

The Informer



From the Principal Tim Farrell

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EDITION 11

Welcome Back. I hope that you are all well rested after your winter break. As you return to school for Term 3, I will be heading to Canberra with thirty of our Year 7 Students for the annual camp. This camp is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to learn about our country's history and gain an understanding of how our country is run. We will be visiting many venues during the five day trip. Some of the highlights each year are the Australian War Memorial and Questacon. The children, Mr Ross, Mrs Ritchie and myself will return to school on Monday the 20th July. I look forward to catching up with you then.

Staffing

We welcome Ms Lorelle Holcroft who has been appointed acting Deputy Principal for term 3 while Mrs Martin remains as acting Principal, Stafford SS. I look forward to working with Ms Holcroft in her role as Deputy Principal.

Korean Visitors

On Monday we will welcome 13 Korean students to our school. The children will be joining various classes throughout the school. Our visitors will be with us until Friday 14 August. Ms Leanne Hockey will provide the children with daily English lessons. If you see the children around the school please make them feel welcome.

I would like to thank Mrs Carla Pinder, of Mr Wayne Swan's office, for providing wonderful bag of goodies for our visitors.

Term 3

Once again we have an action packed term ahead of us. In this month we have excursions to the Planetarium, Fire Brigade Visit, Caboolture Historical Village, Northey Street City Farm, the Safe House and the Sensitivity Unit. In July we will also have a visit from the Arts Council for the upper school and Kedron State High School music groups will perform for us. During August we hope to have a puppet show visit the lower school as well as the Life Education Van visit and a visiting clown for Under 8's day. In September we will hold two Prep Orientation Days along with our annual Music Tour and the Junior Music Camp.

Term 3 Student Invoices

Next week your child should bring home his/her Term 3 invoice. Many classes are planning excursions during this term, and the costs will be detailed on the invoices, together with the quarterly payment of the Resource Scheme. Please return payment as soon as possible as several excursions will take place in the next few weeks.

What's happening in the month of:	
July	
13 – 17	- Year 7 Camp Canberra
20	- Korean visitors arrive
21	- Yr 1 Fire Brigade visit
22	- Arts Council Yrs 4 – 7 - P & C Meeting 7pm - IMSC Meeting 7.30pm
23	- Yr 1 Sensitivity Unit Visit
24	- Yr 1 Sensitivity Unit Visit
27	- Auskick starts - Regional Showcase Awards
28	- Kedron SHS Music Performance - 3/4S Caboolture Historical Visit
29	- Yr 2 Northey St Farm Visit
	See the calendar over

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Informer Week Pay Week	July 13 PUPIL FREE DAY Canberra- Y 7's Depart	July 14	July 15	July 16 3V Safe Play Bike Excursion	July 17 Canberra- Yr 7's Return Whole School Assembly- 2.15pm – Assembly Room
2	July 20 Korean School Visit -> (20/7-14/08) 13 Students and 1 teacher	July 21 9.00am Yr1 Fire Brigade visit <u>Swim Club AGM</u>	July 22 Arts Council Yr4-7 10.00am <u>P&C Meeting 7.00pm</u> <u>IMSC Meeting 7.30pm</u>	July 23 Yr1 Sensitivity Unit Visit	July 24 Assembly- Yr4G & 5K Certificates- 1M Yr1 Sensitivity Unit Visit
3 Informer Week Pay Week	July 27 3.20pm Auskick starts (8wks) Regional Showcase Awards	July 28 9.15am Kedron SHS Percussion Performance 3/4S Caboolture Historical Village Excursion	July 29 Yr 2 Excursion Northey St Farm	July 30 Yr1 Safe City Excursion Yr 6B Excursion to planetarium	July 31 Assembly- 3/4S & 6B Certificates- 1F National Tree Day
4	August 3	August 4 ICAS English	August 5	August 6	August 7 Assembly- 2/3H & 5M Certificates- PS & PW Under 8's P-3 9.30-11am Aussie Fun Day (Korean/Virginia students yr4-7)11.40-1.10
5 Informer Week Pay Week	August 10 Bramble Bay Athletics	August 11 Bramble Bay Athletics Korean School visitors leave - Farewell Ceremony	August 12 SHOW HOLIDAY	August 13 HOLIDAY PUPIL FREE DAY	August 14 Assembly- 3V & 7R Certificates- PA & PB
6	August 17	August 18 1.40pm Australian Youth Choir Auditions	August 19 ICAS Maths <u>IMSC Meeting 7.30pm</u>	August 20	August 21 Assembly- 2TA & 6/7R Certificates- 4G 22 August Working Bee 8.00am
7 Informer Week Pay Week	August 24	August 25	August 26 <u>P&C Meeting 7.00pm</u>	August 27	August 28 Assembly- 1M & 5K Certificates- 3/4S Kedron SHJS Percussion & Big Band 9.15-10am
8	August 31 Life Ed Van 31/08-8/09	September 1	September 2 Fathers Day Stall (classes to visit as per roster)	September 3 WSHS Middle School Literacy Olympics	September 4 Assembly- 1FR & 6B Certificates- 2/3H
9 Informer Week Pay Week	September 7	September 8 Prep Open Day 9-11 Last Day Life Ed Van	September 9 <u>IMSC Meeting 7.30pm</u>	September 10 Prep Open Day 9-11	September 11 Assembly- PW, PS, 5M Certificates- 3V 13 Sept Nundah Fest
10	September 14 Junior Music Camp	September 15 Junior Music Camp	September 16 Junior Music Camp Disco <u>P&C Meeting 7.00pm</u>	September 17 Junior Music Camp	September 18 Assembly- PB, PD, Certificates- 2TA Term Overview

Tennis Coaching – Term 3

Any students interested in Tennis coaching or Tennis fixtures please phone Ian Anderson on 0403828075 as soon as possible.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

From the website www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Healthy lunches and snacks are important for active children. Eating healthy food helps children concentrate and learn. Healthy eating changes are not always easy to make. Try to set a good example with your own lunches. Encourage children to be involved in preparing their own lunch and choosing the foods to include. Praise your child when they choose well. There are limited times for children to eat during the day, especially at school. Children may prefer to play with friends instead of eating. Encourage your child to sit

and eat before heading out to play. Suggestions on foods to put in a lunch box include:

- Fresh Fruit
- Crunchy vegetables
- A meat or protein food such as slices of lean meat, hardboiled egg, peanut butter or nut paste
- A dairy food such as cheese stick or slice or grated cheese, milk or yoghurt
- Starchy food such as bread, a roll, pita or flat bread, fruit bread or crackers
- A frozen drink such as water or milk, an icepack or freezer pack.

Foods should be simple and easy to prepare, ready to eat and appetising after several hours storage in the lunch box. Foods such as sandwiches can be prepared the night before or on the weekend, frozen then taken for each day's lunch box.

Try to pack a different lunch every day. For younger children, cut the sandwiches in different ways to add interest: for example triangles, squares or strips. You could even use one slice of white and one slice of brown to make a zebra sandwich.

CASUAL RELIEF ADMIN OFFICER

In the event of prolonged illness or the taking of long service leave, casual hours may be offered to assist in the functioning of the school office. We wish to develop a list of relief personnel who could fulfill the role of Admin Officer should the need arise.

Expressions of interest are requested for the position of casual relief Admin Officer at Virginia State School. Applicants must have:

- administrative, keyboard and word processing skills and an ability to operate independently and/or with limited supervision.
- interpersonal and communication skills including the ability to work with all members of the school community both individually and as a member of a team.
- knowledge or ability to rapidly acquire knowledge of Education Queensland administrative policies, practices and procedures used in schools, including School Management System (SMS) and SMS Finance.
- basic understanding of occupational health and safety, equal employment opportunity and anti-discriminatory practices and behaviour as applied in a work environment.

If you wish to be considered for this relief position, please submit your details in writing, listing your previous work experience and relevant skills with reference to the above requirements. Mark your application "Relief Admin Officer" and leave at the office. Applications close on Wednesday 22nd July. For further details please contact Jocelyn Gregg on 3621 6222.

DENTAL VAN

The school Dental Van is now at Earnshaw College. If any parent wishes to contact the Dental Van staff, they can be reached on 0412034708. If any child has a toothache or emergency prior to next recall parents please contact out centralised booking service on 1300365997.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

St Francis Anglican Church, at the corner of Cavendish & Cameron Streets, Northgate holds Sunday school each Sunday during the school term at 9am. For any further information please call Alison Harness on 0422 964 573.



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**OUTSIDE SCHOOL
HOURS CARE NEWS**



**IMPORTANT
MESSAGES FROM
THE
COORDINATOR...**

Hi and welcome to the YMCA. Our programs that we run are for everyone, with all ideas and suggestions coming from the children it is truly the children's service. If you are interested in coming drop on in and have a look. We look forward to seeing you.

**COMING UP AT
OSHC...**

We will be experimenting with creative and messy art and also taking part in lots of exciting sporting activities

JOIN US FOR:

- 20th JULY
PLAYDOUGH
SOCCER
- 20th JULY
WALL PAINTING
TOUCH
- 21st JULY
BLR PAINTING
CRICKET
- 22nd JULY
CLAY AND
SCULPTURE
HAND BALL
- 23rd JULY
MARBLE
PAINTING
DUSTER
HOCKEY



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strong **FAMILIES** strong **COMMUNITIES**



UNDER 8'S DAY

Each year schools around Queensland celebrate being under 8. We will celebrate with a morning jam-packed with activities on Friday 7 August. One of the highlights of the day will be a visit from Julian and his Big Red Box of Magic. A note will come home in the very near future. Please check your children's bags.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
	15 July Rebecca Bignami Julie Melton	17 July Annabel Florence Debbie Lumsden HELP NEEDED
20 July Louise Doherty Leanne Ferris	22 July Eiko Nakamata HELP NEEDED	24 July Debbie Lumsden Fleur Horsfall
27 July Julie Wessling Iona Broadley	29 July Julie Melton HELP NEEDED	

The menu for terms 3 & 4 will be finalised and sent home soon.