

TOOWONG STATE SCHOOL

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Keeping in Touch *24 July 09*

New school telephone number: 3859 6111

Human Swine Influenza: *If a student is confirmed as having human swine influenza, they should be asked to stay home until they are completely well, or until at least 24 hours after their fever has resolved, whichever is the longer. They should be advised to restrict close contact (within one metre) with others as much as possible, especially with any family members who are in a vulnerable group. Anyone being tested for human swine influenza is to remain at home until test results are known. Thank you for your support.*

Athletics Carnival: *On Tuesday and Wednesday students competed in the Toowong State School Athletics Carnival. There were two great days of competition. The children tried their best and demonstrated the best of sportsmanship. Thanks to the parents who came and watched and cheered on the students. Thanks to all the helpers who were marshals, judges, timekeepers and facilitators. Thanks to Mr Marshall our new Physical Education teacher for his help and a huge thanks to Mr Potter for the amazing amount of work he gives to the preparation, running and administrating of our sports carnivals. Our age champions for this year are:*

1999 Girl: Lara Godbolt (F) 1999 Boy: Kyle Atkinson (O)

1998 Girl: Jena Smith (O) 1998 Boy: Fergus Rees (F)

1997 Girl: Jessica Sheppard (C) 1997 boy: Thomas Robson (F)

The house points were: Flinders on 1060 Cook on 935 Oxley on 833.

Districts: *This year we will have a large number of students competing on Friday 7th August (half day) and Monday 10th August in the West Taylor Bridge Track and Field events. These students will receive information notes in the near future.*

Auslan Language Models: *All our language assistants have now gone through the formal process of applying for their jobs and are now called Auslan Language Models. In addition, we would like to welcome two new ALM's to the school, they are Johamie Chuq and Anna Pavia.*

Term Calendar: *The term calendar is included with this KIT. This is a useful way for you to keep track of what's happening at the school. You may like to add further reminders, excursions and appointments as they arise.*

Walking Wheeling Wednesday: *This week the interclass trophy was won by 3/4MN with 82%.*

Walk and Talk: *Walking Wheeling Wednesday is now a fantastic part of our normal school week. But now Active School Travel is encouraging more students to 'walk and talk' as they invite a friend to walk with them. Walking is a cheap, easy, healthy way to get to school. Walking to school in a group is even better for kids who want to be with their friends & for parents who'd like to save time & petrol. In a group, students can be supervised by an adult, but a roster system means that parents don't have to go to school every day. Kids and adults also love the chance to talk to their friends, get some exercise and get to know their neighbourhood better all while reducing traffic congestion around the school gate. There are two main ways you can get a walk to school group together:*

- * Get your own informal walking group together asking classmates, friends or neighbours if they want to walk to or from school with you; OR*
- * Be part of a Walking School Bus*

The flyer attached gives you lots of information about both options. There will be great rewards for students who 'walk and talk' together this month, so make sure you read the flyer and get walking!

Brendon Madden

Band News

Our Senior Band has commenced rehearsals for Term 3 and timetables for all band related lessons should be in each classroom. A copy of the timetable is available for students should they want one. Parents are asked to ensure children bring all their equipment including music to both lessons and band practices.

Brisbane School's Band Festival: *The School Band will be entered into this festival which aims to encourage performance in a friendly and non-competitive environment. The date for performance will be Sunday 25 October. This should be an exciting performance opportunity for all. Parents wishing more information could visit the Festival's website: <http://bsbf.org.au>. Parents are reminded that you are always welcome to attend band rehearsals on Tuesday mornings to listen and/or discuss your child's progress.*

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