Principal’s News:

Recent Media Release

Over the course of the last two weeks there have been many reports in the Courier Mail regarding the validity of schools. There is much rumour and discussion about which schools are on the list. Each year this review takes place to identify unviable schools and each year a number of schools around the State do close. This has been occurring for many years and will continue to do so. Therefore, this debate will never go away. With the recent review of the budget by a new government there appears to be a greater emphasis on this issue this year. I can say that Zillmere State School has never been identified to me as a school set for closure. If this was the case you, our parents, would be notified instantly.

Over the course of the year the pool has been upgraded, the tennis courts will be refurbished, new concrete around our big tree, new tarmac outside the Prep building and a new retaining wall constructed behind the library at a cost of nearly a quarter of a million dollars. Add that the our recent Teaching and Learning Audit which highlighted that Zillmere is a High performing school does not suggest that the school is set for closure. As parents, rest assured that Zillmere State School has a long history of providing an excellent education to your children and an even longer history moving forward of providing quality education to your children. If you require any further information, please feel free to contact me via the office.

NAPLAN testing time again

Our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests will be conducted in all State and Independent schools across the country from 14–16 May. An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. Further information is available on the ACARA website - http://www.nap.edu.au/

Year Seven Leadership Induction

Congratulations to all of our Year Seven students being inducted last Tuesday as school leaders. I want to congratulate all of them for working hard on key leadership skills over the course of term one and earning this privileged opportunity. It was wonderful to hear from our guests Rod Chiapello from Bracken Ridge McDonalds, Alina Graham from Qualified Swim School, Debbie Mills from Zillmere IGA and Wal Greentree our school Chaplain who shared their own thoughts on what makes a quality leader. I look forward to working with our leaders for the remainder of the year in developing their skills further.

House Captains:

Congratulations to following students who were selected as house Captains for the respective teams. They also received their house captain badges during the recent Year Seven Leadership induction.

Fraser: Ryan D & Ursula J

Ryan: Khyle P & Brittany C

Have a good week!

Damien Greig
School Banking comes to Zillmere State School every Wednesday
This week on assembly Year 2/3 showcased what we have been learning in Science. We have been learning about heat energy and the sources of heat energy. Although heat energy is not always easy to see we can observe it using our sense of touch and there are many objects around the home and school that give off heat.

We get heat energy from the Sun and this warms us, and gets stored in solar panels to be transferred to electrical energy. Items such as computers, toasters, microwaves, and televisions are sources of Electrical energy.

Rubbing is a source of heat energy and when you rub two sticks together, rub your feet along the carpet, or rub your hands together you are creating heat.

Lastly we have learnt about Chemical energy which involves burning. A few examples are a log fire burning, candles and lighters.

**VOLUNTEER REQUIRED**

Do you love the fresh outdoors?
Do you have a green thumb?
Looking for something to do a few hours per week?

The school is looking for a volunteer who can assist our groundsman from time to time.

We are blessed at Zillmere State School with lots of grass for the children to run around and beautiful gardens, but unfortunately not enough funds to sustain the beautifully kept grounds. If you would like to help, please contact the school office on 3863 8333 for more information. Thanks!
Well it has been a busy couple of weeks. I had the privilege of taking part in the school’s Anzac ceremony and marched with a number of students, parents and Mr. Greig on Anzac Day. The visit by Reggie Dabbs from America was entertaining and inspiring as he presented the anti bullying seminar. I had the opportunity to speak about leadership at our Year 7 leaders’ ceremony. Congratulations to all our year 7 students who have taken up the challenge to be role models to our younger students.

Mother’s day: It was fun helping Mrs. Tukuafu and her class make cookies and watching the children pampering their Mums. All the best to all the Mums on mother’s day.

Jabiru breakfast: Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8am to 8:45am Jabiru will be providing a free breakfast for all students. This will ensure that our students will be well nourished for their big days of NAPLAN testing.

Premier’s Reading Challenge: The students will have the opportunity to take part in this again this year. Information will come home next week. Keep encouraging your child to read every day.

Chaplaincy Week: This is a week set aside from 18th May till 26th May 2013 to recognize the role of chaplains in Qld. I will be holding special events during that week.

Parent’s encouragement: To help promote good mental health and well being in your kids make sure they get enough sleep. “Children need between 10 and 12 hours’ sleep to enable proper growth and development. One of the single most powerful strategies to improve kids’ abilities to cope with stressful or changing situations is to ensure they get enough sleep.”

Quote: “The only person you should try and be better than is the person you were yesterday.”

God bless

Wal Greentree
Ph. 0409494225

Merit Awards:
Krrish, Rebecca, Kalid, Akelo, Addy, Joseph, Glevin, Kaden and Nicholas

Aim High Award:
Shackarn, Gavin, JJ, Ngaio
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE NOW OPEN

Zillmere Festival - one place, many cultures

Saturday June 1st
Zillmere State School, Murphy Road, Zillmere, Queensland 4034
11am — 5pm

Celebrating its twelfth year, the exciting celebration of cultures that is “Zillmere Festival – one place, many cultures” is back for 2013, Sat June 1st.

With its vibrant mix of delicious foods, traditional and contemporary performances across a variety of stages (including song, dance and music workshops throughout the day), Zillmere Festival is now a firm favourite on the Brisbane events calendar. Over 6,000 people attended last year’s event. This year BEMAC and Jabiru are pleased to announce a new home at Zillmere State School for the festival. The new partnership will provide for a diverse layout with the introduction of new and exciting elements.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST are now open for Food & Market Stalls, Performers & Volunteers who would like to be involved with this year’s festival.

All applications are available via the following link,

For more information please contact BEMAC on 07 33914433 or zillmere@bemac.org.au

The Zillmere Festival, one place, many cultures is proudly supported by the Brisbane City Council and Multicultural Affairs Qld.
Physie & Dance

DOES YOUR LITTLE GIRL LOVE TO....

❤ Dance ❤ Spin ❤ Twirl ❤ Leap ❤ Point ❤
❤ Jump ❤ Wiggle & Giggle ❤

North Pointe Physie and Dance is the only Physie club on the north side that is showcasing the Australian Physie and Dance syllabus (APDA). This is a more professional and well respected physie and is the only physie that has professional and qualified choreographers in Australia.

APDA’s syllabus teaches the girls classical, contemporary, lyrical and modern jazz as well as incorporating Pilates for core and strength.

Classes at:
St Kevin’s School
Multipurpose Hall, Geebung

Call Ainsley on 0423 166 275 or email northpointephysie@gmail.com