Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a huge week it has been for some of our students. The Year 6/7 class has been involved in an intensive program with students from Nudgee College called ‘Kids Connecting Through Creativity’. This has been an opportunity for students to be involved in a range of creative experiences designed to build confidence, self-esteem and further develop their cooperative learning skills. The students have undertaken a wide range of activities including working cooperatively through maths problem solving as well as visits to Flipside Circus, Movie World and Nudgee College.

Wednesday saw our Prep/1 class host their new friends from Taigum Kids early Learning Centre. The Kindy kids from Taigum had the opportunity to work with our Zillmere children on a range of indoor and outdoor activities designed to assist the pre-preps transition to Prep in 2015. It was an exciting morning for all the teachers, children and Teddy Bears. A huge thank you to Mrs Tukuafu for planning an engaging program for everyone involved.

Next week the kindy kids from Boondall Early Childhood Centre will be coming in to learn about Prep.

School Opinion Survey
The closing date for this survey has been extended to Friday – please consider taking the time to complete this survey. Details for completing the survey were sent home last week but if you require the details again please contact the office.

Bramble Bay Track and Field Carnival
Monday and Tuesday will see a large contingent of our students travel to McPherson Park Bracken Ridge for this annual event. Not only is this a wonderful arena for students to participate and demonstrate their sporting abilities but also, another opportunity for our school to demonstrate to the wider community the Zillmere family way. A reminder to parents of students participating that they are required to bring hat, water bottle and their lunch.

Prep Enrolments 2015
If you have a new Prep student starting in 2015 please pick up an enrolment form from the office next week and book into the Prep Transition Days (there are limited spaces available). Wednesday 8th October
Wednesday 22nd October
Friday 7th October
Parents are reminded that students need a bottle green hat to be allowed to participate in outside activities. This includes playing outside during morning tea and lunch breaks. For health reasons we do not offer the children spare hats. The P&C recently received a shipment of new school hats, these are available from the office at a cost of $5.00 each. To ensure lost hats are returned promptly please make sure hats are named clearly.

Zillmere Festival 2014
The annual Zillmere Festival (One Place - Many Cultures) is on again this year (Sunday 31st August – Saturday 6th September). This year it takes the form of a week of community cultural activities portraying a ‘map’ of the Zillmere cultural centre and showing the range and diversity of our local community. Our school is hosting two separate evening events in the Library ‘Zillmere through the Looking Glass’ an historical exhibition reflecting Zillmere’s rich social history and ‘Chapters & Tunes’ readings with musical accompaniment. For more information check out the Zillmere Festival 2014 Facebook page.

Ekka Public Holiday
Due to the Ekka Public Holiday next week (Wednesday 13th August) and to allow teachers and students the maximum time in classrooms there will be NO ASSEMBLY (or TUCKSHOP) next week. Don’t forget you can also check our website and Facebook page to keep up to date with what’s happening at Zillmere State School.

Diary Dates
Tuckshop - Thursday 21st August 2014
Banking - Thursday 14th August
Ekka Holiday - Wednesday 13th August 2014
Zillmere Festival - Sunday 31st August— Sunday 6th September 2014
Free Dress & Sausage Sizzle - Wednesday 27th August 2014
Book Week Parade - Friday 22nd August 2014 at 9.15am, come dressed as your favourite book character.

Warm Regards
Tracey Clark
Acting Principal
What's happening in year 2/3?

Grade 2 and 3 have been very busy this term! We have learnt about symmetry, money and place value and are currently investigating fractions and decimals. We have also been concentrating on problem solving skills which see 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 reading, responding to and writing people’s stories. We also use the “Words Their Way” program which sees children assessed and grouped into their spelling needs groups. These groups range across the school from years two to seven, each group concentrates on each individual child’s spelling needs.

In Science news we are investigating “What’s the Matter” we are investigating liquids and solids and their properties.

In Geography we are looking at personal, local, regional, national and global connections.

House keeping:
Homework- Monday
Library- Wednesday
Banking- Wednesday
Tuckshop orders- Wednesday
P.E.- Thursday
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