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Vision Statement

“To provide all students with an educational program that will assist them to develop the required skills and independence to optimize their quality of life.”

SCHOOL TERMS 2008

PRINCIPAL: Mr David Rogers
D/PRINCIPAL: Mrs Anne O’Leary
P&C PRESIDENT: Ms Stephanie Nelson

Term 3: Commences: 15/07/2008
Concludes: 19/09/2008

Term 4: Commences: 06/10/2008
Concludes: 12/12/2008

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STUDENT FREE DAYS 2008

29th August 2008 Gold Coast Show Day
20th October 2008

**SPORTS DAY WILL BE HELD ON
11TH SEPTEMBER**

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

STAFF CHANGES:

Mr Mike Warltier will be returning to the school following a period of leave as of Monday, 25th August and Anne O'Leary will be returning to the Southport State School. I know you will all wish me to thank Anne on your behalf for her excellent work in support of families, staff and students. Anne has been a great member of The Kumbari Avenue School team and we all wish her well for the future.

TRIENNIAL SCHOOL REVIEW

The school is scheduled to review its processes and practices by November this year and determine future directions. Between now and then you may be asked to provide your thoughts on the past or to make suggestions for the future. Please respond as frankly as possible so that we can make our future as a State Special School even brighter.

COMPUTER & CURRICULUM DISCUSSIONS

Staff at the school have been scheduled for in-school training with Peter Giles regarding data entry processes for their class and students. Kate Chapman is discussing with each teacher the data to be kept in each student's Record of Learning. As a result of these two initiatives, teachers will be able to write more comprehensive student reports.

FIRST AID

Thirty staff attended First Aid training yesterday. While it is not compulsory for staff to hold this qualification, I know you will be pleased to know of this commitment by staff towards the safety aspects of their role.

SCHOOL VISITS

School staff will be visiting a number of other special education programs across the district before the end of the Term. I hope this will open up links with other special education colleagues and promote some meaningful in-depth discussions back here at school. Learning from other educators helps us broaden our perspectives and learn new ways of teaching.

David Rogers
Principal

DID YOU KNOW?

If your child is over 16 and

- Receives a disability support pension or a special needs disability support pension or
- Has a certificate from a Commonwealth approved doctor certifying a continuing inability to work

Then you may be eligible for a dependent tax offset, the **invalid relative tax offset**, when you do your tax return? The amount that can be claimed is \$700 plus for the year. This is a small amount but still worth claiming. For further information check with your accountant or ring the ATO on 13 28 61

Please contact the office if your child is going into respite. We do require a few days to arrange the transport details

MIDDLE SCHOOL 2 CLASS GROUP

Everything is going well in Middle School 2. All our students are excelling with their walking and talking. You should see Barbara and I with our Makaton signing. Tameka laughs at us but we think we are going well. We sign all our songs and rhymes and Dan tries to join in with his favourite, "Five Silly Monkeys". Do come and join us one day, you will be amazed at how many signs we have learned,



Our theme for this Term is "My Two Eyes" so we are talking about all the different things we can do and see. It's really very



interesting.

We are looking forward to the end of winter so we can start feeling warmer again. It's nice sitting outside to have lunch or playtime.

Best wishes,
Kay, Barb, all our volunteers and the Super Six

MIDDLE SCHOOL 5 CLASS GROUP

What a wonderful time Middle School 5 are having. So far we have been to the "Big Day Out" and then of course the "Fun Run". On both occasions the students were excellent. Their enthusiasm and the way they interacted with their peers was a delight to see.

Our weekly excursion to the Musgrave Lawn Bowls Club has been a great success. Donna and I have been extremely impressed with the progress the students have made, who knows, we may have some future Olympians in Middle School 5.



More exciting news, Middle School 5 will be going to the Tallebudgera Beach School for our end of Term excursion. This will be a wonderful experience for the students, where they will take part in various Sun Safety/Beach Safety activities.

That's about all for now, keep smiling and stay happy.
The Mighty Middle School 5. Jessie, Jakob, Brayden, Jake, Kayla, Elizabeth, Slade, Donna & Merv

A WORD FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Recently there has been a few cases of headlice within the school. Please ensure that you regularly check your child's hair and treat if necessary.

We are currently updating the student's medical files so if you have recently received any medical reports could you please enclose them in an envelope marked TO THE NURSE and place them in your child's communication book.

As the cooler weather has set in colds, flu, running noses and temperatures are on the rise. Please keep your child home if they have any symptoms of being unwell.

Jodi Rochford
Registered Nurse

MANUAL ARTS MUSINGS

G'day one and all.

Hope you are all well and happy. The latest news in my subject area is the inclusion of the Junior 4 class group in the manual arts program. This is a fine initiative for these youngsters as the earlier that they become familiar with the workshop the better and greater the possibility for high achievement later down the track.

I have placed an example of work completed by some of our younger students in the foyer of the administration building. They are great examples of the ongoing literacy activities included in all of the work that teachers engage our students in. Included is a "talking postcard". Feel free to press the play button and hear the students practice verbal communications.

Best wishes to all, Jason Tebay

SENIOR 3 CLASS GROUP

Dear Parents,

We have started the third Term with great gusto. All our programs are running smoothly and all the students in our group are ready to put in a great effort towards a successful and rewarding Term.

This Friday we will resume our practice of lawn bowling at the Musgrave Hill Bowls Club to whom we extend our thanks for their assistance in making this activity possible for our students.

Regards,
Alain & Yumiko

Please inform the office if your child's daily transport details change. We need to know if they are not catching the bus and who will be picking them up.

PRE-SENIORS & SENIOR 4 CLASS GROUPS

Can you believe we are halfway through Term 3 already!!



Our Olympic researchers from both Pre-Seniors and Senior 4 have been very busy this Term and have unearthed a lot of information about past and present Olympic Games. They have become quite experienced travelers in their quest for knowledge having traveled back in time on "Kumbari Airlines" to visit Ancient Greece and to compete in the first Olympic Games, to more recently catching an early flight to China to explore the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

In other news Julie started Hydro last week and is enjoying lazing around in the pool with Ben and Brodie's classes. Our Friday athletes are progressing well and are attempting to break all track and field Olympic records in their preparation for the upcoming carnival at Griffith University.



Pre-Seniors are still producing their magical "WORM JUICE" for \$1.00 a litre, but it's selling out fast so hurry into the office to grab a bottle today.

Regards,
Lisa, Glen. Zina & Senior 4 and Lisa, Roberta and Pre-Seniors

JUNIOR 3 CLASS GROUP

Hi everyone.

Junior 3 continues to be very busy and we would like to thank our volunteers, Alan with hydrotherapy and Orrie in our classroom, both have been fantastic and the children love their addition to our classroom. Ethan has extended upon his skills in PEC's and is walking long distances independently. Haelee is sitting for long periods independently on a stool during group-times and when playing. Izyah has been busy learning his colours and shapes as well as starting a reading program. Sophie has been working very hard this Term and can now stand with minimal physical prompts propped at a bench - a great achievement. Tobi is now tolerating standing for longer periods and has achieved straighter legs. These "little" students are working very hard.

Regards,
Denise, Pam, Loris and the students from Junior 3.

SENIOR 7 GLASS GROUP

Senior 7 would like to say a big "Welcome" to our new student Alena and her family. Alena has come from Xavier and has settled in well. We were sad to see Harley leave our class but he is enjoying his new class group.

This Term we are getting into the Spirit of the Olympics. Each student is representing a country and participating in a weekly mini-Olympic event. At the end of Term we will be holding a culminating event that we would love everyone to attend.

All Senior 7 students have been working very hard with their hydrotherapy program and their MOVE goals. Well done to everyone.

Brodie and Tash

JUNIOR 2 CLASS GROUP

We are so lucky to have our new interactive whiteboard. We are enjoying all the fun learning we can do on it.

We have been learning about Australian animals and Malia especially likes the Kangaroo. Ethan, from Junior 3, visits us every day for our morning circle and it has been great having him as part of our class. Junior 1 & Junior 2 have been joining together for music activities and outings and we are all really enjoying spending time together with our new friends.



Pippa, Chris, Kerry & Junior 2.

MIDDLE SCHOOL 4 CLASS GROUP

Hello all and welcome back to Term 3.

Our class has started well with a theme of "Spring" and "Olympics".

Unfortunately many of the students have had time off school with colds and flu.



We had a wonderful day at the Darling Point Fun Run. It is a beautiful place to hold the Fun Run.

Until next time, stay safe.

Cheers.
Guy, Eveline, Lisa & Stephanie

CHANGING ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER? PLEASE CONTACT THE FRONT OFFICE AND SUPPLY ALL NEW DETAILS SO THAT WE CAN MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE AND CURRENT DATABASE

SENIOR 5 & 6 GLASS GROUP

First up we must congratulate Mark Jarman and Daniel Browne who both turned 17 during the holidays. Our congratulations also go to Brenton Bayes who turned 18 earlier in the Term. During the first week of Term we farewelled Joshua Edwards who relocated to his new school north of Brisbane.

This Term we have started some new programs and really enjoyed our first athletics training session. We have some fantastic athletes in the making.



We continue rehearsing for the upcoming Eisteddfod which is to be held on Thursday, 28th August at the Nerang Bicentennial Hall. All family and friends are welcome to come and watch.

After our successful Fun Run at Darling Point we are now looking forward to Sports Day on the 11th September. All these activities link in very well with our Olympic Theme this Term. Our class cooking program is also based on this theme as we prepare dishes from a variety of countries. So far we have prepared a beef curry and potato au gratin.



Our gymnastics program is going very well and we are developing balance, strength and flexibility skills. We continue to enjoy our baseball on a Thursday and have been improving our batting and catching over the weeks.

We are using baseball as our theme for the eisteddfod number.

We are having a tree planting for Planet Ark on Tuesday 14th October. The trees have been donated by the Gold Coast City Council and we thank them for the time and effort they have put into conferring with us in regard to the type of trees and soil conditions best suited to our school site.



Regards,
Trasie, Rose, Antoinette & Jenny

SENIOR 1 & SECONDARY INCLUSION CLASS GROUPS

Wow how time flies, it is already half-way through Term 3. This Semester we have been travel training every Thursday on the Surfside Buses to different shopping centres. The students set out on a treasure hunt finding items they will need to use in their adult years.

We are currently researching the Olympic Games, the history, events, athletes, different countries participating and of course Beijing, China. The students are working on projects in small groups which are starting to look really good.

Our classes are completing 10 pieces of artwork which will be displayed in our administration block. Some of the pictures include a beach scene, a rainforest, fish, flowers, plus lots more.



We have lots of time in the computer lab, which the students are really enjoying. This is helping them to become computer literate, being able to access the internet to research topics and use Microsoft Office Word.

Maroon Dam Camp is coming up very fast and the students that are going are getting very excited. Work Experience is going along really smoothly and the students are enjoying a taste of what life will be like when they leave school.

If you would like to chat to us about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards,
Janine, Narelle, Janelle & Marikka

SENIOR 2 CLASS GROUP

Term 3 is well underway and Senior 2 is very busy.

Our theme for the Term is the Olympics. We have already had an Olympic ceremony and a few events where we have competed against Senior 7. It has been lots of fun and the students are really enjoying learning about the Olympics.

Our hydrotherapy program is still continuing through these cold days. The water is set at 35°C and the students really enjoy the sensation the water provides.

We also welcome a new student to our class. Harley recently joined us from the Senior 7 class group and he has settled well into the class program.

Added to our class program we have our communication and therapy programs, so everyday we are kept very busy.

All the best,
Ben. Viv and Senior 2

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING INTO RESPITE OR ATTENDING AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS

FROM THE OUTBACK

All the new additions on the farm are doing well. We have two new cockatiels in the bird aviary and several new lambs. Not much to report in the way of progress with the works program but we have one concrete slab just about ready to be poured in the chicken coops which will be good as it will save the muddy conditions in the wet weather.

CORN

The top paddock has been planted with corn and this is starting to poke its head through. The area is still quite shaded in the wintery conditions so growth is probably not as fast as it could be.

VEGETABLE AND FLOWER BEDS

If you were lucky enough to procure some of Trevor and Kath's relish you got a real treat as all the tomatoes are finished at the moment and the gardens are being dug up for replanting. There is still some relish for sale in the kitchen but be quick as most of mine has also gone.

WHITE SUFFOLK SHEEP

The ewes are currently lambing. We have three on the ground all ewes at the moment however, we do have one more lady waiting to deliver. Hopefully we will get a boy. The lambs are growing up fast and all are happy and healthy. As I said in the previous newsletter we have 4 rams for sale and we are currently teaching them to lead which is interesting as they are a little cantankerous.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

As a result of a project set up from last year some of the classes have been undertaking some extra activities on the farm. One of the projects was the processing, collection and sale of the worm juice which is great for home gardens and pot plants. Lisa's class took the project on and have made some significant amounts of money for the farm and her class.

Senior 1 with Marikka have also taken on potting, propagation and sale of the plants from the nursery. With Leandra's help, they have also made some good money for the farm and class from the Stuart Wagstaff Variety day. So congratulations to those classes for getting involved.

FOR SALE

Pot plants, Herbs and Worm Juice

WANTED

Ice cream containers
2 litre soft drink bottles
Egg cartons
Fencing material

THANK YOU'S

A big thank you to Trevor and Kath for their work with the animal feed and their weekend visits, and to Leandra for her extra help on a Tuesday and finally to Glen and Zina for their bread.

Rob Nowlan
Agriculture & Horticulture Coordinator