



SLACKS CREEK STATE SCHOOL

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Date Claimers

Wednesday 25 November

Friday 27 November

Monday 30 Nov – Fri 4 Dec

Tuesday 1 December

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Friday 4 December

Thursday 3 December

Monday 7 December

Friday 11 December

Choir St Mark's

Reports home

Parent/Teacher

Interviews

P & C Meeting

Principal's / Volunteers'

Morning Tea

Awards Assembly

Year 7 Graduation

Year 7 Southbank

Parklands & Beach

Last day of term

How Kevin Rudd Won and Lost the Education Wars. He shared some interesting insights into the challenge of Australia's education system in The Courier Mail on Wednesday of last week. I quote, "Forget the Rudd-Gillard education revolution with computers, national testing, some billions of dollars spent on buildings and a national curriculum. The real issue confronting schools, which politicians are ignoring, involves rude, disengaged and violent students. The result? New teachers are quitting in droves, older teachers are retiring early and stress-related claims are on the rise."

The remainder of the article talks about survey results and mentions disciplinary absence rates as well as discussing in depth the behaviours that many of today's children bring with them to school. It is a thought provoking article indeed. I made mention of behavioural standards in my last newsletter and I know that a number of parents have shared their views with me since that edition. I make no apology for taking a very strong stance on behavioural expectations for Slacks Creek students. Parents send students to our school so that they can learn and teachers are employed to teach and any student action that impedes this teaching and learning process will be dealt with swiftly and effectively.

Reporting

Student report cards will come home this week and our Head of Curriculum (Mr Goulter) has provided elsewhere in this newsletter a guide for parents to better understand the NAPLAN reports that will accompany academic reports for students in years 3, 5, & 7. I encourage you all to make an appointment with your child's

The Principal's Perspective

Parade last Friday was extremely well attended with lots of parents turning up to see our school choir perform. I know as a proud parent myself I derived no greater pleasure than seeing my children on stage or on the sporting field showcasing their talents. Students need to be given the chance to perform and although parade was a little longer than usual last week I believe it was time well spent. Our choir will be visiting St Mark's on Wednesday and the people in attendance are in for a treat if the children repeat the wonderful performance from last Friday. I know that some of our other students are putting on a puppet show as well to entertain those attending. Thanks to Mrs Rainey and Mr Stiles for coordinating the event and allowing Slacks Creek students to show off their talents.

Behavioural Expectations

Dr Kevin Donnelly is the director of the Melbourne based Education Standards Institute and author of Australia's Education Revolution,

class teacher next week to discuss in detail your child's progress and to get a few ideas on ways that you as parents can better facilitate your child's learning at home.

Classes for 2010

Enrolment numbers for next year are altering daily and our Admin team has been having detailed discussions on the make up of classes for next year. Class teachers will have considerable input into the creation of 2010 classes as they know your children extremely well and can make informed judgments on how to best support their future learning. Parents wishing to request certain requirements around their child's learning needs for next year may do so in writing, stating the educational benefits around the requests that are made.

Consideration of such requests will be given after day 8 numbers are known next year as this is when we will have the final staffing allocation for our school. Please see me if you have any concerns around this process.

Disco

Thanks to all of the parent helpers and children who attended our spooky school disco the other week. A great night was had by all and the student council raised some much needed funds for our school. A special thanks to Mrs Price who organised this successful event and did a fantastic job of being the DJ on the night.

Farm Visit

Miss Browne's class and Mrs McDonald's (a fine farming name) class visited Loganlea State High School's agricultural farm programme last week. Children experienced first hand what it takes to look after farm animals and I am told that their enthusiasm and behaviour was tremendous. There is a lot to be said for real world learning and I thank these teachers and the parents who accompanied them for making this opportunity available to our young students.

Yours in education

David Teale
Principal

Newsletter on the Web

This edition of the newsletter will be published on the school website: www.slaccreess.qld.edu.au

Curriculum Corner

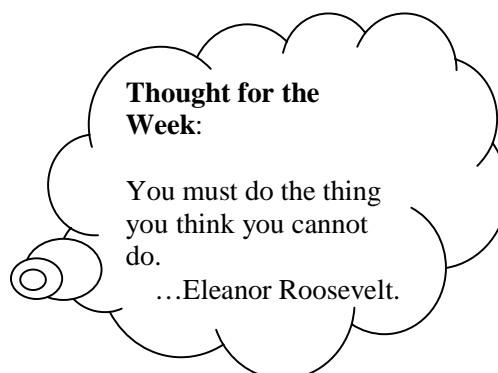
In Week 9 report cards will be going home and with those report cards students who sat the Years 3, 5 & 7 National Test will receive their National Assessment student reports. The report shows the child's achievement in the areas of literacy and numeracy.

Results across the Year 3, 5 & 7 literacy and numeracy assessments are reported on a scale from Band 1 to Band 10. The achievement scale represents increasing levels of skills and understandings demonstrated in the assessments. The national average and the range of achievement for students are shown on scales for the strands of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy in the student report.

When reading your child's national assessment report please take into consideration that the report provides a test score. The test score serves as a good, but far from perfect, encapsulation of your child's achievement in that area. If you have any questions in regards to national testing or your child's report please feel free to contact me at school.

Travis Goulter

Head of Curriculum



SCHOOL BANKING

Your child/ren can start good banking habits here at school. The Commonwealth Bank supports the processing of student banking.

Students can now bring their banking on Tuesdays for Mrs O'Hara who will return it to them on Wednesdays.

Outside School Hours Care

At Slacks Creek State School we are fortunate enough to have an excellent OSHC facility.

Have you ever visited the facility? It is one of the most attractive OSHC centres I have ever seen. It is also very affordable. Parents can expect to pay as little as \$2.40 for a morning session. More details concerning availability of the centre and pricing are available from Tammy Stockill on 3208 7499.

Tuckshop News



**This Friday –
Cheeseburger,
Popper & 3 Smiles
Meal Deal
\$5.00**

Meat patty is approved by the Qld Tuckshop Association.

Total Fat 4.7g Sugar 1.4g
Saturated Fat 2.2g Sodium 288mg
(per patty)

SSHS AWARDS – PAST STUDENTS

Congratulations to past students of Slacks Creek School who received awards at the recent Springwood High Awards Evening.

Alyssa Hankinson (Biology), Fleur Garbellotto (Visual Art), Trent Black (Music), Phillip Gilliland (Marine & Aquatic Practices), Natalie Morotti (English), Joshua Morotti (Aerospace Studies, Instrumental Music & Justice & Business Studies), Ashleigh Boyce (Cert 1 Music Industry), Vienna Bell (Marine & Aquatic Practices) and Kiersten Graae (Sportsmanship Award).

COMMUNITY NEWS

FOR SALE - VIOLIN

'Regetti' brand ¾ size violin. Excellent condition - comes with case and bow. \$200 ono.

Contact Mrs Kristen Mitchell 3806 5890 or 0411 018837.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER/TOY APPEAL

Logan East Community Centre wishes to invite you to participate in its Christmas Hamper and toy appeal. Non-perishable food items and new toys for children aged 0 – 17 years.

Donations may be left at the school office by Friday 4 December or alternatively delivered to the centre – Cnr Cinderella Dr & Vanessa Blvd Springwood. Tel: 3808 4529



St Mark's Anglican Church on Winnett's Rd Daisy Hill is also holding its Annual Christmas Appeal. Donations of non-perishable food items may be left at the school office.

Rochedale Rovers Netball Club INC.

Sign on day Sat 30th January 2010, 10am - 2pm
Underwood Park Netball Courts, Underwood Rd, Rochedale Sth
Saturday comp for girls 8-14 years, Fees for season: \$130

Discounts for families and a free sausage sizzle.

Contact:

Mandy Greenland 0424 230 226

John Black 0439 406 382

Position Vacant

Underwood Park Netball Association is seeking to appoint a paid Administration Officer for 2010. The role is a typically of 5 to 7 hours per week and shall manage the overall administration duties of the Association with providing support to the volunteer Management Committee where required. A position description can be provided on request. Expressions of Interest or further enquiries regarding this position should be directed to upna@bigpond.com or by calling Letitia on 0421 348935. Closing dates for all applications is COB Monday the 7 December.

CAROLS BY CANDELIGHT

Old Beenleigh Town

4 December 2009

6.00pm

205 Main St Beenleigh

Have a night off from cooking and enjoy a BBQ with us commencing at 5.00pm. Santa will be there for the kids! Fireworks also!





EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES.

Have you ever considered introducing your own children to an older international sibling?

World Education Program is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Students arriving in July 2010.

Take some time over the Christmas break to read through some letters and view photos of our students looking for families. Successful applicants can start corresponding with their students immediately!

Our Big Brothers & Big Sisters from France, Switzerland, Netherlands, Brazil, Italy, and Belgium are keen to start corresponding with a family they can call their own and learn about the place they will call home.

"The experience of hosting a student through WEP has been a thoroughly positive one, enabling our family to experience a different culture and to highlight our own. We have expanded our family by one and this will be an enduring relationship. Our three young children refer to our exchange student as their sister, which to us highlights how integral a member she is in our family. To anyone considering hosting we would recommend opening your home, your minds and your hearts. It can only bring rewards for all concerned."

- Linda & Ben - host parents of Fanny from France

If you would like more information on becoming a Host Family, please contact:

**Nikki Medwell
Inbound Exchange Administrator
World Education Program**

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Toll Free: 1300 884 733

Email: nikkimedwell@wep.org.au

An information pack can be sent on request.

It's easier than you think & a fantastic experience for all!

