FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

CYBERSAFETY
This morning Years 407 students participated in Cybersafety sessions delivered by Stephanie Poole and Jean McAlister from the Cybersafety and Reputation Management Branch of our Department. The two sessions were very informative and they have our students practical ideas and strategies to ensure privacy and protection when using social media. They also explained the concept of a digital footprint to increase the students’ awareness of how personal information can build up through many ways on social media. We hope to follow up these sessions with more information made accessible to parents.

STUDENT REPORTS
Semester One Student Progress Reports will be sent home from Wednesday 18 June and Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for the last week of term 23–17 June. Please take the opportunity to speak to your child’s teacher about their report, their achievements and their progress. The home/school partnership is most important in your child’s positive attitude to his/her learning.

JUNIOR SECONDARY TRANSITION
The Junior Secondary Transition with Year 7 becoming part of Secondary Schooling from 2015 onwards is well underway with additional teaching staff for Secondary Schools being announced. These teachers from our school have received and accepted offers to teach in Secondary Schools next year. Mrs Dunn and Mrs Harvey will teach Junior Secondary at Park Ridge State High School, and Miss Adams will teach in the SEP at Beaudesert State High School. I’d like to congratulate these teachers and acknowledge the excellent work they have done in their time here at Park Ridge State School. In particular, Sonya Dunn has been teaching here for a long time and has made significant contributions to teaching and learning and our school’s ethos and culture. Also, it will be of benefit to our Year 6 and 7 students who do go on to Park Ridge State High School to see familiar faces next year.

CARPARK
Parents are reminded that there is no parking or drop off of students in the school’s Administration car park. Children move through this area and it is an unacceptable safety risk to have parents driving into the area, even just to drop off a student. Parents/Caregivers are also reminded that they must provide explanations for student absenteeism. Your co-operation in regard to these two matters would be greatly appreciated.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM

VEAL & ICT VOLUNTARY LEVIES
The Term 2 ICT Voluntary Levies have recently been sent home. If you have already made your voluntary payment for the year please disregard. If you would like to make a payment please complete the form and return to the office. Payments can be made via Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS, Direct Transfer or Centrepay. We have already increased our internet capacity for the school and have a number of other ICT upgrades that are occurring over the next few months. All your payments are making these changes/upgrades possible. Any parents or caregivers that have not paid the Voluntary Administration Levy (VEAL), there is a form that is going home this week outlining what this levy covers. We appreciate any payments for this levy as it helps the school with a lot of consumables that the Students have access to on a day to day basis.

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.

AROUND THE SCHOOL
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.

FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL
This term the Student Council are introducing a ‘PRSS news team’, with a news item featuring in each newsletter. Clareesa Jenkins, Ashleigh De Jong, Ben Sanger, Isaac Dawes, Jack Atkinson and Belle Foote and coordinating this activity.
We are starting with some YCDI news and have been interviewing Prep and Year 1 students to find out what they think of Gabby Get Along and Connie Confidence, some of the YCDI characters. So far we have interviewed Kitana and Jayden from Prep 2, Addison and Cameron from 1M, Harry and Makayla from 1K, Lachie and River from 1N, and Scott and Amelia from 1B. When asked about Gabby Get Along and Connie Confidence, all students replied that Connie Confidence helps them to create things like using Mobilo. They also reported that Connie Confidence helps them to give hard things a go. Gabby Get Along has helped them make new friends.

In other YCDI news, the Student Council are promoting the importance of confidence and how it helps you do things that might be a bit scary, like getting up and talking in front of a crowd. At each assembly the Council plan to share a concept from the YCDI program, with emphasis on the five keys to success. They have planned a skit for the next assembly to show students how to be confident.

**P&C FUNDRAISER: HOMESTYLE BAKE**

Thank you so much to everyone that has already ordered. Please return completed forms along with payment to the tuckshop.

Please support your school and order some of the lovely freshly baked goodies at affordable prizes. Pop them in the freezer and have a break from cooking over the holidays! Orders for the Homestyle Bake Fundraiser are due Tuesday 10 June as we will need to order on Wednesday. **Strictly no late orders.**

Delivery will be Wednesday 18 June and parents are encouraged to drop an Esky or freezer bag off to the Creative Arts Pavilion that morning to keep your goods fresh.

**LANGUAGES UPDATE**

Guten Tag, Senior students studying German in Term One were busy learning how to write and speak about themselves in German! Term Two will see students further develop their language skills through a unit on housing, where they will design their dream house (Mein Traumhaus) in German.

During both terms, Samsung tablets have been made available to students to apply their developing language skills. This fantastic learning tool has enabled students through a variety of preloaded applications to practice and further extend language skills. Students have enthusiastically embraced this technology and eagerly look forward to using the tablets during the language lesson. The tablets have also been made available to students to use for word processing in the completion of their assessed writing task. Students are not only mastering the skills to navigate this form of technology but are also improving their German Language skills.

Reminder: A Virtual Classroom has also been set up for students to use on The Learning Place. All senior class students 1, 2, 3 and 4 have been enrolled in the course (Languages-Deutsch-German Course Code – QO515LDG001) and can access the classroom using their school Misid and password. The Virtual Classroom will allow student access to all power points, exercises, worksheets and other materials covered in class. All assessment tasks for each unit can also be accessed. Students who are absent or need to revise or update their workbook are able to view all the course material online at any time.

Students in Year 6 and 7 will once again this year be offered the opportunity to participate in The Goethe Verse Speaking Competition at The University of Queensland. The competition will take place on Sunday 31st August. Details for interested students will be made available at the end of term.

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**CLASS NEWS: 2H**

Year 2 has been so much fun! We are getting really good at our think boards, writing character profiles about stereotypical and non-stereotypical characters and QAR. We are also enjoying learning about how toys are made and move in science, maps and location in geography and Gabby Get Along in our You Can Do It program. Gabby Get Along has taught us how to look out for each other and to be a kind friend in 2H.

Our favourite lesson at the moment is dance! We have been learning the Heel and Toe Polka. Some students in our class have shared some of their favourite things about dance:

My favourite thing about dancing is when we link arms and spin.

My favourite thing about dancing is when we change partners.

My favourite thing about dancing is when we clap our hands together with our partners.

My favourite thing about dancing is when we get dizzy from spinning!

My favourite thing about dance is when we do the side step with our partner.

We can’t wait to see what the rest of the year will bring us!

**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

**BROWSNS PLAINS BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

The next disco for 2014 kicks off soon. Details are:

- **When:** Friday 6th June 2014
- **Time:** 6.30pm - 8.30pm
- **Where:** Logan West Community Centre
  Wineglass Drive, Hillcrest (100 metres up from the Browns Plains Police Station - under the big wineglass)

**Benefits:** Safe environment to leave your kids for a couple of hours. Fully police supervised.

**GREAT prizes to be won!**

- **Who:** Children aged 6-14 years only.
- **Entry is $5.00** and pizza/snacks/drinks are for sale at the canteen. The disco is fully police supervised and has been running for 20 years without incident. No children are allowed out without the parent coming to get them.

**BROWNS PLAINS DEADLY CHOICES COMMUNITY DAY**

Saturday 28th June 10am-2pm

Waller Park, Cnr Browns Plains Road & Waller Road

Deadly Choice Representatives 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