Messages From The Principal

Musical Morning of Madness (MMM) - a school of excellence in music
One of our highlights of the year is our annual musical morning of madness (MMM) which will be held at our multipurpose shed tomorrow from 9 – 11am. This will be held in conjunction with the Queensland Cancer Foundation’s ‘Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea’. All year levels will perform an item along with our band and choirs. There will be plenty of food on sale including sausages on bread, cakes, tea, coffee and morning tea plus a multidraw raffle with lots of wonderful prizes to be won. The morning promises to be an exciting one with the proceeds going to the instrumental music support committee (IMSC) and the Queensland Cancer Council. If you can assist Mrs Mac by making some yummy food, assisting on a stall or donating gifts for the raffles, please contact Mrs Mac at kmcle9@eq.edu.au. Come along and watch your child participate in quality performances aimed to inspire and entertain.

Athletics Carnival
Our annual athletics carnival will be held on Friday 24 June on our oval from 9am – 1:10pm for prep – year 3 and from 9am – 2:30pm for years 4-6. This will be a great opportunity for you to come along and support your house (Wattle, Poinsettia and Jacaranda) and watch our students participate in sprints, tabloid sports, ball games, high jump, long jump, shotput and relays. More information will be provided closer to the day. A team of athletes will be selected to represent our school to contest the Bramble Bay trials which will be held at Bracken Ridge from 23-25 August.

Band photo day 2 June
All instrumental music students are reminded to wear their band uniform on this day in preparation for photos. Students will change back into their school uniform following the photo.

Monster Truck promotion 30 May
A monster truck will be on show on our oval from 10am – 10:30am on Monday 30 May to promote the Monster Truck Spectacular which will be held from 4pm on Saturday 18 June at the Doomben Racecourse.

Channel 10 30 May
Band members are invited to perform for the TV cameras next Monday 30 May – 5:30pm and 5:55pm. This is a great opportunity for us to showcase our school band – more information will be provided to band students today.

Dance Lessons next term - $20 per student
Footsteps Dance Company will be conducting 8 forty minute dance lessons with all students next term – each Tuesday (except week 2 and week 6). Students will be assessed on their dance skills and this will contribute towards their overall achievement for The Arts. The cost of the program will be $20 per student. It is anticipated that all students will engage in this quality program that is being conducted by dance experts. Invoices will be provided to parents shortly.
Influenza (flu) season

Winter is coming, bringing cold and influenza (flu) season with it. Queensland Health’s influenza page, www.qld.gov.au/flu, covers the symptoms, how to protect yourself and others from getting sick and treatment. Our school is helping to prevent the flu from spreading by:

- encouraging children, staff and visitors to cover their mouths and noses when they sneeze or cough
- making tissues available and ensuring used tissues are disposed of immediately
- ensuring children and staff wash their hands regularly
- cleaning our facilities and resources regularly
- encouraging staff and children with flu-like symptoms to stay at home
- strongly urging staff and children who arrive with flu-like symptoms to instead stay at home and encouraging them to seek early medical advice.

If your child catches the flu, please seek medical advice and keep them home until they are feeling well again.

Tim Farrell
Principal

From The Deputy’s Desk

Student Information Form

Every family should have received a yellow form to update their student and parent information. Please ensure that these forms are completed and returned to the office. Even if you believe no information has changed since your child/ren enrolled we would still like you to complete the form as it is an opportunity for us to ensure that we do have correct details on file.

Medication

Students who are unwell should not be at school however often (especially at this time of year) students return to school after an illness with medication they are required to continue. The department has a range of guidelines with which we must comply. All medication must be brought to school in its original packaging (e.g. bottle) with the chemist label attached with directions and the name of the prescribing medical practitioner. Parents are also required to complete a form outlining information related to dosage etc at the office before any medication can be administered.

It is important to note these guidelines are also relevant for camps and excursions. Often for excursions/camps parents need us to administer for example travel sickness medication, this can only be given if the above guidelines are followed. Students can not be given over the counter medication unless it has a chemist label attached and forms are completed. Please contact the office if you require further clarification on this process. Students should under no circumstances have medication in their bags etc. the only exception to this is asthma puffers which students may take responsibility for themselves if parents determine their capacity to safely self-administer.

School Priorities

Our core priorities for 2016 are focused on the above areas. In future newsletter articles I will provide ongoing updates to our school community on how we are addressing these priorities. Last newsletter I introduced the Powerful Learning program, throughout the year I will address different areas of our priority plan.

Congratulations

Some of our students participated in the weet-bix TRYathlon on Sunday so a very big congratulations to everyone who had a try. Personally I love triathlon and love nothing more than seeing our children out there having a go and enjoying their sport.

Regards
Pam Coyle
Deputy Principal
**Administration Matters**

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**Year 6 Canberra Camp**
A reminder that the third instalment payment for Yr 6 Canberra Camp is now overdue.
Instalment 4 due 10 June

**Important Dates**

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**STUDENT ABSENCES**
Phone: (07) 3621 6260
Email: absences@virginiass.eq.edu.au

**Office hours are Monday to Friday**
8.15am – 3.45pm

**Around The School**

**Congratulations**

**Under 8’s Day Friday 16 September**
Planning is underway for this year’s Under 8s Day. Each year we aim to offer a range of activities for the children's education and enjoyment. We are looking for contributions from our school community. Have you seen an excellent performer? Do you have any contacts with organisations who might be interested in attending? Please send any ideas to Helen Holleran at hholl1@eq.edu.au.

**DATE CLAIMER**

**NAIDOC 2016**

NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Virginia State School will be conducting celebrations in the 3rd week of Term 3 (25th - 29th July). Celebrations include an opening ceremony on Monday 25th in the Hall inviting the children to participate in a wide range of activities during the week and closing on Friday with a special assembly.

Families wishing to volunteer their time to these activities are welcome, please contact the school for more information.
Music Keynotes

Creative Generation
Choir rehearsal at Petrie SS- Tue 24 May- all day (bus leaves at 8.00am)
School uniform; music books and pencil; water bottle and food.

MMM- Thu 26 May 9-11am
Bring lots of gold coins for the multiple draw raffles- Gift vouchers- Beauty/ Ellaways; Coffee pack; car packs; wine; chocolates and lots of other goodies!!!
Cake stall; Sausage sizzle; tea and coffee supplied by Starbucks.
No Tuckshop- sausage sizzle day- orders were due on Wed 18 May
Thanks to everyone who offered to help in some way. We will be in touch!
Parent letters were sent out this week with class item information attached. - Please read carefully!
PA team arrive- 6.45am
Band arrive- 7.30am- wear class item clothes

Beginners join Concert Band
Thu 2 June- all beginner IM students are required to start CB rehearsals every Thu from 7.30am.

Thu 2 June is also our BAND PHOTO DAY, so ALL IM STUDENTS need to wear their BAND UNIFORM to rehearsal as the photo is straight after rehearsal at 9.00am.
Students will need to remember to bring their school uniform to change into after the photo.

Beginner Band Blitz- Tue 7 June
Medical forms and money were due Friday 20 May
Bus booking letter went out Thu 19 May- due 20 May

Pie Drive
Please be advised that the delivery date for the Pie Drive will be Tuesday 7 June – pickup will be from the Tuckshop from 2pm to 4pm.
If you have not yet been able to place your order there will be order forms and eftpos available at MMM on Thursday. Please feel free to Call into the Tuckshop to place your order.

P & C News

P & C Meeting
The next P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th April at 6.30 pm in the computer lab. New members are always welcome.

State of Origin
State of Origin, come and support your team, live on the VSS big screen. Wednesday June 1, 7:30 pm. For ticket pre-sales please email: virginiasstickets@gmail.com

Holt Bolt

Giant Inflatable Obstacles with climbing walls and slides! Laser Tag! Foam Pits! Water slides! Pools! Vaults! Tunnels! Spiders Webs! The Superman Swiss Balls! Ute rock climbing wall!
Holt Bolt kids is coming to Virginia State School on Wednesday June 15, at 3:30pm. For further details and tickets visit http://theholtboltkids.com.au/?post_type=dd_events&p=526

Uniform Shop News
Track Tops and Senior Track Tops are now in - get one for your child before the weather gets really cold! You can order in three ways - via email to uniforms@virginiass.eq.edu.au, via the order form available at the VSS web site or use Our Online Canteen.
Pencil cases are now just $6 while stocks last. We won't be restocking them, so first in best dressed.
If you have any spare plastic shopping bags that you don't need, the Uniform Shop is looking for some. Donations gratefully accepted.
Tuck-Inn News
Friday Night Meal orders are steadily increasing – have you ordered one yet? Pickup from Tuck-Inn on Friday Afternoons.

Don’t forget if you would like to volunteer this year please contact Trudi on 0402770906 and let me know when you’re available – any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Our Tuckshop is a great place to meet people or catch up with others and contribute to the school. Students love to see someone they love in the tuckshop during their break. Not only are the kids happy but we aim to make volunteering an enjoyable experience.

Don’t forget that our coffee machine is on from Wednesday to Friday so if you need your morning or afternoon hit we are happy to accommodate.

Coffee, Tea, Hot Choc, Chai – Sm $3.00 Lg $4.00

Look forward to seeing you at the Tuck-Inn

Community News

Homework Help

Any students needing help with reading, writing, assignments or school work are welcome to join us in the library for this free service for primary and high school students throughout the school term. We have workbooks, iPads and computers available as needed. The sessions are run by senior school students from St Patrick’s and St Rita’s and staff are available for extra help.

Homework Help is available every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 – 4:45pm at Zillmere Library. If any staff or parents need any more information please call us on 07 3403 1455.
Brisbane City Council Libraries Gold Star Reading Club

The Gold Star Reading Club will kick off in Council libraries across the city on Tuesday 3 May 2016.

There are five great reasons for children to get involved in the 2016 Gold Star Reading Club.

1. Membership to the Gold Star Reading Club is FREE!
2. The Gold Star Reading Club can help children improve their reading and literacy skills.
3. Children will be rewarded for reading with exciting monthly incentives – a bookmark, a bubble pen and a library bag.
4. The opportunity for all participants to enter the monthly draw to win a $25 book voucher.
5. It’s FUN! Children will have fun sharing their reading experiences with family and friends.

This is a great opportunity for parents to share in their children’s reading achievements.

To register your child for the Gold Star Reading Club, simply visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries or your local library to complete a registration form.

For more information about the Gold Star Reading Club, visit your local library or call Council on 3403 8888.

High School Information

Sandgate District State High School would like to invite families who are yet to enrol their child in Year 7 in 2017, to contact the Enrolment officer on 3869 9888 to arrange an interview time as places are filling fast.

AVIATION HIGH SCHOOL
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR
OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 28 MAY 2016
10:00AM—2:00PM
67 Widdop St, Clayfield

THIS EVENT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO COME AND SEE OUR UNIQUE FACILITIES AND MEET WITH STAFF
WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR ATTENDANCE

Mr David Munn
Principal
"Pursue Excellence"
Aviation High School
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Clayfield Qld 4011
Phone: (07) 3637 0111
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admin@aviationhigh.eq.edu.au

Open Day Program
28 May 2016

10:00am Gates Open
Proceed to the Quadragon Court yard where you will find:
- The Administration Welcome Tent
- Static Displays — showcasing students work and activities
- Laser Cutter — demonstration in the hangar
- Aviation High School Band Performance
- Food and Beverages
- Visiting Trade Displays
- Flight Simulators — Open all day. To experience the flight simulations, please make a booking at the hangar
- Enrolment interviews and Enrolment Interview bookings — Library

10:15am Principal’s Welcome

10:30am Guided School Tour
- Classrooms
- Unique facilities
- Hangar
- Grounds
- Class lesson structure explained

11:15am Science Display – Core and new experiments in action — UCLA (Science Block)
11:30am LSU & Rocketry — Basketball Courts

12:00pm Guided School Tour
- Classrooms
- Unique facilities
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- Class lesson structure explained

1:00pm Question & Answer Time with key Administration staff

2:00pm Gates Close

*Pursue Excellence*
Enrol your child in Prep for 2017 at Virginia State School

"Many different learners - one Virginia Spirit"

Prep Information Night
Wednesday 15 June
6:30 pm
In the Virginia SS library

Please come along to our Information Night to find out about Virginia Prep.

If your child was born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012, they are eligible to start the Prep year in 2017.

Contact the office on 3621 6222 for an enrolment form.
Please enrol early to help our school finalise numbers, classes and resources for next year in order to provide the best outcome for your child.

You are also welcome to join us for under 8s celebrations on Friday 16 September from 9:00-11:00 in the prep precinct at school.

Find out more information about Prep at Virginia State School on our website at www.virginiass.eq.edu.au
Enrol your child in Prep for 2017 at
Virginia State School
“Many different learners - one Virginia Spirit”

We have a number of pre-prep events at Virginia in 2016

- Wednesday 15 June – parent info session 6:30pm (in library)
- Friday 17 June 9:00-10:00 am - Learning Day (in classrooms)
- Wednesday 17 August – parent info session 6:30pm (in library)
- Tuesday 23 August 9:00-10:00 am – Learning Day (in classrooms)
- Friday 16 September 9:00-11:00 am – Under 8s Day (prep precinct)
  - Tuesday 18 October 9:00-11:00 – Open Day (in classrooms)
  - Thursday 20 October 9:00-11:00 – Open Day (in classrooms)

Learning Days – a chance to familiarise your child with prep.
Under 8s – hands on learning fun with our prep – year 3s
Open Days – experience a morning as a prep student

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