2 April 2014

Principal’s News

Dear parents and other care providers,

We have reached the end of what seems to have been a very short term. Perhaps this is as a result of all the activity, or perhaps simply me getting to know a new school. Regardless, this is the last newsletter for what has been a term of learning and learning programs for our students.

Over the last couple of weeks we have been working to progress our Great Results agenda. I would like to congratulate Caroline Duffus on being appointed as the lower school intervention teacher and Mrs Melissa Franklin on being appointed as P-2 Pedagogical Leader in Literacy and Numeracy. As Mrs Franklin will remain working in year one, in addition to this new role, there will be no impact on the students that she works with in class. I wish both these teachers well in their new roles.

In addition to these appointments we have also appointed a number of Teacher Aides who will work to provide additional support to our students in the early years. These Teacher Aides will focus their attention in developing our student’s Literacy and Numeracy skills. To see a full copy of the Great Results proposal please go to our school website or download the PDF below.

As this is our last newsletter for the term I would like to wish Mrs Shannon Cridland well as she goes on leave at the end of this week to have her baby. I would like to thank Shannon for her contribution to our school and the students. I am sure that this new addition will bring great joy to her family. Shannon will be replaced by Tina Backx whilst she is on leave.

During next term Mrs Erika Loney and Mrs Sarah Thomas will also be leaving us to have their babies. Whilst their leave is still some weeks away I wish to advise that I expect that Mrs Loney will be replaced by Ms Felicity Ruddle and Mrs Smith’s position will be filled by Mrs Angela Waugh.

Mr. Bray Miller will also be on leave for the first two weeks of Term 2. He will be replaced by Mr. Oliver Jones.

This week I also reflect on the accomplishments and activities for the term. These have included:

- The welcoming and settling of all of our new Prep students
- Revised our communication strategy to include news flashes of upcoming events
- The establishment of a new school leadership team
- The establishment of a new P&C Executive
- A very successful community movie night
- Undertaken a community consultation in relation to the proposed Pick Up / Drop Off area
- The delivery of some very successful parent information sessions and oral reporting to parents
- The delivery of an international student exchange where we again hosted a significant number of Korean students who were well supported by their Jindalee buddies
- Establishing a strong direction for the next twelve months that aligned with the school strategic plan and previous school priorities
- The development of the Great Results Guarantee package for implementation from Term 2
- The implementation of new curriculum in the area of Geography to progress the national curriculum agenda
- The delivery of numerous excursions and the Year 5 camp
- Preparation and delivery of the school Cross Country events
- The commencement of the transition process as we prepare to move Year 7 to high school in 2015
- The induction of our school leaders including Year 6 & 7 students
- The implementation of Friday interschool sport with the inclusion of Year 5 students for the first time
- The implementation of the Bring Your Own Device Program and a review process to see how the program is tracking
- The full implementation of our school’s assessment framework and standard data collection allowing for better tracking of student progress
- The completion of action planning in the area of community engagement to be commenced next term
- The commencement of planning in the area of Gifted Education for development throughout this year and
• The implementation of some very successful
classroom and specialist programs to support the
diverse learners within our school.

It has certainly been hectic and exciting term. I am now looking
forward to how these and other matters continue to be
developed over the next term. I would like to recognise the hard
work and dedication of all of our staff, the P&C and our army
of volunteers who have supported the work we have done to
date.

In closing this term I would like
to thank all of the staff and families for the warm welcome
I have been offered since my commencement at Jindalee. I
have really enjoyed the sense of community from social
activities such as the Movie Night and as I have moved
around the school in mornings and afternoons, in classrooms
and at individual meetings. My
focus is firmly placed on the
students, their learning and the complexity of the relationships
and services it takes to provide the best learning opportunities
we can. Whilst this is not an easy task, it is certainly rewarding
and I thank all of those who have taken time to provide feedback to us either acknowledging the work we are doing or
supported improved practices. I look forward to working with
you more over the coming term and wish you and your family a
safe and happy holiday period.

Mr Carey enjoying Harmony Day

School resumes on Tuesday 22 April.

Keep a watch on our school these
holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we
need you to look out for after-hours
crime in our school. If you see anything
suspicious, please call School Watch on
13 17 88.

The School Watch program is a
partnership between the Department of
Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police
It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland
schools.

Should you see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to
intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police
or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the
matter. Keep the number handy—13 17 88—and let’s work
together to help create a safer school community.

Important Message - Removal of
materials that may contain Asbestos

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Please note that over the school holiday period we will
have having some of the flooring replaced in the
administration block and the Special Education rooms.
The floor coverings in these areas are suspected of
containing asbestos. As a result they will be removed over
weekends or at times when Outside School Hours Care
is not on site. Please be aware that, at all times during the
demolition, only people associated with the removal and
those authorised to be on site are to be present.

Please also note that whilst the removal is done under
strict guidelines and will be completed in a relatively short
timeframe, the installation of the new coverings will take
up to three weeks. After the removal of the suspected
asbestos containing materials and prior to the completion
of the new installation, the areas will be safe for adults and
students. The school will be safe for students and adults
to return after the holidays.

Easter Bonnet Parade

The Prep to Year 2 Easter Bonnet Parade will be held from
2pm tomorrow, Thursday 3 April. Students in Prep to Year 2
are allowed to wear free dress.

ANZAC Day Parade

The ANZAC Day ceremony will be held at
the school on Thursday 24 April. Parents
and families are welcome to attend the
ceremony which starts at 9:45am in the
school Hall.

Jindalee State School students have been
invited to march in the Centenary ANZAC
Day march on Friday 25 April starting at
Lofts Road Jindalee (near the Police
Station) at 7:45am and concluding at
around 9am at Mount Ommaney ANZAC
Memorial.

Students participating in the march will
need to be in full Jindalee State School formal uniform, (no Year
6/7 shirts please) with black shoes and hats.
There will be no banking this week due to the holidays.

Class Awards

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Library News

Readers of the week 17/3/2014: Austin B. 1T and Rebecca S. 4G
Readers of the week 24/3/2014: Ellen B. 2S and Dylan G. 6WH
The lucky book “Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Roderick Rules” was borrowed by Marcus D-W. in 3C

Also, a friendly reminder that all borrowed library books will be overdue after Easter. Can all books please be returned in the first week of Term 2. Not sending out overdue notes will save paper, time, money and trees.

Have a safe and relaxing Easter.

Basketball - The new generation

This year Jindalee has a record five students selected in our Akuna District basketball team.

Josh, Zac, Deaken, Shaylee and Jasmine – our Akuna District Basketball representatives

The teams will compete next week at the Met West Regional carnival in Ipswich from which two regionals teams will be chosen. These teams will then train for the state titles to be held in Townsville in June. All these selected students are in Year Six and this is the first time this has happened due to the new ages for Queensland schools working their way through to this representative age.

Congratulations and good luck.

Jindalee Netball Club donates netball uniforms

Jindalee Netball club has kindly donated netball uniforms to our netball teams. The girls look fantastic in their new uniforms and are very proudly wearing them each week to their interschool competitions. THANK YOU JINDALEE NETBALL CLUB. Your kind donation is greatly appreciated.
7H celebrates Harmony Day

Harmony Day was celebrated on Friday 21 March with various class activities held throughout the day. A special Harmony Day assembly was held where the Year 4 and 5 Choir performed.

7S - A day in Ancient Egypt

On Monday 24 March, Year 7 participated in a “Hands on Education” Incursion about Ancient Egypt. We learnt about the way of life for Ancient Egyptians including the importance of the Nile, clothing, games and weapons and warfare. Everyone had the opportunity to dress up in clothes (including looking like a Mummy!), write using Hieroglyphics and investigate the numerous Gods and Goddesses. As well as being informative, everyone had a great time!

5HF go to Camp Goodenough

The Year 5s attended Camp Goodenough for three fun-filled nights on the 17, 18 and 19 March. All the students challenged themselves to participate in some real hair-raising activities. They also had to learn a few things about working together as a team, especially if they wanted dinner!

Here they are enjoying some of the awesome activities.

Here is what some of the students in 5HF had to say:

“Camp Goodenough is an amazing place, jam-packed with fun, fun and more fun!” by Jessica

“It has awesome activities such as high ropes, crate stacking and team pursuits. If you think that’s fun you should see the rest!” by Jacob

“The activities at Camp Goodenough help you conquer your fears, work together and improve trust.” By Thevinu

“Some of the food (from breakfast to dinner) is so scrumptious, you must taste it!” by Allister

“In your cabins you won’t like everyone but that’s the good thing because you can become friends with them and get to know all about them.” By Lachie

P&C News – P&C Secretary Needed

We have a fabulous P&C Executive Committee but need one more member to join our team – a secretary.

The main part of this role is taking the minutes at the Executive meeting once a month and the General Meeting once a month. If you are able to fulfil this position, please email pandc@jindaleess.eq.edu.au

Heroes and Villains Games Night - Sat 3 May

If you haven’t yet been to a P&C games night you must attend this one. Each year we get more people attending as the word gets out that it is a night not to be missed! It is an awesome night to get together with other class parents, friends and/or family. It is a great way to get to know other people and have a fantastic time.

Tickets are $15 each with tables of 8-10 people. There will be a licensed bar, (including a cocktail machine), cent auction, silent auction and gold coin donation games.

Arrival time is 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start. Paul “Campo” Campion from 97.3FM will once again be our host for the night. You can find the entry form on the school website and if you have any questions you can contact Rachel Chitoni: rachel@rachel.ch

Come on, get a table together! We would love to beat our previous record of 152 people attending! A very big thank you to Julie Bazal for the fantastic logo and graphic design work for the games night!

Thanks,
JSS P&C Games Night Committee

Launching the 2014 Fete Theme

This year’s JSS Fete has an Aussie flavour. The theme of this year’s fete is “I Love a Sunburnt Country” and will be held on Saturday 30 August. We will be creating an electronic fete
newsletter this year called “The Dirt” which will give you all the necessary information about donations we need, stalls that still need conveners, sponsors, fete progress etc…..

Thank you so much to the 14 conveners from last year who are happy to organise stalls again and we are also grateful to the three new conveners who have come onboard too. Please keep an eye out next term for the convener table to see the gaps where we still need conveners.

It would be awesome to have iconic Australian games in sideshow alley such as thong/gumboot throwing, so if you have any ideas and/or want to organise it just let me know.

Donations needed:

Trash ‘n’ Treasure items can now be taken to Storage Choice, 50 Spine Street, Sumner Park. No electrical goods or kid’s car seats or baby capsules please. Thanks to Paul from Storage Choice for your ongoing support!

Please start saving your metal bottle caps (preferably undamaged) and take them to the box in the office.

When we get a Jam stall convener they will need jars so please start saving these. Wait for the call to bring them to the office (cleaned and with the labels removed).

If anyone is able to email companies (list provided) to request donations for the fete please let me know.

STEPHANE BOWKER
info@whodunnit.com.au
0413 873 036

Thank you to Stef from Who Dunnit? Graphic Design for our awesome logo design and all the marketing and promotional material for the fete.

Kara James
2014 JSS Fete Convener & Vice President
kjames@fresheyesqld.com

Time to get creative, Kids!
The Drawing Competition is on again for this year. The FETE Theme is I Love a Sunburnt Country.

You can find all the details by clicking the link below, or downloading the PDF:


Drawings should be handed in to the school office. The competition closes on the 9 May.

A Message from the Chaplain

Week Two of the Back Our Chappies bus tour has been an incredible journey around Queensland, meeting inspiring chaplains who are working so uniquely to meet the needs of their communities.

The bus tour has just finished its second week on the road. During Week One of the tour, a team from SU QLD travelled from Brisbane to Longreach, with more than a dozen events along the way, and Week Two has been just as busy.

Between the 17th and 23rd of March, the bus has travelled from Longreach to Mount Isa, Richmond, Charters Towers, Cairns, Townsville, Mackay and now to Rockhampton. They’ve made their way from the western outback, up through far north Queensland, and down the coastal road into the cattle country of central Queensland.

Events in each town have been attended by hundreds of supporters, Local Chaplaincy Committee members and locals. Whether it’s been fundraising events, information sessions or informal gatherings, there’s been an amazing sense of community because we’re all motivated by the same purpose - to bring hope to our young people in our own way. It’s been a really powerful adventure.

Still to come on the tour are Gladstone, Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, Maryborough, Gympie and the Sunshine Coast before we reach Brisbane and make our way down to southern Queensland. We hope to see you at one of those events.

If you would like to see the highlights of the Chappie Bus Tour, or to find out more about school chaplaincy, visit http://backourchappies.com.au/tour

From Monday (17th) until Wednesday (19th) of March, close to 100 year 5’s set off down to New South Wales to attend their very first school camp at Camp Goodenough!

Over the course of the camp the students participated in 5 activities that helped them develop important life skills and values that they face every day. Learning to push through their comfort zone and achieve goals that they didn’t think they could reach (including some of the teachers too!) These activities included High Ropes, Team Pursuits, Crate Stack, Giant’s Playground, and Giant Swing.

It was very inspiring to see students completing activities that they thought they would never achieve. It even encouraged me to achieve activities that tested my fear of heights (as I am absolutely petrified of heights!)

It was a great to be back at Camp Goodenough (as I was there with Year 6 last year) and can’t wait to be back there again (hopefully) next year! The highlight of the camp for me was to see how much the student grew over the 3 days together.
The Easter holiday is coming up at the end of this week! Please make sure you have a safe and enjoyable holiday and see you back for term 2! Have a fantastic week and remember to stay safe!

Joshua Green

Getting to Know …Susan Stenlake - Year 7 Teacher

I grew up in country Queensland being born in Barcaldine, moving to Dalby then onto Mackay. We finally moved to Brisbane when I was 14.

My favourite childhood memory is going on a trip to the United States with my family. We went on a tour and went to Disneyland, Universal Studios, Grand Canyon and Las Vegas (just to name a few places).

The first school I taught at was Eagleby South State School on a year 1 class.

My friends and family would describe me as a “lovely caring Mum who can sometimes get frustrated but deals with it in a very, very good way” (my son Oscar).

Something that I am really proud of is my husband and his effort in the Arizona Tri-Athlon and my son and his drumming ability!

My all-time favourite movie is – I can’t name just one. I love so many different styles of movies.

Someone who inspires me is my Dad because he can talk the talk and walk the walk.

In the weekends, I love to sleep in.

The best holiday I have ever had was 12 months travelling around Europe, United Kingdom and the States as well as 3 months travelling around Australia.

People don’t know it, but I’m good at playing the piano.

Centenary State High School information evenings

Prospective parents of Year 7 and Year 8 students for 2015 at Centenary State High School -

You are invited to Information Evenings and Forums. Please click on the links below for further information.

Ash Tennis

Ash Tennis is now taking bookings for Term 2 coaching at Jindalee State School! Give us a call on 0413288874 or send us an email at info@ashtennis.com for more information.

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