

Friday 9 October 2009

Dear Parents and Carers,

New Number: 3859 6111

Welcome: Welcome back to everyone for our final term. Our calendar shows all the activities planned for the next ten weeks. If at any time you have any questions, concerns or compliments, please feel free in contacting me.

Calendar: The term calendar is included with this newsletter. Please keep in a handy place so you can add to it as needed.

Human Swine Flu: As you may be aware, a national program to vaccinate Australians to protect against Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Influenza Virus, (Human Swine Flu) commenced on 30 September 2009. The Commonwealth, in conjunction with States and Territories, are strongly recommending vaccination for people aged 10 years and over who are in one of the following groups:

- individuals with chronic disease (eg. heart, liver, renal, lung, kidney, neurological disease)
- individuals with respiratory disease (eg. asthma)
- individuals with immunosuppression
- obese individuals with a body mass index (BMI) of over 35
- children over the age of 10 attending special schools (including students with special needs in regular school settings)
- Indigenous Australians
- pregnant women
- parents and carers of children aged between 0 – 6 months
- healthcare workers.

At this stage vaccination is only available to people 10 years of age and over. It is anticipated that the data from the clinical trials for children will be available late October. Vaccination for children will commence some time after this. Although the focus is on protecting those in the vulnerable groups, the vaccine is available to all those wanting to protect themselves in the community. Should you have any questions or concerns about your or your child's eligibility for the vaccination, please contact your G.P. or visit the Queensland Health vaccination website <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu/html/vacc.asp>

Responsible Behaviour Plan: This term we will be reviewing and developing our Responsible Behaviour Plan for 2010. To help us develop our 2010 Annual Plan we will be placing a short survey for parents in next week's KIT. This survey will help to determine parent perceptions about our school and help us develop a school plan that will be responsive to the needs of our school families. Bullying is a big issue in society and schools. Our Responsible Behaviour Plan is the document that articulates school values, rules, consequences & support and bullying strategies. We are required to review our Responsible Behaviour Plan and would appreciate any parents willing to participate in a working party. Please email or contact the office by Wednesday next week if you would like to join.

Free Concert with Nitro: To celebrate our school's participation in Active School Travel this year, you are invited to a free live concert and family event - "Roadstar's Roadshow." Hosted by Nitro from Channel Nine's The Shak, the concert and expo will be held at the Brisbane Convention Centre on Saturday 7 November. Numbers are limited, so please see the flyer attached to this newsletter and RSVP to the office by Monday 19 October to secure your spot!

No Parking: You may have noticed the new No Parking signs at the top of Kate Street. Please park further down the street. We also suggest parents stagger pick-up times between 3.00 and 3.15 to help ease congestion. A teacher is on duty for this time.

Prep Interviews: Our prep planning is well underway for 2010. I will be interviewing families on Tuesday 20 October and Thursday 22 October. If you have a child enrolled for Prep next year and have not made an appointment for an interview, please ring the school office to organise this.

Talent Quest: The children are practising hard for the Talent Quest. Please lock Thursday 5 November into your diaries for this coming event.

Auslan in the Mall: In the heart of Brisbane City Queen Street Mall! Come and see some Auslan in action. Our Signing Choir will be performing a song at 12.30. It is National Week of Deaf People from 10 to 16 October.

Active School Travel: Our winner of this week's interclass Walking Wheeling Wednesday trophy goes to 6/7A with 92%. Well done. Don't forget we now have Thousand Step Thursday as well starting next week. Make sure you walk or wheel to earn a ticket for the weekly draw and the special end of year prize of a brand new bicycle!

Regards: Brendon Madden

For Your Diary

Mon	12 Oct	Year 6 and 7 Camp
Wed	14 Oct	4/5 excursion – Auslan in the Mall
Fri	16 Oct	Movie Night and Book Jumble
Mon	19 Oct	Student Free Day

Information Headquarter News

Book Jumble on Friday: It's not too late to bring in your books for the jumble. We will be opening around 5ish for the early birds so come in and grab yourself a bargain. Thanks to those families who have donated books – there are some wonderful titles available. See you then!

Parent Volunteers: With the end of the year coming we are hoping to do some cleaning and culling to have the library sparkling for the start of next year. If you could help out regularly please see myself or Suzanne.

Leigh Hobart

Movie Night and Book Jumble

Don't forget our Movie Night and Book Jumble on Friday 16 October.



Gates open at 5.30.

Movie starts at 6.30

Enjoy a barbeque dinner and browse through the Book Jumble for some great buys. See you there!

Tuckshop News

The new orange tuckshop menu has been included with this newsletter. Please take a look for any new items or price changes and keep handy for the term. *Thuy Nguyen*

Tuckshop Roster

Tues Homebake: 13 Oct: Melissa Watson, Liz Freeman
Tues Helper: Catherine Rees
Thurs Homebake: 15 Oct: Suzy Byrnes, Nic Mahler
Thurs Helper: Rayna
Tues Homebake: 20 Oct: Caitlin Neville, Miranda Cornish
Tues Helper: Theresa
Thurs Homebake: 22 Oct: Suzy Byrnes, Natasha Johnson
Thurs Helper: Rayna

Prep

Nerida Swetman

Prep students are taking the plunge this term and learning about water safety in preparation for our swimming lessons later in the term. We are also building on our understanding of environments and will use stories such as 'The Little Mermaid' to stimulate our interest in other environments such as the ocean. Our focus this term for the 'You Can Do It' programme will be confidence. We will certainly need lots of this as we begin our explorations!

P/1CS

Michelle Coleman/Amanda Stewart

Welcome back! This term we will be travelling far and wide to learn the customs and cultures of different countries. The children have filled in their passport applications and packed their bags and next week (assuming their passport application is approved) will be travelling overseas. The first country we will be stopping at is Germany. Wish us a safe trip! Please don't forget to check out the new Show and Tell schedule. It's very important to be like Olivia Organised!

1/2B

Elitia Brennan

We have been continuing on with our study of environments and reading different cultural stories in relation to them. We will be using our knowledge of environments in our artwork where we will be looking at examples from Jeannie Baker's fantastic books.

2/3OK

Bronwyn Kelly/Elaine O'Dea

How lovely to be back together at school! We have a lot of work to get through before the end of term so have jumped in feet first – as usual! We have started looking at the structure of rhyming poetry and the children have been experimenting with poems of their own. Mrs Hamwood came in one session and showed us how to make paintings using blobs of colourful paint and a straw! We also had a visit from a Brisbane City bus driver and Tori has begun our new dance unit. She tells us that this term the children will learn the skills necessary to choreograph their own dances. Wow! Have a great weekend everyone!

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

Welcome back for Term 4. Last term the Year 4 children had an exciting camp packed with activities. Their best activities were the vertical challenge, archery, making garbage bag costumes and the bushcraft where we made damper and cooked it in the coals. The Year 3 camp will be in Week 4. Notes about medical

details have gone home. Please return these as soon as possible. Everyone enjoyed the Art Show, especially seeing their own paintings, finished and framed hanging on the wall. Last term we learned how to draw buildings. This term we are learning how to draw and paint figures, people and animals, in our paintings. Rotating maths groups have begun on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. This term we will also be participating in playball and swimming on Fridays.

4/5D

Emma Dixon/Craig Marshall

Welcome back to another action-packed, fun filled term in 4/5D. As always we are going to be super busy. Children are learning about democracy, laws and being active citizens in SOSE. Science this term has a Space focus. Children are learning the phases of the moon, the names of the planets and how the seasons work. We are also going to be performing our monologues based on our famous Australian (so parents you will have to look out for this homework activity when it comes home!) We also must welcome Mr Marshall to 4/5D. Mr Marshall will be teaching the class on Thursday and Friday (and PE on Wednesday) and is really excited to be working with our class. Interschool sport, playball and swimming are also taking place this term so children are going to be super fit!

4/5FM

Elizabeth Fletcher/Cameron Miller

We have been doing group rotations about the law and also about space and planets. Some of us have learnt how we get summer, winter, autumn and spring and others have learnt about the moon and how it moves. Did you know that when the Earth moves round, the sun lights up the moon in bits, so that's why we sometimes see a full moon or half moon etc. Soon we will present a monologue on our selected famous person that we started last term. We will use props, old-fashioned language and voice changes.

by Quang and Leif

6/7A

Keiran Abel

This week we have finished our health brochures and we are also preparing for camp. At camp we will be sand tobogganing on the sand dunes of Moreton Island. We will also be going fishing and other exciting activities. We have also begun looking at reviews on the internet in preparation for writing our own. We are looking forward to Movie Night and the Talent Quest coming up soon!

by Andre and Charlie

6/7BN

Saleigh Noble/Leah Barnett

On Thursday we had the Bus Safety lesson. We learnt about how to get on safely, where to stand and always to leave the corridor open. The Movie Night is on next Friday! We are also preparing our acts for the Talent Quest such as the *Thriller* dance and the *Rubber Duckie* song. On Monday we have our camp. We are going to Moreton Island and are especially looking forward to sand tobogganing. *by Simon and Yusuke*

Community News

Chess Classes: These are held here at school on Monday mornings from 8.00 to 8.45. Classes have begun but we are welcoming beginners any time. Classes are \$7 per lesson. Ring Connie on 0409 794 745 or simply come along.

Milton State School Fair: Saturday 10 October at Gregory Park, Milton from 10.00am to 5.00pm. Rides, stalls, food and children's activities. Please come along and have some fun.