

Friday 4 September 2009

Dear Parents and Carers,

New Number: 3859 6111

An important message about bullying issues: In this time of heightened awareness of violence in schools, I would like to reassure all parents and carers that our school takes a tough stance on bullying. We do not tolerate any form of violence or harassment. As principal, it is my number one priority that every student feels safe in our supportive school environment. I have reminded all students that bullying behaviour is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at this school. I ask that parents and carers take some time this week to speak with their children about bullying and to remind them of the importance of treating others with fairness, dignity and respect. If you believe your child is being bullied or may be involved in bullying another student, I also urge you to contact me to discuss the ways we can help to address this behaviour. Our school community uses the You Can Do It Program to combat bullying and harassment. For more information on these programs, please contact the school office. Toowong State School takes very seriously its responsibility to keep our students safe and to ensure our school community is free from bullying, harassment and violence. I urge any parents and carers who are concerned about bullying to contact me directly.

Photo Day: Silver Rose Photography will be at school next Thursday 10 September to photograph class groups and student portraits. Your child must return the envelope no later than this day. You can make payment by cash, credit card, cheque or money order made out to Silver Rose Photography, (not the school!) Please ensure your child is in full uniform. If you did not receive an envelope, we have more at the office.

Turnaround: We are still noticing parents are parking/chatting/holding up traffic in the turnaround area at the top of St Osyth Street. If you are waiting for your child, please move away from this area and park further down the street. Teachers are on duty at this gate until 3.15 so there is no need to be there right on 3 o'clock. Staggering arrival times will help to ease congestion. It is important to be patient for the safety of our children.

Free Bike: Last Friday Mrs Clayton and Anna Bakker took a trip to Fujitsu to pick up a free bike. I would like to thank Fujitsu, Gold Cross, and The United Way "Bikes for Kids" program for giving our school this bike. We will be using it later in the year as a prize for our Active School Travel.

Open Day: Don't forget our Prep Open Day tomorrow.

Aboriginal Workshops: On Friday 18 September we will be having an Aboriginal Workshop to celebrate NAIDOC. We needed to postpone this from earlier in the term. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in music and art activities to enrich their understandings of Aboriginal culture. There will also be a display in the library from the Aboriginal Support Unit during this time.

Art Show: Put on your glad rags! Monday night is the Toowong Creative Kids Art Show. The children have been working hard with Mrs Hamwood and their teachers to create beautiful art work. This art work will be on display and there will be entertainment as well as international food, drinks, coffee and cake for sale. This year Mrs Hamwood has kindly donated a gorgeous limited edition Kent Barton print for auction. This print of a traditional Queenslander is framed and would retail for approximately \$500. It would look fabulous in

any home (and is potentially tax deductible if you win the auction!) Mr Peter Cossar is our guest auctioneer. The Art Show starts at 6pm with official welcome at 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Movie Night: Don't forget to mark Friday 16 October in your diary for the next Movie Night. Flyers will be out soon.

Active School Travel: Our winner of this week's interclass trophy goes to 3/4MN with 84%. Two weeks in a row!

Lost Property: As is our custom, any remaining lost property at the end of term will be given to charity. There are only two weeks left for parents and children to LOOK for their things. The lost property is held in bins under the school.

Regards: Brendon Madden

For Your Diary

Sat	5 Sept	Open Day 9.00 to 11.30
Mon	7 Sept	Art Show
Mon	14 Sept	Year 4/5 Camp
Thurs	17 Sept	Jump Off Day
Fri	18 Sept	Aboriginal Workshops
Fri	18 Sept	Last day of Term 3
Mon	5 Oct	First day of Term 4

Information Headquarter News

Scholastic Book Sale: For those who love to buy books as much as I do, the Scholastic book sale is on Thursday 10 September and Friday 11 September at Scholastic Book Fairs Warehouse, Unit 2, 350 Lytton Road Morningside. Plenty of bargains with prices starting from \$1.

Tashi: Is your child a fan of Tashi? If so, the play based on the wonderful Kim Gamble books may be a winner for the holidays. For details please visit www.brisbanepowerhouse.org

World of Maths: My apologies for the oversight of not informing parents about the World of Maths sessions that were on at school this week. Students were highly engaged with fun, hands on maths activities that were part of our Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrations. The cost for this activity was \$5 per student and was part of this term's invoice. If you have any concerns please feel confident in contacting me.

Word Play-Brisbane Writers Festival: Next Wednesday 18 lucky students will be having the experience to listen to well-known authors such as Carole Wilkinson, Jackie French, Brian Faulkner and Andy Griffiths. Excursion notes have been sent home for those invited Year 6 and 7 students - please ensure that these are returned to Mrs Hobart as soon as possible.

Premier's Reading Challenge: The challenge is over for another year. Be sure to hand in your forms to Mrs Hobart before Friday to ensure that you receive your signed certificate.

Leigh Hobart

Jump Rope for Heart

Our Jump Off day is drawing near,
Please ask for donations from those dear,
The seventeenth of September is the day,
So don't forget to jump and play!
Get those sponsorship forms complete
And keep on practising - don't be beat!

Sports Results

Cricket :	Toowong 7/30 defeated by Sherwood 3/58 A great effort for their first game!
Softball:	Senior girls won 7-2 Intermediate girls won 10-9 Junior girls lost 9-10
Basketball:	Junior girls won 14-4 Year 7 boys lost 16 - 4 Year 6 boys lost 8 - 2 Year 5 boys A lost 12 - 4 Year 5 Boys B won 8 - 4

Tuckshop Roster

Tues Homebake:	8 Sept: Melissa Watson, Liz Freeman
Tues Helper:	Catherine Rees
Thurs Hombake:	10 Sept: Suzy Byrnes, Melissa Freeman
Thurs Helper:	Rayna
Tues Homebake:	15 Sept: Caitlin Neville, Miranda Cornish
Tues Helper:	Vacancy
Thurs Homebake:	17 Sept: Suzy Byrnes, Nic Mahler
Thurs Helper:	Rayna

Prep

Nerida Swetman

What a busy two weeks we have had! Mary Contrary (alias Mrs Clayton) visited Prep during Book Week to read us some crazy mixed up rhymes. This provided the stimulus for creating our own rhymes and patterned gardens. On Wednesday we solved many tricky problems in World of Maths. On Thursday students participated in a variety of traditional Aboriginal cultural experiences as well as Deaf Theatre. Most students have now finished their art piece and we look forward to the Art Show on Monday. Just a reminder that the Prep Open Day is on Saturday.

P/1CS

Michelle Coleman/Amanda Stewart

Can you believe we only have 2 more weeks until the September holidays? The children have been doing very well with their Show and Tell, though some children have been forgetting when it is their turn to present. Please make sure you have the Show and Tell roster in a place where you can see it regularly and highlight when your child is presenting. You can help them by giving them different ideas for the presentation of the topic, e.g. maybe they could make a poster, or build something to show. We had heaps of fun at World of Maths and Theatre of the Deaf was fabulous! We also had a great time with our special Aboriginal visitor, Rick Roser. We especially loved it when he made fire. We tried to make it too (but it was just too difficult)! We have been having gymnastics every Monday morning and it has been sensational. Please ensure your child is on time in the morning as some children have unfortunately been missing some of this lesson.

1/2B

Elitia Brennan

The last two weeks have been very busy indeed. Our art pieces are finished and ready for the Art Show. We've had a great time at World of Maths and the Theatre of the Deaf this week. We've been learning about landforms and begun to think about why we have day and night. 'Ladies and Jellyspoons' - our mini oral presentation time - is starting next week. A roster will be sent home today. Please remember school photos next week. Happy Father's Day!

2/3OK

Bronwyn Kelly/Elaine O'Dea

What a fantastically active and hands-on time we've had this week! Gymnastics on Monday, Art with Mrs Hamwood on Tuesday, PE, Drama and World of Maths on Wednesday and then Theatre of the Deaf and Channel 10 filming on Thursday. Phew! In addition, Miss Kelly demonstrated how pulleys work in science and then the children had great fun making their own. It was a tricky task but

good communication, problem-solving and teamwork prevailed and the results were very clever. The children have also done a wonderful job with their pieces for the Art Show and we are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible there on Monday evening. Have a good weekend - especially you dads!

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

We are completing our Cityscape paintings ready for the Art Show on Monday. Some are taking more time than others but they all have great effects and colours. We are also going to display our machines and charts that we made at the beginning of the term. Everyone is welcome to come and have a look and a gentle play with them after they have been to the Art Show. We are all excited about camps. Year 4 are going to Marantha Recreation and Education Camp at Yandina during the last week of term and Year 3 will be going to Kindilan Outdoor Centre at Redland Bay during Week 4 of next term. There is so much fun to look forward to that I think everyone has forgotten about our upcoming holidays!

4/5DH

Emma Dixon/Olivetta Harris

Most of this week we have been painting our birds for the Art Show. We made our birds with recycled items like old drink bottles and coat hangers. We cut the bottom of the bottles to make a base and bent the coat hangers to shape the wings. Then we used a mixture of paper and glue to make paper mache, and covered the birds with this. Then we painted them and decorated them with feathers and stickers. For the people who didn't make birds drew 3D pictures of animals like camels and geese. *by Nuha and Ethan*

4/5FM

Elizabeth Fletcher/Cameron Miller

We have been painting our birds with fabric 3D paint and also another paint. We then decorate them with coloured feathers, coloured paper. Lots of us are playing interschool sport - basketball, softball and playball on Friday afternoons. Natasha has made the State level in Athletics in the 800 metres. She came third in the Regionals. We wish her luck. In two weeks our class will go on camp with 4/5DH and the Year 4s from 3/4MN. We are going to Yandina. We are looking forward to abseiling, canoeing, river rafting, drumming and archery. *by Josh and Anna*

6/7A

Keiran Abel

This week we have been working super hard getting ready for the Art Exhibition. You must come and see the amazing *Ride from Hell!* We also had loads of fun at the World of Maths morning where we had to solve problems and work as a team. One activity was trying to find the shortest way around a zoo. Ms. Hamwood has helped us to complete our art project. Thank you very much Ms. Hamwood. We very much appreciated it. Good luck 6/7's participating in the sports teams. *by Nicolas and Fergus*

6/7BN

Saleigh Noble/Leah Barnett

On Wednesday we had a visit from the World of Maths where we tried lots of activities. We liked the plank activity where we needed to make bridges to get from one island to another. We also liked the one where we dropped a ball down two different winding tubes and counted the lines that the ball passed and the flashes it took to go all the way down. The idea was to see which one was the fastest and to answer the questions. In class we are each writing a letter to send to the editor of a newspaper. We have all chosen an issue that we feel strongly about and want to stop or fix. On Thursday Channel 10 came and filmed us for a Showcase Award Night.

by Quinn and Sam

Community News

Bazil Grumble Drama Classes: These are held here at school on Tuesday mornings from 7.30 to 8.30. Next term's classes commence on 6 October. Please visit www.bazilgrumble.com to enrol or ring Fiona on 0411 246 487

Mulch: The Toowong/Milton/Taringa Scout Group are holding their annual mulch and fertiliser drive. Mulch is delivered to your door on 12 September for \$6.50 per bag. Fertiliser \$11. Call Christine for details or collect an order form from the office. Phone 0418 871 93