

Friday 24 April 2009

## Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome our new and returning students and families back for this term. It is a busy term and to assist parents we have attached our Term 2 Overview. On the back of our term overview is a copy of our 2011 Strategic Plan.

**Young Scholars Program:** Toowong State School has been accepted as a Young Scholars Associate School with the Queensland Academy of Science Maths and Technology (QASMT). We will benefit from having access to Gifted and Talented professional development and continuous curriculum support through access to a Young Scholars website. This will give many more opportunities to support our high achieving and talented students.

**Celebration of Sport Day:** Next week on Thursday 30 April, we are having a very exciting event - Celebration of Sport. Members of a number of sporting associations will be here at the school and students will have the opportunity to book in with their class and try these different sports. Representatives include Queensland Roar, the Reds, Queensland Cricket, NRL, hockey, Deaf Sports and ACE tennis. Each class will have the opportunity to book in during the day to try some or all of these sports. Please remember to bring your hats and drink bottles and to wear sunscreen. There will also be a special tuckshop that day to celebrate. Order forms for this will go home early next week.

**ICAS Tests:** Forms have been sent home regarding these non-compulsory tests. Please return the form if you would like your child to participate. Each test is \$6 which must be paid as it is voluntary and will not be on the term invoice.

**Art Teacher:** This term we welcome Fran Hamwood as our school art teacher. On Thursdays she will be working with all classes throughout this year with various art activities. She is in need of ice-cream containers with lids. Watch this spot for further information and requests for 'rubbish' donations!

**Anzac Day:** We commemorated Anzac Day this morning with our special assembly. Thank you to Captain Catts (Adele Horsburgh) for her contribution on assembly and then taking half hour sessions with each class to explain the significance and importance of Anzac Day. We also thank Lieutenant Colonel David Freeman for attending and presenting his speech. Thank you to Thomas Robson and Matthew Varghese for their fine playing of the Last Post and the Senior Band for their fine rendition of Abide with Me. It was moving to see children from each class lay down their wreaths.

**District Cross Country Trials:** Eleven of our students will be participating in this on Tuesday 5 May. Marist Brothers Playing Field, Fig Tree Pocket. We wish them all the best in the cross country competition. Please encourage your child to do some training for this if they are involved.

**Auslan Classes:** Don't forget classes for parents and other members of the community are held on Tuesday nights from 6 to 7.30pm. Please RSVP to the office or email Michelle at mocon12@eq.edu.au for further questions.

**Movie Night:** The P&C are organising another of their wonderful movie nights so mark Friday 22 May in your diary. More information to come.

**Active School Travel Results:** This week the honour goes to 6/7A with 100% both morning and afternoon! Amazing! One girl at Mt Crosby State School took Active School Travel to a new level. She rode her horse as her sustainable method of travel! On Friday 1 May on assembly our school will be awarded the Golden Boot prize for scoring highest amongst the schools!

**Regards: Brendon Madden**

## For Your Diary

Mon	27 April	P&C Meeting 7.00pm
Thurs	30 April	Celebration of Sport Day
Fri	1 May	Golden Boot presentation on assembly
Mon	4 May	Labour Day Holiday
Tues	5 May	District Cross Country
Fri	22 May	Movie Night

## Information Headquarter News

**Gold Star Reading Club:** This will blast off in Brisbane City Council libraries on Friday 1 May 2009. There are 5 great reasons for kids to get involved in the Gold Star Reading Club:

1. Membership to the Gold Star Reading Club is free!
2. It can help kids improve their reading and literacy skills.
3. Kids will be rewarded with exciting monthly incentives.
4. Opportunity for all to win great prizes every month.
5. It's fun! Kids love sharing their reading experiences with family and friends.

To register your child, simply visit your local library and complete a registration form. For any further questions, visit your local library or call Council on 3403 8888.

**Tween's Bookclub:** Held every 4th Friday of the month at Toowong Library. This book club is especially for 9-12 year olds who enjoy reading great books or watching movies. The next dates are today, Friday 24 April, and Friday 22 May. Call the library on 3403 2590 and speak with Mira.

*Leigh Hobart*

## Tuckshop News

Next Thursday is our Sports Celebration Day so we are having a special meal-deal day. Sorry about the recent price rises but they were necessary for the tuckshop to survive. Also the school jumpers have had to go up to \$25. If you didn't get the latest tuckshop price list please get one from me or the office. Ice blocks are only 40 cents not 80 cents as shown on the menu.

*Bonnie Brown*

## Tuckshop Roster

Tues Homebake:	28 Apr:	Bronwyn Drinkwater, Meagan Roberts
Tues Helper:		Thuy
Thurs Homebake:	30Apr:	Susie Byrnes, Natasha Johnson
Thurs Helper:		Thuy
Tues Homebake:	5 May:	Liz Freeman, Caitlin Neville
Tues Helper:		Thuy
Thurs Homebake:	7 May:	Susie Byrnes, Tessa Ronan
Thurs Helper:		Thuy

### Prep

**Nerida Swetman**

Term 2 here we come! Last term we focussed on getting to know each other, the school routine and people who help us at school and in our community. This term we will travel further to meet other communities. But how will we get there? Next week Charleville Bilby will be visiting us from Charleville. We will be busy early in the week preparing for his visit by creating letters, cards and pictures.

### P/1CS

**Michelle Coleman/Amanda Stewart**

We've hit the ground running this term with all the children (and Mrs Stewart and Ms Coleman) very keen to get straight to work! This week in Maths we have been having fun with sorting and the children have designed their own rules to sort objects, e.g. by colour, size or other common elements. For Anzac Day we all made flowers to put on our wreath. It looked amazing. We are continuing reading groups this term, however we are short a parent helper on Thursdays. If you could give up a little bit of time to assist in class, please consider it. It is wonderful for your child to see you in class and it also helps our reading groups run smoothly.

### 1/2B

**Elitia Brennan**

Greetings and welcome back for an exciting and innovative Term 2. Today we started work on our puppets and are using paper, fabric, plastic, pipe cleaners, craft balls, pom poms and ribbon. A reminder that homework will continue to go out on Fridays and needs to be returned the following Thursday. Thursday is also our library day so please help your children to return their books in their library bag. I would really love some more parent helpers in the class. If there is a subject you would like to help with please see me and we will arrange a time.

### 2/3OK

**Bronwyn Kelly/Elaine O'Dea**

It has been a lovely week because despite the break, the children have come back to school with their learning behaviours in tact and ready to go! In readiness for learning about procedures, we will be cooking as one of our reading rotational activities for the first three weeks of term. This week the children made Anzac biscuits. They enjoyed following the recipe to the letter and eating the fruits of their labour! Special mention goes to Nick M who was kind enough to help with the making, even though he wasn't able to eat the finished product. This great team spirit is so often evident in our classroom and it makes us very proud. In integrated unit studies the class have been investigating gravity and other forces. Miss Kelly challenged them to beat gravity by holding their iMaths books up in their outstretched arms. Gravity won – even though they'd eaten Anzac biscuits first to give them extra strength! Have a great Anzac day.

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

We welcome three new members to our class – Max, Mai and Phoebe. Our hard work has begun straight away. For the first weeks Year 3 children will be preparing for the NAPLAN tests. We'll be writing stories and reviewing the practice tests we did last term. Homework sheets are being completed well. Library books are changed on Wednesday mornings. Our Science unit is about Energy – the different forms of energy and machines. This term we will have many fun class and school activities as well as testing and reporting towards the end.

### 4/5D

**Emma Dixon/Olivetta Harris**

Welcome back everyone! It sounds like you all had a wonderful holiday and that everyone was visited by the Easter Bunny! This term children will be focussing on writing a narrative. We are reading lots of short stories to get some ideas and are looking closely at Paul Jennings' writing. We have been deconstructing these stories to see what is needed to make a good story. Children will be writing their own story and then modifying it so that it can be delivered orally. It will be fun seeing how the children tell their stories creatively. Stay tuned for some fun stories from 4/5D.

### 4/5FM

**Elizabeth Fletcher/Cameron Miller**

We have been doing rotations for Maths this week. We are learning decimals and how to add and subtract them from each other. We have been sitting in new groups and invented our group names like Cheeky Monkeys, Mister Miller's Coffee Cup Agents and Xena's Ice-cream Agents. For PE we learnt some soccer skills with Mr Brandon. It's been great fun back at school!

*by Anna and Michael*

### 6/7A

**Keiran Abel**

Welcome back after the Easter break! We have started our integrated unit "What's the matter?" and have been observing different physical and chemical changes among natural materials. We have been observing crystals growing from a salt/water solution and separating sand and sugar. This week 100% of our class walked, wheeled or caught public transport both to and from school for WWW! Well done.

### 6/7BN

**Saleigh Noble/Leah Barnett**

We have been talking about Anzac Day and also reading books to find interesting facts about it. In our integrated unit called 'What's the Matter?' we are learning how solids can become liquids and then gases. Yesterday we talked about bullying and dobbing and wrote some stories which talk about people's emotions.

*by Erik and Hayley*

## Community News

**Basil Grumble:** Drama classes are held here at school on Tuesday mornings. Phone Fiona on 0411 246 487 or check out the website at [www.basilgrumble.com](http://www.basilgrumble.com) for more info.

**Go Sports:** Go-sports will be conducting soccer coaching for Prep to Year 5 and netball for Years 3 to 6 this term on Tuesday mornings from 8.00 to 8.45am on the school lower oval. Sessions begin on 5 May and run for 6 weeks. Forms have been sent home for this or else you can register with Greg Martin on 0417 614 509 or enrol online at [www.gosports.com.au](http://www.gosports.com.au)

**Movies in the Park:** Councillor Peter Matic invites you to a free movie in the park held on Saturday 9 May. The movie "Horton Hears a Who?" will be screened in Perrin Park, Josling Street, Toowong. Barbeque will have sausage sizzle and drinks on sale from 4.45pm and the movie commences at 6.15pm. BYO chair and rug.