Principal’s Message

Dear Families,

Term Three is quickly drawing to a close, with the holidays nearly upon us. This term we continued our focus on the learning outcomes of every student, particularly in Reading and Numeracy. We also focussed on attendance as the absenteeism rate of some of our students was a concern. We have been talking about the importance of attending school in our classrooms and on parade and since the first few weeks of Term 3, we have seen an overall improvement in reducing the number of absences. We will continue to focus our energies in this area as research has clearly shown that there is a link between attendance and academic results.

I will be on long service leave for the first week of next term and will return on Monday 13 October. Our Deputy Principal Ms Kerry Alberts will be Acting Principal during that week.

For Term Four, school resumes on Tuesday 7 October, as Monday 6 October is a public holiday. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a happy and safe holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone in Term Four.

PREP INFORMATION EVENING
Our Prep Information Evening that was scheduled for tonight, Wednesday 17 October has been postponed until Wednesday 22 October at 6pm. If you have a Prep child for next year, I encourage you to attend this evening to find out all about our Prep Program in 2015.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Many thanks to all of our parents/carers who attended a parent-teacher interview this week. If you were unable to attend an interview, please take the time to contact the school to arrange an alternative time. We are very committed to providing the best education here at Acacia Ridge State School and we value the opportunity to discuss the progress of your child with you.

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.acaciaridges.eq.edu.au
UNDER 8'S DAY
This week our lower school students participated in an absolutely fabulous day of fun activities. They got to have fun with slime, paint, challenge themselves with crazy outdoor activities and obstacle courses, make decorated biscuits and fairy bread for their shared picnic lunch, play with a parachute, make a kite and spend some time in the quiet corner reading or playing on an iPad. The day ended with a concert by the thoroughly entertaining "Fabulous Lemon Drops".

Kind regards,
Penny Grant

Congratulations!

to our award winners

Student of the Week – Week 8
Prep  Alexander Hinton
P/1   Augerea Koite
1/2  Muzamil Ali
2/3  Meky Tarnock
3    Parneel Kaur
3/4  Adisa Ahmetovic
4/5  Jonathan Koite
5/6  Cassidy Roach
6/7  Cody Norris

Student of the Week – Week 9
Prep  Katie Wieckowski-Powell
P/1   Byron Sears
1/2  Ben Lapham-Price
2/3  Semisi Fahina
3    Blake Etter
3/4  Arezoo Kazimi
4/5  Oscar Nduwarugira
5/6  Brendon Bonnick
6/7  Rufina Taai

Behaviour of the Week – Week 8
Prep  Uate Fahina
P/1  Luyando Vilugron
1/2  Jaylin Tamoie
2/3  Renee Hail
3    Michaela Hankin
3/4  Alia Fonoli
4/5  Sadik Arte Mohamud
5/6  Jennifer Tran
6/7  Priscilla Gyasi-Agyei

Behaviour of the Week – Week 9
Prep  Jackson Hart
P/1  Natalie Tran
1/2  Jazmine Hart
2/3  Jarad Tully
3    Mikaela Maddox
3/4  Cody Catlin
4/5  Zachary Edwards
5/6  Katelyn Smyth
6/7  Skye Olive

25 Star Stamps

WEEK 8 and 9
PREP – Alexander Hinton, Farhad Kazemi, Natalie Tiyce
2/3 – Daniel Tofaeono Siolo
3 – Keelin Hope
3/4 – Cody Catlin,
4/5 – Samira Hassan, Sadik Mohamud, Muhusin Ali, Mohamed Ali, Oscar Nduwarugira, Chance Green, Timothy Toomey, Rooholah Fayyazi
5/6 – Brendon Bonnick
6/7 – Jacob Young
50 Star Stamps

WEEK 8 and 9
P  - Katea Telfer, Sean Frawley, Izzy Cavanagh, Jackson Hart, MJ Fonof, Khalid Arte Mohamud
P/1 - Luyando Viliugron, Sharney McIntosh
1/2 - Jaylin Tamoe, Cooper Davey, Aatahua Lawrence-Lemon, Zahra Kazimi, Kritina Martin, Muzamil Ali
2/3 - Seth Christensen, Ali-Sina Rahimi
3  - Mikaela Maddox, Nageen Jalal
3/4 - Alexandra Tamayo, Adisa Ametovic, Joshua Macapagal, Sabrina Mohamed Abdulwahab
4/5 - Haylee Anderson, Nargis Jalal
5/6 - Peau Fatafehi, David Taal, Sean Kambu, Joy Kambu, Rachel Slone, Katelyn Smyth
6/7 - Angela Tamayo, Charlotte Sutton, Tifini Percival, Cody Norris, Zac Griffin, Nic Chard, Blake Jennings, Renata Bantegeyahaga, Emme Faustina

100 Star Stamps

P/1 - Callum Wakefield
4/5 - Joshua Motera

75 Star Stamps

WEEK 8 and 9
PREP  - Keiran Jackson, Jazmine Hola, Madeline Fowler
1/2 - Valentina Tomasevic, Ebra Egal Hassan, AJ Bollinger
2/3 - Talijanae Williams
3  - Mehdi Kazemi, Dawson Ndayishimiye, Sharlee Conroy, Abdi Egal Hassan, Peter Hola
4/5 - Mitchell Sorensen, Shortah Stephens
5/6 - Lyn Huynh, Huda Akinlaki, Delilah Ntokirutimana
**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.

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**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.

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**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.
Holiday Sports Program

Boys & Girls 9:00-3:00 + Care to 4pm AGES 5-14yo

Phone 0412 602 999 Registered Child Care Provider
www.starsportscamps.com

Free children’s dental program

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

Who is eligible?

- All children aged 4 through to year 10
- Students in years 11 and 12 who have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- 0-3 year olds whose parents have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

Who needs to attend the appointment?
A parent or legal guardian is required to attend every dental appointment.

How do I make an appointment?
You can now book an appointment for you and your child at a time and location convenient for you. For all appointments, please telephone:

1300 300 850
Metro South Oral Health Hub

Cost of a local call. Calls from mobile phones may be charged at a higher rate. Please check with your telephone service provider.
**YMCA FAMILY DAY CARE**

For information on becoming an Educator or for childcare

Phone: 3277 0990  Email: ysouthfdc@ymca.org.au

Providing Small Group Child Care in Brisbane, Ipswich & Logan Suburbs for over 30 years.

CCB & CCR Available.

The Australian Government provides financial support for this FDC service under the Community Support Program.

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**ACACIA Marketplace**

**Convenient and Easy Shopping**

Live Local Shop Local at Neighbourhood Shopping Centre

26 Specialty shops, Doctors and Chemist, Banking, Newsagent, Cafes - Eat-in or Take-away, $Value, Discount Store, Butcher, Jeweller, Baker, Hairdresser and more.

1150 Beaudesert Road Acacia Ridge

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- Eligible Children Bulk Billed through the new Child Dental Benefits Scheme.
- CDG Dental Care Plan $1 a day (payment plans available).
- All Health Funds Accepted.
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Inala Avenue
Inala QLD 4077

Ph: 07 3879 6966

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Acacia Ridge Child Care Centre

Highly experienced and caring staff

Nutritious meals provided

Fun, large outdoor learning areas

Air-conditioned comfort

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Your Family Celebrations & Special Functions Venue

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Lunch & Dinner (6 DAYS)

Tues – Sunday (Closed Sunday Evenings)

Children's Menu

Phone: 3277 6600

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