Dear families

NAPLaN 2015
Our Year 3 and 5 students have been undertaking the annual National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLaN) over the past 3 days. Congratulations to 100% of the Zillmere students who participated, for their positive attitudes and hard work. While NAPLAN provides valuable information about your child’s literacy and numeracy performance, it is not the only assessment used by your child’s teacher over the course of a year. NAPLaN reports are expected to be released to schools across Australia in early August.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)
School Wide PBS is a problem solving framework that addresses social behaviour and academic outcomes to enhance effective learning environments. In previous newsletters we’ve mentioned Zillmere’s behavioural expectations which are aligned to our values: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be a Learner. These values are critical to developing a positive whole-school learning environment at Zillmere State School. You will see our Zillmere Behaviour Expectations Matrix displayed around our school and this will be referred to when students are taught focus lessons each week throughout the year.

This week our focus is Being Safe, such as: using play equipment appropriately; wearing shoes and a sun-safe hat in the playground; walking sensibly on concreted surfaces; keeping hands, feet and objects to ourselves; and washing hands after using the toilet. When students are seen behaving safely in the playground and classroom, they will be given a green gotcha ticket for a special prize draw on next Tuesday’s assembly. Our focus for the following week is Be Responsible. Similarly, students will be taught what this means and awarded green gotcha tickets when they are seen meeting these expectations.

Ensuring the Safety of Our Students
Too often we hear stories about children being hit by cars in the driveways of their own home and it is possible that this may actually occur at our school. The school’s small car park off Murphy Road was only designed and intended for the use of permitted vehicles [staff and delivery], not students, nor their parents.

We realise that it may be inconvenient to park your vehicle in a side street and across Murphy Road at the traffic lights, but appreciate your ongoing support to enhance the safety of our students and your children.

☺ Lyn
Mobile Playscheme
Free playgroup
Zillmere State School

70 Murphy Rd Zillmere
Parking in Norbon st
For children 0 to 5, their parents and other carers.
Come and join in with some free play, structured activities, craft, singing, stories, a healthy snack and lots of fun.

Thursdays at 9am-11am
During school term.

For further information, please contact
Coral 0411 66 88 52 or 3199 0500
Hi I hope life is good for you! It was a privilege to attend the Bramble Bay District Cross Country at St Paul’s school with 13 of our students who represented our school excellently.
It has also been fun sharing breakfast with the students this last week – and it is a good reminder of how important a healthy breakfast is before students start school each day.

**Special events on Thursday 28th May 2015:**
Each year as a school we raise money for a special cause. This year we have chosen the Salvo’s Red Shield Appeal. Having worked for many years in the Salvation Army’s drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre and Youth Outreach Service working with at risk youth I know how important the money raised from this appeal is.
So to help us do this we are having a **free dress day** - children are encouraged to show their colours by wearing their favourite sporting team’s colours, jerseys or sport’s outfits etc. They will then have the opportunity to donate a gold coin for this worthwhile cause.

**Chaplain’s challenge:** As well as the free dress day on that Thursday at 2.30 pm we will be holding the staff v seniors touch footy game. This is a highly anticipated clash each year. Can the staff retain their undefeated record? The whole school will be down on the oval to watch and students will be dismissed from the oval at 3pm. Parents are invited to support this event.
Also at 1.30pm on the same day years 4, 5, 6 will participate in a round robin touch footy competition before the main game.

**Parent’s encouragement:** It’s more challenging than ever to be present with our kids, and so easy to get lost in concentration on electronic devices such as tablets and mobile phones.
Here are 2 tips to really impact and make the most of every opportunity you have with your kids. When you are fully present you can:

**Build their language:** You just have to focus on the one you are with and let things happen naturally. Talk with them about their day, their interests their concerns.
Remember how we talk to our kids and the language we use will be imitated. Reading helps build their language skills too.

**Impact their thinking:**
Influential British educator Charles Des Forges says, “If you want to influence your child’s thinking then you need to talk to him. If parents want more influence then they need to talk more to their children.” According to Des Forges it’s through the conversations that parents have with their children that they impact the way they think, as well as influence their values. Nothing kills personal conversation with a child or young person like a mobile device.
God bless you heaps
Wal (ph. 0409 494 225)
Thank you to all the Mums who came along and had a relaxing hand massage last week! I hope you had a special Mother’s Day with your loved ones. I enjoyed hearing all the children’s stories of how much they love you all!

The early years are crucial to the healthy development of a child. During the first few years of a child’s life, their brain develops at a rapid rate. Investing resources and energy into these early years will bring lifelong benefits to children and the community. To ensure governments pinpoint the services, resources and support that young children and their families need the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) does a nationwide measure of the development of young children. This gives each community in Australia a snapshot of how children have developed by the time they start full-time school. Here at Zillmere we will be collecting this information over the next month. A note with more information will be sent home shortly.

**Tuckshop**

Orders due every Wednesday
Healthstream would like to offer swimming lessons over Term 2 in the heated ZSS pool. Please call us on 3236 9059 to enrol. Lessons are $10 each.

Zillmere State School’s website is www.zillmeress.eq.edu.au so if you miss any up and coming events you can find that information on our school’s website.
Students have successfully completed the three days of NAPLAN testing this week. Students coped really well with the change to routine and testing expectations. Reports will be provided to parents/caregivers once received in late August/early September May.

Each classroom now has a collection box for milk bottle caps. These caps are being used to help in counting large numbers, identifying large numbers and also graphing skills. Thank you to everyone who has supplied the lids. Please keep sending them in.

**Date Claimers**

- May 18th – 24th – Chappy week
- May 21st – Chaplain Touch Football Challenge
- May 22nd – Under 8’s day at Taigum 9.30am – 11.00am
- May 22nd – Interschool Sport Starts
- May 27th – Prep & Yr 1 Zillmere Library Excursion
- May 28th – Free Dress Day – wear your favourite sporting team’s colours – gold coin donation
- May 28th – Dental Van at ZSS
- May 28th – Prep Fire Truck Visit
- June 2nd – P&C Meeting 3.15pm
- June 4th – School Photo’s
Aspley High 2016
Here We Come!
Family Sunday and Master Classes
Enrolment Event
Sunday 31\textsuperscript{st} May
8.30 am – 11.30 am
High School “Master” Classes (limited places in each class)
Register on our website: www.aspleyshs.eq.edu.au
Parents are welcome to attend the Parent Master class from 9am.
Just register on our website.
Dental Van visit

Just a reminder the dental van will be visiting ZSS on Wednesday 27th May 2015. Please make sure you have returned your forms by then. Parents will be contacted in advance and need to attend the appointment with their child.

Year 5/6

Year 5/6 are currently analysing narratives and will be starting to prepare a written short story of their own. They are currently working on their Geography assessment about the diversity of Asian countries. Please be reminded that library borrowing is every Wednesday, books need to be brought to school to be returned so that new readers can be borrowed! The Premiers Reader Challenge starts 19th May so we need regular borrowing occurring so that 5/6's reach their reading goals.