



# IT'S THURSDAY

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sports Assembly	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	2.00pm
Year 6 camp money due	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	
All unsold chocolates to be returned	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	
SEP Sports Day	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	11.45am-12.30pm
Semester 1 reports sent home	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	
School Assembly	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am
Last day Term 2	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	School returns Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Semester 1 Student Reports

On Wednesday June 24 Semester 1 Report Cards will be issued to all school families. Our school uses a 5 point A-E scale to report your child's learning progress for students in years 4 to 7. Students in years 1 to 3 receive a rating on a slightly different rating system which ranges from Very High, High, Sound, Developing to Support Required. The five point scale on our report cards means that we are using a consistent and understandable school-wide approach to reporting student progress. The ratings will have the same meaning across all school year levels and they will be used to report student progress against the same standards. One consistent set of meanings will ensure improved clarity as well as consistency. Sometimes parents and students consider an A or B rating as the benchmark for success, anything less can be construed as being unsatisfactory. **If your child receives a 'C' (year 4-7) or 'S' (year 1-3), it does not mean their achievement is 'just adequate'. It indicates that your child has met the school standard expected of children of their age at the time of reporting and their learning is firmly on track.**

The teacher comments on the report card will make your child's progress and achievement clear. An effort rating for each learning area will also be provided. Please consider these carefully. A child consistently doing his or her best must be acknowledged for this, even if the understanding is not quite there.

A valuable follow-up process to the issuing of the student reports will be our Parent/Teacher Conference afternoons that will be held on Tuesday August 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup>. An invitation and booking request form will be going home with all families on the first day of Term 3, Tuesday July 14.

### Sports Days Acknowledgements

It was wonderful to see so many parents and friends come along to our three days of sports carnivals this week. I'm sure you'll agree that the magnificent weather combined with the excellent organisation has made the days very enjoyable for competitors and spectators. This Friday (June 12) all event winners, placegetters and Age Champions will be acknowledged at a special Sports Assembly. Congratulations to everyone who participated and best wishes to students who've been

chosen to compete for our school at the District Athletics Championship after the mid-year vacation.

### Staffing Changes

During June/July, several of our staff will be taking either long term leave or changing duty designations. Details of these changes are as follows:

Teacher/ Class	Leave/Other Duties Status	Replacement Arrangements
Mrs Bronwyn Clemesha Prep 3	Long Service Leave From June 15 to June 26 2009	Mrs Margaret Bishop
Ms Kay Hogan Deputy Principal	Long Service Leave From June 15 to July 17 2009.	Mrs Fiona Graham (Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri) Mr Adam Farinazzo (Tuesdays)
Ms Penny Pasieczny 3E (Thurs & Fri)	Long Service Leave from July 15 to December 12 2009	Mrs Tania Richardson (Thursdays & Fridays) Ms Jane Hastie will continue to teach Mon - Wed
Mrs Marie Johns and Mrs Toni Sanderson IB	Mrs Johns: Long Service Leave July 13 to August 14 2009 Mrs Sanderson: Long Service Leave July 13 to July 31 2009	Ms Rachel Sweetnam will teach IB fulltime from July 13 to July 31 2009. Mrs Sanderson will teach IB fulltime from August 3 to August 14 2009.
Mr Jon Rowe School Grounds & Facilities Officer	Long Service and Recreational Leave from June 26 2009 to May 2010.	Position will be temporarily vacant. <b>Please refer to advertisement in this newsletter edition.</b>

With regards  
John Faragher, Principal

### ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

#### Park & Stride to feel ALIVE!

'Park and Stride' aims to reduce traffic congestion and improve road safety at your school gates. It is part of the Active School Travel program, which sets out to encourage families to walk, cycle, carpool or take public transport all or part of the way to and from school.

The benefits of walking to school are numerous. Aside from the obvious health and environmental benefits, there are also the social and safety benefits. Walking some of the way gives your child a chance to be more active, teaches them vital road safety skills and takes traffic congestion away from the school gates making it safer for everyone. Park & Stride gives you an alternative to driving door to door. Find a place to park 5 or 10 minutes walk from the school. This could be a local park or community centre. Use your school's Active Travel Map (**which is included with this newsletter**) to identify the best route to school. How easy is it for you to walk, cycle or catch public transport to school? Find out in the Forest Lake State School Active Travel Map. Brisbane City Council has produced this guide for the school as part of the Active School Travel program. Using your Active Travel Map you can identify walking and cycling paths, public transport routes and essential public facilities.

#### Your chance to WIN!

For the chance to win some great prizes enter into the family Active Travel Map competition. Complete the activities below (**both student and parent sections**) and return to the school office by **Wednesday 24 June** for the chance to win. Prizes will be presented to the first three correct entries drawn on school assembly on 26 June.

.....cut off and return to office by **Wednesday, 24 June** .....

**Student's name:**

..... **Class:** .....

**Parent's name:**

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1. What is the total number of 'red walkers' (little red walkers) shown on the Active Travel Map including the legend?

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**AND**

2. Come up with an Active Travel Slogan that can be used to further promote Active School Travel E.G. "Use your own engine"

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**\* BOTH SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED TO ENTER**

### POSITION VACANT School Grounds & Facilities Officer

The position of Forest Lake State School Grounds & Facilities Officer will be vacant from the commencement of July 2009 until May 2010.

This is a 38 hours per week position which will involve weekly rostered duties from Monday to Friday. An applicant information pack for the position will be available from the School Office from **Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>**. Closing date for applications will be **Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>**. For more information about the position please contact School Principal Mr John Faragher.

### MS READATHON

There's still time for students to join in the celebrations of the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the MS Readathon by registering to take part in the June reading event. Here's how to get involved:

**Click** online for free registration or pick up a form from the library and receive a **FREE** MS Readathon wristband.

**Flick** through books during the month of June (you can count books from other reading programs too).

**Collect** sponsorship donations from family and friends and collect some terrific rewards.

Don't worry if you didn't start on 1<sup>st</sup> June. You can still participate – just set your reading goals that you want to achieve for the MS Readathon, then start reading! Record your reading as usual and then send us back the Completion Form we send you June as soon as you can!

**Visit [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au) or call 1300 677 323 for more details.**

## HEAD LICE

There are head lice through out the school again. Please check your children's hair on a regular basis. If you are not sure of the process of treatment, the office has information on how to do this.

## LIBRARY

If you have any old empty video cases that you don't use anymore, please drop them into the library. They have a good use for them.

## CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS 2009

EVENT	NAME	HOUSE
Prep Girls	Ashlyn Crompton	Alpine
Prep Boys	Alex Dewey	Banksia
Year 1 Girls	Chelsey Talataina	Homestead
Year 1 Boys	Neo Silva	Kauri
Year 2 Girls	Lara Skinner	Homestead
Year 2 Boys	Roy Craig Joshua Jamieson	Kauri Kauri
Year 3 Girls	Elise Salerno	Banksia
Year 3 Boys	Jordan Amato	Banksia
Year 4 Girls	Sarah Morrow	Banksia
Year 4 Boys	Aron Goosen	Banksia
Year 5 Girls	Gabrielle Collingwood	Banksia
Year 5 Boys	Chandlar Brittain	Banksia
Year 6 Girls	Alex Oancea	Homestead
Year 6 Boys	Baley Row	Kauri
Year 7 Girls	Samantha Inglit	Banksia
Year 7 Boys	Lachlan Cook	Alpine

The overall House results:

1. Kauri (408 points)
2. Homestead (396 points)
3. Banksia (357 points)
4. Alpine (344 points)

## THURSDAY'S THOUGHT

Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and to be that perfectly. St Francis De Sales

## FUNDRAISING NEWS

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment books are now available, Flyers were sent home last week. The books are \$60 and are jam-packed with savings. More request forms are available from the tuckshop and the office.

### CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Thank you to all those families who have already sold a box of chocolates and returned their money. Anyone who sells a box will go into the draw to win a new bike. Plus we have an individual highest seller prize! Money is now due, so please return unsold chocolates and money to the tuckshop. Please ensure your child's name and class are clearly marked and place into the locked box.

### WINTER LIP BALM DRIVE

We are now selling lip balm sticks – 30+ sunscreen and 4 hours water resistant formula. Cost: \$3.50 each or \$3.25 each for purchases of 4 or more. Look out for the order form with this newsletter.

## HELPERS NEEDED

If you would like to help out with an event please complete the helper forms; drop in a note to the tuckshop or email Margie to [jandmnightingale@bigpond.com](mailto:jandmnightingale@bigpond.com)  
All help is appreciated.

## STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received an award on assembly:

**SEP CLASS LEADERS:** Jessica Luong, Jill Nguyen, Stephen Bargewell, Joshua Wilson, Duy Le and Aiden Streat.

**SEP CLASS AWARDS:** Stephen Bargewell, Hailey Davis, Jill Nguyen, Jacinda Flintop, Riley Herbert, Thomas Kemp, Nicholas Hindson, Ulrich Snyman, Stacey Lovell, Jarrod Mitchell and Brandon Le.

## CANS FOR TALLARA

Can collecting has restarted again. We would like to say thank you to the following students who remembered to collect aluminium drink cans.

For the week ending 22 May 09: Faithe Byrnes P4, Patrick Byrnes 2C, Tammy Bui 3A, Natalie Lawson 3A, Charlee Dee 3A, Joshua Jackman 4C, Jacqui Kay 4E, Dylan Bui 5A, Michael Rogers 5C, Madalyn Mechler 6B.

For the week ending 29 May 09: Faithe Byrnes P4, Zack Wright P4, Ryan Misa 1C, Patrick Byrnes 2C.

For the week ending 5 June 09: Faithe Byrnes P4, Ryan Misa 1C, Dan Le 2B, Anthony Dolman 2C, Patrick Byrnes 2C, Chris Mobbs 5C.

We hope you all enjoyed your ice blocks. Please don't forget to label your bags of cans with your name, class and amount of cans in the bag.

Well done, and keep up the great recycling! SEP5.

## UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open Monday and Fridays 8.45am to 10.45am.

**Fleecy Zip Jackets** \$20.50

**V-Neck Jumpers** \$18.00

**Microfibre Jacket** \$32.00

**Fleecy Track Pants** \$15.00

(available in cuffed or straight leg) Straight Leg 4-10

**Fleecy Track Pants Double Knee** - \$17.00 (4-10)

**Beanies** \$4.00

**Scarves** \$5.00

**Gloves** \$5.50

**Knitted Tights** \$14.00 **Tights 60 Denier** \$6.50

If you cannot make it into the shop, you can order by credit card over the phone and I will deliver the items to your child's classroom. If you are phoning through an order could you please phone after 10am, as it is very busy first thing in the morning. (Phone 3714-1256)

Lay-by, EFTPOS and credit card facilities available.

## LOST COCKATIEL

Mrs Todd has lost her loved pet cockatiel in the Creekwood area. His name is Ollie and he is yellow and grey. He is 2 years old. If you find him, he will not bite.

Please see Mrs Todd if you find him. Thank you.

Included in this fortnight's newsletter:

1. Winter Lip Balm order form.
2. Active School Travel FLSS Map