FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

END OF TERM
As next week is the last week of Term 2, I would like to thank all parents/caregivers for their ongoing support of our school. The two week mid year vacation is from Monday 30th June to Friday 11 July. School resumes for Term 3 on Monday 14th July.

SENIOR SPORTS DAY
On Thursday of next week, we will conduct our Senior School Sports Day. This Athletics Carnival is for children 9-13 years of age and as a result some of our Year 3 students will be involved as well. Some of the field events will be conducted on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as well. Also on next Friday morning 27th June, the postponed Junior School Cross country will be held.

STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS
Now that Student Progress Reports have been sent home, I would like to encourage all parents/caregivers to take the opportunity to speak with your child’s teacher at a Parent/ Teacher interview.

ANNUAL SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY
Early next term, the Department of Education will administer the annual School Opinion Surveys. The main changes to the 2014 School Opinion Surveys are: All surveys are to be conducted online and the Parent/Caregiver Surveys are to be available to all school families. There will be a two week survey administration period from 21 July to 3 August. Specific details and information will be sent home early next term.

QUADRENNIAL SCHOOL REVIEW
Throughout Semester 2, our school will undertake a Quadrennial School Review to look at the School’s operations and achievements over the past four years. This process will be followed by the development of our next four year School Strategic Plan. As this process continues, opportunities for School Community Consultation will be available. Parent/Caregiver feedback is a valued aspect of the review and planning cycle.

Peter James Principal
Christine Fegan Deputy Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE
A special phone line has been dedicated for parents to use when advising the school of their child’s absence from school. It is 3380 4360. Please use this number to record your child’s absence. Remember to state your child’s name, class, and reason for absence.

UPDATE OF STUDENT PERSONAL DETAILS
It is that time of the year again for us to send home the Student Personal Details Form that we ask you to check the details that we have here at school for your family. This is a great time to update phone numbers, your address if you have moved, update the emergency contacts and just generally check that our details are all correct. Each student will have a form sent home, we ask that you check and return all forms with the changes. If there are no changes required, please return the form with a note stating that there are no changes required.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA
All Australian governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with a disability. Park Ridge State School will be participating in the 2015 annual data collection. The data will be collected in July/August of this year. Should you wish your child not to participate please notify The Principal, in writing, no later than Thursday 31 July. Should you have any questions regarding the collection, please contact Mrs Penny Stewart, Head of Special Education Services.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

SPORT NEWS

GALA DAY
Our year 6 and 7 students will be participating in their Sports Gala Day tomorrow. We will be leaving school at 9:15am. All students need to be in full school uniform and have plenty of water and a packed lunch for the day.

TRACK AND FIELD
Our annual Track and Field carnival for Year 4 to 7 will be held next week. Monday through to Wednesday will see the running of High Jump (Monday), Long Jump (Tuesday) and Shot Put (Wednesday) for 10 to 13 year olds. Thursday is our Main Sports Day. On this day all year 4 to 7 students as well as 9 year olds from Year 3 will participate in events throughout the day. Parents are welcome to attend to cheer on the students.

JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY
Our Cross Country for Prep to Year 3 (excluding 9 year olds in year 3) will be held on Friday. The preps will kick the day off at 9:30. All races will be finished by 11:00.

All students should remember to wear House Colours for the respective carnivals. You will also need to have a hat and plenty of water.

We look forward to seeing you for a very busy week of sport.

CHALLENGE AND EXTENSION

ENVIRONMENTAL DAY OF EXCELLENCE
On the 5th June, 2014, 10 students attended Regents Park SS Environmental Day of Excellence accompanied by Mrs Doolan. Dilan, Owen, Mitchell, Nicholas, Brendan, Isaac, Corey,
Quenten, Aali and Jade enjoyed the day immensely. Owen got in the top 3 for Wind speed in the Wind Energy activity. All enjoyed the Chemistry in action, as well as the Freshwater Invertebrate study, the environmental park sampling and the interactive diorama about climate change that students made to make a difference at their school. All students were absolutely engaged and will have lots of good memories.

**LITERACY DAYS OF EXCELLENCE**

On the 3rd and 4th of June, a group of year 5 students attended the Literacy Days of Excellence at Kingston College. During the two days the students learnt how to use a green screen, shoot sky footage and use the outdoor reflector to create a short movie. Brendan Lawrence attended the Literacy Days of Excellence and explained, “I had a really good time and had a fun experience learning about the different angles of shots. We had an awesome time making a film and holding the camera. I can’t wait to see the film that we have created. I’ve the villain who steals the lunch box. We watched a film that was called ‘Paper Man’.” The participants and their families will be attending a movie launch in Term 3 to showcase the great work they created.

**CHILDREN’S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA READERS’ CUP!**

On the 12 June 2014 Shakiah Brown, Shoie Hall, Clareessa Jenkins, Telesha Tua and Aali Machin-Smith participated in the Children’s Book Council of Australia Readers’ Cup at Algester State School. The students read 6 books: Northwood, Ivory Rose, Henry Hoey Hobson, Connerd, Burnt Stick and Fire. The books were selected by Librarians from the South East Brisbane Librarian Network. 23 schools across south-east Brisbane participated in the completion.

The quiz master was Christine Bongers, author of Henry Hoey Hobson. After the completion, Christine Bongers shared some personal experiences that she used in her books and even signed the school’s copy of Henry Hoey Hobson.

**CLASS NEWS: 3N**

For the past few weeks 3N has been reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. We have looked at how the author tells the reader about the characters through what they say (their words). Students have each chosen and written about a particular character from the novel. Their writing will be displayed as part of artwork of their character, and shared with the class as an oral presentation.

**JELLY BEAN COMPETITION**

Thank you to the students in S1 who gave up their lunch hours to run the Jelly Bean competition. The students managed to raise $60 for the diabetes foundation.

1st Competition Winner: Ms McNeill 1M – Guess 450
2nd Competition Winner: Jack Hollonds S3 – Guess 113
3rd Competition Winner: Salesi Tafa‘u 3R – Guess 31

Congratulations to the three winners of the Jelly Bean Competitions, we hope you enjoy your jelly beans.

Thank you to Ms Byrne for organising this competition to raise the funds for Junior Diabetes Research Fund.

**FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL**

Welcome to the PRSS news, brought to you by the Student Council. We are always out and about in search of exciting new stories. This week we met up with some super Year 2s. We interviewed Leonie from 2G, Bobbie and Joseph from 2H about some aspects of the You Can Do It program. We asked them about Oscar Organisation and how he helps them be successful at school. Bobbie said “Oscar helps me get my pencil”. She went on to add that this helps her be ready for learning and she gets all of her work done. Leonie and Bobbie said that Oscar Organisation helps them get their homework to class on time and also helps them be ready for class as soon as the first bell goes. As you can see, Oscar helps the year 2’s immensely!

**BREAKING NEWS!!**

**Adopt-a-Cops invade Park Ridge.**

Constable’s Mike and Barry from the Browns Plains Police Station have been adopted as Park Ridge’s Adopt-a-Cops 2014. Senior Sergeant Leafe attended a special ceremony to present the officers with their certificates on Monday the 16th of June. The Constables took an oath where they agreed to become involved in special events like sports days, Day for Daniel and even present special class talks. Park Ridge State School will be proud to have these hardworking and super friendly police officers as our adopt-a-cops from now on.

**IN THE COMMUNITY**

**HELP KEEP WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL**

With recent break-ins at the school, it is imperative that everyone keeps watch on the school, and reports any suspicious behavior. With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community! If you would like to know more about the School Watch Program, please call Education Queensland’s School Security Section on 07 3237 0874.

**CAMP AUSTRALIA**

Greetings to all families. Camp Australia group have enjoyed working with pastels. We learnt different techniques on smudging and how we can make things appear further in our pictures. Science Experiments have also been very popular, we were all amazed with the effect mixing diet coke and Mentos create. Be sure to check our pastel pictures. Science Experiments have also been very popular, we were all amazed with the effect mixing diet coke and Mentos create. Be sure to check our pastel pictures. Thanks Haylee 0421 144 467.

**QUEENSLAND FIREBIRDS**

School Holiday Netball Clinics. Would you like to meet a Firebird? Learn new skills? Have a great time? Jimboomba Netball is holding a Firebirds netball clinic at their South St Courts Jimboomba on Friday 4 July. 10.30am – 12 noon (5-10 yrs old) 1pm – 4pm (11-16 yrs old) Cost is $20 for 5-10 yr olds and $40 for 11-16 yr olds. Come along and meet your favourite Firebird. Register on the Qld Netball website www.qld.netball.com.au/clinics or ask Mrs Kuskopf in 1K.
Mrs Kuskopf, those Firebirds are much taller than you).

CAN RECYCLING
A reminder that we are collecting aluminium cans to raise money for the senior’s graduation. Please drop them off behind L Block toilets on the top oval. There are two bins specifically for Can Recycling.

BROWNS PLAINS
DEADLY CHOICES COMMUNITY DAY
Saturday 28th June 10am-2pm
Waller Park, Cnr Browns Plains Road & Waller Road
Deadly Choice Ambassadors and players from the Brisbane Broncos + Deadly Choice prizes to be won!
FREE Kup Mauri lunch for those who complete all activities: rock wall, jumping castle, rugby league, zumba, traditional games, arts & crafts, sprint races, face painting and more!
For more information contact Nathan Appo – 0422 130 533