

From the Principal Tim Farrell

21 October, 2009

Construction of new hall and resource centre to commence

Our school will benefit from the Australian Government's \$14.7 billion Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan "Building the Education Revolution (BER) Program" which as one of its objectives is to build learning environments to help children, families and communities participate in activities that will support achievement, develop learning potential and bring communities together. We will be receiving a new multi purpose hall and resource centre valued at \$2.5 million. The school and P&C representatives have been working closely with the Project Manager, Capital Insight and the Department of Education and Training to determine the best location for these new buildings in areas that preserve our existing buildings and landscaping and enable easy access for community use. The multi purpose hall will be built between the school pool and Sandgate Road boundary fence and the resource centre will be built alongside the year 1 demountable and multi purpose shed. The senior play system will be relocated alongside the junior play system. It is anticipated that construction will commence in mid November 2009 and conclude by June 2010. To view the plans of our new buildings, please visit our school office.

2010 Classes

Preparations are well underway for 2010 classes. If you are leaving our school at the end of the year, please inform our office. Classes for 2010 will be posted during the last week of school. Any requests for particular placements next year based on your child's social, emotional or educational needs should be made to me in writing by 30 October.

Premier's Reading Challenge

More than 100 students from our school will be presented with certificates signed by the Premier in recognition of their efforts in meeting her target of 20 books read between May and August. More than 1 million books were read by more than 60 000 students around the State. Congratulations to all students who met the challenge!

World Teachers' Day

On Friday October 30 we will celebrate the good work of our teachers with a celebratory cake and small gifts from the Parents and Citizen's Association. Outside of their standard work hours, our teachers are busily preparing units of work, coaching teams, preparing for concerts, report cards and interviews and doing whatever it takes to get the best outcomes for our children. For their commitment and dedication to their work, we say thankyou. World Teachers' Day was inaugurated on 5th October 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to commemorate the 1966 joint signing of the UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers. In adopting this recommendation, governments unanimously recognised the importance of competent, qualified and motivated teachers in society. During October each year, teachers' organisations worldwide mobilise to ensure that the needs of future generations are taken into consideration. World Teachers' Day represents a significant token of the awareness, understanding and

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE MONTH OF: October

21 st	-1FR Science Show -7pm Swim Club Meeting
22 nd	11am Music Count us in 2.00pm Music Tour
28 th	Performance 7pm P&C Meeting
29 th	7pm Showcase Gala Dinner
30 th	-Interschool sport ends -Bandanna Day -2010 Book Orders Due

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appreciation displayed for the vital contribution that teachers make to education and development. Over 100 countries observe World Teachers' Day.

Music Tour

From 3 - 5 November our instrumental musicians will tour the West Moreton Region and perform to eight schools (Fernvale SS, Lowood SS, Rosewood SS, Gatton SS, Woodford SS, Australian Christian College, West Moreton Anglican College and Sacred Heart School). The tour has been 12 months in the making and has involved more than 100 dedicated students, parents and staff under the leadership of Mrs McLennan and the IMSC committee. We wish our musicians a safe and entertaining tour and look forward to their return on 5 November.

New parent resources – achieving with literacy and numeracy

Literacy and numeracy skills are vital to ensuring your child has the best chance to succeed in their schooling and life. A new suite of parent resources, *Achieving with Literacy and Numeracy*, has been developed to assist parents with their children's literacy and numeracy skills. The new resources include a range of fact sheets and activities for the early, middle and senior phases of schooling. Parents and carers are encouraged to visit the new website, which also includes video clips of parents sharing their literacy and numeracy tips. The videos can be played in English and 12 other languages. The website also provides useful information on how to get involved within your school community, support services available and details about the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's literacy and numeracy skills please contact your class teacher. The resources can be downloaded online at: www.education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy

Queensland state school holidays

The 2010 Queensland state school calendar is now available at: www.education.qld.gov.au/projects/educationviews Parents and carers are reminded that all state schools will re-open for students on Wednesday 27 January, following the Australia Day public holiday on Tuesday 26 January. For student attendance, the 2010 term and holiday dates are:

- Term 1 commences Wednesday 27 January and ends Thursday 1 April
- Term 2 commences Tuesday 13 April and ends Friday 25 June
- Term 3 commences Tuesday 13 July and ends Friday 17 September
- Term 4 commences Monday 4 October and ends Friday 10 December*.

Year 12 state school students will finish school on Friday 19 November, while Year 10 and 11 students complete their year on Friday 26 November. State school teachers will have professional development opportunities on the following student-free days: Thursday 21, Friday 22 January, Monday 25 January, Monday 12 April, Monday 12 July, and Monday 18 October. Queensland State school term dates are available by telephoning Education Queensland on (07) 3237 1363 or via the Department's website at: www.education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/holidays.html



BANDANNA DAY
Friday October 30 is Bandanna Day – a day to support the wonderful work of CanTeen and the Queensland Cancer Fund. We have ordered 350

bandannas which will be on sale for \$3 each at the office from Monday 26th October. Our school community has been supporting CanTeen for many years, and the money raised is used to support

young people who have cancer, young people who have a brother, sister or parent, who has cancer, and young people who have a brother, sister or parent who has died from cancer. The selection of bandannas available will be displayed on the office wall.

Rule Reminders	<p>1. No playing in out of bounds areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carparks - Behind the pool - The lower oval - Behind the demountables - In the pick up area - Under the staff room at first and second breaks - Behind the shed at first and second breaks - Toilets - Verandahs - Any area that is not supervised at lunchtimes
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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



SENIOR BADGE 2010

Awarded to Year 6 students

Congratulations to:
Abbi Gray
Matt Branch
Sydney Lee-Lo

These students received their badges on Friday's assembly

Those students wishing to be considered for a leadership position in 2010 need to have completed their cards by the end of this month.

The school leaders for 2010 will be announced on Awards Night

Lorelle Holcroft
A/Deputy Principal

TERM 4 STUDENT INVOICE

Invoices have been printed so check that your child brings home his/her Term 4 invoice this week. This invoice covers the quarterly payment of the resource scheme as well as any excursions or activities planned for your child's class for the term. Any outstanding monies from previous terms will also be included on family statements. Please forward payment in a named envelope to your child's class teacher. Payment by cash, cheque, credit card or eftpos is accepted. The resource scheme covers items used by your child for their learning every day in the classroom.

ABSENCES

Please remember to record the reason for you child's absence when calling the absence line. If no reason is recorded the absence is noted as unexplained.

SAFETY REMINDER

Parents are reminded that they are not to drive into the grounds to drop off or pick up children.

LUNCH

Please DO NOT send tinned food to school as we have had several injuries caused by children struggling to open the can. We suggest that you empty the contents into a plastic container.

MUSIC NEWS

Please join us for Music Count Us In, this Thursday 22 October at 10.45am. We will be joining schools all across Australia to sing "Music is Everything" at 11am. Later on the same day we the band will be performing for the school and community. *The performance will be at 2pm not 2.15 as previously advertised.*

REMINDER

Please use "Stuck On You" for your labelling needs and help us raise funds to improve resources at our school. Simply place orders at: www.stuckonyou.biz (mention Virginia State School) or phone 1800 645 849 (mention Virginia State School). Brochures are available at the office and uniform shop or check out products online at: www.stuckonyou.biz . Any queries contact Leanne on 0447710726.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
	21 October Julie Melton Kathy Eastlake <i>HELP NEEDED</i>	23 October Michelle Dawson Steve De Rooy Annabel Florence
26 October Julie Wessling <i>HELP NEEDED</i>	28 OCTOBER Eiko Nakamata Kathy Eastlake Melissa Calkin <i>HELP NEEDED</i>	30 October Veronica Ramsden Awhina Forbes Fleur Horsfall
2 November Louise Doherty <i>HELP NEEDED</i>	4 November Rebecca Bignami <i>HELP NEEDED TO OPEN THIS DAY</i>	6 November Steve De Rooy Debbie Lumsden Christine Coleman

Sushi Day
Friday 6th November is SUSHI DAY at the Tuckshop! Please pre-order by Wednesday 4th November. Sushi is \$2.50 per serve.

Tuckshop Volunteer Prize
Would you like to win a box of the famous Chocolate Cookies from the Tuckshop?
This fantastic prize includes a baking tray and a large box of cookie dough, enough to make 125 Double Chocolate Chip yummy cookies at home.
To be in the draw ask Mum or Dad if they could spare a few hours to help in our school tuckshop. We need helpers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. They can volunteer just once or as many times as they can. Each shift earns them an entry into the prize which will be drawn at assembly at the end of the year.

PASSENGER COLLECTION AREA

Some gentle reminders:
This is a two minute zone unless you are parked in a bay.
Do not leave the vehicle except to load and unload.



Move forward as space becomes available. Do not call or beckon children to the end of the queue or across the road. Load and unload passengers only within the green marked area. If instructed by staff to move after 2 minutes please do so and rejoin the queue.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Wavell State High School has released the names of their 2010 prefects. We are very proud to congratulate past students Arianna Chambers, Fia Osborn and Lucy Agnew who have all been named as prefects. Kate Agnew of Mary MacKillop College (previously Corpus Christi College) who has been elected as College Captain. This is a great achievement.

SWIMMING CLUB NEWS

Eric Salisbury Cup
Virginia Swim Club hosted, and won, a fantastic carnival on Saturday against Kedron and Everton Park Swim Clubs. It was an exciting afternoon of swimming, with the stands alive with cheering as all swimmers gave their best effort and many swimming superb Personal Best times. The relays are always exciting events and Saturday's relays were no exception with every swimmer putting in a strong swim on their leg to keep the crowd on the edge of their seats. The Club is packed full of eager swimmers this season with a number taking up the challenge of swimming their first carnival and others diving in to "swim up" in age groups one and two years above their own – great job everyone, you all put in a fantastic effort. Thank you also to the many volunteer parents who undertook the lead up preparations for the carnival and assisted with the tasks and positions which need to be done on the day to make this carnival a success. The team's next carnival is the KLM Shield which is being hosted by Zillmere State School on Saturday 7 November.

Fundraiser
The Virginia State School Swimming Club is having a 'goggle' fundraiser. This is a great opportunity to get your children's goggles for the swimming season and help out your school club at the same time. We will be sending orders on the following dates, so please get your orders in prior to this: 30 October, 20 November and 11 December. If you have lost your order form please see the office.

PARENTS OF TODDLERS - ARE YOU TIRED AND STRESSED?

Researchers from Triple P, at the University of Qld, are conducting a study into the area of parent-child relationships and the ways in which parents deal with difficult child behaviour. All children misbehave at some point and parents have different styles or ways of dealing with this. We want you to tell us what works for you and what doesn't. This could be your opportunity to contribute to the ongoing development of Triple P helping us to deliver the best possible parenting solutions to parents of toddlers world-wide. If you have a child aged between 2 and 4 years and you are interested in participating please go to <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentknowledge/> for more information or contact Leanne Winter at leannewi@psy.uq.edu.au.

YOUR FAMILY MAY QUALIFY

Ever considered becoming a Foster Care Family? Lifeline Community Care Qld is seeking registrations of interest from families who would like to participate in their Foster Care program for children with a disability. This is a great opportunity to make a significant difference in the life of a precious child with a disability. For more information, please go to: www.fostercare.applynow.com.au. You will gain as much as your Foster Child!