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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

As the term draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and community members for their support throughout this term. As we look back on our achievements, it has been rewarding to see our students excel both in the classroom and in out of school activities.

A big thank you must go to the many parents, volunteers and staff who work with students ensuring that they are able to access a variety of learning opportunities and experience success. I wish you all a safe and relaxing autumn break and for those who celebrate, a blessed Easter.

At the end of this term we thank Caryn Powell our Deputy Principal for her work to organise many of the support programs for students. Caryn is taking leave next term, David Gordon will be returning to our Leadership team. On behalf of all staff I wish Caryn a safe and happy holiday with her planned trips and visit to Europe.

**Competition to help design Red’s kennel**

The Queensland Red’s new junior mascot, Red, a red healer puppy needs help to decorate his new kennel. Primary-aged students can enter the competition via the [Queensland Red’s website](https://www.peachqld.com.au) to get a chance for Red and players from the Queensland Reds to visit their school. The competition closes on Wednesday 30 April.

**Keep a watch on our school these holidays**

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 13 17 88.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, 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.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS – Date Change**

Please note the date for school photos has been changed to 19 May due to Naplan Testing.

**Payments Due**

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**Payments for Excursions, Performances or Student program will not be accepted after the payment due date under any circumstances.**

**Promoting healthy weight in children**

Families in and around Toowoomba can sign up to a free government funded program which aims to increase activity and healthy eating for the whole family.

The program, called PEACH™ (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health), is available to families with a child 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight for their age.

As part of the program, families attend 10 fortnightly sessions, with additional support in the form of three phone calls. The sessions see parents learn and problem solve in a group environment while their children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

Some of the topics covered in the program include nutrition skills, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours, making healthy eating affordable and overcoming resistance.

PEACH™ Program Director Professor Lynne Daniels. Head of QUT’s Exercise & Nutrition Sciences School, said the program armed parents with skills to combat modern pressures around food and encouraged them to be more active as a family.

The PEACH™ program is being funded by Queensland Health under the National Partnership Agreement on Preventive Health - Healthy Children. It will be delivered by Queensland University Technology using trained PEACH™ facilitators.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ Program please free call 1800 263 519 or register online at [www.peachqld.com.au](http://www.peachqld.com.au)

**Cross Country**

The School Cross Country and P&C Fun Run will be held this Friday commencing at 9.15am. Below is the program of events.

**Please note these are approximate times.** Students are asked to ensure that they bring a hat, plenty of water and wear sunscreen. In case of inclement weather a decision will be made regarding the running of the event at 8.00am.

**Order of Events:**

- 9:15am    Boys & Girls born 2001 & 2002
- 9:30am    Boys & Girls born 2003
- 9:45am    Boys & Girls born 2004
- 10:00am   Boys & Girls born 2005
- 10:15am   Boys born 2009
- 10:25am   Girls born 2009
- 10:35am   Boys born 2008
- 10:45am   Girls born 2008
- 10:55am   Boys born 2007
- 11:05am   Girls born 2007
- 11:15am   Boys born 2006
- 11:25am   Girls born 2006

**PREP News**

Congratulations to the following Prep W students who placed entries in the Toowoomba Show:

- William - 1st place, ($10) - Prep Collage
- Taylah - 2nd place, ($6) - Prep Collage

Monetary awards will be presented on Parade next term. All other entries for Handwriting, Painting and Collage received HIGHLY COMMENDED certificates. Well done, Prep W.

**EASTER WRAPPERS needed:** PW would appreciate any Easter egg foil wrappers. Please leave in the Prep W classroom after the holidays. Thanks.

**MUSIC NOTES**

Payment of the Uniform Hire Fee can be made to the office from Monday 24 March with the FINAL PAYMENT OF $20.00 due by the 5 May 2014.

Brett Gredig.
Classroom Specialist and Choir Conductor.
PEER SUPPORT
On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, Years 6 and 7 students have participated in the Peer Support Training Program, undertaking a series of activities designed to teach them how to be effective Peer Support Leaders. The Peer Support Program will be implemented across the entire school during Term 2.

SCHOOL BANKING
What a great effort with banking this term. We have had so many new students join the banking program which is great to see. Banking will start again first day back in Term 2 which is Tuesday, 22nd April. For those who don’t do banking, make sure you head to your local Commonwealth Bank branch over the holidays to open an account and join in the fun with the Student Banking Program. There are still plenty of information packs in the office if you would like further details. Have a good holiday everyone, see you back on 22nd April.

Amy Manthey
Student Banking Co-ordinator
0429 597 093 / manthey_crew@hotmail.com

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS
Wanted: Dresses and shirts in all sizes for resale. Please consider either donating or selling on consignment your child’s outgrown uniforms. Proceeds from the sale of uniforms, benefits the school and the P & C. There are jumpers, skirts and shorts available in all sizes.

Second Hand Uniforms are available for purchase from 9:10am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Enquiries or appointments can be made by phoning Sharon on 0423 654 259.

P & C News
Fun Run
Our Fun Run is being held this Friday in conjunction with the Cross Country. This will be the final day that you can return forms and money. As a thank you for all of your fundraising efforts everyone will receive an ice block once they finish the run. Looking forward to seeing you there!

2014 Fundraising
Listed below are the events that the fundraising committee will be organising in 2014. Please mark the dates in your diaries. Further information will be forwarded about each event next term.

- Mother’s Day Stall - Wednesday 7th May. Gifts on offer for children to purchase a gift for mum/grandma
- Pie Drive - Forms due back at school Wednesday 2nd June
- Father’s Day Stall – Wednesday 3rd September
- Race Day - Saturday 2nd August

Thanks!
The Fundraising Committee

TUCKSHOP TALES

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Holiday Clinic
Date: 16th April 2014
Venue: Brothers Rugby League Toowoomba
Address: Hursley Road Toowoomba
Registration: 8.30am Age Group: 6 to 14 years of age.
Clinic Times: 9.00am to 12.00pm
Cost: $45.00 includes: NRL pack (Football, Kicking Tee, NRL bag, Truckers Cap, Water Bottle)

Learn rugby league skills and play fun games.
To Register please use link below to register and pay online.
https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regoform.cgi?formID=30703

DON'T FORGET Friday treats this Friday from 3pm. Larry Heuston 0417731126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

OSHC
Vacation care places are filling fast! Please put your forms in THIS WEEK to avoid missing out on your chosen days and having to pay additional fees. We have lots of fun Easter activities planned, as well as a trip to the Darling Downs Zoo. We are still experiencing difficulties with parents not notifying us of their child’s absence for after school care. We often have parents on waiting lists for afternoon care. We also need to be aware of where your child should be. If you have any other suggestions of how we can make this process easier for you besides the phones and email, please let us know.

From everyone at OSHC, have a safe and happy holiday, see you in Term 2!

Davina Quinn, OSHC Coordinator
Gabbinbar State School
07-4631 5266

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