A Day to Smile

Jindalee State School opened its doors to five new prep classes yesterday and it was smiles all around as our new students engaged in their first day experiences. There were a few tears in the early part of the day as the initial separation from Mum, Dad and other family members mixed with the heightened emotions of the day but by the end of the first hour the tears had been replaced by curiosity and excitement.

Despite the threat posed by the aftermath of the storm and the river flood, school went ahead as planned and it was a perfect day. The sun was shining, the cleaners and grounds staff presented the school in first class condition and thanks to the efforts of our parents and citizens association in air-conditioning our entire school, the thirty-four degree temperatures yesterday did not interfere with learning or comfort. Thankfully, reports from our local community indicate that most staff and families were spared the damage to property caused in the 2011 floods. The emotional anxiety was still present and we are monitoring our students to ensure those who may require support and counselling will be identified. Any families who are in need of assistance should contact the school for advice.

The Year Ahead
2013 promises to be a very exciting school year. We have set the bar high in our academic achievements of previous years and we are aiming to improve on those results this year. We have had a number of staff changes, some permanent and other temporary.

Our deputy principal, Mr Tvede, is this term acting principal at Serviceton South State School. During his absence we have welcomed our new head of curriculum, Ms Leisa Cave. Mrs Caroline Duffus has also resumed her position in the school’s admin team to support teaching and learning in the classroom. We have combined the deputy principal and head of curriculum positions to create an assistant principal curriculum (Ms Cave) and assistant principal teaching and learning (Mrs Duffus). Mr Heard has assumed many of the organisational roles previously managed by Mr Tvede, including facilities and international students.

Last week, our school staff spent four days engaged in professional development learning to assist us achieve our goals for the year. Two of the days involved staff in learning about teaching and learning from Victorian principal and educational leader, John Fleming. Mr Fleming has achieved outstanding results in student learning in the two schools he has worked in in recent years as well as other schools he has supported in Queensland, Western Australia and Victoria. He shared with staff his program and strategies for teaching and learning and stressed that successful students were engaged in meaningful learning every day and that all students can be high achievers. We have already identified a number of actions that we will implement in our teaching and learning this year and will continue to consider the examples that Mr Fleming shared.

Pictured below is John Fleming talking with Jindalee State School staff.
Welcome
New staff joining the school this year are:

Ms Jill Gardiner year six, Mrs Tracy Hume year five, Mrs Michelle Whelan year five, Mr Tom Moran year two and Ms Pippa Ivers year one. We also welcome Mrs Tamie Miller working part-time with Mrs Emma Vaughan in year two.

A special welcome also to our new students joining us in classes other than prep and to their families. Our parent information nights will be held in the week beginning 11th February. This is an opportunity for parents to meet your class teacher and discuss the year ahead. Information will be forwarded to you by the class teacher and dates will be in the newsletter and on the website.

Every Child Every Day
School commences at 8:50am each day. Children must be in their classroom ready to learn when lessons commence at 9:00am. It is absolutely critical that every child is engaged in their learning every day.

It is recommended that children arrive at school at 8:30am each day. This will give them time to prepare for the day and to be organised and ready for class at 8:50am. The bell times are 8:30am for school preparation, 8:50am to go to class and 9:00am for learning to begin. If a child is late for school, they are being denied the opportunity to learn. Just five minutes a day equates to over two months of missed learning across their school years. It is vitally important that parents and students ensure they are punctual for school every day.

Picking Up Students
Parents and other family members are very welcome to come to school to pick up students in the afternoon. It is important that those waiting for students do not wait in areas that may interfere with student learning. Please wait in areas out of view of the classroom and resist the temptation to peer into classroom windows and wave to children. The dismissal bell rings at 3:00pm and students will be available outside their classroom after this time. Parents with younger children should also ensure they do not play near classrooms as this may also distract from student learning.

Parking around the school is also at a premium and there are a number of no parking and no standing areas. These parking restrictions must be followed to ensure the safety of our children. The pick up or green zone has strict guidelines to assist in the safe and orderly pickup of students. Full details will be provided in a separate publication. If you are unsure of how to use the green zone, please contact the school office or Queensland Transport. If you are driving around the school, the lives of our students are in your hands!

If you would like more information on this or any other road/child/bike safety or other transport issue:
Contact Queensland Transport
Phone:  (07) 3813 8607
Fax:  (07) 3812 4422

Class Parent Representatives
A big warm welcome to the new school year everyone.
With the start of the new school year, we are looking for wonderful volunteers to take on the role of class parent representative for their class. This year we are hoping to get 1 or two representatives per class.

Class parent reps play an important role in fostering a good school community. They create class contact lists, forward on school information and some choose to organise class get-togethers. This role should take up very little time and is all about fun.

If you're interested, please contact your child's teacher. Once you've done that, please email me your name and which class/es you represent. Thank you.

Rachel Chitoni  Rachel@Rachel.ch

School Newsletter
Our school newsletter is published weekly each Wednesday during term. The newsletter is published on the school website by noon (or shortly after) on the day of issue. Parents may opt to receive hard copies by advising the school office by phone or email.

To receive the newsletter by email, please contact us at info@jindaleess.eq.edu.au with the name and class of your eldest child and “newsletter reminder” in the subject matter and the email address you want us to use.

The newsletter is accessible from the school website- http://jindaleess.eq.edu.au from the drop-down menu of Calendar and News.

For those parents who are still receiving the newsletter via email and who no longer have a student at our school, please email info@jindaleess.eq.edu.au and request to have your email address removed.

Tuckshop Volunteers
Volunteer work for our school community is hugely appreciated and vital for providing an environment for our kids that is both positive and inspiring. Volunteering to our roster one morning a month 9:00-11:30am has advantages far greater than the time contributed - meeting other mums is valuable, tea, coffee and canteen lunch pleasurable.

If you can't volunteer, a list of items wanted as ‘donations’ is available. Tuckshop committee members are valued for their input regarding decisions such as equipment purchases right through to menu inclusions.

Meetings are on the second Tuesday each month from 2:00-3:00pm. Some committee members will no longer have primary schoolers, so we look forward to new parents joining up in 2012.

Please phone the Tuckshop directly (during school hours) on 3725 5719 or the school office on 3725 5777.

Melissa Wilkin, Tuckshop Convenor
P&C Meeting
The first P&C meeting for the year will be on Monday, 18 February at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome.
We would like to see new parents to the school attend our first meeting and hopefully join the P&C for a very rewarding experience.

Uniform Shop
Many thanks to the ladies who did a wonderful job serving the many customers.

Opening Hours
Every Tuesday 8.30am to 9.30am
First Wednesday of month - 4.30pm to 5.30pm
All other Wednesdays of month - 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Uniform Shop Ph: 3725 5715  Helen 0431 882 068

Volunteers
Volunteers needed for Tuesday mornings or Wednesday afternoons - please phone Helen on 0431 882 068.

Lost Property
There is often an accumulation of uniforms, hats and lunch boxes at the Lost Property which is situated under the Year 3 stairs. This area should be checked for any lost articles. It is essential that every item of property is clearly labelled with the student’s name. This will certainly minimise losses. Please also check that your child has their own hat.

USB Stick with baby photos from 2010. If you think this belongs to you, please contact the school office.

Helping Children To Make Friends
If possible, establish a dialogue with your child about friendships so that you can offer support when there are difficulties and provide some ideas when needed.

Teach some social skills such as how to start up a conversation and how to hold the interest of others during a conversation.

Provide opportunities for your child to make friends at your place after school or during weekends so that friendships can develop. An invitation to bring a friend along to a family outing can provide opportunities to strengthen friendships.

Encourage your child to participate in ‘out-of-school’ activities or groups that may provide opportunities to meet new people away from the peer groups at school. Friendships formed through shared interests are very strong.

Calendar of Events

Term 1: 29 January to 28 March (9 weeks)

February
11-14 Parent/Teacher Meetings
15 West Akuna Swimming Carnival
18 P&C Meeting 7pm Staffroom
21 Hands on Education - Yr 2
25 Visit by Sue from Jacobs Well - Yr 3
25 Evergreen Rainforest - Prep

Term 2: 15 April to 21 June (10 weeks)

Term 3: 8 July to 20 September (11 weeks)

Term 4: 7 October to 13 December (10 weeks)

Assembly Dates
To be advised

Tuckshop News
Volunteers needed for one day per month. If you can only volunteer on an occasional basis, your time would be very much appreciated. From time to time, we may request donations of various items. Stay tuned.

Tuckshop Roster
Tuckshop Direct: 3725 5719  Melissa Wilkin
Tuckshop: 3725 5719  Office: 3725 5777

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Art and Fun!

Term 1 - Design, Printmaking textiles, Calico bag, Painting, Collage and Clay.

When: Wednesday 30th January for 9 weeks.
Time: 3.30 - 5pm.
Cost: $225. All art materials supplied.

Where: Sally Lehman Art Studio, Indarooopilly.
Who: Students in Prep - Year 7.

Sally Lehman is a practising artist who has 25 years experience in the arts, a degree in Art and Design, child care qualifications and a current Blue Card.

Phone Sally 33786898 or mobile 0413274084
Email: sallylehman@hotmail.com

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Taylor Bridge Junior Rugby Union

SIGN ON

2013

Taylor Bridge Junior Rugby Club invites all new and existing players to sign on for club rugby 2013. TBJRC has a high proportion of players from this school represented and would greatly welcome more.

Club rugby for U6 –U9 is played on Saturdays and U10-U17 is played on Sundays.

In 2012 we introduced a Bull Shark Pups Training Squad for 3 and 4 year olds that we will continue with for 2013.

TRAINING

Friday nights at 5:30pm at Graceville Memorial Park (across the road from Graceville State School), starting Friday 22 February.

REGISTRATION

Saturday 2nd February and Sunday 10th February from 9am – 2pm at Graceville Memorial Park.

Alternatively you can register on any training night from Friday 22nd February.

Registration fees are as follows:

- 1st player: $260
- 1st sibling: $230
- 2nd+ sibling: $210

Registration includes free club training shirt, socks, shorts, insurance and levies, team photo and end of season trophy for each player.

For more information please contact the Club on 0431 254 482.

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Kenmore Rugby

Sign-on Dates for Upcoming 2013 Season

Is your child aged 5 to 16 and looking for a fun, team-oriented sporting activity for 2013? We are a genuinely community-focused club of over 500 players from under 6 upwards.

Boys and girls alike, we would love to have you join us in 2013.

Sign-on dates are:

- Sunday 20th January - 9am to 12pm
- Saturday 2nd February - 9am to 12pm
- Sunday 3rd February - 9am to 12pm
- Saturday 16th February – 5pm to 8pm*

*Televisioned Reds vs Brumbies Game starting at 7.40pm. Canteen will be operating.

Sign on is at the Clubhouse at Akuna Oval, 50 Hepworth St, Chapel Hill

Registration enquiries to President@kenmorerugby.com.au or visit the website www.kenmorerugby.com.au
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WEST BRISBANE FALCONS BASKETBALL CLUB
SIGN ON DAY - Saturday 02 February 2013
Centenary State High School Sports Centre, Moolanda St, Jindalee.
8.00am - 9.00am U8 Mixed and U10 Boys & Girls;
9.00am - 10.00am U12 Boys & Girls;
10.00am - 11.00am U14 Boys & Girls;
11.00am - 12.00pm U16 Boys & Girls, U18 Boys & Girls
Please arrive prior to the designated time for your age group and be dressed ready to train. Please wear appropriate footwear and bring a water bottle. Further details: 0450 105 252, westbrisbanebasketball@hotmail.com or www.westbrisbane.basketball.net.au
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We wish all students a positive start to 2013!
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www.thecrunchtutoring.com.au
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Ash Tennis has a limited number of spots left for junior coaching at Jindalee State School in Term 1 2013! Places are filling up fast so get in touch now to lock in a spot!

Give us a call on 0413288874 to sign up, or send us an email on info@ashtennis.com. If you would like more information or enrolment forms, please see our website www.ashtennis.com. Look forward to seeing you on the court!