FROM THE PRINCIPAL…

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This meeting is scheduled for next Monday at 7.00pm in the Staffroom. It will be followed by a general meeting. Our P&C Association’s financial reports will be presented at the AGM and we will also elect officer bearers. All parents and caregivers are welcome.

P&C DISCO

Our first Disco of the year will be held tomorrow evening, Friday 28 March. For Prep to Year 3 students, it will be from 5.30 to 7.00pm and for Year 4–7 students it will be from 7.15 to 9.00pm. Our P&C disco’s are for Park Ridge Students only and parents are asked to drop off and pick up their children from the Assembly Hall.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

As previously mentioned our school has revised and developed a new Website which will go live from tomorrow. At this initial stage, all the major requirements will be available but throughout the year, the school will add enhancements and additional pages. A major feature of our new Departmental “Websites for Schools” website is the Q schools app which can be downloaded from the website to mobile phones. It is available for both iPhones and Android mobiles, and can also be accessed from Playstore and ITunes.

AUDIT OUTCOMES

The results of our Teaching and Learning and Discipline Audits will also be on our new website from tomorrow. For each audit, there will be a Parent Information Fact Sheet, an Executive Summary, and a Profile with highlighted indicators on a four point scale, which describe the school's achievements and results. The Teaching and Learning Audit has an eight page profile covering the eight domains audited and the Discipline Audit has a five page profile. The scale ranges are Outstanding, High, Medium and Low, and for both our audits the highlighted indicators were mostly in the High category with just a small number of indicators in the Medium category. I would like to thank all parents who had the opportunity to speak with the Auditors and I wish to acknowledge and thank all staff for their co-operation and efforts.

GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE

Our Great Results Guarantee has been approved and signed off by the Director General, Dr Jim Watterston. A copy of this Guarantee has been uploaded to the new website as well. Our plan involves additional Speech Language Pathology and Intervention and Learning Support Strategies with funding going to SLP’s, Teaching staff and Teacher Aides.

LITERACY COACH

Further to our school based and Great Results Guarantee Strategies to assist the learning improvement for our students, the school has also been allocated a 0.5 Literacy Coach. Mrs Richardson has been appointed to this position from the start of next term. Mrs Richardson will continue as class teacher for Year 3R for the remainder of the week. Further information will be sent home to Year 3R parents next week. I would like to congratulate and thank Mrs Richardson for accepting this role, which will be a great boost to our literacy and learning practices.

COMING EVENTS – Please note the change of days for these two events.

The School Cross Country Carnival will be held on Thursday April 3 and on Friday April 4 our Prep to Year 2 Easter Parade will be held in the Assembly Hall starting at 12.15pm.

SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I’d like to thank all students, staff and parents for their efforts this term. It has been a busy start to 2014, but a most productive one as well. Term 2 commences on Tuesday April 22 with our School Anzac Day Service on Thursday April 24 at 9.00am. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable vacation.

Peter James Principal
Christine Fegan Deputy Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM…

VOLUNTARY EDUCATION

ADMINISTRATION LEVY (VEAL)

A Voluntary Education Administration Levy letter has been sent home. This levy forms part of the revised policies in terms of State Schools Fees, Levies, Resource Schemes and is an integral component of our school’s parental financial commitments. Please feel free to discuss this matter with the Business Services Manager. Payment can be made at the Cash Collection Window on Wednesday or Friday morning. The cost for this levy is as follows:

Admin Voluntary Levy: $20 per year per student

ICT VOLUNTARY LEVY

(Computer and Interactive Boards)

The voluntary forms for the ICT levy have been sent home for Term 1. Please complete the forms and return to the office. We would appreciate your payment, which can be made at the cash collection window on Wednesday and Fridays from 8.15 – 9.30 or internet transfer to the school bank account and
EFTPOS is also available. These levies are important to maintain the effective running and upkeep of computers, projectors, smartboards etc.

The cost for this levy is as follows:

**ICT Voluntary Levy - $10 per term or $20 family (family consists of 2 or more children)**

Thank you for your contributions so far and in anticipation of any further contributions that may be paid.

**REMEMBER STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME NOW DUE**

The Student Resource Scheme is now due for payment. For all parents/caregivers who have completed the participation agreement form and have agreed to the Pay Now Option can please ensure your payment is made via the below payment options. All Centrepay and Installments can continue as agreed with the BSM.

For all the parents/caregivers who have not yet indicated whether your child will be participating in the Scheme, can you please phone the office or come in and complete the participation agreement. The BSM will be sending home Statements prior to the end of the term to follow up on any outstanding payments.

All payments can be made at the Cash Collection Window on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.15 – 9.30am. If you wish to make payments via Internet Transfer to Park Ridge State School BSB 064-159 Account No: 0090 5870 you can do so at any time; please remember to include your child’s name in the reference.

**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…**

**LOCKDOWN PRACTICE DRILL**

The school will be conducting a Lockdown practise drill next week, teachers will be discussing what to do during the Lockdown and why it is necessary. Please be aware that students may come home and discuss the drill with you.

**SPORT**

Congratulations to Hayley Frame who was successful in gaining selection into the Greenbank District Touch team. Good luck Hayley at the Regional Touch Championships.

Sophie Talbot from 5W recently participated in the National Karate Championships where she recorded some magnificent results. Sophie finished 2nd in Kata and 3rd in Katane. Well done Sophie, you should be very proud of your achievements.

**YEAR 7 CAMP**

On the 17th, 18th and 19th of March, our year 6’s and 7’s went to the Emu Gully Adventure Camp. We endured many adventures similar to those of the ANZAC’s including The Siege of Tobruk; The Bridge over the River Kwai; The Tunnel Rats of Vietnam; and The Kokoda Track. Participating in these activities strengthened our character values of courage, perseverance, self-sacrifice and mateship. We learnt to problem solve, communicate and to build team skills. At times we were scared, we were fearful, we laughed and we also cried, and through these emotions we realised it is amazing what we can do when we believed in ourselves! Overall we learnt a lot about ourselves and our classmates, and we had an awesome time!

**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL**

If you wish to receive the school newsletter by email each fortnight, we offer interactive, graphically rich, full colour electronic newsletters, delivered directly to your inbox. We have partnered with Austnews to produce this service free of charge to the school, with the kind support of our local businesses. To sign up for our eNewsletter, please click on the link below.


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**AROUND THE COMMUNITY…**

**CAMP AUSTRALIA**

We have had lots of fun this past fortnight working with all the resources Camp Australia have on offer. Children derived on their imagination using the dress ups and doll corner, pretending to be medieval witches and of royal blood as well as setting up their own little school. We designed our own puzzles and children got to share these with their families. Each day Camp Australia offers a variety of different activities, which are focussed on the children’s interests and likes to ensure all children are happy, having fun and are safe. Haylee 0421 144 467
**FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Fuel Your Body for Free
Logan East Community Neighbourhood Centre in conjunction with Nutrition Students from Griffith University is delivering a free school holiday program promoting mental and physical wellbeing for kids. The students have developed a program that will include a range of physical activities and a healthy morning tea. The program is open for ages 5 – 17 and it will run on Tuesdays 8th & 15th April and Wednesdays 9th & 16th April from 9.30am – 11.30am at Logan East Community Neighbourhood Centre, Cnr Cinderella Dve & Vanessa Blvd Springwood. For more information or to make a booking for this free program please call the centre on 3808 4529.

**BROWNS PLAINS RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB**

Boys and Girls Rugby League Players wanted, Turning 11 or 12 this year. Contact Beverley on 0406 746 191. Birth Certificate or Passport Required

**SENSORY MOVIE DAYS**

Each month, Event Cinemas Browns Plains have a movie session for families with special needs children.
27th April - Walking with Dinosaurs
For more information and to find out what movies are coming up each month contact Jacinta Huch on 0458 045 881 or go to sensory.movies@hotmail.com tickets are only $8.00 each. All family members are welcome.