Principal’s Message

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone. The term has started beautifully and already we have been extremely busy. Last week we had our school cross country event as well as our ANZAC Day Ceremony. This term also sees our Year 3 and 5 students complete the NAPLAN tests in May, followed by our school fete on 30 May. Our Year 5 and 6 students are also attending camp in late May.

This term we welcome a new staff member to our school team. Ms Shona Arneil has been appointed as our Master Teacher and will work three days a week. This role will see Shona working alongside our teachers to continue our journey of improving student learning outcomes particularly in Literacy.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Last week we ran our school cross country event. Congratulations to the following age champions:

10 Years
Sharlee Conroy
Zachary Edwards

11 Years
Samira Egal Hassan
Riley O’Rourke

12 Years
Delinfe Ntakirutimana
Mitchell Sorensen

Congratulations also to the following students who competed at the District Cross Country last Friday: Lyn Hyunh, Samira Egal Hassan, Delinfe Ntakirutimana, Ellah-Louisa Cassady, Jennifer Tran, Gurrriny Johnson, Mitchell Sorensen, Jacob Tully, Riley O’Rourke, Tommee Bath, Sharlee Conroy, Arezoo Kazimi, Zachary Edwards and Abdi Egal Hassan. We received excellent reports about their behaviour and participation on the day. Well done everyone.

State Schools are Great Schools!

Note: This newsletter is sent home to all families each fortnight and can also be downloaded from the school’s website: www.acaciaridgess.eq.edu.au
ANZAC DAY CEREMONY
Last week our school commemorated ANZAC Day with a moving ceremony, to remember ALL Australians who have served in ALL wars and in ALL peace and humanitarian missions in which Australia has been involved. Mr Ron Cruikshanks from the Sunnybank RSL joined us and passed on the ANZAC spirit to our students.

Our School Captains and Vice Captains Taipe Hola, David Taai and Elijah Mason represented our school at the local ANZAC Day service at Grenier Park on Saturday 15 April.

BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK
This week we are focusing on the following behaviour:

BE ON TIME
- FIRST BELL - go to the toilet and get a drink
- SECOND BELL - line up in the correct area
- THIRD BELL - in class ready to learn

ATTENDANCE
It is extremely important that all students are attending every school day that they can. As we currently have a lot of unexplained absences, it is also essential that parents/carers contact the school to give a reason for their child’s absence.

If you are planning a holiday which will require your child to be absent from school for ten school days or more, please contact the office as you are required to apply for an exemption from school for this period of time.

Kind regards,
Tenny Grant
**Congratulations!**
to our award winners

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### 25 Star Stamps

**Term 2 – Week 1**

- 2: Lochlan Abel, Augerea Kaiti, Danny Taai
- 3: Harmony Kay, Kyla Baluca
- 4/5: Michaela Hankin, Toby Hobson

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### 50 Star Stamps

**Term 2 – Week 1**

- 2: Saema Kazemi
- 3/4: Halima Hussein

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**P&C News**

**AGM**

Our annual general meeting will be held on Thursday the 14th of May in C block above the tuck shop at 2.45pm. All the positions become vacant and anyone can apply, if you want to be more involved in your child’s education please come along and join us.

**Mother’s Day Stall**

Mother’s Day is the 10th of May and we are holding our Mother’s Day stall on Thursday the 8th and Friday the 9th with each class having a viewing time on Wednesday the 7th. Prices will range from $1 up to $8 each.

A class roster and price list will be sent home next week with your child. You are welcome to come along in the class viewing time or at any other time the stall is open to have a look.

Miss Kerry has kindly made some cards that will also be for sale for $1 each but these will go quickly 😊 - thank you Miss Kerry.

The stall will be open Thursday and Friday from 8am – 8.20am before school, 12.55pm – 1.30pm 2nd break or big lunch and 2.30pm – 3pm after school or until sold out.

We wish all the Mum’s at the school a very Happy Mother’s Day.

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**School Fete – Saturday May 30th, 10am – 2pm**

By now you should have heard the exciting news about our fete. Check out the Southern Star article on page 2 of this week’s edition (22nd April).

As of next week we will be starting our donation weeks. A flyer will be sent home each week so you know what to donate. Each week the class that donates the most will enjoy an ice-cream party on Friday of that week. After the fete the class who has donated the most over the 4 weeks will enjoy a pizza party and this is the schools way of saying thank you for all your support.

Keep your eye out for the fete notice boards that will start popping up around the school with information on the market stalls, food trucks and entertainment that will be happening on the day.

**Rides – Unlimited ride arm bands**

This year the fete rides include the new frog hopper, Giant slide, Cup & Saucer, Giant Obstacle course and the tribal castle jumping castle. We are hoping to also get the Cobra ride as well and will let you know as soon as we do. You may purchase the unlimited band for $25 before the day or $30 on the day or each ride on the day is $5. So if your child goes on each ride once you have your money back and then they can keep on riding – all day fun for only $25.

Bands can be purchased online at [www.partytimeamusements.com.au](http://www.partytimeamusements.com.au) just click on the event tickets on the left hand side of the drop down menu then scroll down and choose the Acacia Ridge State School logo and follow the prompts.

Or they can be purchased at the office, envelopes will be sent home from Monday the 4th of April and there will be extra envelopes available at the office. We have to say a big thank you to the following companies who have donated towards the fete so far –

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**Councillor Steve Griffiths**

**Moorooka Ward**

**Apache Wholesale Tyres**
**DATE CLAIMER 2015**

**TERM 2**

- **Tuesday 12 May**
  - NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5 – Language
  - Conventions, Writing

- **Wednesday 13 May**
  - NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5 – Reading

- **Thursday 14 May**
  - NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5 – Numeracy
  - P & C AGM – 2.45 in C Block

- **Monday 18 May**
  - Year 5 & 6 Camp

- **Tuesday 19 May**
  - Year 5 & 6 Camp

- **Wednesday 20 May**
  - Year 5 & 6 Camp

- **Wednesday 27 May**
  - Year 6 Gifted & Talented Program at Yeronga State High School

- **Thursday 28 May**
  - Year 6 Gifted & Talented Program at Yeronga State High School

- **Saturday 30 May**
  - School Fete – 10:00am to 2:00pm

- **Monday 08 June**
  - Public Holiday – Queensland Birthday

- **Thursday 25 June**
  - Report Cards go home

- **Friday 26 June**
  - Last day for Term 2

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**Free school dental program**

Metro South Health provides free dental care to school students throughout our region.

**Is my child eligible?**

Free dental care is available to:

- All students in Prep through to year 10
- Students in years 11 and 12 who are on the Northern Health Care Card or Healthy Care Card or Medicaid Card
- 6-9 year olds whose parents have a current Compulsory Health Insurance Card or a Medicare Card
- 10-12 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Scheme

If your child is eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS), the cost will be bulk billed to Medicare. If your child is not eligible for the CDBS, they will still receive dental care at no charge until they complete year 10.

**Who needs to attend the appointment?**

A parent or legal guardian is required to attend every dental appointment.

**How do I make an appointment?**

For all appointments, please telephone:

1300 300 850 Metro South Oral Health Hub

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**OPEN DAY AT YERONGA STATE HIGH**

All Year 5 & 6 students are invited to spend a day experiencing a typical high school day.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, 19 May 2015

**TIME:** 9:30am – 2:00pm

**WHAT TO BRING:** Morning Tea and Lunch

**WHAT TO WEAR:** School Uniform

There will also be an information session for parents from 9:45 – 10:30am – an opportunity to meet staff and have all your questions answered.

For more information, please contact Tracey on 3249 1400 or twalk78@eq.edu.au
Calm Kids Yoga
For 5 – 8 Year Olds

Creating calm, connected and confident kids

This program will introduce your child to the benefits of yoga in a fun and interactive environment.

Calm Kids Yoga encourages:

- Calmness within
- Improved concentration
- Quiet confidence
- Physical strength & flexibility
- Improved posture

Where: The Hub Space
Acacia Ridge Early Years Centre
57 Myrambla Street

When: Starting Week 3 – Wednesday 6th May 2015
Then every Wednesday during school term

Time: 3.30 – 4.30pm
Cost: Free. Yoga mats supplied

Please RSVP on 3320-8400 or fringe.harley@benevolent.org.au

DANCEtastic

Creative Dance classes for 5 – 8 year olds

Dance helps children to:

- Build confidence and self awareness
- Achieve success and develop leadership skills
- Improve social skills
- Showcase their personality through movement and expression
- Feel good and have fun

Our classes are facilitated by www.creationancedence.com.au

Where: The Hub Space
Acacia Ridge Early Years Centre
57 Myrambla Street

When: Starting Week 3, 3rd May 2015
Each Tuesday during school term

Time: 3.30 – 4.30pm
Cost: Free

Please RSVP on 3320-8400 or ian.pehrse@benevolent.org.au

Paint the Ridge READ
Monthly Family Gatherings

Promoting Reading & Storytelling to Young Children

Fun Activities
Free Event

Good Company
Food

Storytelling
Bring Friends

April 25 10.30-12 @ ARCC
May 23 10.30-12 @ ARCC
June 20 11.00-12 @ SHL
July 18 11.00-12 @ SHL

Aug 22 10.30-12 @ ARCC
Sept 26 10.30-12 @ ARCC
Oct 31 10.30-12 @ ARCC
Nov 28 10.30-12 @ ARCC
Dec 19 10.30-12 @ ARCC

ARCC: Acacia Ridge Community Centre @ 21 Hanify St
SHL: Sunnybank Hills Library @ Sunnybank Hills Shopping Town (beside Aldi)