FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to welcome back all families to the start of term two. This term is once again shaping up to be a very busy one and I encourage all community members to continue to build the positive relationships with our school staff to enable the best education for our children.

There has been an increase in enrolments this term again and we have been very pleased with the high standard of behaviour already demonstrated.

Prior to and over the holidays staff members have worked in year level teams to provide consistent curriculum planning, teaching and assessment and we are looking forward to enacting this program to support student learning and continuing to build teacher capacity through ongoing professional development.

This term we are continuing to focus on:

1. A high quality learning environment evidenced by every student learning in every classroom, every day.

2. Improved student attendance including late arrival and early departures.

3. Improved student learning outcomes in reading, writing, math and science.

4. Sharp and narrow focus on the teaching of reading.

Parent/Carer Contact Details

Several times a week we try to contact parents and find that phone numbers have changed, but we have not been notified. It is vitally important that you make sure you notify us when your contact details change. The greatest danger arises when we need to phone you because of an accident, or because a child may be missing. Whilst this is a fairly uncommon event, it highlights our need to have up to date details. It is also extremely frustrating and time-consuming for our office staff to spend time phoning emergency contacts to find out your new phone number. We understand that families get busy and simply forget, so to assist you in notifying us, we have attached a notification form that will accompany each newsletter, and which you can send with your child to school when your address or phone numbers change.

Regards
Sharon Schimming
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Welcome back to Term 2 – we hope that you enjoyed the two week break and that we are now ready for the busy term ahead. Last week we had a whole school assembly to start off the term, and we will be holding fortnightly assemblies for P-3 and Year 4-7 students. Dates for assemblies this term are as follows:

- Prep to Year 3: 3 May, 17 May (for P-2 only), 31 May, and 14 June.
- MACs, Year 6 and 7: 26 April, 10 May, 24 May, 7 June.
- Whole School Assembly: 21 June.

Assemblies are held at 11:30am each Thursday in the Hall – parents most welcome!

Easter Hat Parade

Prep and Year 1 parents and grandparents joined us on Friday 30 March for the highly anticipated Easter Bonnet Parade. What a great way to finish off the term. The Prep students have well and truly settled into their new school alongside our very grown up Year 1 students. Once again, thank you to our hard working Prep and Year 1 teachers and teacher aides for the work that went into the Easter Bonnet Parade. A very special thank you is extended to Ms Reid (better known as B1) for being the most beautiful of bunnies.

Reminders - Daily Procedures

- When students arrive at school, they are sitting quietly in designated areas. A bell rings at 8.30am, to tell students to move off to class and prepare for their learning for the day. Teachers are in classrooms at this time and ready to begin instruction at 8.45.

- Students must have a wide brimmed hat at school every day. Our rule No Hat, No Play means that children without a hat are supervised in the Hall and do not participate in active games during the playtime. We therefore encourage all children to have a hat at school every day to allow them to participate fully in the day's activities.

- All bike and scooter traffic is via the Duffield Road exit. We seek full cooperation from parents who may be riding to and from school with your children to abide by this rule and use only the Duffield Road exit. Bikes and scooters are secured during the school day in the compound near the Duffield Road entry/exit point. Skateboards are not to be brought to school. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

- We request that parents and children vacate the school grounds promptly each afternoon after your child or children have been collected.

Visit by Clontarf Beach State High School Instrumental Music students

Last Thursday we had a visit from the Clontarf Beach State High School Instrumental Music students and their various bands. Our students and teachers were entertained for the afternoon by some very talented musicians who had the Hall rocking and rolling to some lively music! The performers were showing obvious enjoyment in the performance, as were the audience. Thank you to Clontarf Beach State High School for an excellent show, and congratulations to Humpybong students for your enthusiastic involvement and great audience manners!

ANZAC Day Ceremonies

We held our school ANZAC Day ceremony on Tuesday this week that was conducted by our Student Leadership team – Brooke, Rhys, Molly and Mel. They led the ceremony with a sense of occasion that is reflective of the sombre mood of ANZAC Day and what it represents for our country – past and future. We will also participate in the Redcliffe Community march on Wednesday. Thank you to Ms Reid for organising the picnic in Captain Cook Park after the march.
Interschool Sport

Year 6 and 7 students will continue their interschool sport until Friday 4 May. The next season will commence in Term 3.

Tim Adsett & Hayley Bloxham

SCHOOL ZONES

Standardised school zone times have been introduced by the State Government to improve compliance and to remove confusion for motorists travelling between local government areas. The new standardised school zone times come into effect from 10 April 2012. School zone times within the Moreton Bay Region will be upgraded to reflect 7–9 am and 2–4 pm for the return to school Term 2, 2012. Some schools within the region will operate all-day school zones (7am – 4pm) at split campus schools where students need to cross a road to attend class. Flashing light signage will be used to draw attention to these special all-day zones. These measures aim to make the roads near schools safer for our school children.

SCHOOL BANKING

Due to limited numbers of participants in the Commonwealth school banking program and the time it takes to process the transactions, a decision has been made to cease processing/managing student banking as from May 11, 2012.

CHAPPY CHATTER - Miracle Cures

“I can’t go to school – I’m sick!” But how sick is too sick to go to school?

When I started Uni, a friend who worked from home often cared for my kids if they were too sick for school. They weren’t permitted any entertainment – just to lie on the couch (boredom eliminates tricksters quickly). However, we noticed an interesting trend – the 10am miracle recovery - “I’m feeling much better now. Can I get up and play?”

To be fair, children do struggle to identify real sickness. So, to discern genuine illness from malingering, we devised a strategy – evidence of sickness (fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, listlessness, lack of appetite) were considered genuine and treated seriously. However, intangible aches, pains, moans and groans were taken with a grain of salt and children sent to school regardless. We were confident that 9/10 times they would stage a miraculous recovery as soon as they saw their friends. If it was a genuine illness, the school would call.

There are no hard and fast rules when it comes to accommodating childhood illnesses, especially around the realities of work, but it pays to be sure. Children’s education is too important to be derailed by unnecessary absences.

Keep smiling and God bless, Nicola

“…restore him from his bed of illness.” Psalm 41:3

TUCKSHOP NEWS

REMINDERS: Tuckshop closed Mondays. There is no hot food at SNACK time. Slush Puppies are now $2.20 and Juice Cups are no longer in stock. They have been replaced with a 125ml Popper at 75c.
HANS PROMOTION: Please keep all barcodes of any Hans product you purchase and send into the Tuckshop. Our school can win a free lunch, (hotdog and drink for every student) with the Broncos serving. The prize consists also of a framed signed jersey, 10 autographed footballs plus $1000 towards equipment for the Tuckshop.

EFTPOS is now available at the Tuckshop minimum amount $5.00.

Sherri Hallam
Tuckshop convenient

MUSIC MATTERS

On Wednesday 9 May our senior instrumental students will proudly present their Senior Recital. This night will showcase their hard work and musical skills. Food will be available to purchase and all proceeds from the evening will go to obtaining new instruments for the program. Invitations to parents of the program will be coming home soon. If anybody else is interested in attending, please let us know.

Practise of new skills plays a critical role in the development of any learning. Students in the instrumental program are expected to practise thirty minutes each day, with beginners building up to this amount of time throughout the year. All students in the string ensemble and band must attend group rehearsals each Tuesday and Wednesday morning respectively. Failure to do so limits the progress of not only themselves but also their fellow students. Please let us know if there is a reason your child is unable to attend or if you need support to get your child to rehearsals.

Last week I presented children of the instrumental program with their Practice at Home Logs. These logs are designed to support you as a family in your musical journeys. Please use them to provide feedback to your child’s instrumental teacher. As these Practice at Home Logs are a trial, we welcome your feedback and thoughts about how we can better support your child to practise at home. Please email or phone me if you would like to talk about this or any other issue in the music program.

All students from year one to seven have started the term by setting learning goals in music. Students in each year level have goals in two areas of music. There are performance goals and literacy goals, which incorporate aural testing and reading and writing rhythmic and melodic elements that have been practised in class. Please ask your child about their goals in music and how they plan to achieve them.

Last week on assembly I spoke about putting our heart and soul into our learning goals. As children and adults we have choices about our goals and the attitudes with which we strive for them. We can trudge along, disconnected from what we are doing or we can embrace it with passion and enthusiasm. I challenged the children to get excited about what they are doing, to push themselves, to ask for feedback and be positive about the tasks that are set for them. Regardless of our ages, when we embrace what we do with joy nothing is hard work.

I look forward to seeing you on Anzac Day,

Juanita
jreid25@edu.eq.au
P.S. More about the Multiple Intelligences next time.

P&C NEWS

WINNERS – Easter Raffle

1st Prize – Digital Camera - Taylah Bailey (1 Aqua)
2nd Prize – Family Pass Planetarium – Katie Reed
3rd Prize - $25.00 K-Mart voucher – Leanne Cameron (parent of Sarah O - 6 Lime)
Baskets – Michelle Torresan, Steven Wardle, Elijah Scott, Sonia Snowling
Bunny & Chocolates – Matthew Anderson

Volunteers Required for BBQs – Election Day Humpybong State School Hall

We will be holding a fundraising BBQ on Saturday 28 April 2012 (Council Election Day) from 8.00am to 1.00pm; we need volunteers, if you can help, please email or text our P&C secretary Kelly on 0429348876 / Kelly@kohlerzone.com. Even if you can only help for 30 mins, that would be a BIG help. We are waiting to hear from both Woolworths and Bunnings as to when we are able to hold a fundraising BBQ at their venue, dates will be provided shortly.
Election of P&C Executive Committee

We held our AGM on 27 March 2012. We would like to thank our tuckshop convenor and the one parent who turned up to the meeting. It was very disappointing that there are no other parents/caregivers out there willing to become part of the P&C Committee.

I am happy to say we have a wonderful committee; elected Executive Committee is as follows:

President: Colin Orr  
Vice-President: Cathryn Thompson  
Treasurer: Lara Bailey  
Secretary: Kelly Kohler

Some of the Executive Committee have been part of the P&C for quite a number of years and have advised that this will be their LAST year on the Committee. We look forward to meeting new people to continue the great work the P&C are involved in including the TUCKSHOP, UNIFORM SHOP, Friday Afternoon Sausage Sizzle and providing extra resources for our students.

Queensland Schools Shared Car Raffle

During Term 2 we will be participating in the Queensland Schools Shared Car Raffle. Prizes will include a Holden Colorado 4x4 Crewcab (2012 model), Jayco Camper Trailer, Travel Voucher, Woolworths Gift Card and iPad2. The tickets will be selling for $2.00 each. Each family will be provided with 1 book of tickets to sell (20 tickets @ $2.00 each – total $40.00).

Payments for Uniforms and Tuckshop - EFTPOS

This term we will be running a trial payment system through the tuckshop. The tuckshop will have EFTPOS facilities for tuckshop and uniform shop. If you wish to place an ORDER for the uniform shop please attend the tuckshop (open Tuesday to Friday from 7.45am to 2.00pm) to pay for the items via EFTPOS and the uniform will be delivered to the student’s class upon availability. This DOES NOT mean that the Tuckshop is selling the uniforms.

Pauls Collect-a-Cap Program

Pauls Collect-a-Cap Program will be running throughout 2012, so please bring all of your specially marked caps to the school office. The school receives 10c for EVERY cap collected. To date we have received over $300 for this program, so keep sending in your caps.

Variety Day – Mobile Phone Recycling – FREE DRESS DAY

On Friday 4 May 2012 we will be holding a Mobile Phone Recycling Day, please drop your unwanted mobile phones into the boxes provided in each classroom. The class that has the most mobile phones will be awarded a special prize! This event will be a FREE DRESS DAY. The school receives $3.00 for EVERY Mobile Phone Recycled!

Mother's Day Stall

We will be holding our annual Mother’s Day Stall from Tuesday 8th May to Thursday 10th May. Items selling from $1.00 to $5.00. The stall will be open from 9.00am to 2.00pm including lunch and snack times. If we have any stock left, the stall will be open Friday morning. If you are able to volunteer at the Mother’s Day Stall, please contact Kelly (see above).

Annual Fun Run

Our annual Fun Run will be held on Friday 11th May, all participants will receive a free bottle of water at the end of the run, courtesy of the P&C.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 May 2012 at 6.30pm. We will only be holding one P&C meeting per term this year, so please come along and have your say. All are welcome.

Colin Orr  
P&C President
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Helen O’Grady Drama Academy

KIDS LOVE DRAMA! PARENTS LOVE THE RESULTS!

Our unique drama system develops confidence and communication skills in children and teenagers. Dynamic and structured, our programme covers speech, movement, creative drama and language development with all students participating in an end-of-year production. Our acclaimed drama programme is implemented by dynamic teachers who work enthusiastically to bring out the very best in your child.

Affordable Fees! No Hidden Costs!

Lower Primary (5–8), Upper Primary (9–12) and Youth Theatre (12–18).

Please phone the Principal Margaret Treuel (B.A., Dip. Ed) on 3353 0555.

Redcliffe Choir

Do you love to sing? Are you 16 years or older? Redcliffe City Choir is looking for new members. We sing a range of music - from classical, sacred and light opera to jazz and folk music. For more details phone 3889 5789 or 3889 4195.

Queensland Bowel Cancer Screening Program

Free education sessions for community groups and workplaces. Find out more about bowel cancer prevention and early detection and help protect your health. To book a free education for your community group or workplace contact the Queensland Bowel Cancer Screening Program Health Promotion Officer on 3139 4116

Hassel Free Mealtimes

Are you experiencing problems with your child’s eating and mealtime behaviour? Eating and mealtime problems in children are common and can be improved. The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland is conducting research regarding the effectiveness of a brief parenting seminar for parents who are concerned about their child’s eating, and you can be involved! The Hassel Free Mealtimes Triple P program involves attending a one-off 2-hour group session, which will provide parents with information and helpful everyday tips and strategies for dealing with problem eating and improving their child’s mealtime behaviour. If you are a parent of a 2 to 5-year-old child and are concerned about your child’s feeding and mealtime behaviour, we would love to hear from you! Hassle-Free Mealtimes Triple P has already been trialled successfully in a longer format. The current study hopes to provide support for brief group-based parenting interventions so that more parents can have access to parenting advice. Results of this study will be made available to participants.

For more information about the study, please contact:
Kaitlin Hinchliffe, Honours Student, Parenting and Family Support Centre, School of Psychology, University of Queensland Phone: (07) 3365 9186 Email: kaitlin.hinchliffe@uqconnect.edu.au

Together We Can Conquer Cancer

Please support Anne Stanton, Year 1 teacher here at Humpybong in The Rio Tinto Ride to Conquer Cancer benefiting Queensland Institute of Medical Research. 18 – 19 August, 2012, Anne will join thousands of Riders cycling over 200+ km in 2 days in an epic quest to conquer cancer. Every dollar she raises will directly impact the lives of those battling cancer, their families and those yet to be diagnosed. Please help her provide ground-breaking research, treatment and support to those in need throughout the community and across the state. Sponsor Anne with a generous donation and help build a cancer-free tomorrow. Visit conquercancer.org.au and click the Green ‘Donate’ button at the top of the page.

NAME: Anne Stanton – Walking on Sunshine Team
PARTICIPANT #: 661179-8