5 March 2014

Principal’s News

Dear parents and other care providers,

Over the last few weeks you will have noticed that there has been some media attention focused on driver behaviour at pick up and drop off times around schools. This is quite topical given the number of complaints, including one YouTube clip sent to me, regarding the behaviour of drivers around our school.

These behaviours include:

- driving on the wrong side of the road,
- double parking,
- calling children to run across the road to get into vehicles opposite the school,
- parking in 15 min zones, ignoring no parking signs and
- various other matters that increase the risk of harm to our students.

Whilst I understand that these behaviours are not demonstrated by the majority of those collecting children, I do appeal to our community generally to think of the needs and safety of the many. Whilst parking in the green zone or a 15 min zone may seem like a small thing, it can create frustration for other drivers whose children are waiting for them. Personally, I have observed drivers arriving at school very early in the afternoon and parking in short term zones. I would encourage these drivers to consider walking a distance rather than parking inappropriately as it would seem that you may have the time and capacity to take a short walk to school to collect your children. This will assist the flow of traffic in this area.

Other strategies may include picking children up 10 minutes after the bell has gone or perhaps walking, riding or scooting on fine days to introduce some additional exercise and talk time with your children into your daily routine. If using this as an option, please use paths provided and reinforce with your children to stick to the path to avoid them walking too close to the road.

Finally to assist us in maintaining a safe environment for your children, please ensure that you remind them of collection arrangements for the afternoon in the morning. This will also assist us by reducing the number of messages we need to pass on to classrooms as these impact on the teaching time of our teachers. It may also be timely to remind your children that if they have forgotten or are unsure of arrangements or if they think they have been left at school, they must to come to the office. If you see a distressed student in the school grounds or outside the gate please also send them to the office.

Many thanks to all of the families who are working to make our local area safer at these peak times; I certainly appreciate your efforts as I am sure our community does generally.

Last week saw the finalisation of our planning for the year. Having received an additional grant to support student learning we are also making some allocations to support the teaching of Reading and Numeracy. These include the allocation of additional intervention teacher time, the employment of a suitably qualified teacher to provide professional support for teachers in the areas of Reading and Numeracy, additional Teacher Aide Time and support for refined focus on using technology devices to support the teaching of Reading and Numeracy. Please note that these positions will be filled in the coming weeks and staff both within and outside the school may be interested in applying for these professional opportunities. As a result, it is possible that there may be some impact on staffing arrangements for classes. However, should this be the case we will work to source other suitable qualified staff to fill any vacancies that are created.
This funding provides a great opportunity to further support student learning and attend to their specific learning needs. The funding is focused on achieving improved results for students and will over time, support the changes to teacher practice and school programming that our plans for this year, outlined in earlier newsletters, are directed towards. This is an exciting opportunity to extend the excellent work commenced in our school and build on the great results already being achieved.

Finally this week I would like to make mention of the wonderful work being undertaken in classrooms. Over the recent weeks I have had the opportunity to visit and work in many of the class rooms in our school. It is wonderful to see the teaching of grammar, punctuation and sentence structure occurring on our classes so explicitly. It is also wonderful to see the integration of technology devices into classroom practice to support student engagement and extend their learning. Last Friday I had the pleasure of working with one group of year four students examining the historical aspects of trade, colonisation and exploration. Vasco De Garma was the focus of our session and via the student devices and interactive board in the class, we were able to trace his movements and research various aspects of his achievements. This was certainly a very interactive and enjoyable session for both me and the students. Learning in today’s classrooms is certainly very different from when we were at school.

Well done to our teachers and students for the focus and efforts maintained to the midway point of term one. I look forward to seeing further developments of over coming weeks.

William (Bill) Carey
Principal

Parent teacher interviews

In week 10 this term will be holding parent teacher interviews. This provides parents and teachers with an opportunity to identify strengths and challenges of students. All families are encouraged to book a time via the online booking process. Please be aware that this is early advice and additional information regarding times and the booking process will be sent to families when the bookings open. For now, I would encourage you to consider family arrangements during the last week of the school term and have some times and days in mind. At this stage it is anticipated that there will be a larger cluster of timeslots available on the Wednesday afternoon and evening of that week. This will also be confirmed in the final advice to families once the timetable is completed.

We look forward to taking this opportunity to meet with you to discuss your child’s progress and continue to develop the home school partnership that is so important to the success of students at school. Please be are that interviews will be limited to 15 minutes only.

P & C Furniture Replacement

Year 1 and 2 classes were happy to receive new classroom furniture recently, thanks to the P & C Furniture Replacement Plan. Years 3 and 4 classes received new furniture in December of 2013. The furniture replacement included classroom bookcases, shelving, mobile whiteboards, trapezoid tables, metal cabinets and teacher tables and chairs. This furniture has replaced old wooden furniture that had seen better years. Some of the old furniture was donated to Rotary to be shipped to schools in Papua New Guinea. Thank you to the P & C for assisting to modernise our classroom environments.

Queensland Handwriting Fonts

Students in primary schools in Queensland use the Queensland Beginner’s font and Queensland Cursive fonts in their learning. Some parents have expressed interest in sourcing these fonts to add to their home computers. The following link provides information on how to access these fonts under Creative Commons licence.

https://learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources/file/6ec3c227-4ee7-9d60-91cc-1eb43021a9d4/3/index.html

Laptop Classes Update

To ensure successful learning opportunities for students utilising a device for learning, parents and students are asked to adhere to the 1-to-1 Laptop Program Participant’s Agreement as well as Education Queensland’s policies.

It has come to our attention that some students are using private email accounts and remaining signed in to those accounts when bringing the laptops to school. This then allows students greater access to games and YouTube which are otherwise blocked by the school’s filter.

Some parents have also been creating accounts for their children and we ask that you be mindful that most email and social networking sites require the users to be aged 13+.

Additionally the school has decided to reimagine student laptops and remove the degree of personalisation on student laptops. Until now students have been allowed to customise wallpaper, mouse options, pinning to the task bar and some other options. Students will still be able to customise under the direction of
their class teacher for optimal learning purposes. For example, they may have their Term Learning Goals set as the wallpaper.

Thank you for assisting us to ensure your child’s device is set up to maximise educational opportunities in a safe environment.

Please contact Georgina Allardice at galla7@eq.edu.au or telephone the school on 3725 5777 if you have any further queries.

Class Awards

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Student Council Fundraiser: Purple Day for Epilepsy

The student council will be recognising and celebrating Purple Day for Epilepsy as their fundraiser for Term 1. This event is being held on 26th March. Children and staff are asked to wear purple on this day and bring along a gold coin donation.

Library Awards

Readers of the week:

17/2/2014 - Lily Powell 2R and Lily Nguyen 6G
24/2/2014 - Cooper Wild-McElroy 3B and Jamie-Lee Walker 5W.

The lucky book “Cinderella” was borrowed by May Cooper in 1IL.

Guess the book titles competition was won by Georgia Adams 5HF. Congratulations!

2R learns about measurement

The iPad case is shorter than the ruler.

Taking photos of objects.

In Year 2 we are learning Measurement as part of the curriculum. We have been using informal units to measure and compare things in the classroom. 2R have been measuring the height, width and thickness of different objects. The children have enjoyed using their iPads to take photos of objects and comparing them. They wrote a sentence using comparative language.

Sports Results

Met West Swimming Trials

Congratulations to the following children who competed at the Met West Regional Swimming Trials.

Holly Humphage 50m Freestyle
Ethan Frazer 50m Freestyle
Sophie Dew 50m Butterfly
Sophie Findlay 50m Breaststroke
Jasmine Fleming 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke
Ben Mooney 50m Backstroke
Zachary Lord 50m Backstroke
Ashleigh Barnett 200m, 50m free, 50m back, 50m fly, 50m breaststroke, 100m breaststroke, 100m fly

Special congratulations to Ashley Barnett who will represent the Met West Region at the Queensland Trials on 24-26 March. Ashley will compete in 200m, 50m free, 50m back, 50m fly, 50m breaststroke, 100m breaststroke, 100m fly.

Bray Miller
Physical Education Teacher
A great effort by our Swimming Team

Jindalee State School Cross Country

Please click on this link for details of Years 1-3 and Years 4-7 Cross Country program.

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Comments from our Touch Teams

**Year 5 Jindalee1**

We played Brookfield 3 this week. We won 4-0 and it was a good game. Ricardo Kelly played well for his first game and made some good touches. The captain for this week was Jaymin Gyemore.

**Year 5 Jindalee2**

We played Good New Lutheran 1 and won 3-2. It was a challenging game. We worked really well together and Rozhina Mohammadi made some good runs and touches. The captain for this week was Nat Lyons.

**P & C**

All the new classroom furniture has now been installed in Year 1, 2, 3 & 4 classrooms. I saw Mrs Irving (Year 1 teacher) on Friday afternoon and she wanted to personally thank the P&C for their beautiful new furniture. She said that it is so nice to have drawers in the desk that work, wonderful to have ample storage space and she is so excited that she has a filing cabinet that opens and closes! I said to her that I would thank the P&C but that I would also let everyone else in the school know too how thrilled the teachers are as without them we wouldn’t have been able to raise the money. Thanks everyone, we now have very, very happy Year 1-4 teachers!

Save the Date: 2014 Games Night on Saturday 3 May - Heroes and Villains theme. Previous games nights have been fantastic events and this one is set to be awesome too! Further details will follow soon.

Parent Contributions: Letters have been sent home asking for parents to pay $100 per family to support the projects that the P&C undertake. If you wish to pay in instalments please contact Cate Hottot, P&C Treasurer: catetiller@hotmail.com

Your support is very much appreciated.

Annual General Meeting: 7pm, Monday 17 March in the staffroom. All executive positions will become vacant. Please
come along and join the P&C! General meeting will follow straight after.

Can you please start saving your beer bottle caps. What is it for, you ask? You will find out soon enough! Please take them to the box in the office.

Thanks so much,
Kara James
P&C Vice President

Amenities Update

Here is an update of what we have been spending your hard earned fund raising money on over the last few months;

- **$15,000 Sports Shed (Nov 2013)** … in full use by the sports teacher Bray Miller and also After School Care.
- **$36,000 Kirinari under croft refurbishment (Jan 2014)** …in full use by years 7 and 5 students.
- **$83,000 new classroom Furniture** …
  - STAGE 1 - Year 3 and 4 classes received $40 000 furniture in December 2013.
  - STAGE 2 -Year 1 and 2 classes received $43 682 furniture in Feb 2014
  - (STAGE 3 is earmarked for 2015)
- **$20,000 GRANT APPROVED - BCCSchool Sport and Recreation Facility Upgrade Program (approved December 2013) + $28,000 from P&C Funds** …
  - This project is for the lighting the multi-purpose courts. The overall cost of this project is $48,000. This will maximise the use of this facility for local community sporting clubs, providing additional revenue for the school.

This brings the total spent by your P&C in the last 12 months to $190,000. You can view the projects your P&C funds on the school website under the Community/P&C /Amenities. Don’t forget the P&C AGM will be on Monday 17 March at 7pm in the teacher staff room. Please come along and get involved.

Thank you.
Louise Johnston
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### Tuckshop

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Our Tuesday monthly special is a meatball sub – available Tuesdays (from 4 March to 25 March) for only $4.50.

It has been great to see some new faces volunteering at the tuckshop. We still need more people, especially on Fridays. Please see me at the Tuckshop if you are interested in volunteering.

Thank you for your support,
Katie

### Jindalee State School Staff ‘Sharing the Love’ on Valentine’s Day.

Well it was a ‘sea of red’ in the staff room on Friday 14th of February with little chocolate gifts for all. The staff of J.S.S. came together to celebrate the great team we have at our school. They were all ‘sharing the love’ with a shared morning tea and by wearing red.

The tables were laden with a huge assortment of heart shaped cakes and biscuits, chocolate treats and savoury dishes. A beautiful Valentines specialty cake, created by Miss Michelle Whelan, took pride of place as the centrepiece.

Here are a couple of ‘snaps’ from the morning. We hope you enjoy sharing in our Valentines celebration.
We hope you enjoy sharing in our fun.
Kathy Hacker, Donna Miller and Sandy Weldon.
Staff Social Committee

A Message from the Chaplain

As some of you might know, SU QLD is again being forced to attend the High Court of Australia to defend the vital program of school chaplaincy. This second challenge has the potential to impact the funding of thousands of chaplains across the nation who support and encourage our students every day.

Getting to Know … Leisa Cave - Head of Curriculum

I grew up in Ayr, a small cane farming community in North Queensland.

My favourite childhood memory is of weekends spent fishing at the beach with my father and two brothers. I loved going out in my dad’s boat to check the crab pots and there was always plenty of time for a swim before heading home to cook up the days catch.

The first school I taught at was Columbia Road Primary School in London, England. After completing my teaching degree I decided I wanted to travel the world so I packed my bags and moved to London for a few years.

My all-time favourite movie is Billy Madison, it is hilarious!

On the weekends, I love to be outdoors, kayaking, bushwalking or just having a picnic in the park. As long as there is sunshine involved I am a happy person.

Something that I am really proud of is making the 2014 Queensland indoor netball team as a shadow player.

People don’t know it, but I’m pretty good at restoring old furniture.

Semester 1 Assemblies

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I Chinese Learning Centre

The I Chinese Learning Centre is holding Mandarin classes at Jindalee State School.

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