

From the Principal Tim Farrell

26 August, 2009

Preparatory Year (2010) Open Day 8 and 10 September

A fun program including morning session, outdoor play, a school tour and morning tea will be on offer to our prep 2010 students and parents on 8 and 10 September from 9 – 11am. If your child was born between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005, make sure you enrol him/her into our prep classes as soon as possible to ensure placement for next year. Don't forget to share the news of our Open Days with your relatives and friends as well! Uniforms will also be available for pre-purchase on the day.

Working Bee

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work carried out by our volunteers at last Saturday's working bee. About 45 volunteer parents, staff, grandparents and students tidied and mulched the gardens alongside Sandgate Road and Jefferis Street, repaired splintered timber seats next to the multi-purpose shed and cleaned out the Science store room. Thankyou to Gina Horsfield for organising this event and for providing the food and refreshments.

Cross Country

Our annual interhouse cross country event will be held on Wednesday 9 September on our lower oval. Students from prep to year 4 will compete from 9 – 11am and the years 5-7 students will compete from 11:45am – 1:10pm. All parents are invited to this event which promises to be exciting as Jacaranda House defends its 2008 title.

Bramble Bay Athletics

Congratulations to Joe Dale, Jamie-Lee Harten and Thomas Da Forno on their selection into the Bramble Bay District Athletics Team. Joe, Jamie-Lee and Thomas will contest the Metropolitan North Athletics Trials at Nudgee College today. We wish them the best of Virginia luck!

Father's Day Stall

The P&C will host a Father's Day Stall on Wednesday 2 September (9am – 3:30pm) in the Parent Room. A wide range of Father's Day Gifts will be on sale ranging in price from \$1 - \$6. This has proven to be a very popular fundraiser for the P&C in the past and I do hope that you can support it again this year and surprise Dad on Sunday 6 September with a lovely gift. The stall will also be open from 11-11:45am and 2:30 – 3:30pm on Thursday 3 September and from 11-11:45am on Friday 4 September.

Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students

We are currently reviewing our Behaviour Plan and part of this process is to remind students of our school rules inside and outside the classroom. Each week a rule will be reinforced at parade and this will also be mentioned in the fortnightly newsletter. Last week we reminded students about eating times (lunch and afternoon tea time) and the need to remain seated under the buildings and waiting for the teacher's whistle to sound before placing scraps into bins and safely moving to play areas.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE MONTH OF:

August

26th P&C Meeting
31st – 8th September
Life Ed Van

September

2nd Fathers Day
Stall
8th Prep Open
Day 9-11am
10th Prep Open
Day 9-11am
14th -15th Junior Music
Camp
16th -Disco
-P&C Meeting
17th -Junior Music
Camp
-School Cross
Country
18th Last day of
term

October

5th School
resumes
19th Pupil Free Day

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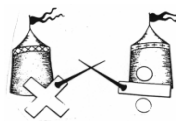
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Community News

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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

District Mathematics Tournament
On 3 September, 10 Year 6 and 7 students will represent the school at this tournament.



Good luck to Leah Baker, Adam Baldwin, Robert Lutton, Thomas Da Forno, Sterling Wing, James Farrell, Adam Morrow, Sydney Lee-Lo, James Semmens and Jared Moreton.

DISCO
Wednesday 16 September 2009
Prep- year 4 (4.30-6.00pm)
Year 5-7 (6.30-8.00pm)



COME IN YOUR BEST
"DISCO GEAR"
Tickets: \$5



(On sale outside office before school -from Monday 7th September)
Dagwood Dog- \$2.00
Popper - \$1.00
Water – \$1.00

Support Camp Quality
CQ is a volunteer organisation that provides a free week-long camping experience and year-round support program for children with cancer

CQ believes in bringing optimism and happiness to the lives of children and families affected by cancer through fun therapy

Student Council
Free Dress Day
Friday 18 September



Bring a Gold Coin

Lorelle Holcroft
A/Deputy Principal

2009 BOOK FAIR
Our Book Fair is a special event that celebrates books and reading, where children, parents, teachers and community members can purchase quality books while raising funds for our school. It is also a great opportunity to purchase gifts for your children or friends.

The Book Fair this year will run from:
FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER to WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2009
From 8:15am-8:45am
3:00pm-3:30pm

TERM 3 INVOICE REMINDER
Please ensure that you have paid your child's Term 3 invoice that was issued earlier in July. It covers your child's attendance at class excursions and activities for Term 3. Upcoming events include:
The Life Education Van will be at Virginia next week and all classes are timetabled to attend.
Year 5 excursion Lego Science at Southbank is on Wednesday 2nd Sept.
Year 2/3H excursion to Port of Brisbane is on Tuesday 15th Sept.
To ensure that your child participates in these wonderful activities, send your payment along by Friday 28/08/09.

SAFETY ALERT

Two local schools have had reports of an older man with grey hair photographing children. He is always wearing a cowboy hat and has been seen in a black ute, white and silver sedans. If you see anyone behaving in this matter please record the registration of the car and report it to the office immediately. If there is any immediate danger posed to children please contact 000 immediately.

MUSIC NEWS

Nundah Festival
Our junior choir (all year 2, 3 and 4 students) will be performing at the Nundah Festival on Sunday 13 September at 9.30-9.50am. Many thanks for all of the notes that we have received back regarding your child's attendance at the festival. We are hoping to have lots of support for this event, so get your notes back asap. Students are required to wear their BLUE and GOLD school uniform with black shoes and white ankle socks (girls)/ grey school socks (boys). I have a large box of second hand black shoes available for your child to borrow. Just pop in with you child before the festival and find a pair that fits! Please meet Mrs McLennan and Miss Stevens at the main stage (middle of Nundah village) no later than 9.15am.

Junior Music Camp
16 of our beginner musicians have been accepted into the Junior Music Camp which will be held from Monday 14 Sep-Thursday 17 Sep at the Old Museum Building. Medical forms and money should have been returned to the office by now. Information regarding transport arrangements to and from the camp will be sent home soon. The camp will conclude with a concert from 3.30-5.30pm. Parking will be a major concern and I would recommend parents travel to and from the concert via public transport. Parking is very limited around the venue.

Showcase
Once again we have been fortunate enough to be selected as State Finalists for Education QLD "Showcase Excellence Awards. Our submission- "Music- The Virginia Way" will be judged with 2 other QLD schools for the state title in "Innovation". Network 10 will be filming a short "vignette" at our school on Wednesday 9 September from 9-10.30am. All instrumental students and music adults will be part of the filming process. Please arrive no later than 8.15am if you are playing and 9.00 if you are helping. Everyone will need to wear their black band shirt, long jeans or pants and sandshoes. Students will need to bring their school uniform to change into after the filming. (They are welcome to stay in band uniform, but it may be too hot!)

The Gala Showcase dinner will be held on Wednesday 28 October at the Convention Centre. Further information will be sent home when it arrives from Ed Qld.

Music Count Us In
On Thursday 22 October, we are joining together with thousands of other schools around Australia to sing a special song composed by Jon Foreman called "Music is Everything". This special day is to raise awareness of the importance of music education in every child's life and coming from a School of Excellence in Music, it is important that we support this fantastic initiative. The lyrics and music can be viewed on our school website from next week. My aim is to have as many adults, parents, grandparents, students and community members join us on the day to sing the song. Our theme is "MUSIC" (of course!) and we will be adding lots of black and white colours and musical things to our clothes and hair. So please keep this date free and come and sing with us?

Music Tour Performance
Why not stick around for our 2.15pm School tour performance on the same day Thursday 22 October as our musicians try out their hard efforts in their first public performance before we head off on our music tour (November 3-5). Players will need to bring their formal band uniform to change into before the performance.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Friday 4th September is SUSHI DAY at the Tuckshop! Choose from Teriyaki Chicken, Tuna & Lettuce, California, Cucumber or Avocado - \$2.50 each Soy Sauce available for 20 cents each must be pre-ordered and paid for by Wednesday 2nd September. Every Sushi order comes with free Origami Paper, so don't miss out, gets those orders in early!

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
	26 August Julie Melton Kathy Eastlake	28 August Christine Coleman Debbie Lumsden Jo Dixon
31 August Louise Doherty	2 September Melissa Calkin Kathy Eastlake <i>HELP NEEDED</i>	4 September Veronica Ramsden <i>HELP NEEDED X2</i>
7 September Leanne Ferris Linda Donnelly	9 September Julie Melton Kathy Eastlake <i>HELP NEEDED</i>	

REMINDER

Please use Stuck on you for your labeling 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.

Father's Day Stall

WHEN: Wednesday September 2 9am – 3.30pm
All class groups visit the stall during class time.
Thursday September 3 First Break: 11am – 11.45am
2.45pm – 3.15pm
Friday September 4 After Assembly (for parents) and First Break: 11am – 11.45am
WHERE: Parent Room (next to the assembly room)
Please help us make this a great event by:



- Volunteering some time to help on the stall
- Donating items or baked goods (please ensure all baked goods are clearly labelled with all ingredients)
- Some suggested items for donation are:
 - *Socks
 - *Hankies
 - *Fishing Equipment
 - *Camping Equipment
 - *Golf Balls
 - *Handyman Items

(PLEASE HAND IN DONATIONS TO THE OFFICE BY 2/9/09)
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Father's Day Stall	
Please return this portion if you can help with the stall.	
NAME: _____	PHONE NUMBER: _____
DAY _____	TIME: _____

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

The chocolate drive has now closed and we have had 2/3's of the money returned. Please send \$57.60 to the office if you have not yet returned your chocolates. We are unable to send chocolates back to Cadbury. Congratulations to Tyla Williams of 6.7R who sold the most chocolates and won herself a bike and helmet. Tyla has since left the school and we wish her all the best. Congratulations also to Linus O'Neill and Breanna Pitts on winning the movie/candy vouchers.

50th BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL – NORTHGATE STATE SCHOOL

Friday 11 September 4 – 9pm. Community festival all welcome. Food, rides, fireworks entertainment and stall. Pre-purchased unlimited ride bands \$25 available from the office. %0th Birthday Dinner – Saturday 11 September Tickets - \$50 from the office. RSVP by 28 August 2009, Catered semi-formal evening at Northgate State School.

<p>Playing Safe and Having Fun!</p>		
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IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE COORDINATOR... HOLIDAY CLUB IS COMING UP FAST PLEASE BOOK IN EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.	COMING UP AT OSHC... HOLIDAY CLUB EXCURSION TO MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY	JOIN US FOR: DUSTER HOCKEY FACE PAINTING FINGER KNITTING PLAYDOUGH TOUCH FOOTY ...AND MUCH MORE!

TOOMBUL JUNIOR CRICKET SIGN-ON

All junior players are invited to attend sign-on on the following dates: Saturday 29 August between 11 am and 1 pm and Sunday 30 August between 10 am and 12 noon. Sign-on will be at the Clubhouse at Oxenham Park, Duke Street, Nundah. All welcome! For further information, please go to www.qldcricket.com.au and follow the prompts to Toombul's page, or contact Ray Duggan on 0412 783 442.

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS CAMPS

During September the following camps will be held:
Cricket – Carl Rackemann Cricket Camp at the South Brisbane Cricket Club, Fairfield on 21, 22 and 23 September
Netball – ASC Netball Camp at the Hibiscus Sports Complex, Upper Mt Gravatt on 22, 23 and 24 September. The camps are open for 7-17 year olds. Please contact ASC on 1800 671 808 or their website www.australiansportscamps.com.au.

***** CONFIDENT KIDS & TEENS PROGRAM *** Help your child achieve their personal best!**

Confident Kids and Teens is a fun, evidence-based program packed with interactive activities to boost your child's emotional & social skills, confidence and resilience. Max of 6 children per group. Run by experienced, qualified psychologists. Book now for Term 4. For more information call the office on 07 3368 1307, email laine@positivefamilies.com.au or visit www.confidentkidsandteens.com.au. Individual counselling appointments are also available. MEDICATE/HEALTH FUND REBATES APPLY.