

From the Principal Tim Farrell

1<sup>st</sup> April, 2009

**New Preparatory Facility**

Construction work is currently underway on our new prep facility which will accommodate students from Prep A and Prep B. This new building will be linked via a bridge to our existing prep facility and will boast large learning areas and the latest building design. Please exercise care and caution, especially this Thursday 2 April when the building is 'landed'. Brickyard Road (opposite the prep building) will be closed on this day.

**Reading to your child – hints for parents**

Comics, magazines, library books, signs and even shopping lists can stimulate your child's reading. Asking your child to read these aloud with you will improve their reading in the classroom. You can help your child with their reading by:

- reading to them from an early age – to let them know that reading is a fun and relaxing activity and not just for work and school. Children love to copy, so it's a great way to set an example that reading is important
- asking your child to read aloud each day for at least 10 minutes from a variety of texts, such as beginner's readers, library books and picture books – this will establish a routine and make reading aloud easier
- using expression and feeling when you read and using different voices for different characters – this can make a story more entertaining
- letting your child choose what you read together – it doesn't matter if you read the same book several times
- joining a library and borrowing books to read is inexpensive. Most libraries will have a children's librarian – it is a good idea to speak with them about books you can share with your child.

For more tips on helping your child to embrace reading visit: [www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/)

**Feed your family some great Queensland seafood this Easter**

Parents are being encouraged to buy locally caught seafood products including prawns, crabs and fin fish from the waters off Moreton Island. Queensland seafood is a clean, healthy, high-quality product. Seafood on the market was caught before the oil spill, comes from outside the spill area or through testing to ensure it has been unaffected by the recent oil spill before it reaches the table. Ask for Queensland seafood when you next go shopping and support your local fishery. To read more about the Moreton Island Oil Spill Recovery visit: [www.dpi.qld.gov.au/cps/rde/dpi/hs.xsl/28\\_13170\\_ENA\\_HTML.htm](http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/cps/rde/dpi/hs.xsl/28_13170_ENA_HTML.htm)

**Lost Property**

The lost property will be placed on display this Friday 3 April at 9am. It will remain on display, in the multipurpose area, for the day. If your child/children have lost any items please come and have a look or tell them to check the lost property. Items not claimed by the end of term will be disposed of accordingly.

What's happening in the month of:

**April**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Parent/Teacher Interviews
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	Raw Art Visit
8 <sup>th</sup>	Disco
9 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Bonnet Parade
10 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
10 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Vacation
20 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Free Day
21 <sup>st</sup>	Term 2 commences

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**Deputy Principal/Music News**

Wow, what a quick term this one has been. I can't believe that it is nearly Easter? I will be returning to my music classes next term and would like to thank everyone for their support while I have been filling the deputy job. Many thanks to Di Walsh for looking after my music classes for me, I'm sure the students will miss her greatly. We have some very busy days leading up to our Easter break, but it makes life very exciting!

- All of our classes (p-7) will be involved in **RAW ART workshops** on either Tuesday 7 April or Wednesday 8 April;
- We have 8 teacher trainees visiting our school on Wednesday 8 April from the **Maldives**; these visitors will be working with our staff throughout the day;
- Our **junior** (Prep- year 4) 4.30pm - 6.00pm and **senior** (year 5-7) **disco** 6.30-8.00pm are on Wednesday 8 April. Please be aware students must remain upstairs at the disco unless accompanied by a supervisor for a toilet visit. Tickets (\$5ea) are on sale every morning from 8.20am. Remember our theme is "Homemade Superhero". Food and drinks on sale: poppers (\$1); Dagwood dogs (\$2); water (\$1); glow sticks (\$1). I would love some parent help on 2 discos-please see the helper sheet below.
- Prep- year 3 students will be participating in an **Easter Bonnet parade** on Thursday 9 April at 9.15am. I am looking forward to seeing all of the original and creative Easter hats? Apparently, Prep S and Prep W are making Mr Farrell his special hat and Prep A and Prep B are making me one! Can't wait!!

**TERM 2**

**Creative Generation**

- Rehearsal on Thursday 23 April at Redcliffe HS. Bus times and meeting times- same as last time.

**Anzac performances**

- Our school Anzac service will be on Friday 24 April at 9.30am. Concert band members are needed for rehearsal at 7.30am- formal uniform please. All welcome.
- Our concert band and solo vocalists will be performing at the RSL Anzac service on Saturday 25 April at 8.30am in the memorial park opposite Nundah SS. Past players are invited to perform with us. Formal uniform for Virginia students and black and white or school uniforms for past players. This is a truly memorable service and is attended by hundreds of our local community. It is well worth the effort.

**PARENT HELPERS FOR DISCO** (return the form below to office before Tue 7 April)

**Times:**  
Junior Disco (Prep –year 4) 4.30 – 6.00 (please arrive by 4.15)  
Senior Disco (year 5-7) 6.30 – 8.00 (please arrive by 6.15)

Please indicate if you can help out in one of the following areas:

Job	Junior	Senior
Remind children to behave properly inside		
Escort children to the toilet		
Assist with supervision at the end of the disco		
Assist with the canteen		
Supervise student movement on the stairs		

Name: .....  
Ph. ....  
Child's Name: ..... Class: .....

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
	<b>1 April</b>  <b>HELP NEEDED OR THE TUCKSHOP WILL BE FORCED TO CLOSE</b>	<b>3 April</b> Annabel Florence, Murrianna Crouch, Christine Coleman
<b>6 April</b> Leanne Ferris Melissa Calkin	<b>8 April</b> Suzanne Lister Julie Melton Eiko Nakamata	<b>10 April</b> Good Friday
<b>20 April</b> Julie Wessling Leanne Ferris	<b>22 April</b> Julie Melton Eiko Nakamata <b>HELP NEEDED</b>	<b>24 April</b> Kathy Eastlake Chistine Coleman <b>HELP NEEDED</b>

**Raw Art Experience**

To ensure that your child benefits from next week's class activities planned by RAW ART please assist us by paying the \$7 indicated on your Term 1 student invoice by this Friday.

**Timetable for RAW ART:**

	Artist 1	Artist 2	Artist 3
<b>Tuesday 07/04/09</b>			
9-10.30 am	7R	1M	1FR
11.45am-1.15pm	Prep S	Prep W	2TA
1.30-3.00pm	6B	3/4S	6/7R
<b>Wednesday 08/04/09</b>			
9-10.30 am	4G	5M	3V
11.45am-1.15pm	Prep B	Prep D	
1.30-3.00pm	5K	2/3H	

**A MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY**

Thanks to a number of mums, we are now able to get started on using the new "Oxford Literacy" reading books. The teachers of years 1 and 2 classes are very grateful to have the books available to use for their guided reading lessons. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! To all of those wonderful mums!

**MESSAGES TO STUDENTS IN THE AFTERNOONS**

It would be appreciated if parents could finalise pickup details with their children before school. It is appreciated that emergency situations do arise but it is sometimes difficult to locate classes and students who may be on the oval, doing a class activity that is outside the classroom or at assembly.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Adam Baldwin of 7R was selected for the Bramble Bay Soccer team. He will now try out for selection as a member of the Metropolitan North Team. Well done, Adam.

**SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

Do you have a student commencing Year 8 in 2010?  
**OPEN NIGHT 2009 TUESDAY 12 MAY**  
Performance Hall, Braun St, Deagon  
Visit our school, speak to teachers, experience faculty displays, see our facilities, interact with students and meet our principal.  
5.30pm School Tours 6.30pm Principal's address  
7.00pm Information on Signature Programs & Tours of school.


**WAVELL TURNS 50**

All past students, staff and parents are invited to **BACK TO WAVELL DAY** on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2009 from 10am to 4pm. Contact: Cheryl on 07 3350 3390 or check the website [www.wavellshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.wavellshs.eq.edu.au)

**MAYNE J AFC AFL AUSKICK CENTRE**


12 week program – **ONLY \$75.00!!!!** To pay by credit card register online at [aflauskick.com.au](http://aflauskick.com.au) or make cheques payable to AFL Queensland.  
Sign on and 1<sup>st</sup> session – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
Time – 8am – 9am Ages – 5-7 years  
Venue – Mayne J AFC (Oxenham Park), cnr York & Duke Sts Nundah. For more info contact – Ben Drew on 0433 521 821 [bdrew@aflq.com.au](mailto:bdrew@aflq.com.au)

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**OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS**

<p><b>IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE COORDINATOR...</b> WOW HASN'T THIS TERM JUST FLOWN BY SO FAST. WE HAVE HAD AN AMAZING FIRST TERM WITH LOTS OF NEW CHILDREN ENROLING AND LAST YEARS CHILDREN COMING BACK.  HOLIDAY CLUB FOR APRIL IS ON WITH BOOKING FORMS AVAILABLE TO COLLECT</p>	<p><b>COMING UP AT OSHC...</b>  IN THE LAST WEEK OF TERM WE WILL BE GETTING MESSY WITH LOTS OF CRAFT DESIGNED TO GET CREATIVE AND EXPLORE  APRIL HOLIDAY CLUB IS BACK GET YOUR ENROLMENTS IN FAST</p>	<p><b>JOIN US THIS WEEK FOR...</b>  6TH APRIL PLAYDOUGH SOCCER 7TH APRIL GOOP CRICKET 8TH APRIL EGG TOSS AND CATCH AFL 9TH APRIL SHAVING CREAM  HANDBALL  APRIL EASTER HOLIDAYS  We are going back in time to explore life in different Eras starting with the 40s and working our way to the 80s</p>
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 **We build strong PEOPLE strong FAMILIES strong COMMUNITIES**

**Tuckshop Convenor**

An exciting opportunity exists for a suitably qualified and highly motivated Tuckshop Convenor to work at Virginia State School, located at 1678 Sandgate Rd Virginia, Qld.

**KEY SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Proven ability to work and manage a team of volunteers,
- Demonstrated organisational ability,
- Proven working understanding of Quality Assurance, Workplace Health an Safety, and
- Demonstrated history of both purchasing and bookkeeping.
- A proven understanding of food handling. Certificate 3 or equivalent
- Ability to be flexible and multi skilled
- Good experience in dealing with Children of various ages

**DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

- To actively plan for and maintain high standards of management and administration of the equipment & Tuckshop at all times.
- To manage the staffing of the Tuckshop.
- Ensuring accurate records of all income and expenditure, adherence to P&C policies, procedures and Operations requirements,
- Ensure that correct food hygiene practices are observed to.
- To ensure compliance with all Government Regulations, legislation, standards and Education Queensland requirements at all times and assist the P&C Association in completing any necessary forms or returns.

**CONDITIONS:**

All applicants are asked to address each of the Key Selection Criteria in their response. The successful applicant will be based at Virginia State School, located at 1678 Sandgate Rd, Qld. Wages and conditions will be subject to Award Conditions. For a full application package, please contact the school on 3621 6222. Applications are required by close of business 20 April, 2009 and should be addressed to:

The P&C President  
Virginia State School  
PO Box 64  
Northgate 4013

**Virginia SS P&C Association is an Equal Opportunity Employer**

**kinetic kids**

**GROSS MOTOR DEVELOPMENT – SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN**

The Kinetic Kids gross motor program is a fun way for boys and girls to spend their school holidays. Designed and run by experienced physical education teachers, this 4 day program is aimed at enhancing children's gross motor skills through a variety of enjoyable games and activities.

**Who:** Children aged between 5-8 yrs  
**Where:** Oxenham park, (Cnr Duke & York St), Nundah  
**Dates:** Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
**Time:** 9:00am – 12:00pm **Cost:** \$100  
For more information or bookings, please contact Cameron on 0437 933 335.