PRINCIPAL’S DESK

We welcome back all existing families and a special welcome to the many new families starting at our school this year. It was great to see all students dressed in uniform and ready for another busy school year. Our little Preppies all looked excited and eager to learn. It was also great to see many parents staying to have a cuppa in the hall after dropping their child or children off to their classroom. I believe we have a strong sense of community at this school, one I am very proud to be associated with each year. Our thanks again to the hard working members of our P&C for preparing the early morning cuppa! For all enquiries about the P&C Association, contact Olivia Kay (President), Linda Richardson (Treasurer), Nikki Spresser (Secretary), Jo Mortensen (Vice-President) or Melissa Dorhahrt (Fundraising) through the school. The Uniform Shop team (Rexina Spicer, Melissa Hardman, Helen Shogren, Olga Dopper and Melissa Rohan) have been working tirelessly last week and this week and we are now excited about the online ordering for uniforms and tuckshop. (more information will come out soon). The school staff has also been busy preparing for the term with a continued focus on the National Curriculum, the teaching of Spelling and an explicit teaching approach in all classrooms using the Fleming model (more info later). It is very inspiring to see our entire school community work together for the benefit of all of our students. This term is only nine weeks in duration and finishes on Thursday, 28th March.

A big welcome to our new and returning staff:
- Cherie Collins (Prep Year)
- Rae Welch (Prep Year)
- Liz Coutts (Prep Year)
- Ashleigh Jennings (Year 1)
- Lesleigh Bateman (Year 1)
- Sophie Coffey (Year 2)
- Kate Harries (Year 5)
- Sarah Crown (Year 5)
- Matt Taylor (HOC)
- Catherine Zorzetto (Instrumental Music)
- Astrid Hawke (Chaplain)

We are also in the process of employing some new Teacher Aides. This process will be completed over the next few weeks and shared in a later edition. Farewell Derek Robinson, our long-serving groundsman. Derek has been successful in gaining a transfer to the Sunshine Coast. We wish Derek and his family all the best and our thanks for his diligence over many years at our school. Brendan Carson from Roma is now transferring into this vacancy.
Spelling Mastery is a program that we are implementing this year across Years 1-7. This new program is the result of our School Review last year and is aimed at ensuring consistency and continuity across the school with the teaching of spelling. All children now have their Spelling Mastery level. A letter was sent home with this level. It is now critical that EVERY student has a work booklet by next week. They can be purchased at either ABSA (Darra) or at Mt Ommaney News. Our thanks to all parents for ensuring every child has all of their booklist requirements enabling a successful start to the year. Our Prep students will continue to do Jolly Phonics. Many of the resources for Jolly Phonics can be found on YouTube should anyone be keen on assisting at home.

This edition of the newsletter will be the only ‘paper’ edition as all future editions will be emailed out and placed on the school’s website. It is essential that we have every family’s email address to ensure you are kept abreast of all school activity. Please also contact the office if you have changed your email address or contact details. Keep an eye on the iTunes store for our free school App. This App is simply to enable newsletters, calendar, etc to be accessed quickly and easily on your mobile device. It should be available over the next two weeks from the iTunes store.

Parade commences next week and will have the same format: Years 4-7 (Monday, 2:30pm in the hall) and Years P-3 (Tuesday, 2:30pm in the hall) although our Preppies don’t join us until later in the term. All members of our school community are always more than welcome to join us at any parade. The Student Leader Induction parade is scheduled for Friday, 8th February, at 10:30am in the hall. This ceremony is an occasion to celebrate our new leaders for 2013 and present them with their badge. Again, everyone is welcome to join us on this occasion. Our student leaders for 2013 are as follows:

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Australia Day is an important day on our calendar, a day worth celebrating the cultural diversity we have in this country. Our school is reflective of such diversity, which I believe is a wonderful strength of our school in that it builds tolerance and understanding within our students. The implementation of our National Curriculum now extends to History this year and more detail can be found on the ACARA website. Our teachers are also able to share an insight into the History unit being taught this term in Prep to Year 7.
At Jamboree Heights State School, we highly value the wearing of our **school uniform** by all students. Apart from the main clothing items, we also reinforce the wearing of a **broad-brimmed hat and black shoes**. Students without a hat will not be permitted to play at break times. Our school’s **Responsible Behaviour Plan** is now on our school’s website which details many aspects of student management at our school.

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We again ask that all students **do not arrive at school before 8:15am**. Students who do arrive before 8:30am must sit in the junior eating area near the tuckshop. If these time constraints are problematic for any family we do have a great **Outside School Hours Care** program available for all before and after school care. (and vacation care) Simply contact Michelle on (07) 3725 5645 or 0412 066 341 during operating hours.

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As most families would know, it is very congested on the roads around the school, particularly in the afternoon from 3:00pm onwards. Please assist us with the “2-minute drop-off” zone in Beanland Street and please do not use the **Admin carpark** unless you have a “student with a disability” access approval.

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As our school’s enrolment has continued to grow (approx. 750 this year), we have had to make some substantial purchases of furniture and classroom resources. Unfortunately the company that supplies **school furniture** cannot deliver our order for another two weeks even though we ordered in November last year. Our thanks to Middle Park SS for allowing us to borrow their excess furniture for the interim. Also, a big thank you to our **P&C Association** once again for purchasing three new Interactive Whiteboards this week as we needed an extra one for the new Prep building and two existing boards in other classrooms have now reached their use-by date. Our school’s **Enrolment Management Plan** is now in place meaning that all new enrolments must live within our catchment area (see website). Siblings of current students who live outside the catchment area will be entitled to enrol in any given year. **Prep enrolments for 2014** will be taken from Day 1, Term 2 this year. For further information, download the EMP policy document from our school website.

The **West Akuna (our school sporting district) Swimming Trials** are scheduled for **Friday, 15th February at the Bellbowrie pool**. Our nominations will be sent in next week and will based on the times we recorded at last year’s swimming carnival. Correspondence to all selected students will be sent home soon.

**MUSIC NEWS**

Welcome back everyone to a great New Year! After an eventful stormy weekend, we are back ready for lots of great Music making this year!

A few notices to start the year rolling along:

**Instrumental Lessons for 2013**

★ All beginner and continuing Instrumental Students will commence starting back **Week 2 (4th February 2013)** according to the timetables issued through the classroom teachers.

★ Senior & Junior String Lessons will be with Mr Zorzetto on Wednesdays & Thursdays (exact timetable TBA).

★ Senior Brass Woodwind and Percussion Lessons will be Mr KUKULIES (Tuesdays).
★ Junior Brass Woodwind and Percussion lessons will be with Mrs Zorzetto (Mondays) - students will be advised shortly their timetables and their specific teacher.

★ Any specific enquiries, please contact your child’s instrumental teacher.

Senior Concert Band will commence rehearsals from 8am on Tuesday mornings with Mr Kukulies in the Old Hall.

Senior String Ensemble will commence rehearsals from 7.30am on Wednesday mornings with Mr Zorzetto in the Old Hall.

Junior Band will not begin until late term 2.

Could all students come prepared for their lessons and rehearsals promptly with all their required tuition books, instruments etc. ready to start the year on a positive note 😊

Choirs
Choir rehearsals will commence starting in Week 3 formally. Thank you to all the keen new students who have returned expressions of interested for 2013. All members from 2012 are highly encouraged to continue with our fabulous choral program this year.

There will be a meeting for all interested members for all Choirs on Wednesday 6th February – in 2nd break at 1.45pm in the Old Hall. Interested students will receive a membership letter which will need to be signed by parents/carers and return to school ASAP.

- Senior Choir will rehearse 8am Fridays in the Music Room (Years 5-7)
- Junior Choir will also rehearse in the Music Room, but on Mondays 2nd break 1.45pm. (Years 3-4)
- Chamber Choir will rehearse from Term 2.

A Ukulele& Music Technology Group will run from Week 3 to Week 9 for up to 30 interested students on Wednesday 2nd break this term. Please attend the Music Meeting on 8th February if you are interested in this group.

On a separate note:
Any interested students who would like to perform (sing) at the Captains Badge Ceremony on Friday the 8th February for a small item, please see Mrs Hooper ASAP.

Metropolitan Regional Inaugural Choral Camp 2013
This will be run in Bardon at the Birralee Headquarters from March 25-27 for advanced Choral students in years 6 and 7. This will be a 3 day 8.30-3.30pm day camp. The cost will be $75. Mrs Hooper will be handing out nomination forms to any interested students at the Choir meeting on the 6th February. These forms will be due back on the 15th February to Mrs Hooper.

First Music Support Group Meeting 2013
The first meeting of the year is scheduled for 11th February for a Wine and Cheese night in the Staff Room, commencing at 7pm. All new and old faces welcome 😊 If your child is involved in the Music Program here at Jamboree we would really welcome your support 😊

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Jupiter clarinet with case, excellent condition.
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