Welcome back to the new school term. We trust all of our students had a safe and enjoyable break. This term is eleven weeks in duration and finishes on Friday, 20th September. Some major items this term include our Junior and Senior Athletics Carnivals, the School Concert, our Teaching and Learning Audit, further preparation for the Year 6-7 Transition into Secondary School (2014-2015), the Year 5 Camp, the Ekka Show Holiday, Year 2 and Year 4 Excursions, Opti-Minds, and of course the continued implementation of the National Curriculum for English, Maths, Science and History. We welcome Ms Nichola Cox to our teaching team. Nichola will partner Mrs Lesleigh Bateman in Year 1S for the remainder of this year.

My sincere thanks and congratulations to the Year 7 Teachers (Mrs Chester, Mrs Crawley, Mrs Lenihan, Mr Lindsay, and Mr Graham) for conducting another very successful camp. Travelling to Canberra and the snow will have provided many life-long memories for our young ones. A school camp requires our teaching staff to go well beyond the call of duty and our Year 7 staff have again been more than willing to enable these experiences for our students. Thank-you!

A variety of construction work has been undertaken over the holidays including some refurbishment in the tuckshop, new fencing along our boundary and plans for additional fencing to expand our Prep playing areas, new flooring and roofing in the Year 1 and 2 classrooms, two new Interactive Whiteboards in Year 3A and Year 7L, new concrete pathways around the school, and a variety of other minor works. These continual improvements to our school are always aimed at making our school a much safer, comfortable and more modern learning environment.

A program will be emailed later for the Senior Athletics (9-13 years) Carnival next week. All parents, family members and members of the wider school community are welcome to join us on any of these occasions to support and cheer on our budding athletes. A reminder that we expect all students to be wearing their house colours on the main day (Thursday), and of course with a hat and water bottle. The 2012 Inter-house Champions defending their title this year is Oxley. A school team will be selected from this event, which will then compete at the West Akuna District carnival. Our school’s selection policy is attached to this newsletter.

Congratulations to Zain Mohammed, Hunter Thorne and Gracie Franklin for winning the Talent Quest at the end of last term. All three students were outstanding and entertaining in the singing category. Their willingness to sing in front of an audience without backing music was very courageous.
Congratulations and thank you to Helen James for taking on the position of President of our P&C Association at the last general meeting. Helen will now join Mel Crowhurst, Rachel Crawley, and Rochelle Korger on the executive of our P&C Association. My thanks to all members who continue to give our school and students much time and effort. The P&C’s next fund-raiser is the School Disco which is scheduled for Friday, 26th July, starting at 6pm.

Tuckshop has been reduced to just Mondays and Wednesdays this term until further notice. A reminder that tuckshop can be ordered in the morning at the counter or online using the Flexi-schools website.

Again, it should be noted that the two car parks, the one next to the Admin building and the one next to the Outside School Hours building are not for DROP-OFF or PICK-UP. The only access permitted is by staff, parents of students with a disability, and parents accessing the OSHC program. All other traffic is not permitted to access these car parks and/or driveways. There will soon be signage emphasising this request. Everyone’s support is greatly appreciated as it is all about student safety. It would also be appreciated if this information could be passed onto other family members and friends who assist with student transport as we sometimes call upon the support of our local police to monitor Beanland Street.

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### LIBRARY

**Reader of the Week**

The reader of the week is a student who is borrowing regularly and is discovering the joy of reading. The reader of the week for the last week of term 2 was **Sam Muharem of 6J** who was reading ‘The Key to Rondo’.

**Lexile Awards**

Congratulations to the students who have achieved the following awards in week 9 of Term 2

- **Encouragement**: Hayden Hazelman-White 4K, Rene O’Flaherty 5C, Joshua Yule 6G
- **Good**: Rene O’Flaherty 5C
- **Fantastic**: Juliet Benn 4L, Nam-Chi Dang 4M
- **Bronze**: Ashwin Sajee 4M
- **Silver**: David Vu 6G
- **Gold**: Vaine Taka 6G
- **Special Merit**: Lisha Chandra 4K
- **Distinction**: Harry Mayer 4C, Ashleigh Richardson 5H

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**READERS CUP COMPETITION**

A team of Y6 & Y7 students from our school competed in a Readers Cup competition at Brookfield S.S. on Wednesday 12 June. There were 8 other school participating in five rounds of questions about five different books. Congratulations to Caitlin Devonport, Madison Clark, Pru Brinkman-Lewis, Sean Van Zanden and Jack Casper who represented our school winning second prize.

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**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

A reminder to parents that all reading challenge reading records must be returned to the library no later than Friday 30th August to be eligible for an award certificate.

Ingrid Harrod (Teacher-librarian)

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**MUSIC**

- **Beginners Instrumental Workshop** was held Monday 17 June – well done on your first assembly performance.
- **Junior Concert Band** rehearsals are now 8am Mondays in the school hall.
- Mrs Hooper hopes to start listening testing for all students in Year 2 (strings) and Year 4 (band) for consideration and a starting process for Instrumental intake for 2014 in music lessons held during week 3.
- **Great job** 1K and 4K and 4M for your great assembly performances this past week. Your hard work and enthusiasm is appreciated across the school.
- Mrs Hooper attended a 4 ½ day conference during the holidays and had a fabulous time doing such things as rehearsing, attending workshops on music games and technology and singing in a special choir full of music teachers, sharing teaching ideas and pedagogy, musical theatre and eating. She hopes to share and incorporate many of these ideas in the coming weeks and months here at school in different music lessons.
- **Next Music Support Concert meeting** – Monday 22 July at 7pm in the staff room. All welcome.
- **Planned Assembly Performances** – winners of Mr Wallace’s Talent Quest (some great talent at our school).
- **Music Classes of the Week**: Congratulations to Junior Classes 1G & 1J – highly commended this week.
- **Queensland Music Festival**: Worlds Biggest Orchestra – Saturday 13 July at 3pm at Suncorp Stadium. Attendees – please contact Mrs Hooper via phone if needed on the day – 0407 154 232.
P&C

Next P&C Meeting Monday 15 July at 6:30pm in Staffroom.

School Disco - Friday 26 July
- Theme, Crazy hair or hat.
- $2 donation to have hair coloured on the night.
- Prep to Year3 from 6pm to 7pm - must have parent or guardian with them at all times.
- Year 4 to Year 7- 7.15pm to 9pm
- All seniors must remain in the car park to be picked up by parent or guardian.
- Entry $5 per child
- Drinks, Sausage Sizzle, Snack Bar & Glow Products can be purchased on the night.

Cadbury Chocolate Fundraising Drive - Friday 26 July. On Friday 26th July every family will be set home with a box of Cadbury Chocolates to sell to friends, family, neighbours etc. If for any reason you do not wish to participate in this Fundraising Drive please let me know - melcrowhurst@gmail.com or text 04 6637 9910 with child's name and class.

Garden Club had a busy Term 2 planting, tending and harvesting a variety of fresh and delicious produce which was snapped up by the teachers and some parents during the last week of school. This term hopefully the weather will be kind to us again and we will produce another bumper crop. Garden club has a chalk board to make helping out in garden club easier! So just come to the garden, sign in and look at the chalk board for things to do. It's easy, so please come! We would love people to help the garden grow. Everybody please read this so you can think about joining the garden club.

by Anaya Hoffmann.

At the gardening club we grow so many fresh fruits and veg some of them are: Basil, Parsley, Strawberries, Tomatoes and Lettuce. We do some great things with the fresh foods like, make jams and chutney, sell the fresh foods to teachers and eat the leftovers at the club!

by Sophie Richardson

COMMUNITY NEWS

CENTENARY TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Where: Jamboree Heights State School
Original school hall
35 Beanland Street
Jamboree Heights

Who: All ages and all levels of ability
Welcome for friendly social games

When: Tuesdays 7:30 to 9:30pm

Contact: Cameron Davidson – 3279 1300

This tour was partly funded by a rebate from the Federal Government under the PACER scheme. This enables the students to participate in this highly enjoyable and educational activity.

SPORTS COMMITTEE

The Sports Committee will be holding a BBQ from the MPC for Senior Sports Day. No pre orders required. Help serving on the day would be greatly appreciated as well as any baking to sell.

Any enquiries please contact Liz Bishell – bishells@gmail.com

STUDENT COUNCIL

Thanks to everyone involved in the gold coin fundraising for our World Vision Child Sponsorship. We raised over $850 to go towards sponsoring Wai Lin Soe in Myanmar (formerly Burma).

This term student councillors will talk to classes about writing letters and learning about our sponsorship child.

Mark Graham (on behalf of Student Council)

YEAR 7 GO TO THE SNOW

In the last week of term 2, June 17-22, 65 students and 5 teachers packed their winter warm clothes and headed off to Canberra. This is an educational tour to culminate their studies on “How we are governed?”

During our visit we attended the question time in the House of Representatives and the highlight for the students was to see the Prime Minister and leaders of government debating.

Other venues visited were the War Memorial, Electoral Centre, National Museum and AIS. The last day was spent in snow play at Perisher. Sadly the teachers lost the snow fight this year but they have vowed to get them back next year.