The Jindalee State School fete is on this weekend. On Saturday 31 August between 11.00am and 7.00pm the school will become a sea of entertainment and magic as the school presents our ‘Under the Sea’ celebrations for the community. The day promises to be a fun filled day with entertainment galore, stalls by the boatload and enough food to satisfy a whale of an appetite. The nautical theme includes stalls like The Trash and Treasure Island, Coral Cave of Craft, Jellyfish Jams and Shipwrecked Showbags and The Octopus’ Garden Centre.

In addition there will be the usual favourites with coffee in the Captain’s Cabin, drinks, pizza, barbecue, ice blocks, strawberries and ice cream, fish and chips and the Buccaneers Bar for the adults. The young and adventurous will be catered for by an array of rides including the Dodgem cars, Super Sizzler, Dominator, Ferris Wheel, the Giant Slides and at a slightly slower pace the tea cups and the merry go round. And for those wanting to take a more leisurely ride the Sea Horse ponies will come along too.

The entertainment will crank up during the day with school bands and string orchestra playing, student class performances, marimba bands and school choirs will lead the way and will be supported by community groups from Ritz and Elite dance schools, fitness and dance, Tae Kwon Do demonstrations, the Splitz Cheer Squad and Monika’s dance studio. The Jindalee Jazz orchestra will provide a big band experience leading into the spectacular fireworks display which will be the highlight of the night and close the fete.

Those looking for a bargain will want to be present at the live auction which starts at 4.30pm. There are usually some magnificent donations worth hundreds of dollars that have gone for a fraction of the price. There will also be a wide variety of raffles, cent auctions and lucky drawers selling throughout the day with most prize winners drawn at 6.30pm. The fete begins at 11.00am and continues throughout the day finishing after the fireworks display at approximately 7.30pm.

The 2012 fete was a major event for our school and our community. It was very successful for the Parents and Citizens Association as its major fund raising event of the year and all of the funds are invested in our school and students providing them with the educational support they need.

How You Can Help
You can help make the fete a great success by coming along on the day. Letting your family, friends and neighbours that the fete is on and encourage them to come, help out on one of the fete stalls (phone the school office 37255777), come along early Saturday to help set up and stay after the fireworks to help clean up and put away. All of those working at the fete are volunteers, giving their time to help our school and community. Your contribution will make a difference for all of us. While you are at the fete you can assist by placing all your rubbish in a bin and picking up litter that is left on the ground. Parents should also be aware what their children are doing and provide appropriate supervision.
During the past six weeks, Jindalee State School has been conducting consultation around the Independent Public School proposal. A number of meetings were held, consultations conducted and information shared. The proposal offered our school the opportunity to

1. Reduce Red Tape and bureaucracy
2. Become more autonomous and
3. Gain an additional $200000 to support our school and students.

All members of the school community were invited to participate in the decision whether to submit an expression of interest for inclusion in the IPS program for 2013 by submitting their preference on Monday 26 August.

We received a relatively small response with a total of one hundred and thirty seven votes out of a possible pool of almost 700. On the EOI decision 60% of all respondents were in favour of the proposal with parents and public service staff endorsing IPS proposal by 70%. Members of the teachers union voted only 40% in favour and teacher aides 30% in favour.

As the consultation process required all four stakeholder and union groups to be in favour of submitting an EOI we will not proceed. The government has indicated they will call for expressions of interest again in 2014. Members of the school community may wish to keep the current and future independent schools under observation to see whether it is worthwhile considering submitting and EOI next year.

In the meantime Jindalee State School will proceed with our current school improvement agenda and look at ways we can maximise the opportunities for our students under our current operating principles. We have a review of our school supportive behaviour program underway and due to report by the end of term, we will be establishing a number of parent and community consultation and reference groups as part of Education Queensland’s Community Partnerships Policy and we have a strong focus on maximising student outcomes by a focus on developing our teaching and learning.

We have some very exciting times ahead and the support of our parents and community and the P&C Association will ensure that we are able to design and deliver a clever future for every one of our students today.

**School Parking**

To state the obvious, parking is at a premium around our school and it becomes an even more difficult proposition in the afternoon when parents arrive to collect children. There are some marked spaces in both Burrendah Rd and Wongaburra St which have designated times and limits. In addition we also have a disabled parking space in Wongaburra St. It is important that motorists obey these directions so that everyone has the opportunity to park. **Parking permits are required to park in a designated disabled parking space at any time.**

The time limits for parking also apply from the time the vehicle arrives, not from school dismissal time. Vehicles are parked in the two minute pickup zone for up to half an hour before school is dismissed. This is both illegal and disrespectful to other motorists. In the past week we have also had incidents of motorists behaving in totally inappropriate ways by arguing with each other often in front of our students.

Your courtesy, patience, understanding and tolerance is essential in making sure we provide the safest and most supportive environment for our children.

**Prep Enrolment Meetings**

Parents of students enrolling at prep at Jindalee in 2014, will be contacted in the next week regarding attending an enrolment interview. The interview will take 20-30 mins and will involve both parents and child. During the interview parents will be asked to complete a questionnaire about their child and the child will also complete a short assessment indicator with the help of the teacher. The remainder of the interview will involve sharing information.

Interviews will be conducted by members of the school admin team and will provide the school with information on which to ensure the appropriate placement and support for each child. Confirmation of an enrolment place will occur in late October. If you wish to enrol and Jindalee and have not already done so you should submit and enrolment application as soon as possible.