

Friday 19 June 2009

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**New Phone Number:** We have had a new integrated IP system installed for our new phone lines. This means that the school has a new phone number. We realise that a lot of our stationery will still have the old number – things will gradually be fixed over time. Calls to the old number will be diverted to the new one for 3 months. The new number is **07 3859 6111**.

**Education Tax Refund:** Eligible families are able to claim up to 50 per cent of their education expenses for school children through the Education Tax Refund. The Tax Office has prepared some frequently asked questions and answers specifically for schools. These questions and answers can be found on the Tax Office website. I have been asked to ensure parents and carers are aware of their entitlements. Have a look at this website for all information:  
[www.ato.gov.au/individuals/content.asp?doc=/content/00192105.htm](http://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/content.asp?doc=/content/00192105.htm)

**Science Show:** On Monday there will be a Science show for all students as part of our celebrations around an early Science Week. Year 4 to 7 students will participate in a show called “Electricity: A Shocking Experience” and Prep to Year 3 will see “Magic Science”. This is wonderful opportunity to add to the enrichment of our children's science education and will be presented by Dr Peter Eastwell. \$5 will be included on the term invoice - if you do not wish your child to attend please let their teacher know.

**Bright Sparks:** Our enrichment program for Year 5-7 students, Bright Sparks, will be starting again next term. A brochure about the learning opportunities has been sent home today with all of these students. Please discuss with them which of these would be appropriate for your child. Preferences will be put in next week.

**Celebration of Learning:** Prep students will be involved in a number of rotational activities on Thursday to celebrate learning. The theme is “On the Move” and children will be involved in land, sea and air transport activities as well as dance.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews:** These will be happening next week. Reports will also be issued.

**Chess:** Chess will continue next term provided we have enough interest. The lessons will commence on Monday 20 July in Week 2. Cost will be \$63 (\$7 per lesson over 9 weeks).

**Parent Café:** Our next café will be next Friday, the last day of term. Please join us after assembly for morning tea and a chat. I will be available to answer any questions regarding the new hall. Thanks to all of our regular attendees - we look forward to seeing you and some new faces.

**Active School Travel Competition:** Our winners for counting the little red walkers in the map were Allan, Clive, Sam, Junia, Phoebe and Saran. They received their prizes on assembly this morning. Our best parent slogan came from Lorna Davin (Sam's mum) with: “More Walk – Less Torque!” This week's interclass trophy goes to 4/5D with 95%!

**Regards: Brendon Madden**

### Out of the Mouths of Babies!

Teacher: “What would be a good adjective to describe a bush?”  
Dom: “George.”

### For Your Diary

Mon	22 June	Science Show
Tues	23 June	ICAS Test - Spelling
Thurs	25 June	Celebration of Learning
Fri	26 June	Parent Café after Assembly
Fri	26 June	Last day of Term 2
Tues	14 July	First day of Term 3

### Information Headquarter News

**Book Jumble:** Thanks to those families who have sent books in for the collection. Keep us in mind over the holidays as you are cleaning up bookshelves and bedrooms. Any books you are finished with can be donated to the school, and we will have a book sale on the same night as the Movie Night. Mrs Cheng has also requested that you also send in any spare, clean, plastic bags.

**Premier's Reading Challenge:** Congratulations to Quinn who won use of the Nintendo DS for 6/7BN again! When you read that many books you are in with a great chance! Don't forget to bring your Premier's Reading Challenge forms into the library on Thursdays at lunchtime to be in the running. Those children who have already finished their twenty books - please leave your forms with Mrs H and grab another one from the pile next to the library door.

**Spelling Competition:** The competition has been fierce. Congratulations to the teams in Year 4 and 6 who have competed so far. Competitions for Year 5 and 7 will be held over the following week. Results will be published in the KIT and medallions presented at assembly next week.

**Spellathon:** Keep learning those words and collecting those sponsors. Thanks to 6/7BN who worked out that if every child in the school raised \$20 we would have \$5000 for the school - imagine all the books that could buy! The test for the Spellathon will be in the second week back of Term 3.

**Netball News:** The competition may be over. The last games may have been washed out. But winners are still gridders. Congratulations to the Senior and Intermediate teams for taking the premiership in their division. Great work teams and coaches.

**Leigh Hobart**

### P&C News

Our next P&C meeting after the holidays is on 20 July because 13 July falls in the school holidays. *Jimsie Varghese*

### Thank you Boys!

Sometimes our children are so wonderful we just have to mention it! When asked to help move some art equipment in the Prep area, they did so without hesitation. I would like to thank the following boys for their helpfulness with a smile: Barney, Thomas, Charlie, T.J., Matthew and Jack. It was much appreciated. *Marilyn Forrest*

### Tuckshop News

This is my last newsletter. I would like to thank everyone for their help and support in the running of the tuckshop, including a big thank you to the Year 7 girls for their help throughout the year. I have enjoyed my time at Toowong State School and wish everyone the best for the future. I would like to welcome Thuy who is taking over from me. If there are any mums who could help her on Tuesdays that would be fantastic. Could the parent who borrowed a recipe book from me, please return it next week? (can't remember who) the tuckshop will be open on the first Tuesday back. Thanks again. *Bonnie Brown*

## Tuckshop Roster

Tues Homebake: 23 June: Bronwyn Drinkwater, Meagan Roberts  
 Tues Helper: Thuy  
 Thurs Homebake: 25 June: Susie Byrnes, Natasha Johnson  
 Thurs Helper: Thuy  
 Tues Homebake: 14 July: Liz Freeman, Melissa Watson  
 Tues Helper: Vacancy  
 Thurs Homebake: 16 July: Susie Byrnes, Melissa Freeman  
 Thurs Helper: Rayna

### Prep Nerida Swetman

Under construction in the Early Years garden is a scarecrow. Students have been involved in its creation in an effort to scare away the bush turkeys. Thank you to Mrs. Johnson for supplying the straw. This week part of our investigation into how and why things move involved us working scientifically to set up an experiment. We wanted to know if a car would roll further on a bumpy or smooth surface. We also worked mathematically when we measured the distance the cars travelled using paper streamers. Next Thursday we look forward to our 'Celebration of Learning.' Parents are invited to come and participate in a variety of fun activities with us.

### P/1CS Michelle Coleman/Amanda Stewart

We have met some new people recently as part of our "You can do it" program. Charlie Confidence and Penny Persistence are just two of the amazing children who are in Miss Penn's class. As you can probably guess, Charlie Confidence is always confident. He always has a go and puts his hand up even if he's not sure. Penny Persistence sometimes has trouble with her school work but she always tries her best and makes sure she finishes the task. We also made our own "Success Tree" last week. We drew pictures and wrote what we are successful at on leaves and put them on our tree. Our tree looks amazing and we are obviously a very successful class! The children have been creating their own vehicle. We made a class rubric and most of our children are aiming for a "sensational" vehicle. Great work P/1CS! Parents, can you please ensure your child has a broad-brimmed hat for play time? Some children have been bringing in caps which are not appropriate for full sun protection (and are also not part of school uniform). If you are interested in helping in the classroom next term, please contact us as we are always looking for people to help at different times of the day. Thank you very much to the lovely parents who have helped so far!

### 1/2B Elitia Brennan

Congratulations everyone on a fantastic Term 2! As we wind up for the holidays 1/2B would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who have come in and helped. And thank you for the amazing response to requests for parent/teacher interviews. I look forward to meeting with you next week. We welcome a new student, Kate, to our class. Have a fantastic and safe holiday. It's been well earned!

### 2/3OK Bronwyn Kelly/Elaine O'Dea

A chilly, but exciting week in 2/3 OK. Luckily, we had our groovy dance moves to help keep us warm each morning! We have also been giving our minds a work-out by looking at the poems and rhymes of Michael Rosen. They are entertaining to listen to but VERY tricky to translate into Auslan so we decided to also learn about 'handshape' poetry. On Wednesday we had a visit from Toowong State School's resident experts - 4/5FM! They helped explain how Deaf poetry works (you pick a handshape and then use it again and again in a range of different locations and movements). The children worked in small groups with the big kids to come up with a handshape poem about an

animal they liked. They then took it in turns to perform their poems to the whole class. Fantastic job for a first attempt!

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

It has been a busy term with many and varied activities. We have built our machines and are adjusting them to make them work well. There has been a lot of trialling and making changes. Next term in Week 1 we are going to visit the Da Vinci Machines Exhibition. Da Vinci designed and built many machines and some features of these can be found in modern machines. In Art we are learning about perspective and drawing buildings. While at Southbank we will spend a longer time sketching the city. We will use these observations and sketches to help paint pictures for the Art Show next term. Report cards have been completed and parent/teacher meetings are next week. Times were sent home yesterday.

### 4/5D Emma Dixon/Olivetta Harris

This week Ms Dixon was away because she had to look after her child. The child care centre he attends had to shut down due to swine flu. For Tuesday and Wednesday we had Miss Cowan and we made helicopters using special origami paper. Some flew and some were disasters! Our Year 4 team in the Spellathon won against the Year 4s in both 3/4MN and 4/5FM. The Year 5s are doing theirs later. *by Brannen and Angus*

### 4/5FM Elizabeth Fletcher/Cameron Miller

Most of us went to Creative Generation to perform in the signing choir. We met Jack Chambers and saw Chryslyn and Ricky lee from Australian Idol and Lee Kernigan. We got a t-shirt to use as our costume. Yesterday we went on an excursion to Miracle Worker which was about Helen Keller. It was great fun but we did learn how hard it was to communicate without sight and hearing. She was born with sight and hearing but became ill and suddenly lost these senses. People would make signs on her hands. She later went to university and became fluent in 5 languages as well as Braille and she also wrote books. In class we tried to be deaf and blind by tying jumpers around our eyes and ears. We found it was much more difficult than it looks. *by Ruby and Anna*

### 6/7A Keiran Abel

On Thursday 6/7A competed in the Spelling Competition against 6/7BN. Some of the words were deciduous, geography, geometry and sincerely. They were hard but we tried our best. Miss Abel has been away sick so we have had relief teachers. The first day we had Mr Clarke and then we had Mrs Yates. We are making an Art Rollercoaster out of newspaper. We need to roll the newspaper into sticks and then sticky tape them into a rollercoaster structure. Then we will each make a paper mache animal to put on top of the structures. *by Charlie and Andre*

### 6/7BN Saleigh Noble/Leah Barnett

Our class has been doing art work with Ms Hamwood. We have been learning how to draw boxes in 3D. Yesterday the Year 6 children did the Spellathon. The winners were Nikki, Alex and Judith. The second place went to Simon, Ivan and Noah. Third place was Naideen, Angelika and Lilly. Next week it will be the Year 7s turn. *by Misha and Jeremy*

## Community News

**Bazil Grumble:** Drama classes are held here in the Activity Room on Tuesday mornings before school. For more information please ring Fiona on 0411 246 487

**Circus:** The Lorraine Ashton Circus is coming to Payne Road State School this Sunday 21 June - 3 x 1 hours shows: 10am, 12pm, & 2pm Tickets- \$12. Held at 171 Payne Road, The Gap (access via Kernel St). See [www.payneroadcircus.com.au](http://www.payneroadcircus.com.au) or phone 3300 4400.