

# The Kumbari Avenue School – Gold Coast An Education Queensland State School Date: 24th April 2008



## *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**

Term 2:	Commences:	15/04/2008
	Concludes:	27/06/2008
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**

14th July 2008  
20th October 2008

## **PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2008**

25/04/2008	ANZAC Day
05/05/2008	Labour Day
09/06/2008	Queens Birthday

(EKKA Student Free Day and The Gold Coast Show Day will be advised at a later date)

THE PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEETS EVERY SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

### A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I have spent the first few weeks getting to know staff and students and orienting myself to the specific aspects of school life. I would like to thank all staff, parents and students for the warm welcome.

You would be aware that I have been appointed for this Term only and that interviews for the permanent Principal's position will commence shortly. The position should be filled with the appointed Principal commencing at the beginning of Term 3. In the meantime I will continue the sound direction of Helen Lucas and the agreements reached through the school's operational plan.

My recent position with the Department was as Principal Advisor Education Services in the Brisbane South District, however I have spent time in a variety of other positions including Principal, Ingham Special School, Principal, Canungra State School and Principal, Logan City Special School. I have also spent time in Regional and Central Office where I gained an insight into the workings of the strategic nature of the Department.

I would like to make particular reference to the professional commitment of staff. It shines through as they endeavour to seek greater knowledge to benefit the students. A number of staff in the last two weeks have completed training in Manual Handling, Pool Rescue, Clicker 5 training, Student Protection, Code of Conduct and have visited Narbethong Special School in Brisbane, to name a few.. Congratulations to all staff as they learn and extend their knowledge.

We all recognize that communication is the key to the success of any organization. This certainly applies to our school. As we progress through this Term, I encourage you to raise issues you may have with the appropriate person. Should you wish to talk to me, please feel free to make an appointment through the office.

Thank you again in advance for what I expect to be an exciting and productive Term.

Regards,  
David Rogers



### **HOLIDAY ALL STARS PROGRAM**

Do you need respite during the July School Holidays? The Holiday All Star program offers a fun, friendly and stimulating program for children with a disability. Children are comfortable being supported in a group environment.

While the kids are having a ball, families can enjoy a day of respite and time for themselves.

To enroll in the program please obtain an Expression of Interest form from Linda at Shepherd Community Services on 55922247 or

[lindah@shepherdgoldcoast.org](mailto:lindah@shepherdgoldcoast.org).

Enrolments must be received by 5th May, 2008.

### SENIOR 2 CLASS GROUP

Term 2 is well underway in the Senior 2 classroom.

All the students are very busy with their new Therapy programs, hydrotherapy and general school work.

Over the holidays a new interactive whiteboard was installed in our classroom. We have just received our training to use the board and the whole school is excited about the benefits of this fantastic teaching resource.

We have a new Teacher Aide in the classroom, "Karen". Karen has been at the school for 5 years and brings a wealth of knowledge to our classroom. With Karen, Delvine and Thelma on the block helping out in our classroom we get a lot more done during the school day. We are very lucky to have such great workers.

We are all looking forward to a very busy and productive Term.

All the best from all the Team in Senior 2

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PARENTS/GUARDIANS REMEMBER TO INFORM SHIRLEY OF ANY RESPITE ARRANGEMENTS THEIR STUDENT MAY BE UNDERGOING

### SENIOR 5 & 6 CLASS GROUPS

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hope you had a relaxing weeks holiday, we made the most of ours.

Weekly programs are up and running with the addition of gymnastics each Wednesday for this Term.

All students really enjoyed the gymnastics coaching and congratulations to Glenn Francis for winning the gymnast of the day award for excellent participation.



Danny Browne was awesome at lawn bowls on Friday, absolutely annihilating the competition in his group ie. Trasie.

All the students seem to be enjoying the gross motor programs that we hold on the quadrangle.

Shopping and cooking are both very busy sessions with students finding and purchasing groceries and then cooking their snack/meal on a Friday afternoon.



We are very excited about Thursdays as we now have our own baseball kit bag with baseball mitts/gloves, balls, bats, helmets and throw down bases. Look out Babe Ruth!!! We are seeing great ball skill development especially as only 3 students out of the group did baseball last year. We all have so much fun.

We look forward to another exciting Term with your children and thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards,  
Rose, Antoinette, Trasie and Jenny

### SENIOR 7 CLASS GROUP

Welcome to Term 2.

We have a busy Term ahead of us. We have recommended the hydrotherapy program for the Term. Everyone has a fine motor and a gross motor goal that they will be working on in the water. All the students are enjoying it. As the colder months approach us and cold and flu starts to hit, please advise us in the Communication book if your student cannot participate on any given day.



We have commenced our community access program for the Term. This Term we are attending various shopping centres on the Gold Coast. If any parents/carers/family members would like to attend any of these outings please contact us.

In addition to the class programs we run, the therapists are completing a MOVE assessment this Term which some students in our class will be participating in. The MOVE program will look at the student's current level of mobility and how we can implement programs to further develop this. Parents and Carers are encouraged to participate in this if they would like to. If your student is being assessed someone (the therapist or myself) will be in contact with you.

We look forward to another great Term in Senior 7.  
Brodie and Tash

### MIDDLE SCHOOL 4 CLASS GROUP

Hello Everyone.

Welcome back to Eveline who has been away from school for Term 1. Thank you to Stephanie for admirably filling the gap in Eveline's absence.

This Term we have changed rooms and have set up camp in the room nearest to the Library on the same side of the school. This has enabled us to accommodate areas of learning for some of the boys more easily than where we were.

During the Term we shall have Clare, Lisa and Stephanie visiting the room at various times to assist with learning. Thank you ladies for your input.

The Circus is our theme this Term. We thought that as there are so many clowns around it really seemed to make sense.



Well, that seems to be about all from us at the moment, being so close to the beginning of Term. Remember, if you have any questions, please pop in and have a chat.

Cheers,  
Guy, Eveline and Co.

### JUNIOR 2 CLASS GROUP

It's great to be back to a new Term. Chris is back with us after her time as Deputy Principal.

This Term we are learning all about our bodies and how to look after ourselves.

We are all very excited about seeing our new playground and we are looking forward to when it is finished and we can use it.



Thanks to all our mums for their continued support.  
Pippa, Chris, Kerry and the Junior 2 students

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

### JUNIOR 3 CLASS GROUP

Hi Everyone.

Junior 3 have been working hard from day 1 this Term. Sophie is loving hydrotherapy and has begun showing how clever she is with her eye gazing choice making. Haelee is also loving hydrotherapy and her legs are becoming much stronger. Ethan is our expert horseman with RDA and is now walking independently throughout the school environment. Izyah's voice is much louder and can be heard chattering throughout the day, he is also standing straighter and moving his legs in a more rhythmic manner. Our dear Tobi has been unwell this Term and we wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to her joining her class mates soon.

Denise, Linna and Loris

### SENIOR 4 CLASS GROUP

Hi All.

Finally we have purchased an air hockey table for all our students to play with in wet weather.

We have been busy decorating our room with huge cartoon characters, so drop in and have a look.

A big happy birthday this month to Aaron, Brodie and Julie.



Thank you so much to our volunteer, Robert, who has spent many hours reading with our students. Robert is going on holiday to China but we hope he will return to us one day.

That's all our news  
Glen, Zina and the students

### MIDDLE SCHOOL 5 CLASS GROUP

Already week 2 of an 11 week Term! This week we have begun investigating our new theme "**Safety on the Streets—by bike, foot and car**". Your child will be learning all about road sense, community signs & lights, safe crossing points, the importance of seatbelts and helmets and hopefully we will have the opportunity to attend the Ashmore Bike Centre and be entertained by some important people in blue!

Thank you to all that have been assisting with homework completion. I have readjusted class content to suit the changing requirements of your child after recently assessing their progress.

Very proud to say that the majority of the work has increased in difficulty. Well done to the children too.

A big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Jessica who this week turned 13. We officially have our first teenager.

I would like to welcome our two second year university students to our class, Emma and Karleigh have been observing the learning experiences for the past few Thursdays and shortly will have the opportunity to impress us with their own teaching wonders by taking the class for a few sessions each day.

Please note that some very important notices are being overlooked in your child's communication books. It is vital that you take a few moments to browse through just in case Administration or myself have included something each day. Thank you. Also remember that if you forget to write a note in the book for me to read you can contact me anytime by ringing 5552 0333.

More news next time,  
Natalie, Donna and the Students

### MIDDLE SCHOOL 1 CLASS GROUP

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone.

We hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break. It was great to see all the students back in good spirits and they are enthusiastic and eager to start learning.

This Term our unit is called "**Lets Talk About The Weather**". In this unit the students will explore and appreciate that our activities, clothing, shelter, food



as well as people's jobs can be directly related to the weather. Throughout Term 2 students will conduct experiments, make observations, take measurements and investigate how rain, ice, wind, clouds and sunshine can affect our lives.



This Term we are also celebrating many birthdays in our class and we would like to wish Emma, Sabine, Caleb, Alyssa and our volunteer Roslyn a big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** and a hip hip hooray!!!!

Kind regards,  
Liz & Fiona

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

### SENIOR 1 CLASS GROUP

Hello to all.

Senior 1 would like to extend a warm welcome to Gus who has recently joined our class. Gus hails from the Currumbin Special School and is settling in nicely with the boys.

This Term we are keeping active by weekly bush walks through the Musgrave Botanical Gardens. We are also helping our resident farmer Rob, with extra responsibilities on the farm.



I would also like to personally thank Max, who has assisted with Senior 1 in the absence of Marikka. Max has been very helpful with the boys and has been a true asset to the class.

Finally, as it is starting to get cooler, we remind all parents and carers to ensure that the boys bring sweaters/jumpers to school.

Kind regards,  
Janine and the boys

### SECONDARY INCLUSION CLASS GROUP

Welcome back from our lovely Easter break. I hope everyone had a terrific holiday.

For the month of May we will be welcoming a prac student, Ivan Boshoff, to our class. I am really looking forward to seeing what he has planned for us to do, it will be very exciting.

Work Experience will be cancelled between the 23rd April and 6th May due to Sandy's recent resignation and the need for her position to be filled. Yes, we are saying good bye to Sandy, a very sad good bye as she is moving to Grafton to retire (lucky lady). We will miss her tremendously, however I am sure we will replace her with another fantastic teacher aide.

I would like to congratulate Ben Franks on winning both the February and March Student of the Month award. Well done Ben. I will be sending home new Term 2 timetables this week, along with any other information that you may need.

Any other queries or questions about Secondary Inclusion, Work Experience or student transitions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0404 483 492.

Cheers,  
Narelle & Janelle

### JUNIOR 1 CLASS GROUP

Term 2 is well underway for Junior 1. We have embarked on an exciting farm journey where we will learn many of the exciting features involved in a farm. So far we have learned the names (and are able to recognize) most of the animals that live on a farm and are able to copy the sounds they make. We are learning the life cycle of many animals that live on a farm too. We are also exploring many of the purposes of the produces that the farms yield.



On top of all our farm activities we are visiting the hydrotherapy pool twice weekly where we have begun our 'learning to swim' journey. Each week we visit the library, and the farm, cook a healthy meal, learn to use the latest technology in the computer room, visit the sensory room and work up a sweat jumping on the huge trampoline. We have come a long way with our Speech Therapy lessons on a Wednesday too. This Term is full of fun and action and we all fall asleep on our way home from school.

If anyone has any great resources or ideas for our farm theme, please let us know.

Thanks Junior 1

### MIDDLE SCHOOL 2 CLASS GROUP

Our class are really enjoying our theme for this Term, "My Two Feet". We are doing activities involving our feet, reading stories and singing songs about feet. Unfortunately, we are having great difficulty finding songs about feet. If anybody can come up with some songs we would be very grateful.



We are happy to welcome Rose to our class. She has been spending part of her day with us since last Term but now it is lovely to have her all day. Dan and Brock really enjoy her company.

Our students are working well on their new IEP goals. Josiah has been taking phone calls in the next room and is so proud of himself when he puts the phone down. Tameka is becoming really independent and now organizes her own morning tea and lunch. Brock and Tiffin are working very hard on their walking and transfer skills. Dan and Rose are communicating really well.

We have some new volunteers in our room which makes things a little easier at mealtimes and when we are doing activities.

Regards,  
Kay & Barbara

## IT COORDINATOR

Hello again from Mr Giles. During the last holidays, the Remainder of our Interactive Whiteboards were installed. We now need to connect them to our computers and install software. This should be done in the near future. Last Monday our teachers had their first training session on the new whiteboards, with lots of positive feedback.

We have also been changed over to the new Managed Operating Environment. Whilst we still have a number of small issues, the changeover was relatively smooth and we are now ready to being reinstalling our different software packages.

Best wishes until next time,  
Peter Giles

## WORK EXPERIENCE

All the Work Experience students are working very well and learning a lot of new skills. Keep up the good work everyone.

This is just a short note to say that I am retiring from full-time work to pursue my life goals and dreams. I will miss everyone and their smiling faces, but I will hold them in my heart forever. I want to thank all the beautiful people in my life for all the support and love they have given me. Thank you.

*"Imagination is everything. It is the preview of Life's coming attractions".*

Albert Einstein (1879—1955)

Sandy McFarlane

## REGISTERED NURSE

As the cooler months are just around the corner, colds and flu are very common at this time. We ask that if your child is unwell please refrain from sending them to school as this can only result in the spread of infection.

Thank you to all the parents who so promptly sent back the immunization paperwork.. For the students who have Permission the 1st round is on the 28th April 2008.

Regards,  
Jodi Rochford  
Registered Nurse