

Friday 23 October 2009

Dear Parents and Carers,

New Number: 3859 6111

Order of Australia: Toowong State School has recently won the Order of Australia Primary Schools' Citizenship Award 2009. This award acknowledges the inclusive culture of Toowong State School and the Bilingual Bicultural program. Congratulations to the staff who have worked hard to allow us to win such a prestigious accolade.

Movie Night: The Movie Night was a huge success. Thanks to Lisa Lambie for the organisation, and coordination of this wonderful community event. Thanks to the P&C for the delicious BBQ meal, drinks and desserts.

Water Crisis Averted: On Tuesday we had limited water at school. A pipe had burst on Sylvan road and water to the school area was stopped for repairs. A water crisis was averted thanks to the actions of Chris Potter, teachers, Monica at TOSCH and the P&C water harvesting project which allowed us to keep water flowing to some of our toilets. Water was restored by lunchtime.

School Survey: In the last KIT I asked for parents and carers to complete a brief survey to help us with planning for 2010. Unfortunately we have had only a few returned. So please could you find a few moments to complete and return to the office. Thanks for your support.

Teacher vs Student Softball: Yesterday the teachers won the annual softball game against the Year 7 students scoring 6 – 2 in a most exciting game on the lower oval. The competition was fierce but everyone had fun! The students will have the opportunity to hit back in the teacher vs student water polo game held at the swimming carnival on Friday 27 November.

Swimming: Swimming will commence next Friday 30 October. This is one week earlier than stated on the school calendar. Because the swimming carnival has been booked on one of our Friday swimming lesson days we are adding the extra lesson to the beginning of the course. The cost of swimming has been added to your term invoice.

Parent Café: Next Friday will be our first Parent Café for this term. Please join us after assembly at about 9.30 for a chat and a cuppa.

Book Lists: These will be handed out next week to Year 3 to 6 children for next year's requirements. Once you receive the order form you will need to tick off what you wish to purchase and return it to school by Friday 6 November.

Active School Travel: Our winner this week was 2/3OK with 85%. The Thousand Step Thursday raffle was won by James McCoy from 2/3OK. Don't forget to return your RSVP if you would like to go to the Roadstar's Roadshow at the Convention Centre on Saturday 7 November. Admission is free for this live concert and family event with Nitro. If you need a form we have more in the office.

Talent Quest: We have booked the Peter Doherty Theatre at Indooroopilly High School for this event. Come and support our talented students. The evening commences at 6.30pm. There will be music, skits, dancing and a lot of laughs!

Deaf Festival: Come and have a great day on our lower oval next Saturday 31 October. Rides, food, stalls and all the fun of the fair!

Crossing Supervisor: We have found a new crossing supervisor for two days per week until the end of this year. Welcome Theresa. However we will still need someone for these two days (Monday and Friday) next year so if you know of anyone please let me know. If we cannot find a replacement, the crossing may have to be unmanned for these two days. Pam O'Neil will continue to work her three days from Tuesday to Thursday.

World War II Bench: We have a very old bench that needs a little love and attention. It is of historic significance to the school and dates back to the 1940s. We are wondering if any parent with a few skills could spend a little time doing a few repairs? Please let me know if you would like to do this.

Regards: Brendon Madden

For Your Diary

Mon	26 Oct	Year 3 Camp to Kindilan
Tues	27 Oct	Prep to Year 2 Day Camp
Thurs	29 Oct	Bandana Day
Fri	30 Oct	Parent Cafe
Fri	30 Oct	First Swimming Lesson
Sat	31 Oct	Deaf Festival 10 am to 4 pm
Tues	3 Nov	Melbourne Cup Day
Thurs	5 Nov	Talent Quest
Fri	6 Nov	Second Swimming Lesson
Sat	7 Nov	Roadstar's Roadshow 6.30pm

Information Headquarter News

Book Jumble: Thanks to everyone who supported the Book Jumble either by donating books or buying them. A special thanks to Mel Freeman and Susanna Cheng for their assistance. The money raised will be going to the P&C.

Leigh Hobart

Bandana Day

Next Thursday is Bandana Day! During the week Years 6/7 will be selling the following items:

Bandanas: \$3 Pens: \$2 Badges: \$4

Please support Canteen and bring along some loose change.

Tuckshop Roster

Tues Homebake:	27 Oct:	Bronwyn Drinkwater, Suzy Byrnes
Tues Helper:		Rayna, Theresa
Thurs Homebake:	29 Oct:	Suzy Byrnes, Meagan Roberts
Thurs Helper:		Rayna
Tues Homebake:	3 Nov:	Julie Osborne, Caitlin Neville
Tues Helper:		Jolanda Jetten
Thurs Homebake:	5 Nov:	Suzy Byrnes, Tessa Ronan
Thurs Helper:		Rayna

Prep

Nerida Swetman

One of the five contexts for learning in Prep is investigating. Children in Prep are exploring different ways to investigate including using texts, listening, talking, experimenting and using their senses. This week Prep students, with the help of students from the Smart Academy, conducted experiments to

see if solid substances can change in water. Students predicted and then observed a variety of substances in water including sand, sugar and salt. Our next investigation is to see if the salt water can change back into salt. As well as developing skills to communicate their findings, students are developing strategies to think and problem solve as they test their ideas. Don't forget camp day next week! Students can dress in camp clothes or dress as a fairy tale character.

P/1CS Michelle Coleman/Amanda Stewart

Last week we left Australia and headed to Germany! Our passports were stamped as we stepped into this amazing new land, though some children did have problems getting through customs! We have seen some fabulous pictures of Germany and even tried sauerkraut and German sausage. The sausage was quite a bit more popular than the sauerkraut! This week we have moved to the Netherlands. The children made their own dikes in the sandpit while Mrs Stewart and Ms Coleman pretended to be the ocean! They unsuccessfully tried to knock down the dike walls. We also made our own version of poffertjes. Yum! In the next two weeks we are heading to Japan and America. We can't wait to see what happens in our travels there. Our show and tell program has been cruising along fabulously. Congratulations to the children who have really put effort into their presentations.

1/2B Elitia Brennan

We have been learning heaps about rainforests and writing information about rainforest animals. We discovered frogs have sticky pads. Did you know that they don't drink water but they absorb it through their skin? We have been working on our fractured fairytales which are fairy tales with a twist. This morning we read the story of Po Po, which is the Chinese equivalent of Red Riding Hood. We have also been learning how to use PowerPoint. Aren't we clever?

2/3OK Bronwyn Kelly/Elaine O'Dea

Unfortunately Miss Kelly was sick yesterday and so we had a replacement called Miss H. This week we have been working on our own Dreamtime story. We heard about the two sisters that lived in the sea and were captured. The younger one escaped and she stayed underwater. The older sister died but she turned into the Evening Star. The man who had captured the sisters turned into the animal we now call the shark. In class we have been reading poetry about the Stolen Generation. With Ms Andringa we also spoke about the 1967 Referendum in which the Aborigines could be recognised as Australian citizens. We also talked about when the white people first came to Australia and they fought the Aborigines. *by Louis and Allan*

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

Next week Year 3 are on camp for two days at Kindilan Outdoor Centre, Redland Bay. They are all excited as it is their first away-from-school camp. The bus will be departing from Quinn Street and they will need to be at school by 8.30am. Children need to be dressed in sun-safe casual clothing, shoes and socks and a full-brimmed hat. They will need a back-pack (school bag) with a full water bottle in it. Their sunscreen, roll-on insect repellent and raincoat should also be in their back-pack. If your child has medication to take put it in the back-pack so it can be given to the teachers on arrival. A form needs to be filled out and the medication must be in its original container with name, direction/dose, doctor's name and chemist on the label. We have been through the timetable and what to expect. The Year 4 children have given them some tips and have answered some of their questions. It's a great fun camp for Year 3 children. On Monday I have planned work for the Year 4s and they will be with Mrs O'Dea in her classroom. On the Tuesday they will be divided between 4/5DM and 4/5FM and will participate in activities with them.

4/5DM Emma Dixon/Craig Marshall

We have been working on our monologues of famous Australians. They are going to be presented next Monday and Tuesday so parents could you please check your child is working on it! A big thanks must go to Mr Cossar who performed a Shakespeare monologue for us on Wednesday. It was fantastic. Our Science and SOSE rotations are very interesting. Mrs Fletcher has taught us that there are some very silly laws existing. Ask about wearing hot pink pants on a Sunday! We also know what a blue moon is. This week we have looked at 3D shapes and their nets. We also have been drawing some 3D shapes and there are some definite future architects/engineers in our class.

4/5FM Elizabeth Fletcher/Cameron Miller

We have been working on our monologues on the computers in the lab. Our monologue needs to be about a famous Australian person. Some of the people are Captain Cook, Arthur Phillip and John McIntyre. We have been learning about different emotions and using Photo Story on the computers to find different pictures to illustrate the emotions. Later in the term we will be displaying our work. We are looking forward to the Deaf Festival next Saturday. The signing choir will be performing as well as all the rides! *by Kyle and Jon*

6/7A Keiran Abel

Last week Year 6 and 7 went on camp to Moreton Island. We stayed at Camp Comboyuro on the Northern end of the island. We had lots of fun activities like sand tobogganing, swimming, fishing and yabby pumping. In class we have been learning about the Moon and its relationship with the Earth. We are looking forward to the Deaf Festival next weekend. Have a kind, caring and thoughtful day and be good to each other.

by Fergus and Alex

6/7BN Saleigh Noble/Leah Barnett

We have been watching films, taking notes and then writing our own reviews. Two films we have seen are Apollo 13 and Playing Beattie Bow. Things we look for are plot, theme, genre, actors, directors and the soundtrack. We have also been looking at the Seven Wonders of the Industrial World. The Brooklyn Bridge was designed by John Roebling who died on the third day of construction because his foot was crushed and two toes had to be removed. He refused treatment and used a water therapy only, keeping the foot wet, however this did not work and he died. We had great fun on our camp. With the sand tobogganing some people only went about 5 metres before stopping with a face full of sand! At our camp concert the teachers performed "Row, Row, Row your Boat" with singing, dancing and music using cutlery! We had a countdown of the best 20 songs where the boys dressed as girls and the girls dressed as boys. You should have seen the boys i.e. girls singing "Barbie"! Then we played a game thinking up the best pick-up lines e.g. "Are you a thief because you just stole my heart?" and "You don't need diamonds because you already sparkle". *by Amrta, Alex and Quinn*

Community News

Speech and Drama: Classes offered in local area either individually or in small groups; prepare for AMEB examinations; improve speaking skills for presentations; or for fun and creativity. Phone Kylee Johnson B Sp Thy ASDA (AMEB) on 0432 137 281

BrizWest Concert Band: We will be giving a free concert at the school at 3pm on Sunday 15 November. The band, led by young conductor Nadia Myers, will play a selection of pieces from its repertoire of light entertainment and wind band music. For queries contact Brian on 3878 1314 or 0410 257 189 or at bizwordz@bigpond.net.au