Principal’s Message

Dear Families,

NAPLAN RESULTS 2014

Recently, we received our NAPLAN results for the tests that were completed by our Years 3, 5 and 7 students in May this year. This year, our areas of strength were Writing and the percentage of students who achieved in the upper two bands.

We will be reviewing and analysing all of our NAPLAN data over the next few weeks to identify the areas that we need to address and improve in.

CHRISTINE ANU VISITS ACACIA RIDGE STATE SCHOOL

Last week, we had the privilege of having one of Australia’s most successful indigenous performers, Ms Christine Anu visit our school to speak with the senior students of Acacia Ridge State School and Watson Road State School about her life growing up and how she became the successful performer she is today. Her story was truly inspirational and it was such an honour for our students.

Ms Christine Anu with our school captains Skye Olive and Blake Sekona and students Peau Fatafehi and Floyd Hill.

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.acaciaridgedges.eq.edu.au
OUR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDENTS PERFORM AT THE EKKA

On Friday the 15th of August a selected group of students from the Acacia Ridge State School band combined with Moorooka, Salisbury and Upper Mt Gravatt state schools to perform at the EKKA. Leading up to this exciting performance, all students practised diligently to improve on their pieces. The students combined once at a full day workshop at Moorooka State School before putting on a great performance for an appreciative audience at the EKKA. I was very proud of the way that the students from all the schools accepted each other with welcome arms and were best friends by the end of the day and the way that they demonstrated their mature performance skills.

A special thank you to Tracy Smyth who came with us on the day and helped out in many ways.

Lyndall Faragher, Instrumental Music Teacher

BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK

This week we are focusing on 'Respect other learners'.

QUADRENNIAL SCHOOL REVIEW (QSR)

We are currently in the process of completing our Quadrennial School Review (QSR) which is a process to determine our school's direction for the next four years. Our staff have spent a great deal of time analysing and reviewing data related to student outcomes, behaviour, school opinion surveys and the teaching and learning audit data to identify the areas we are doing well in and the areas we need to address and improve in. Part of the QSR process is to gain feedback from parents about certain aspects of our school. Attached to this newsletter is a survey which I ask that you complete and return to the office by Friday 5 September. We value your opinion and ideas on how we can make our school even better than it is.

BOOK WEEK 2014

A couple of weeks ago, our students celebrated the joy of reading by participating in story-telling, craft activities and a book week parade. Many thanks to all our families for the efforts you put in to the costumes. Our students (and staff) looked fabulous dressing up.
REGIONAL ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to Christine Smith, Shontah Stephens and Izayah Pereira who competed at the Regional Athletics Carnival this week. Christine and Shontah competed in long jump and Izayah in shot put. We are proud of your efforts and well done for getting to this level.

SINGFEST

Recently our choir had the opportunity to participate in the annual SingFest event which was held at the old Brisbane Museum. Our choir sang beautifully and it was a wonderful experience for our students.

ENROL NOW FOR PREP IN 2015

Now is the time to enrol your child for Prep in 2015. If your child is born 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, they are eligible to enrol in Prep for 2015 and you can put their name down at the office to start the enrolment process. All children starting Prep must present a birth certificate to the office. If you don’t have one, it would be beneficial to start this process now before the end of the year.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS/CARERS TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S HEALTH

Acacia Ridge 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 (07) 3717 4111.

ATTENDANCE

This term we have really focussed on increasing student attendance across the whole school, with the introduction of a weekly class award for the best attendance as well as communicating more closely with our families around absenteeism. The outcome of this is that we have increased our whole school attendance rate by approximately 2% in the last few weeks. Many thanks to all our families, for your ongoing commitment to your child’s education here at Acacia Ridge State School. Every day at school does count!

Kind regards,
Penny Grant
Congratulations!

to our award winners

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25 Star Stamps

WEEK 5, 6 and 7

PREP - Sara Alhusseini, Lakeisha Hogan, Tangata Huirua-Canterbury
P/1 - Tycen Hankin, Augerea Koite, Ashmeet Singh, Seith Brack, Candy Liu, Laars Collins, Lufla Heather, Bahram Yadgari, Ella Bonnick-Colburn
1/2 - Nathan Murray
2/3 - Carter Smith, Emily Sommer, Isabella Hinton
3 - Abby McDowell, William Taai, Naomi Todd, Mikaela Maddox, Abduraham Mohammed
3/4 - Tresiee Bell, Parvaneh Fayyazi, Zahra Rahimi
4/5 - Tess Dawson, Jacob Smith
5/6 - Elijah Pereira, Khalid Korane-Ibrahim, Gurinny Johnson-Stafford
6/7 - Zac Griffin, Blake Sekona, Floyd Currie,
75 Star Stamps

WEEK 5, 6 and 7

PREP - Alyvia Samia, Callum Wakefield
P/1 - Victor Huynh, Danny Taal
1/2 - Namo Gesa
2/3 - Harmony Kay, Daphne Hola
4/5 - Joshua Morlera

50 Star Stamps

WEEK 5, 6 and 7

P - Vinnie Taal, Yousef Fayazy
P/1 - Natalie Tran
1/2 - Abdi Olad Mohammed, Samuel Hodgkins, Kiye Phillips, Lochlan Abel
2/3 - Renee Hall, Annalise Smith, Meky Turnock, Trista Yates
3 - Sharlee Conroy, Mehdi Kazemi, Peter Hola, Nathan Kalispeirs, Blake Efter, Abdi Egal Hassan, Hamid Akhlaki, Bryce Sears, Wilson Fonof, Dawson Ndayishimye
3/4 - Neda Kazemi, Vivian Tran, Arzoo Kazimi, Hami Huirua-Canterbury, Dinjari Johnson-Stafford
4/5 - Georgia Sweetten
5/6 - Tatpe Hola, Delifine Ntalkiratimana, Ruby Conroy
6/7 - Alofa Apulu, Allisa Salkic, Priscilla Gyasi-Agyei, Mathew Smyth, Darcee Telfer, Mia Macapagal, Skye Olive, Abigail Sorensen, Anastasia Rivett, Rufina Taal, Megan Huynh, Izyah Pereira, Christine Smith, Catherine Gbarpo

100 Star Stamps

P/1 - Saema Kazemi
3 - Parneet Kaur
A flyer will go home Monday or Tuesday next week with the prices and items for sale.

Classes have chosen a viewing time on Wednesday – children may buy at this time and parents are welcome to come along and attend with their child’s class to have a look.

The stall will be open Thursday and Friday at the following times –

8am – 8.20am, 12.55 – 1.30pm and after school from 2.30 – 3pm or until sold out.

If you are interested in volunteering we do need some help to wrap the gifts. Please ring or text Tracy on 0432397914.

Working Bee
Do you enjoy gardening? Come along and give us a hand on Saturday the 13th of September even if you can spare an hour it would be greatly appreciated anytime from 8am till 1pm. Morning tea will be provided for and a sausage sizzle and drinks will be provided for lunch for any workers who come along – We hope to see you there.

Breakfast Club
We are looking for volunteers to come along and help us out, the breakfast club is open from 8am – 8.20am with around 10 – 15 minutes set up time and around 20 – 30 minutes to wash up afterwards. If you can spare 20 minutes any morning for any of these times your child would love to see you there and we would love to have your help. The more volunteers we have the less load on everyone. You don’t have to serve, you can help out washing up or setting up and even once a week or fortnight would be appreciated – Thank you.

ACACIA RIDGE STATE SCHOOL AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB
Does your child love to be in the water? Do you wish they were not so scared of the water? Do they love to swim?

Our P&C previously ran a swimming club and it gave all our students the opportunity on a Thursday night for a small seasonal fee ($40 - $50) the chance to get into the pool and race against their own time, try and improve their swimming each week. All children would receive a trophy at the end of the season. Young or inexperienced children would have help with older children standing/walking next to them for safety and support. The canteen was open for dinner and weekly raffles raised funds.
Does that sound like something that your family would be interested in?

We need someone who has a bronze medallion to be there each club night, once a week. Do you know anyone who has this qualification and would be interested in volunteering either for free or a minimal fee, to be negotiated?

Please contact the school office or Tracy Smyth on 0432397914.

Let’s hope we can get this off the ground once more and we hope you will join us.

**FAMILY PORTRAITS**

Do not forget to make a booking for Family Portraits. There is a $20 booking fee which must be paid to get a booking time.

The date is:

**SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER**

Bookings **CLOSE** Wednesday 27th August.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

**NEW LINES**

Tuckshop no longer has a Slushie machine, however we are now selling frozen cups $1.00 or a mini cups for 50 cents.

**UNIFORMS**

If requiring uniforms before the end of the school year, orders **MUST BE PLACED** by Friday 24th October, 2014.

If requiring uniforms for January 2015, orders **MUST BE PLACED AND PAID FOR** by November 14th 2014.

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**Cricket Sign On @ Souths Juniors**

**On-Line Only**

Fielding teams from Under 10’s to U16’s

In 2 Cricket Program for kids aged 5 to 10 years

and an inaugural Sub Districts team

Training starts Week beginning 25 August 2014 at Feliberg

Pk, Yeronga

For more information and to register go to


Souths Junior Cricket

It’s about: **Having Fun - Participation - Skills Development**

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**BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

It’s time to grab your dancing shoes for the next Blue Light Disco on Saturday 6th September. The Disco is held at the Algester Community Hall situated at the Algester State School Ridgewood Road Algester. Doors open 6:30pm and dance runs from 7pm-9pm. Entry is $5.00. Canteen open for snacks and glow products for sale. Discos are open for primary school aged children. For the safety of children parents must drop children off at the door and collect them from the door promptly at 9pm. Children are not allowed out unless with a parent/guardian. Full police supervision. Any queries to Sgt Kylie Doyle Acacia Ridge Police Ph 3014 3200.

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**Kids Holiday Club**

September 22-26
Gr 3-7

**MISSION TO MARS**

Meet A Risen Savior

9:00am-3:00pm daily
@ Acacia Ridge Presbyterian Church
Center Boulevard & Mission Rd.
To register:

Contact Steve Hoy or Bar Simmons
E: care@acacia.org.au Ph 0429 499336 (Steve)

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**Emotional Regulation Strategies for Children with Autism and Asperger’s Syndrome**

This workshop is aimed at caregivers of children aged 5-12 years with high functioning Autism and Asperger’s Syndrome.

**Workshop Overview:**

Children with Autism and Asperger’s Syndrome often have difficulty managing their emotions resulting in meltdowns and a range of other behavioural problems. A thorough understanding of Autism and Asperger’s Syndrome is needed to effectively manage these behaviours.

This 3.5-hour workshop will help caregivers to identify:

- What causes emotional regulation problems in children with Autism and Asperger’s Syndrome
- What strategies can be used to maintain a healthy emotional state throughout the day
- What strategies can be used to deal with emotional meltdowns
- What strategies can be used following emotional meltdowns to turn these meltdowns into learning opportunities

**Presenter:**

Cameron Griffiths—Occupational Therapist

**Kids Matters Occupational Therapy**

**Workshop Details**

**Date:**
Saturday 13th September 2014

**Time:**
10:30am to 12:00pm

**Venue:**
Kids Matters OT
Unit 2, 747 Fairfield Rd, Yeerongpilly

**Cost:**
Introductory Offer—$45.00

**Bookings & Info:**
Ph 3300 136 596
Website:
See also “Seminars/Workshops” tab on our website

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**Childhood Anxiety Seminar**

**Workshop Overview:**
A Seminar for parents, teachers or carers interested in finding out more about anxiety in children.
This 1.5 hour workshop will help caregivers strategies to identify:
- What anxiety is and how it works
- How to recognise anxiety in children
- How to differentiate ‘normal’ anxiety from concerning anxiety
- How to respond to/manage a child’s anxiety
- Knowing when to seek professional support.

**Presenter:**
Dr Crystal McMullen, Clinical Psychologist

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**Is your child at school or starting next year?**
**Would you like $500 to help pay for uniforms, books, excursions or a laptop?**

**To be eligible you need to:**
- have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school now or starting next year
- have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500. Saver Plus is looking for new participants so enquire about signing up today!

To find out more, phone or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 810 355, or email saverplus@bsl.org.au

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**Yeronga State High School**
invites you to an evening of warm exotic spices and an authentic Middle Eastern banquet.
**one school—many cultures!**

**Persian Feast**
6pm Saturday 6 September
Yeronga SHS Cultural Centre
Full banquet meal + entertainment
Cost: $20 adult, $15 for secondary school child,
Free for primary school children
Tickets from the school office. 3249 1400

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**Are some kids taking all your time and attention while others you’d like to be spending time with are getting none? This Approach is for you.**

**Nurtured Heart Approach**

*“It is a simple framework which nurtures and grows a child’s inner wealth.”* Jean and Irth have over 40 years teaching experience between them from early childhood to university to community. This approach has caught their attention so much so that they are now Certified Trainers of the Nurtured Heart Approach. We invite you to share this simple framework which can transform the negative dynamics in the classroom, with groups or with individuals.

This is a 3 hour workshop free to Teachers and Professionals who work with intense or challenging behaviours. Booking Essential.

Kyabra Community Association, Kyabra Street, Runcorn
10 am to 1 pm – Tuesday 30 September 2014

Contact
Irth 3373 9435 or irth@kyabra.org
Jean 3373 9412 or jownd@kyabra.org

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Queensland Government Office for Early Childhood Education and Care 2013_
2014 school calendar

There are 194 school days in 2014. Semester 1 2014 commences for teachers on January 23 and for students on January 28.

Staff Professional Development Days
Staff professional development days (staff free days) for teachers are January 23 and 24, and October 20. Schools are able to decide when their three flexible staff professional development days will be held, as long as they are in the school holidays or out-of-school hours.

Public Holidays
Public holidays are set by the Queensland Relations Minister.
Public holidays for a local school are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit www.education.qld.gov.au

Great state. Great opportunity.
Vacation Care

Operates Mon to Fri 7:30am - 6:00pm

School Dental Program

Changes to the program

FIND OUT MORE: 1-800-364-6682

Meego South Oglala Health Services

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Meego South Oglala Health Services
Please see over for the stall items for sale.

Football Stress Ball $2.00
Prep: $2.00
Music Pop $3.00
Ball Point Pen $1.00
Class Room Pop Star $3.00
Tote Bag $4.00
Pen & Keyring Set $4.00
Folder Notebook with Pen $3.50
Super Dad Shirt $4.00
Sun Reader $3.00
Playing Cards $2.00
20 Piece Tool Kit $5.00
Tribe Paper Measure $2.50
Travel Mug with Silicon Lid $4.00
Glass Frame Black Star $3.00
Children's Day Mug $3.00

Wednesday Class Roster

You are welcome to attend with your child's class.

Each class will also have an allocated time to come and view

sold out.

2:30pm (2nd break) and Thursday from 2:30pm – 3pm or until
if it will be open Thursday a Friday 8am to 8:30am & 12:30pm to 4:30pm

The Fathers Day Stall will be held from Wednesday the 3rd to

The following items are for sale - 2014

Fathers Day Stall