doing and thinking.
- Ask your child lots of questions.
- Encourage your child to tell you what he or she thinks or feels.
- Ask your child to tell you about his or her day – about activities and games played.
- Be patient! Give your child time to find the words he or she wants to use.
The P&C will be holding an *adidas School Fun-Run* as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held as part of our school cross country on Thursday 18th April 2013 within the school grounds.

The *adidas School Fun-Run* is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used by the P&C to purchase exciting new things for our school.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday in Disneyland!

Students wanting to train for our event and to receive advice from sporting heroes like Sally Pearson and Jonathan Brown can do so by logging onto schoolfunrun.com.au/students and clicking on miadizone.

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the school cross country event at the school on Thursday 18th April to help cheer on the students.

If you would like to volunteer and help out on the day please contact the school on 38638333.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

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**CLASS 1-2 Performing the Walrus Song at Assembly**

5th March 2013.
The Zillmere State School P & C Association's AGM will be held on
Tuesday 19th March 2013
At 3:30 PM in the staffroom.
Afternoon tea will be provided.
Child-minding available.

The AGM will be followed by a general monthly meeting.
Come along and have your say on P & C events, fundraising and
spending,
New ideas are always welcome.
Hope to see you there.

Enquiries to Dot Aldis – 3863 8333 - email daldi1@eq.edu.au

In accordance with the constitution, at the AGM, all memberships will lapse and all
executive positions will become vacant.

P & C membership is only valid for one year, so in order to continue your
membership, we ask that you complete the attached membership form and return it
to the office by 19 March. Membership does NOT oblige you to attend any meetings
but DOES allow you to receive up-to-date information on P & C activities via email.

Several members of the current executive will NOT be nominating for their roles in
2013, so we urge you to consider nominating for a role which you feel your skills
and/or experience are suited. All positions are for one year only. Alternatively, you
may like to encourage someone to nominate who you believe would do a good job
in the role, or you can contact a member of the P & C executive and ask them to
invite the person to nominate.

Although we’d love to see you at our AGM on 19 March, you do NOT need to be
present at the AGM to nominate for a position, but you’ll need to return the
completed nomination form to the school office on that day.

More details about each executive and committee position, the commitment
required, and the significant benefits follow.

Regards,

The Zillmere State School P & C Executive Committee
**Zillmere State School P & C Association**

**Annual General Meeting Agenda**

**Date/Time:** Tuesday 15th March 2013 3:30 PM  
**Venue:** Staffroom  
**Location:** Zillmere State School

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Secretary  
Treasurer  
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Grants Coordinator  
Fundraising Coordinator  
Community Fair Convenor  
Tuckshop Convenor  
Uniform Shop |
| 10       | Appointment of Auditor |
| 11       | General Business  
Changing signatories to P & C Bank Account |
| 12       | Meeting Closure |
What Is a P & C?

It is a forum for parents, guardians, and citizens to support and assist the Government school system for the benefit of all students.

The P & C body has many functions, which are:
- to encourage parents to participate in the school's development;
- to develop parent participation and involvement in the school;
- a forum for discussion of issues pertaining to the school and the community;
- to promote and support co-operation and communication of educational matters in the wider community; and
- to assist the school with provision of financial or other services for the benefit of students of the school.

Volunteer parents in the P & C undertake duties in several areas, for example, coordination of fundraising activities, such as barbecues and the Community Fair, identifying and applying for grants, tuckshop organisation and operation, and maintaining a supply of school uniforms. Research has shown that parent involvement in a child's education makes a significant contribution to the child's success at school.

Presently the Zillmere State School P & C Association meets once a month in the school staff room. Meetings are held on Tuesday afternoons commencing at 3:15 PM and conclude by 4:00 PM.

Roles and Responsibilities of the P & C Executives

We are looking for some willing volunteers to take on the following roles as part of the Zillmere State School P & C Association.

President

The President is the vital link between the parent body and the school, developing and nurturing a good working relationship with the school administration. The main role of the President is to chair the P & C meetings and be the public face of the P & C.

Vice President

In the event that the President is absent at General and Executive meetings the Vice-President chairs. The Vice-President also carries out any duties that have been delegated by the President and provides essential support for the President, Secretary and Treasurer in some of their tasks.

Secretary

The Secretary takes minutes of General and Executive Committee meetings. Keeps a record of all incoming and outgoing correspondence circulated to P & C members as necessary, maintains a register of members and retains custody of all documents relevant to the administrative activities of the association.
Treasurer
The Treasurer is responsible for financial management of the Association. The Treasurer keeps records of financial transactions and presents a report at each meeting. The Treasurer is also responsible for ensuring the records of the Association are audited at the end of the year.

Roles and responsibilities of committee representatives

Grants Co-ordinator
Grants Co-ordinator identifies grant bodies and writes applications to obtain external funding for Association projects.

Fundraising Co-ordinator
Fundraising Co-ordinator is responsible for the co-ordination of fundraising activities of the Association with the assistance of a fundraising team. The fundraising co-ordinator does not need to be involved in all fundraising activities, but oversees fundraising efforts to ensure a balance of activities across the year.

Community Fair Convener
Fair Convener will co-ordinate the event from start to finish, liaise with stall and activity co-ordinators, raise sponsorship, and keep the principal and committee members up to date on progress and developments.

Tuckshop Convener
Tuckshop Convener will co-ordinate operation of the tuckshop including purchases, sales, stock take, tuckshop roster and menu selection.

Uniform Shop Convener
Uniform shop convener will co-ordinate the operation of the uniform shop including purchases, sales and stock take.

THE ZILLMERE STATE SCHOOL P & C
NEEDS YOU IN 2013

YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE!
Application for P&C Membership for 2013
Zillimere State School P&C Association

Please complete and return to the P&C Secretary

Name: ...

Address: ...

Phone: ...

Email: ...

Membership: New / Renewal (please circle one)

I am a parent / caregiver / community member (over 18 years of age) at the school (please circle one)

I agree to be bound by the constitution of the P&C and by all valid resolutions passed by the Association. I agree to work within the boundaries of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2003. I agree to be bound by Education Queensland's Code of Conduct which includes the following:

- Personal Privacy – information obtained as a P&C representative MUST be considered confidential and treated accordingly
- Courtesy, respect, dignity and fairness will be observed at all times
- Discrimination against any person will not be tolerated (refer Anti-Discrimination Act 1991)

Signature: ...

Date: ...

Zillimere State School P&C Secretary Use

Date received: ........ Date accepted: .........

Secretary's signature: ... Entered in P&C Register: □
Zillmere State School P&C Association

Executive Officer Nomination Form

Zillmere State School P&C Association

I wish to nominate _________________________ as a candidate for the position of:

Candidate's name

☐ President
☐ Treasurer
☐ Secretary
☐ Vice President

☐ Additional Officers as determined by the Association

(additional Officers are not considered part of the P&C Executive Committee)

Candidate

I accept the nomination for the position of __________________________

Name: __________________________ Signature: __________________________

Moved by:

Name: __________________________ Signature: __________________________

Seconded by:

Name: __________________________ Signature: __________________________

Notes:
- The candidate, nominator and seconder must be members of the Association.
- Candidates may nominate themselves.
- "Moved by" and "Seconded by" may be completed before, or at the meeting.

P&C Secretary's use only

Successfully elected:

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Membership forms received
Zillmere Awards
Tuesday 26 February & Tuesday 5 March 2013

MERIT AWARDS
Maeva, Ngaio, Tene, Glevin

MERIT AWARDS
Jake, Sezom, Saliza

Aim High
Makayla, Toni, Selwyn, Alainn, Matthias

Aim High
Akelo, Mareta
Statements were sent home a few weeks ago with regards to payment of your child's book packs for 2013. Partial payments are accepted, please contact the office for more details. Thank you.

Winter is on its way.....

Come to the office and pre-order your winter jacket NOW only $30!

Plus new Zillmere State School shirts and shorts also available in all sizes.

Reminder

Statements were sent home a few weeks ago with regards to payment of your child's book packs for 2013. Partial payments are accepted, please contact the office for more details. Thank you.
# ZILLMERE STATE SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP ORDER FORM

New Price List as of January 2013

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### Payment Options

Cash OR Cheque – payable to Zillmere State School P & C

| Total of Order | $ | |
| Deposit | $ | |
| Outstanding balance | $ | |

### Office use only

| Payment Received | $ | |
| Date | | |
| Receipt Number/s | | |
| Uniforms collected | | |
| Authorised by: | | (signature) |
Every Tuesday afternoon between 3:15 – 4:45pm during term, a fun and exciting program will be running for kids in year 5-7 at Mulbeam Park, Boondall.

The sessions will have a range of different activities each week, including sport, games, music, and arts & crafts. There will be some afternoon tea available and the program is completely FREE!

Come along and join in the fun!

WHO: Students in years 5 - 7

WHEN: Every Tuesday during term time 3:15pm – 4:45pm

WHERE: Mulbeam Park, Cnr Muller and Beams road Boondall
Are you the full-time carer of your grandchild?

MyTime for Grandparents is a place to meet other grandparents who are the full-time carers of their grandchild. At the groups, you can find out about available community support, discuss issues that affect you, socialise and share ideas with others who understand the challenges and issues of your caring role.

Brisbane Indigenous MyTime for Grandparents group will be held on:

- **Date:** Wednesday 27 March 2013
- **Time:** 9.30am – 11.00am
- **Venue:** Koobara Kindergarten, 421 Beams Rd, Taigum

For More Information:

Moira Bligh,
MyTime Facilitator for Grandparents

**Ph:** 3265 3260
**Email:** msbligh@hotmail.com
Go card makes travelling to school easy

Did you know that if your son or daughter uses a Translink go card to travel to school they save at least 30 per cent on the cost of a single concession paper ticket, which is half of an adult’s fare? What's more families can register the card so the balance can be protected if the card is lost or stolen. Registering the card also allows families to top-up online or over the phone. They can also set up auto top-up so students will always have funds on their card.

About the Schoolkids Bonus

What is the Schoolkids Bonus?

The Schoolkids Bonus is a payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies.

When does the Schoolkids Bonus start?

The Schoolkids Bonus starts from January 2013.

Who is eligible?

You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school, or you are a primary or secondary student, and you receive one of the following payments:

- Family Tax Benefit Part A
- Youth Allowance
- Disability Support Pension
- AUSTUDY Living Allowance
- Carer Payment
- Parenting Payment
- Special Benefit
- Education allowances under the Veterans' Children Education Scheme and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme.

Children in preschool are not eligible.

How much will I receive?

If you are eligible, you will receive:

- $410 for each child in primary school (paid in two instalments of $205)
- $820 for each child in secondary school (paid in two instalments of $410)

If you share the care of your children and receive a percentage of Family Tax Benefit Part A or an education allowance, you will receive the same percentage of the Schoolkids Bonus.
When will I receive it?

Payments are made in January and July every year. You must be receiving one of the eligible payments on 1 January to be eligible for the January payment. Similarly, you must be receiving one of the eligible payments on 30 June to receive the July payment.

If you claim Family Tax Benefit Part A as a lump sum at the end of the financial year, you will receive the Schoolkids Bonus then.

What do I need to do to get it?

It’s easy. You don’t have to fill out any forms, keep receipts, or claim the Schoolkids Bonus in your tax return.

You just need to let Centrelink know:
- when you or your child starts primary school to start receiving the payment and
- when you or your child move from primary to secondary school to start receiving the secondary school amount.
- when you or your child finishes secondary school to receive the final secondary school payment.

How will I be paid?

If you’re eligible, the Schoolkids Bonus will be automatically paid into your nominated bank account in January and July.

Has the Schoolkids Bonus replaced the Education Tax Refund?

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund, which means you no longer need to keep receipts and claim it through your tax return.

Is the Schoolkids Bonus less than the Education Tax Refund?

No – the Schoolkids Bonus is $410 per year for each primary student and $820 for each secondary student, comprising a maximum of $1,197 for a primary student and $2,394 for a secondary student under the previous Education Tax Refund. In addition, most families were not claiming their full entitlement under the Education Tax Refund because they didn’t have the receipts when they did their tax returns or forgot to claim the payment. Schoolkids Bonus is paid automatically and no receipts are required.

Where can I go for more information?

To learn more about the Schoolkids Bonus visit: Australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus