

Friday 6 November 2009

Dear Parents and Carers,

New Number: 3859 6111

Talent Quest: Those of you who attended last night's talent quest will already know what a talented group of children we have here at Toowong School. The Gold Medal winners were Hamish B, Eli and Nicolas with their band Human Invention – thank goodness all of that drumming practice has paid off! Thank you to Seamus and Alex RP for their marvellous hosting. A big thank you to our wonderful music teacher Mirko Ruckels for his work with the children in the many weeks of practice leading up to the event as well as his organisation on the night.

Arts Council: The whole school will be attending the performance entitled Magic Science on Tuesday. Years Prep to 2/3OK in the middle session and the older students in the afternoon. \$6 has been included in the term's invoice. If you do not want your child to attend, please let the teacher know.

Remembrance Day: On Wednesday we will have Captain Catts at school to speak to each class on the significance of Remembrance Day. At 11.00am all children will stop for a minute's silence while listening to the Last Post played by Thomas Robson and Matthew Varghese with teacher Brian Clark.

Showcase Dinner: Last week many staff and parents attended the Showcase evening. Our school was one of three finalists in the state-wide competition however we were not the winning school. It was a wonderful evening and I am very proud of our school's achievements.

Book Lists: Booklists were due today however you may still send your order to Pellegrini if you are running late. Orders can also be made online.

The Q150 Shed is coming to town: Queensland's newest touring entertainment venue, the Q150 Shed will visit Blackall, Augathella, Cherbourg, Warwick, Brisbane and the Gold Coast during November and December as part of its second tour of the state. The Q150 Shed gives local talent the opportunity to perform live on stage in front of their local communities. There are free dance workshops at 3.30pm at each location with young urban dance company Raw Dance, and the Bank of Queensland will be hosting 'Funny Money' workshops for the kids. Each day the Q150 Shed is in town will also be a great opportunity to take in the 'where we from' banners project exhibition. This visual arts program depicts the Indigenous relationships between land, identity and culture. The touring entertainment is one way the Queensland Government is ensuring all parts of the state are touched by Queensland's 150th birthday celebrations. Visit the Q150 website at www.q150.qld.gov.au for the full entertainment lineup and venue information.

2010: You should have received a yellow note during the week asking about your intentions for your child next year. It is important for us to be able to give the department an accurate estimate of our numbers. If you did not get this note we have more in the office.

Active School Travel: Our winner this week was 3/4MN with 78%. The Thousand Step Thursday raffle was won by Amrta Hickey from 6/7BN. Some of our upper school have been working on a display for the Roadstar Roadshow tomorrow night. I have seen some great artwork.

Bandana Day: Thank you for your support. The school raised \$427.50 which we will pass on to Canteen.

BrizWest Concert Band: This local community band will be giving a free concert here at school at 3:15pm 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. It is a great opportunity for our young band students to come along and listen to an experienced band. For queries contact Brian Clark on 3878 1314 or 0410 257 189

Deaf Festival: Thanks to those who supported the Deaf Festival last Saturday. I certainly had a good time. Cameron Miller has a supply of lost items especially shoes!

Found: We have a watch, sunglasses, a child's reading glasses and a wallet in the office amongst a few other little things. Please check if you have lost something.

Regards: Brendon Madden

For Your Diary

Sat	7 Nov	Roadstar's Roadshow 6.30pm
Mon	9 Nov	P&C Meeting 7.00pm
Tues	10 Nov	Arts Council
Wed	11 Nov	Remembrance Day Commemorations
Thurs	12 Nov	Band Program Information Evening
Fri	13 Nov	Third Swimming Lesson
Sun	15 Nov	BrizWest Band Performance 3.15pm
Mon	16 Nov	6/7BN Excursion to Parliament House
Fri	20 Nov	Fourth Swimming Lesson

Information Headquarter News

Staff Room Makeover: Help us win a staff room makeover! Queensland Teachers' Credit Union is giving us the chance to win a makeover for our school staff room and we need your help to win! The prize is a complete makeover of our school's main staff room providing a relaxing environment for all our staff to enjoy. The winning school will be the one with the most votes, so we need as much support from our local school community as possible. Please support us and cast your vote by visiting staffroomforimprovement.com.au. The more friends and family you can encourage to vote for our school, the greater our chances of winning such a great bonus for your children's teachers. Voting closes on Friday 20 November 2009, so get voting today and help us win the ultimate staff room makeover!

Premier's Reading Challenge: Congratulations to the children who read the required 20 books. They all received their certificates on assembly this morning.

Roadstar Roadshow: To all our families attending tomorrow night – have a great time! I look forward to seeing you there.

Leigh Hobart

Band Information Evening

There have been a few mix-ups with the date of this meeting for our present Year 4 parents whose children will commence the Instrumental Band Program next year. It will be this **Thursday 12 November** from 6 to 7pm. Parents and children then have one week to decide on their instrument and return the form by Thursday 19 November. Any questions please contact me on 0431 017 440. We have a B11 clarinet for sale in excellent condition. Recently serviced and complete with stand. \$350. Please contact Leah Barnett at school. *Koss Siwers*

Tuckshop News

As the year comes to its close you may find that you have uniforms that no longer fit your child or perhaps you are moving on to another school. Please consider passing your unwanted uniforms to the school as we keep a stock of second-hand uniforms for resale.

Tuckshop Roster

Tues Homebake: 10 Nov: Melissa Watson, Liz Freeman
Tues Helper: Catherine Rees
Thurs Homebake: 12 Nov: Melissa Freeman, Kylee Johnson
Thurs Helper: Rayna
Tues Homebake: 17 Nov: Miranda Cornish, Caitlin Neville
Tues Helper: Theresa
Thurs Homebake: 19 Nov: Suzy Byrnes, Nic Mahler
Thurs Helper: Rayna

Prep

Nerida Swetman

This week students have been involved in paper making using scrap paper from the class. Students have also participated in a variety of activities centred on the story 'The Gingerbread Man.' Our ocean art with Mrs Hamwood is now complete and looks great! Thank you Mrs Hamwood.

P/1CS

Michelle Coleman/Amanda Stewart

What a great camp day we had last week. We are so glad Wicked Stewart Witch didn't poison the beautiful Mrs Coleman Princess! Last week we travelled to Japan. The sushi was very popular. This week we have moved on to America. Did you know that Native Americans plant corn, beans and squash together? The beans would grow up the corn and the squash would keep the bugs away. Next week – on to China.

1/2B

Elitia Brennan

We have been learning about rainforests. Snakes live in rainforests. Some live under the ground and some live in the trees. They eat small animals like mice. Frogs have sticky pads so they can climb up trees where they eat flies and insects. We tried to make shapes out of water by pouring it into different containers like yoghurt containers or cups. The water would form the shape of the container. *by Celine and Lizzie*

2/3OK

Bronwyn Kelly/Elaine O'Dea

We have been very busy with assessment in readiness for our report cards. So far the children have completed; a poetry task, an oral presentation, a spelling assessment, a timeline for SOSE, various maths tasks AND a dance assessment! Next week will be more of the same but interestingly, most of the children seem to enjoy the novelty of it - proving that a change is as good as a holiday! It won't all be hard work though because next week we will have a visit from the Arts Council on Tuesday and a Remembrance Day talk by Captain Catts on Wednesday. Many thanks to the families who have already sent back the yellow note about enrolment for next year. Please sign and return this as soon as possible if you have not already done so. The weather is certainly warming up now and our classroom is particularly hot so please remember to send a fresh water bottle to school for your child everyday. Have a great weekend everyone!

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

We have settled back into class after the Year 3 camp. School is busier than ever as it is testing time. Parent/teacher meetings will be held during the final weeks of the semester. A note will

come home soon on which to indicate a convenient time for your meeting. In SOSE we are researching about the shelters that Indigenous Australians lived in before 1788. We have written focus questions, read texts and selected key words. As a whole class we are learning how to write paragraphs and an information report. Everyone is helping by giving their ideas and editing the sentences together. Some of our classmates have been practising keenly for the Talent Quest last night. With Mrs Hamworth, the children are learning how to draw people. They are discovering proportions and how to draw movement. They won't just draw stick figures any more! On Fridays they go to Playball and meet children from other schools. Swimming has started again. The last few weeks are going to fly past quickly!

4/5DM

Emma Dixon/Craig Marshall

Tests, tests and more tests! You can tell it is a report term. 4/5DM have been working hard to finish their work for the year and be assessed for report cards. Last week we started our technology assignment of collecting specimens. They were supposed to be dead but somehow we have live guppies and ants in the classroom. I look forward to sending them home! The dead bird found on the way to school wasn't allowed in the classroom at all! We are having an end of term reward day of a trip to the movies at Southbank. It is very exciting but we need to know numbers. If your child is not going to be at school during the last week can you let me know? Next week we have Arts council on Tuesday and Remembrance Day talks on Wednesday. Homework will now be corrected on a Monday. With swimming and interschool sport it is impossible to do on a Friday.

4/5FM

Elizabeth Fletcher/Cameron Miller

We are having a lot of assessment at the moment for our end of year reports. We are still working hard on our monologues where we have to present a character from the past. On Friday we now have playball, softball, basketball and swimming so the Year 5s don't do any work! The Year 4s only do about 45 minutes of work. So we all love Fridays! Last night some of our class performed a few items at the Talent Quest.

by Chloe and Lara

6/7A

Keiran Abel

This week we have been learning about eclipses, both lunar and solar. Shawn's dad, Russ Blake, came to talk to us about his theory on gravity. We have also been doing research on government topics. We have been working on a model shoe for the Roadstar Roadshow display. Everyone enjoyed the Talent Quest last night and we loved the awesome hosts Seamus and Alex. Have a kind, caring and thoughtful day and be good to each other. *by Jack Na and Alex*

6/7BN

Saleigh Noble/Leah Barnett

We have learnt about the moon. People cannot live on the moon because there is no oxygen. We are going to make edible moon buggies out of food. We have started planning what we will use. Mr Blake, who also visited 6/7A, came to talk to us about gravity. On Fridays we are very busy with both swimming and sport. Last night we all had fun at the Talent Quest.

by Astri and Angelika

Community News

Crossing Supervisor: We are looking for a crossing supervisor for 2 days per week starting in 2010. Please contact the office if you know someone who may be interested.