

# Friday 17 July 2009

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**New Number:** Don't forget, our new number is **3859 6111**.

**Multi-purpose Hall:** The new hall will provide many benefits for our school and community.

- ✓ A concert environment for our Talent Quest, Art Show, Christmas concert and other performances
- ✓ Arts Council performances
- ✓ Assembly
- ✓ Wet weather play at morning tea and lunch time
- ✓ Specialist Physical Education lessons involving indoor games
- ✓ Community Bands
- ✓ Community groups

Parents need to be aware that the **Quinn Street entrance and exit** to Toowong State School will be **closed** for public use from Monday. Parents and children will need to enter the school via Kate or St Osyth St. Further information about the new hall has been included in a lift-out with this newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns please feel confident in contacting me.

**Athletics Days:** We have two days of athletics next week. On the Tuesday morning we will be holding 200 m races, high jump, long jump and shotput. On Wednesday will be the 800 m run, all sprints, ball games, relays and rotational games for the Preps to Year 3, followed by the traditional tug-o-war. Please come along and cheer on your children!

**Welcome back Michelle:** Michelle O'Connor has returned from her long service. I would like to thank Cameron Miller for filling in so admirably during her absence.

**Auslan Classes:** Want to learn Auslan? Classes for parents and other members of the community and held here at school free of charge on Tuesday nights from 6.00 to 7.30pm. Please contact the office or email Michelle on mocon12@eq.edu.au for further questions or to RSVP.

**Conference in Sydney:** Congratulations to Michelle, Cam and Liz on their representation of the school at the 25<sup>th</sup> Australian New Zealand Conference on Education of the Deaf in Sydney recently.

**New P.E. Teacher:** Welcome to Craig Marshall our new PE teacher. He will take P.E. with all classes on Wednesdays.

**P&C Meeting:** The next meeting is this Monday night at 7.00pm in the library. Everyone welcome.

**Chess:** Don't forget chess lessons will commence again this Monday 20 July. Cost will be \$63 (\$7 per lesson over 9 weeks). It is suitable for all year levels. The numbers of students attending chess at the moment indicate that it may not be viable for Connie to continue so if you are interested it is really important that you enrol for this term and come on Monday morning 8.00am.

**Active School Travel:** We were once again presented with the Golden Boot on assembly today for winning amongst the other schools. Congratulations Toowong! Our winner of this week's interclass trophy goes to 4/5DH with 83%.

**Australian Youth Choir Visit:** Next Thursday 23 July there will be our annual visit from an Australian Youth Choir representative.

**Regards: Brendon Madden**

## Stress Down Day

Wear your PJs, slippers or comfy clothes.

When : Friday 24 July

Cost: Gold coin donation

All donations go to Lifeline

## For Your Diary

Mon	20 July	Chess commences 8.00am
Mon	20 July	6/7BN to City Hall
Mon	20 July	P&C Meeting 7.00pm
Tues	21 July	Athletics Morning
Wed	22 July	Athletics Day
Fri	24 July	Stress Down Day
Thurs	30 July	2/3OK to da Vinci exhibition
Thurs	30 July	6/7A to City Hall
Tues	4 Aug	ICAS test - Mathematics

## Information Headquarter News

Welcome back everyone - great to see all the children (and teachers) rested and ready to learn again. This term we will be another packed with learning and fun - this term will be looking at the books that have been short listed for the Australian Children's Book Council awards. There are some wonderful titles that are included and the children will be reading these during their library lessons and voting on their favourites. Bookweek is on this term so start thinking of your favourite book character to dress up for our fancy dress parade.

**Spellathon:** Forms should have been handed in to teachers by now and the children will be tested next week for the Spellathon. There is a prize of a pizza party to the class who raises the most money. Good luck everyone.

**Bright Sparks:** Bright Sparks started this week. This program runs on Thursday afternoons for 6 weeks. Thanks to those parents who are lending a helping hand. The activities have raised much interest with the students and provide a wonderful opportunity to enrich the education of our children. This year we are offering: Robocup; So You Think You Can Dance?; Awesome Auslan; Lights! Camera! Action!; Toowong FM 4066; Poetry Slam; and Optiminds.

**STEM Conference:** Congratulations to those children who will be attending the STEM Conference next Friday. Twelve students from Year 6/7 were selected to attend the Science Technology Engineering and Maths conference that is hosted by the district. Students have the opportunity to interact with experts in these areas, and then participate in action research based on their interest areas. It is a wonderful opportunity.

**QAMST Student Visits:** Over the coming weeks we will be visited by students from the Queensland Academy of Maths Science and Technology as they participate in their community service electives. These students will be assisting our teachers within classrooms to help with different activities. They will be visiting on Wednesdays from 11.30am - 1pm. We welcome the extra assistance.

**Prep -3/4 Gymnastics:** Next Monday, as part of our school commitment to Smart Moves, the students from Prep to Year 3/4 will be starting School Gymnastics. This course is designed to develop their fitness and gymnastic capabilities. The cost of the course is approx \$28 for 8 weekly sessions. This will be billed on the term invoice. Please advise your child's teacher if you do not wish for them to participate so you are not charged.

**Leigh Hobart**

## Tuckshop News

This is my first term as tuckshop convenor so your help and support would be my great pleasure in running the tuckshop. I am looking for helpers for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays monthly. If there are any mums who could help me please call me on 0402 714 120. Thank you very much. *Thuy Nguyen*

### Tuckshop Roster

Tues Homebake: 21 July: Caitlin Neville, Miranda Cornish  
Tues Helper: Vacancy  
Thurs Homebake: 23 July: Susie Byrnes, Natasha Johnson  
Thurs Helper: Rayna  
Tues Homebake: 28 July: Bronwyn Drinkwater, Meagan Roberts  
Tues Helper: Vacancy  
Thurs Homebake: 30 July: Susie Byrnes  
Thurs Helper: Rayna

#### Prep

**Nerida Swetman**

Welcome back! Prep would like to welcome Shuhao and Mishari to our class. The cold snap has certainly got us talking about the weather. We have started to talk about the seasons and used the computer program 'paint' to create winter graphics. Developing oral language skills is vital in Prep and storytelling is a valuable tool for developing links between oral language and literacy skills. This term we will focus on storytelling. Activities based on the stories will aim to help us 'process' the story, develop language skills and enhance our imagination. This week we read 'We're Going on a Picnic' by Pat Hutchins. Children acted out the story and created their own text responses using collage, drawing and writing. Prep students are looking forward to the athletic carnival next week. Students will be walking to the lower oval. They will run their race and then return to school for morning tea. After morning tea we will have rotational activities on the top oval. Don't forget hats, water bottle, sport uniform and running shoes on the day.

#### P/1CS

**Michelle Coleman/Amanda Stewart**

Wow! We have had a very busy start to the term! This term we will be looking at weather, seasons and Aboriginal culture. In particular, we will be comparing traditional Aboriginal culture with the way we live now. If you have any resources you would like to share on these topics please feel free to bring them in. We would like to welcome our new Year 1 boy, Isaiah. We are looking forward to getting to know him and his family. If you have any free time during the week and are not currently helping out within the classroom, please come and see us as we always love to have parent volunteers. See you all at the Athletics Carnival next Wednesday!

#### 1/2B

**Elitia Brennan**

Welcome back for Term 3 after what was hopefully a relaxing and safe holiday. This term we are embarking on an exciting hot air balloon journey, discovering the wonders of the sky, land and sea, and learning some traditional stories along the way. Very soon we will be making our very own hot air balloons so any small yoghurt/fruit cup containers that you can wash and send to school would be appreciated. Homework starts again this Friday and is due back each Thursday. Library borrowing is also on Thursday. Last term we had a successful parent helper's program running in our class. If you are available and would like to help out in our class, please see me. We look forward to a great term.

#### 2/3OK

**Bronwyn Kelly/Elaine O'Dea**

Good to see all the children back for their first week of Term 3. Miss Kelly is still in France enjoying the warm weather. She

has sent a great postcard from Italy with a picture of Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper" on it. Did you know it is as tall as the ceiling and as wide as our classroom? We welcome Shilpa, a new Year 3 student to our class. Please note that library borrowing day is now on a Friday. Permission notes for the da Vinci excursion have been sent home. Please have these filled out and returned as soon as possible.

#### 3/4MN Mary Anne McIntyre/Tracey-Lee Nicholas

Welcome back after a great break. We have begun work straight away. Last term we learnt about simple machines and forms of energy. All week we have been excited and were looking forward to our excursion to da Vinci's Machines. On our excursion we found out how da Vinci invented many machines and how they work. He was also a great artist and was the first to use perspective. Before we came home we sketched the river and cityscape ensuring we noted perspective, lines and shapes. These drawings will be used when we create our painting for the Art Show. We were amazed at the progress the new bridges have made and watched machines used to build them. Over the next month we will be building our own machines.

#### 4/5D

**Emma Dixon/Olivetta Harris**

This term we are learning about the history of Australia. We will be comparing Australia pre and post colonisation, learning about convicts and their travel to Australia and what the impact colonisation had on the Aboriginal people. We are going on an excursion to the Commissariat Stores which will be great to see what convict Brisbane looked like. Next week we are doing our Spellathon on Monday so learn your words on the weekend. Also we want to win the 'Pizza Lunch Party' so make sure you get lots of sponsors too! Sports days are next Tuesday and Wednesday. 4/5DH has some very good athletes so it will be a good two days of fun and competition.

#### 4/5FM

**Elizabeth Fletcher/Cameron Miller**

Over the holidays we continued to work on our Art Birds at home for Mrs Hamwood. We can use bottles, coat-hangers and cardboard and then join it all together with duck tape. Next we are going to cover our bird bodies with paper mache and then paint them. They will look really good. We returned to school to discover we will be learning about the history of Australia. Some of the big events in history for example: Captain Cook arriving in Australia, the settlement of pioneers and aboriginal culture. We are looking forward to the Bright Sparks program. Most of us will be in "Lights, Camera, Action". The people in the signing choir have been invited to perform at a Cerebral Palsy picnic. *by Isaac and Josh*

#### 6/7A

**Keiran Abel**

First week back and everyone is excited about the Athletics Carnival. This term we are studying the Australian Government and political history. We will be visiting Brisbane's Town Hall and will be listening to guest speakers about their role in the local government. We are getting ready for high school and have pretend lockers for our books and stationery which is stored instead of using tidy trays. Year 7 recently received their special t-shirts and we are happy about how they look. We would like to welcome Sherin, from India, to our class.

*by Georgia and Zofia*

#### 6/7BN

**Saleigh Noble/Leah Barnett**

We started Bright Sparks yesterday and some of us went to "Optiminds", "So You Think You Can Dance", "Robocup" and "Botanical Art". On Monday we are going on an excursion to the City Hall to have a tour and learn about government. Our unit this term is about Q150 which means Queensland's 150<sup>th</sup> year since it's separation from NSW. On Wednesday we practiced high jump with Mr Marshall, our new P.E. teacher. *by Astri and Ben*