We are currently in the information age, the digital age where information and technology provide the knowledge and those who have the ability to access the knowledge are the ones most likely to be successful. At Jindalee State School, our students and parents are at the forefront of that success as we access and share more information about our students and their learning. This week we have been engaged in sharing that information through the parent information sessions for all classes from Prep to year seven.

Teachers have conducted information sessions for parents about their plans and expectations for the year and have invited parents to be partners in their children’s success. The information age is not just confined to the laptop and iPad classes. The information and communications technology is accessible across all classrooms and learning areas. Teachers and other education staff are engaging children in learning that allows them to access information, critically analyse the information and apply the information to more and more contexts. Learning how to read requires information and information provides skills. The skills in applying their own abilities to the learning, allow our students and parents to determine their success. Across all of our thirty-six classes, teachers and students are focused on explicit learning that uses the information age to bring about deeper learning and application.

According to author, Daniel Pink, we are nearing the end of the Information Age and moving into the Conceptual Age. Here, the creators and empathizers will be the new leaders. Our students are already learning to see beyond the present and to take in the big picture view of the future. They are learning to use their emotional intelligence to go beyond the boundaries of logic to use their intuition and to learn through play. The skills they have gained in accessing knowledge will be supported by how to use that knowledge to reach their future potential through the learning partnership between student, parent and teacher.

School Uniforms
Jindalee State School is a uniform school and all students are required to wear their uniform to school every day. Details about the uniform can be found at the school website and a copy of the uniform policy will be posted on the website next week. In addition to the correct clothing and footwear, students’ general appearance must also be neat and tidy. Shirts must be worn tucked in and other than a watch or medical bracelet, no other jewellery may be worn. Sleepers or studs may be worn in pierced ears. Makeup, including nail polish, is also not to be worn to school. Long hair should be brushed and kept out of the face and short hair evenly cut without tracks or shapes. Any questions about uniform should be directed to the office or uniform shop.

Punctuality
To ensure every child is engaged in learning every day, it is important that children arrive at school at or shortly after 8:30am. They must move to class at 8:50am and be engaged in learning at 9:00am.

P&C Meeting
The Parents’ and Citizens’ association is the peak parent group in the school. It meets every month on the third Monday at 7:00pm. The P&C discusses issues critical to the success of our school including school plans, budgets, policies and programs. In consultation with the principal, the P&C is responsible for overseeing school planning and performance.

All members of our school community are eligible to attend meetings and to join the association. The first meeting for the year is to be held in the staff room in the admin building next Monday, 18 February at 7:00pm.
Students receiving Private Therapy
At Jindalee State School, there is a commitment to children receiving uninterrupted learning times. Whilst the school acknowledges that it is very important for some of our students to receive therapy from private sector therapists, it is hoped that, in most instances, this can be done outside school hours.

The school STLaN is currently making a register of all students receiving private therapy. If your child attends private therapy sessions, it would be appreciated if you could email details to Janet Singer: jsing52@eq.edu.au

Where parents need their child to attend therapy sessions during school hours, the child’s class teacher should be contacted to arrange a time which is least disruptive to the child’s learning. Parents should advise the class teacher of any changes to times.

In instances where a private therapist wishes to provide therapy services during school hours, parents must complete an “Approval for Private Service Provider to provide Therapy Services at Jindalee State School” form notifying the school of the intended service to be provided. The therapist must also contact STLaN, Janet Singer, to arrange a suitable time (in consultation with the class teacher) and venue for sessions.

Student Achievements
Parents are welcome to let the school know when their children receive awards or experience success in activities outside of school. We are happy to acknowledge these achievements in the school newsletter or on assembly. Simply phone or email the school office to provide details.

Whooping Cough
Recently, there has been a suspected case of whooping cough (pertussis) in a person attending our school. Whooping Cough is a highly infectious illness that is spread by coughing and sneezing. The illness is troublesome and distressing at any age but can be very serious in young infants.

Parents should check their children’s immunisation records and ensure their child is up to date with routine childhood vaccinations. More information is contained in the Whooping Cough Fact Sheet available from the school office or at Queensland Health http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/BacterialInfections/whoopingCoughPertussis_fs.asp For further information, contact Brisbane Southside Public Health Unit on 3000 9148.

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Tuckshop Volunteers - Urgent
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 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

Lost Property
Please ensure all items of the school uniform (including hats) are clearly named. Lost property is situated under the Year 3 stairs.

Chess Club
Chess Club will be on again this year. Look for details in the newsletter in a few weeks’ time.

Cross Country Training
Commences: Monday 18 February 2013. All children in Years 4-7 are invited to attend Cross Country training on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7:45am to 8:20am on the oval.

Children are encouraged to train in their own clothes (shorts and t-shirt or singlet) not their school uniform. Students will change into their school uniform after the training session. Encourage your child to have a light breakfast at home prior to training. A light breakfast will be provided to students after the training session.

If you wish your child to participate in the training, please complete the form below and return to the office prior to Monday, 18 February. There is no cost involved.

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PERMISSION FORM
2013 CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

I give permission for my child in Class .....................

Name: ........................................................................................................

to participate in Cross Country Training before school on the oval—Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays from 7:45am to 8:20am, commencing 18 Feb.

If your child has any medical condition which may impede their participation in the training, please attach a separate note regarding the condition.

........................................................ Parent/Caregiver

(Return this permission to the office)
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Opening Hours
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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.

Last chance for Year 7 shirts
The final Year 7 shirt order will be submitted to the manufacturer at the end of next week. This is your last opportunity to CHANGE or ADD to your order. Contact Helen on 3725-5715 (Uniform Shop) or text details to 0431 882 068. No changes or additions will be accepted after Friday 15th February.

10 top lunchbox ideas

1. The three bowl approach: Fill one bowl with fruit, one with treats and one with dairy (such as tubs of yoghurt or cheese sticks). Let the children make their own lunches by selecting one item from each bowl. Just add a sandwich, a bottle of water and lunch is ready.

2. Moving on from bread: Try bagels, wraps, multigrain sandwich crackers, pitta bread, hot cross buns, scones or pikelets.

3. The surprise factor: Okay, so your child will not budge from the Vegemite sandwich. Introduce the unexpected by cutting their Vegemite sandwich with a cookie cutter. It may well be their first step in understanding that variety is the spice of life.

4. The leftover lunch: Cook a little extra dinner the night before and save for lunch the next day. Roast chicken, pasta salad, quiche, homemade pizza slices and sausages are just a few examples that are delicious cold.

5. The lunchbox: If you use a lunchbox that keeps food chilled, you can send tubs of yoghurt, small containers of dip or cottage cheese mixed with pineapple pieces to school without fear of salmonella poisoning.

6. Perfect packaging: hard boiled eggs, small tins of baked beans or tuna and the ziploc bag are a sandwich’s best friend - no spills; no soggy sandwich.

7. Filling fillings: Banana and honey; mashed egg and mayonnaise; ham, cheese and tomato; cream cheese, tuna, cucumber and carrot.

8. The love note: Add a little message from you to brighten their day.

9. No sneaking things in: Children will be more likely to eat their lunch if they have had a hand in preparing it. See idea 1.

10. Find something new: Ask other mums what they offer their children for lunch.

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

February
11-14 Parent/Teacher Meetings
13 SACP Committee Meeting 7:30pm Staffroom
15 West Akuna Swimming Carnival
18 P&C Meeting 7pm Staffroom
21 Hands on Education - Yr 2
22 Interschool Sport starts
25 Visit by Sue from Jacobs Well - Yr 3
25 Evergreen Rainforest - Prep Pay by Wed.13th
27 Met West Swimming

Assembly Dates
Junior 1:50 | Senior 2:30

February
20 Badge Presentation
27 Aussie of Month

March
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School Crossing Supervisor

Relief School Crossing Supervisor Position
A position exists at our school for a relief school crossing supervisor. If you would like to help out in the school community and get paid to do so, please contact Elizabeth Vince (Road Safety Officer) on 3813 8607.

Tuckshop News
We are very low on volunteers. If you can help, please call me at the Tuckshop or drop by. I would be very happy to see you!

Donations: Aprons and tea towels.

Tuckshop Roster
18 - 22 February
Tuckshop Direct: 3725 5719  Melissa Wilkin
Office: 3725 5777

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FREE - “HOW TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD’S READING” WORKSHOP

Education starts at home and parents and families are their children’s first teachers. With this in mind, the Free Parent Ready Readers training program provides parents and carers of children in Prep to Year 3 with some key strategies to use at home to support their child’s reading and to develop a love of books prior to developing their reading abilities.

The training runs for approximately 90 minutes and consists of four modules:

1. What is literacy?
2. Understanding the reading process
3. Stages of reading
4. Listening to your child read and reading to your child

Participants receive a Parent Ready Readers booklet with training notes, reading activities and additional resources, which will help to build a lifelong love of reading.

Session times for 2013 - you may attend any venue that is convenient to you.

Tuesday 19 March 2013 9.30am – 11.00am Woodcrest State College - Springfield
Monday 29 April 2013 9.30 – 11.00am Albany Creek State School – Albany Creek
Friday 19 July 2013 9.30 – 11.00am West End State School - West End
Wednesday 16 October 2013 9.30 – 11.00am Warrigal Road State School - Eight Mile Plains

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