

The Informer



From the Principal Tim Farrell

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EDITION 8

State Education Week 1 – 6 June 2009

This year, State Education Week will coincide with Queensland Day celebrations as part of the state's 150th anniversary. Key events being held during State Education Week include Principal for a Day and Back to School, with My Favourite Teacher winners and Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools regional winners also to be announced. Our school has 2 entries in the Showcase Awards – 'Music – the Virginia Way' and 'Building Blocks of Prep at Virginia – Independence, Resilience and Play'. State Education Week 2009 will wrap up on Queensland Day, Saturday 6 June, with two spectacular performances of *Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage*. The dynamic two-hour variety show which features 29 Virginia State School students, will involve more than 2500 state school students performing at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketek. State Education Week 2009 is an opportunity to recognise the amazing talent and achievements of our students and teachers and to celebrate the history of education in Queensland. For more information visit:

www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/edweek/index.html

Swim Club trophy presentation night – 16 May

Our congratulations to major trophy winners on the night – Cailan and Phoebe Knight, Emma Cameron, Matthew Thomas, Morgan Cheadle, Angus Battersby, Joe Dale, Clarissa Moody, Emily Honor, and Courtney Thompson; your efforts in the pool and commitment to swimming are to be commended. My congratulations to the Swim Club Committee, led by President, Russell Armour for a successful swim season and a memorable trophy presentation night. Next season's swim captains are Keely Armour and Courtney Thompson. If you would like to join the Virginia SS Swim Club please contact Russell Armour at ysssc@optusnet.com.au

Musical Morning of Madness (MMM)

On Thursday May 28, all families and friends are invited to our musical morning of madness which will be held at our multipurpose shed from 9 – 11am. This will be held in conjunction with the Queensland Cancer Foundation's 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea'. All year levels will perform an item along with our band and choirs. There will be plenty of food on sale including sausages on bread, cakes, tea, coffee and morning tea plus a multidraw raffle with lots of wonderful prizes to be won. The morning promises to be an exciting one with the proceeds going towards the costs associated with the Music Tour to be held in November and The Queensland Cancer Council. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Athletics Carnival

Our annual athletics carnival has been scheduled for Thursday 11 June on our school oval. A program of events will be published shortly. Please note that students in prep – year 2 may leave after second break with a parent. Discus and 800m events will be held during school time before 11 June. Information about food purchases is contained on page 2 of this newsletter.

What's happening in the month of:

May 27 th	- ICAS computer skills competition - 7pm P&C meeting
28 th	- Musical Morning of Madness 9 – 11am
June 1 st -6 th	- State Education week
2 nd	- Showcase regional awards announced
6 th	- Creative Generation Concert at Boondall Entertainment Centre
8 th	- Queen's Birthday Holiday
10 th	- School Photos - ICAS Science Competition
11 th	- 7.30pm IMSC meeting Sports Day

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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

PREPARING FOR SUCCESS

“Performers” do it and “athletes” do it and it has a big bearing on their end result. What is it that they do? They prepare themselves for success. We can prepare our children for success at school for each day by:-

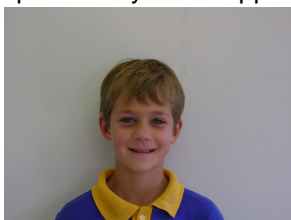
- Making sure our child has a good nights sleep and is well rested.
- Their body is well fuelled for the day by eating a good, healthy breakfast.
- Our child is fit and healthy by doing regular exercise (research indicates healthy children perform better in academic tasks than unhealthy children).
- Ensuring our child has all of the equipment that they need for school (books, pens, homework etc.).
- Making sure our child arrives at school in a calm state, ready for work.
- Monitor that any prescription medications have been taken according to Doctor’s instructions.
- Provide a healthy lunch so that they can refuel their body (a good lunch aids in improved concentration and memory).

It is amazing that by following these simple steps the performance of our children can be increased with very little effort.

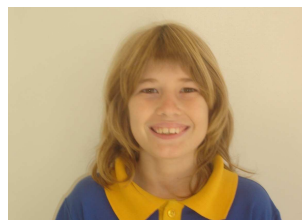
Cross Country

On Monday I was fortunate enough to accompany the Virginia State School Cross Country team that competed in the Bramble Bay District Cross Country Championships. The Championships were conducted at St Pauls, Bald Hills with the course still quite wet from the recent deluge. Our 14 competitors not only displayed fantastic behaviour throughout the morning but also demonstrated enormous determination and perseverance whilst running in the tough conditions. Finishing the course alone was an outstanding achievement. Our Cross Country team consisted of Lucy Dale, Jamie-Lee Harten, Emily Honor, Joe Dale, Adam Pettersen, Nick Holleran, Sanju Weerasuriya, Tom Farrell, Keeley Veale, Eden Hugo, James Farrell, Adam Baldwin, James Semmens and Sterling Wing. Special congratulations go to two of our youngest competitors Joe Dale who came 2nd and Jamie-Lee Harten who placed third in their events. Jamie-Lee and Joe will now compete in the Regional Cross Country Championships which will also be held at St Pauls. We wish both students every success for their next event.

A special mention also to our wonderful parent support group that transported students to and from the event, assisted in preparing our competitors for their events and also walked the track to orientate our runners. Your help was very much appreciated.



Jo Dale (2nd)



Jamie-Lee Harten (3rd)

Academic Competitions

Several Academic Competitions are about to be held for our students who nominated for these events earlier this year. The competitions start this week with Computer Skills, Science and Spelling also being conducted over the next few weeks. These events give our students a great opportunity to test their knowledge and abilities as they compete against students from around Australia and overseas. We wish our students the best of luck in the up coming competitions and eagerly await their results.

Wayne Moore – A/Deputy Principal

Emergency Clothing

Our stocks of emergency clothing are running extremely low. Please ensure that if your child has borrowed clothing that the items are cleaned and returned immediately.

KOREAN STUDENT VISIT

Virginia State School is hosting a tour group of 15 Korean students (aged 8 to 13) for 4 weeks from 21 July to 15 August 2009. The students will attend Virginia on normal school days, taking part in our usual class routines, then learning English in the afternoon. We believe that to host overseas groups gives our community an insight to other cultures, and is of great benefit to all involved.

The tour organiser is seeking families who are willing to host these students for 4 weeks. Families are paid \$200 per week per student and must be able to provide a bed, meals and washing for the student, as well as daily travel to and from Virginia SS.

More details are to be found in the attached brochure. If you are interested in applying to be a host family, please contact Sue or Peter on 02 95878348 or 0411021838.

YEAR 7 CANBERRA TOUR

Final invoices have been issued to those students who are travelling to Canberra in Term 3. Payment in full must be received by Wednesday 24/06/09.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Mark your calendar now – School photos will be taken on Wednesday 10 June. Information envelopes will be sent home this week to each child. If ordering, please use one envelope per child, as they are coded individually. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or online. PLEASE NOTE: THE SCHOOL DOES NOT HANDLE THESE PAYMENTS – EFTPOS is not available, and make cheques payable to Advanced Life Photography. Sibling photographs can be ordered separately – please contact the school office staff for these order forms.

BOOKCLUB

The latest Bookclub issue orders are due back at school by next Monday 01/06/09.

ABSENCE LINE – 07 3621 6260

Please note: there was an error in the last newsletter. The correct number for the absence line is 07 3621 6260. We apologise for any inconvenience. Please remember to provide a reason for your child's absence. If no explanation is provided it is policy to record an unexplained absence on the child's record.

SPORT

There is no sport this Friday 29 May 2009.

We encourage parents to attend Friday sport to watch their children play. Games start at approx 11.30am. Hockey is always played at Boondall SS. All rugby league games are played at Nudgee College. Netball games are played at Bradbury Park Netball Courts off Rode Rd near the Chermshire Bowls Club. Note that the soccer locations are being given to us on a fortnightly basis.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
	27 May Karen Phillips Kathy Eastlake	29 May Jo Dixon Debbie Lumsden Helen Andrew
1 June Iona Broadley Leanne Ferris	3 June Judy Rowley Suzanne Lister Julie Melton	5 June Kathy Eastlake Debbie Lumsden Christine Coleman Annabel Florence
8 June PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10 June Nora Hodges Kathy Eastlake HELP NEEDED	12 June Fleur Horsfall Debbie Lumsden Helen Andres

VIRGINIA SWIM CLUB TROPHY NIGHT

(E:vsssc@optusnet.com.au)

Over 100 members enjoyed the Annual Trophy Night at Norths Devils Leagues Club on Saturday 16th May. Amid all the traditional trophy's for this season, the club had pleasure in announcing a new trophy for the "Michael O'Connor Dolphin of the year" and the first recipient of this trophy was Matthew Thomas. A fun night was had by all and the magician who came to entertain us certainly held all the kids and "big kids" attention when he was on stage. A special congratulations to Ethan Cameron for getting home safely with his hand still attached to his arm! Thanks to Sally Dale for once again collecting and organizing a terrific raffle and donated prizes from local business's. Shane Reed, as always, was a brilliant MC for the night. Congratulations to the Club Captains for season 2009/10 as voted by members – Keely Armour and Courtney Thompson.

Sign up for season 2009/10 will be towards the end of Term 3 and will be advertised through-out the school and the Informer. We look forward to 2009/10 being another successful season for the Club.

SPORTS DAY

The up and coming School Sports Day will be held on **Thursday 11th June 2009**.

ORDER FORMS will be coming home on **Monday June 1st** to be returned by **Friday June 5th**.

Food available: Sausage sizzle and a bottle of water. Cost: \$2. These orders will be given out by your child's classroom teacher on First Break. Additional sausage sizzles can be pre-ordered by adding \$1 on your order form, or purchased from the stall on Sport's Day.



SMALL TUCKSHOP STALL will be located alongside the cake/coffee stall. It will be serving:

Flavoured milk \$1.60	Playwater \$1.50/\$2.00	Freeze Pops 10 cents
Jelly Sticks 20 cents	Fruity Ice 30 cents	Juicy Cups 50 cents
Choc Chip Cookie 50 cents	Vege Chips 80 cents	and Bags of Mixed Lollies 50 cents.

HELPERS needed on the day for the sausage sizzle and cake/coffee stall. - A helper's sheet will be coming home on **Monday June 1st**, please complete and bring back to the office ASAP. We understand that it may be hard to help out as we all want to see the events – so even if you can spare only 15mins it would be appreciated.

CAKE MAKERS needed – We would like donations of biscuits, slices, muffins, cakes, sushi - things that can be sold along with a cuppa. These can be dropped off at the office on **Wed 10th June** or the morning of **Thursday 11th June**. Please make sure you include a list of ingredients used and do not use nuts.

All monies raised go to the P&C to put back into our school.

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OUTSIDE SCHOOL		HOURS CARE NEWS			
IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE COORDINATOR...		COMING UP AT OSHC...		JOIN US THIS WEEK FOR...	
WE HAVE HAD SOME FABULOUS ACTIVITIES AND GOOD TIMES IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS AND THIS COMING WEEK PROMISES TO BE THE BEST OF ALL! WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING BACK DARREN FROM HIS HOLIDAYS ON JUNE 1 ST ! ☺		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PARTY WEEK! • CHILDREN'S CHOICE WEEK! 		PINIATA COOKING DANCE-A-THON PASS THE PARCEL BALLOON POISON BALL FACE PAINTING	
 We build strong PEOPLE strong FAMILIES strong COMMUNITIES					

You are invited to the

Earnshaw
STATE COLLEGE
OPEN DAY

Thursday 4 June 2009 from 10:00am

for students entering
 Years 8 to 12 in 2010

- Join a conducted tour of the Middle and Senior College
- Participate in one or more of the following information sessions:
 - ▶ **Meet the Leadership Team** (over morning tea)
 - ▶ **The Way We Do Business** (policies and procedures)
 - ▶ **Sustainable Futures -College Curriculum 2010**

If you would like to book into a tour or information session, please call Jill Smith on 36217333.