Dear Parents and Community

Welcome everyone back to Term Three.

Sports Day

Firstly congratulations to everyone who participated in yesterday’s sports day. The participation and effort from the students was only surpassed by the pride and team spirit they displayed for their houses. A huge thank you to Mrs Wixted for her organisation of the day, as well as to the school staff and parents who attended and helped out.

NAIDOC Week

Next week will be our school official NAIDOC week. I am looking forward to this week being a special time for our indigenous families, as well as our non-indigenous. The major event of the week will be the establishment of a new garden where the rock garden currently is. Our students will plant trees and plants that have cultural significance and information boards to detail their information. Other activities will include art and dance sessions. Sessions such as these will continue across the year, as our school is comprised of a large number of indigenous students and families and I place a high priority on the acknowledgement and understanding of indigenous culture.

Literacy

This term has seen the commencement of our new Literacy program and the students have really engaged with it. The program teaches the students all the reading and spelling rules based on the English language and they learn to apply these rules to develop a deeper understanding of words. For example:
The letter ‘a’ actually makes 5 sounds when used in the English language, not just the two, long and short sounds we are generally familiar with.

1. ‘a’ will make its short or first sound when followed by one consonant in the same syllable ‘cat’.
2. ‘a’ will make a long sound when it is at the end of a syllable ‘ba-by’ or with a silent ‘e’ – ‘same’.
3. ‘a’ will make an ‘ar’ sound when followed by two consonants ‘bath’
4. ‘a’ will make an ‘aw’ sound when followed by ‘ll’ or ‘lk’ – talk
5. ‘a’ will make an ‘o’ sound when it follows a ‘w’ – walk

The students will learn these rules, amongst others, with various levels of words and then apply them to learn more unknown words.

We need your help!

Attached to this newsletter is a request for parent helpers, in order to achieve some of the things we want to this year, parent/volunteer help is essential. Please have a read and if you are able to assist, please contact the school.

I would like to commend the P&C on their efforts and dedication this year, as they demonstrate a great example for the school. Please consider whether you are able to assist with any of the P&C initiatives, as a strong, united P&C is essential for every school.

Regards,
Ben Turner
Principal

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Tuckshop days are Tuesday and Thursday.

DON'T FORGET WE HAVE FOR SALE ASSORTED SNACK PACKS $3.50 - $5.00. These can also be purchased on non-tuckshops days from the School Office.

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**INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS 2016**
Free Dental Treatment

**Metro South Oral Health** provides free dental treatment to all school students up to Year 10.

As well as to those 0-4yr olds, and Year 11 & 12 students who hold a Health Care Card or receive the Child Dental Benefits Scheme.

Call 1300 300 850 to book an appointment at a clinic near you.

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“The Australian Fitness & Martial Arts Club is starting new **Kids Karate Beginners Classes** for Children from 4 years and up (and parents) in **Cannon Hill** at the School of Arts, 958 Wymnum Rd, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4.00 pm – 4.45 pm, Teenagers & Seniors 6.30pm. At **Norman Park State School** Hall classes are on Saturday mornings from 10.45 am – 11.30 am.

We also do Beginners classes in Manly West and Mount Gravatt. Contact Christine on 0400179960 for more information or visit our website [www.afmaclub.com.au](http://www.afmaclub.com.au) Free Trial! Join QLD’s leading Family Karate Club with competitive fees, great atmosphere and happy children and parents enjoying the sport of Karate”.
