FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Bush Dance

We are all very excited to host the school Bush Dance on Friday night. The live bush band is ready and preparation for the evening is well under way. The children have been working hard for the past ten weeks to learn and perfect the dances to ensure a fantastic performance for our school community.

All of the Humpybong State School staff members have committed to being at the bush dance and it is expected that students will be in attendance also. A number of staff members and the P&C Association have worked tirelessly for the benefit of our children and it is therefore very important to show our support through participation at this exciting event. If your child is not attending the school bush dance please provide teachers with a note explaining their absence.

Arson Attack

As many in the community would be aware, an arson attack occurred in the early hours of last Tuesday morning. The fire was extinguished before it spread through the timber framed building and our school community was very lucky that more extensive damage was limited due to the fast action of the local fire department.

Arson investigators, police and forensic officers spent several hours at the scene to take as much information from the crime scene as possible. Although the room was vacated for the day, we ensured that the Year 3 classrooms were safe for students and staff to return the following day. Further work on the external of the building will continue over the next weeks but I am happy to report that learning and safety have not been jeopardized.

I would like to extend my thanks to members of school community who offered support and best wishes.

Regards
Sharon Schimming
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Free Dress Toothbrush and Toothpaste Day - Humpybong State School supports the Burnett and Cullen Family Visit to Tanzania

On Wednesday 19 September, the school will host a non-uniform day in return for children bringing in a new toothbrush and/or tube of toothpaste. The donations will be taken by Will Cullen (MAC Orange) and Ruby Cullen (2 Lime) who are travelling with their parents, Sally and Nick Burnett to Tanzania at the start of October. The reason the family is travelling to Tanzania is through a personal connection with The Cicely Foundation. The Cicely Foundation exists for deprived, vulnerable and needy children in both the United Kingdom and throughout the world to help overcome some of their difficulties. The main focus of the Foundation involves supporting work linked to education, health and well-being. The family is friends with the founding members, Steve and Maureen Cliffen. One of the major projects they support is Peace Matunda. Peace Matunda is a project in Tanzania, East Africa. They are a non-profit organisation committed to the education and development of underprivileged children. The Peace Matunda project is situated high in the beautiful rainforest of Mount Meru in Northern Tanzania, around 15km outside of the city of Arusha and includes:

Peace Matunda School - primary day school for over 200 children in Baby Class, Kindergarten, Standard 1 through 5, with the expectation to be a full primary school up to Standard 7 by 2014. Peace Matunda Orphanage - provides a home and positive family environment for 24 permanent residential children who do not have a family.

Sally, who is a registered nurse, and Nick, who runs an educational training consultancy, are going to offer support and advice to the staff at Peace Matunda, whilst Will and Ruby will be joining classes in the school. The family will be staying at Peace Matunda. From discussions with the staff at Peace Matunda, one of the major issues they face is in the area of dental hygiene, and so they are all delighted that Humpybong Primary School has agreed to support this important cause. The class with the most toothbrushes and/or tubes of toothpaste will be rewarded with a pizza lunch on the last day of term.

Early Years Celebration

Last Friday was the perfect day to celebrate being under eight. A sea of excited students with their families explored the plethora of engaging activities designed specifically for the celebration. Puppet shows and clay creations to Fancy Nancy tea parties and kite making saw the students in Prep to Year 2 smiling all morning. I would like to thank our dedicated staff for creating such a memorable event that was thoroughly enjoyed by the students. Thank you also to the many family members who attended and helped to create this special memory. Oh how wonderful it is to be in the Early Years.

Enrolling for Prep in 2013

Another Humpybong highlight was our Prep Open Morning hosted on Saturday 25 August. It was an absolute pleasure to meet and talk with so many families who attended on the warm and sunny morning by the sea to explore our Prep precinct and access vital information regarding Humpybong State School’s Prep program and facilities. We request that all enrolment forms be submitted to the office by Friday 21 September in readiness for Prep Enrolment Interviews being held on Monday 22 October. If you were unable to attend the Open Morning please contact the
school on 3385 1666 for an enrolment pack and to book a convenient enrolment interview. I would like to thank our dedicated staff, P&C President Mr Colin Orr and also Phillip and Fiona Grice for their assistance on the day.

**Road Safety**

It has been reported to the school that some students are acting in an unsafe manner when leaving school in the afternoon. There have been two recent incidents at the corner of Oxley Ave and Boyce Street, Margate where children have just stepped onto the intersection to cross without looking, causing the driver to stop abruptly. The safety of our students is paramount, so I thank you in anticipation of discussing with your child measures of travelling safely to and from school.

**A Reminder To Parents/Carers To Notify The School About Your Child’s Health**

Humpybong state School is committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school. Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, outings (including camps) should also be discussed with the school.

Information should be provided in writing and any specific health plans (only to be completed and signed by the medical practitioner) should be included. Please contact the school to discuss any specific requirements. Please inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details or the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff required to supporting your child. For any enquiries, please contact the school office on telephone 3385 1666

**Grounds Improvements**

Langdon Oval has been reopened after Stage One refurbishments and it is being well used by our students again at the play breaks.

Some alterations have been made to the Amphitheatre in an effort to re-open some of this space for our students. The major issue with this area is the uneven terraces that present a tripping hazard. We have designed a long term solution to this problem and should be able to use some of this area again in the near future.

Plans have been made to remodel the front entrance to the school to provide a safer, more attractive frontage that will allow more pedestrian traffic through this area. We are collecting quotes at the moment to carry out this work and hope that a reasonable costing will mean that this project can be started very soon.

Tim Adsett & Hayley Bloxham

**PREP BARNYARD BABIES**

On Thursday 6 September Barnyard Babies came to visit the Prep children at our school. During the term the children have been learning about a variety of different living environments and the animals that dwell within them. As a conclusion to this unit of investigation we have been learning about farm animals.
FIND THE H.U.M.P 2012!

It was another successful competition this year to find The Humpybong Ultra Maths Person from Prep to Year 7. All the children took part in mental maths quizzes in their classes to find a student to represent them in the Grand Final. The Grand Finalists had to undergo a tense and difficult quick fire question round at a special assembly. All the children who took part should be very proud of themselves, showing an amazing ability to mentally solve number problems in a highly tense and competitive atmosphere.

The 2012 H.U.M.P.s are:

Franziska Haselhofer (Year 1)
Logan McKinnon (Year 2)
Hunter Kostrubiec (Year 3)
Oliver Harper (MAC)
Edward Bates (Year 6)
Jesse Adams (Year 7)

And if you think you could do it, try answering these Year 7 questions in less than 5 seconds!!

1. What is 19 x 12?
2. What is 1004 – 111?
3. I start work at 9.05am and work for 2 hours and 55 minutes. What time do I stop work?

Chris Godfrey
Numeracy Coach

MUSIC MATTERS

Our week of the wonderful bush dance is finally upon us! Thank you to all those generous parents who have offered their help with cooking, serving and general helping on the night. I will be sending home confirmation details to those of you who have volunteered. The bush dance commences at 5pm and goes until 8pm. We will even have two lucky door prizes for students. Please encourage your children to come and enjoy this very special school event. So much hard work has gone into it and we want to see every one of our children here with their families.

Remember, this is not a supervised event. The children will meet their teachers on the netball courts for their dance but for the rest of the time they will be supervised by you. We would love to see the children dancing with their parents and having fun.

I must apologise for an error in the prices I provided last week. The food and drinks available will include:

Sausage on bread $1.50
Gingerbread people $2.00
Soft drinks $1.50
Potato chips $1.20
Water $1.00
Lollies $1.00

Food will be available for purchase from 4:30pm, under the Resource Centre. All profits will go to the P&C, who work tirelessly to support the school. Their fundraising contributes to the purchase of much needed resources and we thank
them for the enormous work they do for our school. We will have an Information Desk set up under the Resource Centre for all your enquiries. Here you will be able to find the First Aid kit, lost property, lost children and any help that you may need.

If you have any questions about the dance, please don’t hesitate to contact me. You can ring me at the school or contact me via my email address jreid25@eq.edu.au

I look forward to dancing with you all on Friday night. Luckily, we can sleep in on Saturday!

Juanita Reid
Music Coordinator

FROM THE SPORT’S DESK

Interschool Sports

Year 6 and 7 students are currently involved in their Interschool sport program run on Friday afternoons. Students are involved in various sports conducted at various venues on the Peninsula. It is mandatory that students wear a hat during sport – if a student does not wear a hat to sport they will not be permitted to participate for the afternoon and will remain at school.

Please note that there will be no interschool sport on Friday 21 September.

Sports Carnival

Our sports carnivals will be held Thursday 20 September. These events will be replacing the Athletics Carnival that was re-scheduled due to the oval re-development earlier this term. Prep – Year 3’s will commence the day with their carnival on the oval. MAC’s, Year 6 and Year 7’s will commence their carnival at 11:30am and conclude at 2:45pm. Parents and Caregivers are most welcome to attend either of these events. The breaks during the day will occur at the usual time.

Adam Vickery
PE Teacher

CHAPPY CHATTER – Remote Control

My husband loves remote controls. I don’t think it is just the convenience, it is the magic – remotes are like modern day magic wands! Sometimes it would be nice if life came with a remote control: Press 1 for a perfect home, 2 for a perfect job, and 3 for perfect children…

Johnny Lee Clary said, “Life doesn’t have a remote. Get up and change it yourself!” He has a point. Remote controls tend to encourage inertia – the inability to move. Wishful thinking can do the same thing. “I wish my kids were better behaved, my husband was more thoughtful, and my house was neater…Sigh!” Wishing doesn’t achieve anything of lasting value. To make our wishes come true, we need to get up and start taking action. Even a little action creates momentum for change and before you know it, life is different and your wishes are starting to come true.

So, what are you waiting for?

Nicola
Chaplain

“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is worthless.” James 2:17
**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

**REMINDERS:** Tuckshop closed Mondays. There is no hot food at SNACK time. Tuckshop will be CLOSED for snack on the last day of term, Friday 21 September.

Please remember to get your orders in before 9:30am. If they are late, we may have to substitute items.

**VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED**

Volunteers are urgently needed in the Tuckshop. Please help your school community.

Sherri Hallam  
Tuckshop Convenor

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Chaplaincy Breakfast**

Redcliffe, Deception Bay & North Lakes Chaplaincy Breakfast. A charity event to raise funds towards chaplaincy services within local schools. Funds are raised through generous donations of local businesses to provide minor and major raffle prizes and auction items.

**DATE:** Friday 19 October  
**WHERE:** Bramble Bay Bowls Club  
**TIME:** Doors open 6:30am to 8:30am  
**TICKETS:** $25pp

**Grand Final Holiday Clinic**


For further information, please contact Kate Cross  
PH: 0408 069 463 or EMAIL: brisbanefarnorth@arldevelopment.com.au

**Puppet Show**

Lost and Found! Puppet Show. Coming soon… Parents & Siblings most welcome. Brought to you by the Redcliffe Churches.

**Sacramental Program**

We are planning to conduct the sacramental Program for our young ones wishing to complete their Sacramental Initiation into the Catholic Church beginning in February 2013 with Reconciliation and followed after Easter by Confirmation and First Eucharist. There will be a Parent information meeting in October to explain how the program will operate. We are offer 3 meeting times at 2 different venues. If you wish your child to take part, please attend one of these meetings. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on 3293 0800.

**WED 17 OCT:** 1:30 – 2:30pm & 7:00 – 8:00pm, Mary of the Cross Hall, Kippa-Ring  
**THURS 18 OCT:** 5:30 – 6:30pm, St Benedict's school hall, Mango Hill

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$4.80 $2.60  

Tuckshop Bags 20cents extra