

26 August 2008

AIMING HIGHER

Principal's Points

Book Week

Last week, we celebrated Book Week. It was wonderful to see so many students participating in the numerous activities on offer in the Learning Resource Centre. Thank you to Jan and Wendy for their preparation in making the week so enjoyable for our children. On the Wednesday, we had all sorts of characters represented as children took the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character. This afternoon, students in Years 1-7 will have the opportunity to participate in a Book Week Extravaganza when they view the Alpha performance of "Beauty and the Beast". It is a most fitting celebration to conclude Book week.

Under 8's Day

A reminder that this special day is scheduled for Friday, 29 August, lots of exciting activities are planned. In order to participate fully, children are invited to wear play clothes (free dress). We hope you can come along and join us for morning tea on this special day of celebration for our younger children.

Payne Fully Arty

Please remember to keep Friday, 5 September free to attend this inaugural event. Classes have been working on their large art pieces and they look sensational. This week, on assembly, I will give you a preview of some of them. These art pieces are available for auction on the night and there is sure to be much interest. I have my eye on a couple of pieces that I think would look wonderful in my office so I am hoping the bidding

does not go beyond my budget! It would, however, be great for the school if it did. I urge you to support

this fund raising event. The fund raising committee has put a lot of time and effort into ensuring that it is a successful night. Come along and put in a bid or simply come and enjoy a nice meal, good music, dancing and great company. It promises to be a most enjoyable night. Our next door neighbour, a former pupil of the school who also attended the official Opening of the LRC has already popped in to purchase his ticket. Great to see members of the wider community supporting our school, hope that many of you can make it on the night. For catering purposes, please remember to purchase your ticket by tomorrow, Wednesday, 27 August.

Prep Information Night

On Tuesday, 9 September we will be holding an information evening for those parents who have a child starting Prep next year. This is a great opportunity to learn about our school and to meet the staff who will be involved with your child next year. Next term, we will have another evening for parents of children starting Year 1 in 2009. We hope that most parents are available to attend these very important sessions. Our friendly staff look forward to meeting you.

Facilities

This Thursday, new carpet will be laid in both the Rainbow Room and the Music Room. Staff and students are very much looking forward to the enhancement that this will provide. At the present time, the Rainbow Room still has the original carpet on

the floor so it has been there for many years and it is certainly time to upgrade.

Staffing News

Kari Lloyd recently commenced maternity leave and Nadine Dinnis

commences her leave this week. We look forward to hearing about their new arrivals. Both teachers will be replaced in the near future. We welcome Jan McCollow returning from six weeks long service leave and we thank Kimberley Hill for her input.

A Message from Queensland Transport

Parking around schools is limited and drivers have been parking in Two Minute zones, and No Stopping/Standing/Parking zones and bus stops. These actions are dangerous for children travelling to and from school. Some parents often park in driveways which results in calls from irate home-owners unable to get their cars in or out of their own driveways.

Police and councils have advised they will visit schools periodically during the year to issue traffic offence notices to offending drivers.

The success of the two minute zones requires cooperation from all parents to ensure quick movement of vehicles through the area.

Please observe the time frames (see above example) and only stay in the area for as long as it takes to get the children in to or out of the car. The driver must not park the car in these signed areas and go into the school with the children.

In some instances parents stop their car and stay in it waiting for

somebody to take their children to class and then come back. **PLEASE NOTE!** This area is designed to **keep the vehicles moving**. It is not to be used in this manner.

Please do

- Plan your trip to avoid arrival at peak times
- Pick-up or drop-off children via the car's kerb doors
- Drive out safely
- If your children are not at your arranged spot, go around the block and try again

Do not

- Get out of your vehicle
- Double park
- Stay more than 2 minutes
- Arrive early in the afternoon and sit in the zone
- Use staff parking areas

If you would like more information on this or any other road/child/bike safety or other transport issue, please phone Queensland Transport on 1300 360 135.

Vicki Richards (Acting Principal)

TERM 3 DATES

Term Three 15 July to 19 September

Week 7: 25 August-29 August

- 29 August – Under 8's Fun Day
- 30 & 31 August – OPTIMINDS

Week 8: 1 September – 5 September

- 1 September – Year 7 HRE Family Planning
- 3 September – Father's Day Stall
- 4 September – Yr 7 GSHS Testing 9-11
- 5 September – Teacher Aide Day
- 5 September - Payne- Fully Arty Show

Week 9: 8 September – 12 September

- 8 September – Year 7 HRE Family Planning
- 9 & 10 September – Yr 3 Strings Extravaganza
- 12 September – MEAL DEAL
- 12 September – Treat Time

Week 10: 15 September – 19 September

- 14 to 18 September – GRIPPS
- 15 September – Year 7 HRE Family Planning
- 16 – 18 September – Brisbane Writers Festival
- 17 & 18 September – Yr 4 Underwater World Sleep Over
- 18 September – GRIPPS Concert
- 18 September – P&C Meeting 7.30pm

VACATION: 19 SEPTEMBER TO 6 OCTOBER

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Would you please note that overdue accounts will be going home next

week. If you have not finalised your account, would you please do so as a matter of urgency. Any outstanding money must be paid by Friday 5 September, 2008.

Accounts for Term 4 will be issued that last week if this term.

Debra Jackson

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property bin is overflowing!! If your child has lost any items, please check the lost property bin. Any articles left at the end of term will be donated to charity.

Debra Jackson

UNDER EIGHT'S FUN DAY

Come along to share in the fun – Friday 29 August, from 9.15am – 10.30am. Bring your hat and morning tea to eat as a picnic with your child's class at 10.30am.

The Preps, Year 1, 2 & 3 children will be able to enjoy many different and fun activities to both see and do on the main oval.

Diane Laing

OLYMPICS THINKER'S CHALLENGE

Week 3 The Different Uses Key

Find 10 new and unusual uses for an Olympic medal.

Olympics Thinker's Challenge Winners: Congratulations to P – 2 Isabelle Oram 2D 3 – 7 Ben Slater 6M Responses to :How many ways can you get over a high jump bar? Included:
 . Use a trampoline, jet pack or pogostick
 . Tie lots of balloons together & float over
 . Jump a horse over it.

Winners will receive their trophies on assembly tomorrow.

Nicole Goodwin

CHESS OPPORTUNITY

Chess for Students
 Children need to be exposed to a myriad of opportunities in their young lives, whether these be artistic, sporting or literary pursuits, to enable them to

discover what excites them and what can contribute to their life skills in an enjoyable way.

Chess can provide one of those opportunities. We have found that girls and boys from all backgrounds, rich or poor, sporting or otherwise, including those with learning or physical disabilities, choose to make chess one of their passions.

From much research conducted all around the world it has been found that chess helps kids to think smarter.

The New York City Schools Chess Programme concluded:

- Chess dramatically improves a child's ability to think rationally.
- Chess increases cognitive skills.
- Chess improves children's communication skills and aptitude in recognizing patterns, therefore chess results in higher grades, especially in English and Maths studies.
- Chess builds a sense of team spirit while emphasizing the ability of the individual.
- Chess teaches the value of hard work, concentration and commitment.
- Chess instils in young players a sense of self-confidence and self-worth.
- Chess makes a child realize that he or she is responsible for his or her own actions and must accept their consequences.
- Chess teaches children to try their best to win, while accepting defeat with grace.
- Chess provides an intellectual, competitive forum through which children can assert hostility, i.e. "let off steam", in an acceptable way.
- Chess can become a child's most eagerly awaited school activity, dramatically improving attendance.
- Chess allows girls to compete with boys on a non-threatening, socially acceptable plane.
- Chess helps children make friends more easily because it provides an easy, safe forum for gathering and discussion.
- Chess allows students and teachers to view each other in a more sympathetic way.
- Chess, through competition, gives kids a palpable sign of their accomplishments.
- Chess provides children with a concrete, inexpensive and compelling way to rise above the deprivation and self-doubt which are so much a part of their lives.

For a summary of research please go to:
www.gardinerchess.com/publicationsbenefits/educational_benefits.htm

In a nutshell, this is why children like to learn chess:

- The most important . . . **because it's fun!**
- They realise it helps them to think smarter.
- In most cases, after only a short time, they will be able to beat their parents at chess.
- They will be able to compete in a school team in the inter-schools chess competitions. Most kids find this to be an awesome experience.

If they get really keen, the chess system in Australia can take them as far as they want to go . . . even to represent Australia at the world age titles.

“Graeme Gardiner, Gardiner Chess”

Nicole Goodwin

JUNIOR SOCCER

PRSS A d. MATER DEI (combined) 5-0

Team A had a convincing win over Mater Dei (combined) at The Gap Pastime last Friday. Our goals were scored by James Ball (x2), Mark Davies, Daniel Kocev and Tom Anderson. James Simpson was sweeping in defence and made a great tackle.

PRSS B d. HRSS 3-1

Team B played to their usual best, defeating Hilder Road at The Gap Pastime last Friday. Our goals were scored by Jonathon Armitage, Austyn Boardman and Adam Ball. Stuart Turner and Johan V also had great games.

Next week, Team B plays The Gap B at Bowman Park. Team A have a Bye.

**Mark Johnstone and Angus Milne
(Jnr Coaches)**

SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER

On Friday 8 August our girls played Bardon State School at Rainworth and we defeated them 5 to nil. Unfortunately, last Friday St Josephs B had too many players ill and could not play. Our Year 7 girls can be congratulated on their wonderful season. They won many games but more importantly, they show great teamwork and sportsmanship. The girls worked well together to set up goals and support each other. We had a

successful and fun season. Thanks, girls.

Sue Connell

RAINBOW ROOM NEWS

ASD -Solitude

In his book Tony Attwood states that he has discovered a means of removing almost of all of the features that define Asperger's syndrome in any child. His method is very simple. He says that if you take the child to his or her bedroom, leave the child alone and close the door as you walk out of the room the signs of AS will have disappeared.

In solitude, the child does not have a *qualitative impairment in social interaction*. At least two people are required for there to be a social interaction. Alone there is no one to talk to so there is no *speech irregularity* and the child can spend time engaged in a special interest without anyone judging whether the activity is *abnormal either in intensity or focus*.

It is interesting that time alone is one of the most effective emotional restoratives for an individual with ASD. Being alone can have a calming effect and is often enjoyable for the individual, especially if they are occupied in their special interest. Solitude can enhance learning. Acquiring knowledge in a classroom requires considerable social and language skills. The difficulties experienced in these areas by children with AS can impede learning. It has been observed that some children with AS learn how to read, write, and do basic mathematics before they attend school, by teaching themselves in seclusion looking at books, watching television, or playing educational games.

Indeed one of my former students diagnosed with AS informed me that he had taught himself his extensive knowledge about algebra and history through reading books. His parents confirmed this statement and said this had been the case with almost all of their son's learning.

When alone, the issues of hypersensitivity are reduced and the inability to cope with change is also at a minimum. When a child with AS is alone, relaxed, and enjoying an interest, the features of AS do not seem so apparent. It is only when someone enters the solitude or when the child has to leave the solitude and interact, that the impairments become much more obvious.

(for further reference The Complete Guide to Asperger's Syndrome by Tony Attwood)

NB: 8pm Thursday night on ABC Catalyst there is a segment about AS screening. It is about a young man diagnosed with AS and gifted in mathematics.

Jill Darch

KINDNESS

We've had a great response to the kindness program. 115 kind acts have been reported by 72 individuals. So far the recipients of certificates on parade have been Emily Dick, Connor Hanley, Bailey Bielefeld, Mrs Buckland, Molly Gibbons, Mrs Underhill, Tea Burton, Laura Cruickshank, Charlie Richardson, Sandy Levings and Mrs Campbell. Congratulations to those people and keep up the good work!

**Chris Bullock
Chaplain**

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

It will be appreciated if students make a special effort to arrive on time for their morning rehearsals with books and instruments. We have one rehearsal a week and it is very important that students arrive on time with their equipment. It will be appreciated for this week if Junior and Beginner Strings arrive by 8.15am. as both Junior and Beginner Strings will be performing on Assembly on Wednesday 27 August.

All students have received a homework/practice sheet. This sheet is to be placed in a display folder and brought each week to the lesson. Parents are to sign at the bottom of the practice column each week. The practice sheet operates as a bar-graph. Each practice session is coloured-in a different colour and added to the previous practice session. Beginner students should be practicing at least 10 – 15 minutes a day, minimum 4 times a week and the intermediate and advanced students should be practicing 20 – 30 minutes a day, minimum 4 times a week.

Information regarding the String Extravaganza will be given out this week. The permission form and money are to be returned to the office in a clearly marked envelope. This Camp is designed for beginner string students and all beginner string students are encouraged to attend. The camp is for two days and is non-residential. It will be wonderful opportunity for our year 3's to work with Keith Sharp, Natalie Sharp and Mark Gibson who are the composers of one of our tutor books – Music Maestros Book 1.

Students who are involved in GRIPPS are reminded to return their forms and

money to the office. Don't forget to re-practice your audition piece for your masterclass.

Practice tips – Be a positive part of your child's playing time. Sit with your child while she/he plays and ask, "Show me what you're learning." Praise your child for each step forward. Never make negative remarks about how your child's playing sounds. It takes time and effort to produce musical sounds. Encourage other family members to applaud the child's efforts. Positive attention is a great motivator. Just a reminder to use the phrase "playing time" rather "practice time".

Music Dates:

Junior and Beginner strings perform on Assembly- Wed 27 August
String Extravaganza (Year 3 String Camp)- Tues 2 & Wed 3 September
GRIPPS Sun 14 – Thurs 18 September
No lessons or ensembles - Wed 17 September

**Happy practicing
Mr Hartog and Mrs Dinnis**

DR MICHAEL LLOYD VISITS PAYNE ROAD

As part of our Olympics unit, Year 4 and 5 students were very fortunate to have a visit from sport psychologist, Dr Michael Lloyd last Friday. Dr Lloyd works for the Australian Institute of Sport and the Queensland Academy of Sport. He has been working with some of our Olympic Athletes to help prepare them for the Beijing Games and recently went to Germany to assist the Australian Olympic cycling team with their Beijing preparations.

Dr Lloyd told the students that setting small goals is of utmost importance in being able to attain a large goal, such as becoming an Olympian. He stated that a person cannot control the past or the future, only the present, and setting daily goals (whether they are related to schoolwork or sport) is the best way to achieve. He also gave the children tips on how to control nervousness (such as when you are about to race or do a test) and how to deal with people who boast about their abilities.

We would like to thank Dr Lloyd for kindly donating his time. The children really enjoyed his talk. This was clearly communicated when one of my students said to me "He's a really cool guy!"

Wendy Noble

ART SHOW 2008 – FRIDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER

The much anticipated art show is almost here! Many of you will have received an email from the P&C

advising of an **Extended Deadline for Tickets Orders of WEDNESDAY, 27 August**. If you would still like to buy tickets and need an order form they are available from the office.

Tickets are \$20 each for the adult session (from 7pm) and include a delicious meal, dessert, tea/coffee and lucky door prize ticket.

Those who have had a privileged sneak peak of the art work will agree there are many beautiful pieces to be displayed and sold at the show. Don't miss your chance to boast "I was at the inaugural PRSS art show".

So please join us for an evening of fun, food, entertainment and most of all – FINE ART.

See you there!

PRSSP& FUNdraising Committee

BOOK CLUB

Just letting you know that it is bookclub time again. I will get the brochures out to the classes this week and will take orders on Monday, 1 Sept; Tuesday 2 Sept and Wednesday 3 Sept. Please leave your orders in a sealed envelope at the office. I won't be able to take any late orders as this order has to be processed as soon as possible to guarantee you get your books back before the holidays. Please remember to make cheques out to Scholastic Australia and to give me the correct change if you are paying by cash. Happy Reading!!

Thank you

Petra

DID YOU SEE THIS?????

School Rewards – Great Western Supercentre Keperra"

We can win cash for our school by buying products, services or by paying bills at any of the Supercentre retailers.

That includes the liquor outlet, B.C.F, Retravision etc. If you or a family member or neighbour were planning to purchase something anyway, please consider benefiting the school with your purchase.

Did you know if you book domestic travel you get a flat 500 points or 5000 points if you book international travel or buy a house?

Any bill paid thru Australia Post at Keperra (or other retailer) will receive one point per dollar or bills over \$500 will receive a flat 600 points.

A great return for the school for minimal effort!!!

**Thanks,
Mandy**

FATHERS' DAY STALL

This year's Fathers' Day stall will be held on **Wednesday, 3 September**.

Novelty items will be on sale ranging in price from \$1 - \$8. Donations of boxed chocolates and/or non-perishable home

made goodies would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the office for collection.

If you are available to help on the stall please email details to: payneroad@bigpond.com with "Fathers' Day Volunteer" in the subject line.

**Louise
PRSSP&C Fundraising Committee**

GRIPPS SPONSORSHIP

Advertise your business. Sponsorship for the forthcoming GRIPPS Music camp and concert is available for \$100. See brochure in breezeway or collect one from the office.

Debra Jackson

TENNIS

This week's player of the week is Eliza Cooke, for improving her serving, keep up the good work.

1 hour's tennis lesson gives you 30 minutes of coaching (learning the skills) and 30 minutes of match play (putting your skills to practice) all for \$10 a lesson. Phone John Berry to Enroll or go to www.wimblegap.com.au for easy enrollment. Remember all profits go to the school. 3300 2246 – 0421 502022

John Berry

YEAR 7 PARENTS GET TOGETHER

Year 7 parents are meeting for a curry and a chat on Friday 29 August 2008 at TAJ BENGAL, Ashgrove from 7pm. Please let Chris, Michelle or Marianne know if you can make it. We look forward to seeing you there.

TUCKSHOP

ROSTER

Thursday Tuckshop 28 August

Angela Butler, Emma Clarkson, Alex Cruickshank, Jean Wight

1 more volunteer needed!

Tuesday Tuckshop 2 September

Tanya Alcock, Faye Holmes, Deanne Limpus

Lois (Tuckshop Convenor)