



Hilder Road State School

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS



This week continues at a hectic pace, but the good news is Amanda is back from long service leave. We know that she has enjoyed herself and I am continuing to enjoy working with her as part of the Admin team at Hilder Road State School. This week we welcome a new member of staff for 2010. Di Scott formally a teacher at Aspley State School who is currently on sabbatical leave, working in schools in Melbourne. Di is passionate about the Reggio Emilia philosophy and was a Prep Facilitator in Brisbane North District during the Prep implementation. Cindy and I know her well from this role and I welcome Di to our Early Childhood Team.

Over the next few weeks we will start to make very specific plans around classes and teachers for 2010. The process we use at Hilder Road State School is to look at the individual needs of students, learning and behavioural issues, special needs, giftedness and friendship groupings. The working partnerships of students and teachers is critical to the success of classroom compositions. Our teachers know your children very well, they know how they work together, learn together and socialise together. These are all considerations. If you have particular issues you would like me to be aware of, please write these in a letter to me and place them in my tray at the office. The allocation of teachers and the composition of classes for 2010 will not be decided until the last week of the holidays as we often have a number of new enrolments in that last week that can affect our staff. Sometimes we also have numbers of people who leave our school, and this too can affect class and staff numbers.

If you are aware that you are leaving Hilder Road State School at the end of this year, please let me know in writing so that this can be considered. If you have a new Preppie enrolling next year and have not completed the forms as yet, please do so immediately. Precise and current information is absolutely essential for me to be able to plan with accuracy. Enrolment forms need to be given to the office with birth certificates sighted and copied.

Pupil Free Day

On Monday our Pupil Free Day focused on our vision for Hilder Road as we move towards 2020. The depth and breadth of the work completed by our staff enabled us to really flesh out exactly what our focus needs to be, common values and beliefs and identify the resources and facilities that can make our shared future possible. Although we have not completed the documentation we are well on the way. Thank you to Laurelle Woolette who facilitated the day with me and to all of the staff, teachers ancillary and office staff who committed themselves so enthusiastically to this task. Your children are indeed fortunate to have people working with them who identify a caring environment and quality in all we do as two priorities, and are willing to work to make both happen.

Instrumental Music Information Evening Years 2 & 4

Tomorrow evening at 6.30pm an Information Evening for potential Strings & Band students will be conducted in the Tuckshop undercover area. All parents who have received a note about their student's eligibility for this program are encouraged to attend. All those questions that you need answered about how Instrumental Music works will be answered, our Junior Ensembles will perform so that you can see what is possible in 12 months, and music outlets will be here to explain how purchases and hire of equipment can be organised.

Music Support Group & Hilder Harmonies

The Music Support Group is a sub-committee of the P&C Association and works hard to support the music students and teachers in our school. They will also be meeting Thursday evening to discuss preparations for Hilder Harmonies which will be conducted next Thursday evening at The Gap State High School. A rehearsal will be held Thursday from 12.00 noon with buses organised to leave school at 11.30am. If you would like to assist in any way, please contact Justine Kirkman on 3300 0215.

Facilities

Since last week's newsletter an even more up to date plan for our All Purpose Hall has been presented to the school and we are currently refining the particulars of it with our Project Manager. The Music and Phys Ed staff of our school are extremely happy with what they have seen so far, and this Thursday evening at the Music Support Group, I will be sharing the design with our keen music parents. Having parents with particular skills around theatre and event management is going to be a real asset for us as I have already been approached by parents in Prep 2010 to help. If you possess any skill or knowledge that you believe may be helpful, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The extensions to the Cybrary to develop another Technology Centre and to upgrade facilities inside the Cybrary have also been well received by our school staff. This upgrade will certainly complement what is already been done in our school with the integration of technology, multi-literacy's and the provision of a futures orientated education.

Congratulations to Alexandria Brown whose application in the Meanjin Writer's Camp was accepted. There were over 150 applications and only 70 selected. Well done Alexandria!

School Photos

School Photos will be taken **tomorrow** from 8.15am with family photos and staff. All Prep students and House Captains will need to be at school early. The children should move to the Tuckshop undercover area. We are taking these photos first as their teachers are involved in a professional development activity at Bardon, so will need to leave promptly. Please be at school on time for these photos. A program for the day is below.

TIME	GROUP	TEACHERS
8.15	Family Photos start in Cybrary	Photographer
8.15	Staff Photo	All Staff
8.30	Prep R	Elizabeth & Michelle
8.40	House Captains	Ben
8.50	Prep S	Cindy & Sally
9.00	Prep M	Sharon & Tamara
9.10	Nightingales	Jo & Prep Teachers
9.20	Junior Choir	Jo
9.30	Hilder Blues	Jo
9.40	Senior Choir and Music Captains	Jo
9.50	Senior Band and Jazz Band	Rhonda
10.00	Junior Band	Rhonda
10.10	Senior Strings and Ensemble	Nadine
10.20	Junior & Beginner Strings	Nadine
10.30	2S	Tracey
10.40	2/3B	Anne
10.50	3G	Cathy
11.00	3BC	Andrew & Cathy
11.00 – 11.30	Morning Tea	
11.25 for 11.30	Year 1 getting ready	
11.40	1T	Elaine
11.50	1S	Brendan
12.00	4P	Fiona
12.10	4W	Jenny & Sandra
12.20	5M	Jayne
12.30	5/6 C	Paul
12.40	6G	Brian
1.00	Lunch	
1.40	Student Council Executive & Reps	Jo
1.50	7G and 6/7 R	Jenny & Kevan
2.00	All Year 7	Jenny & Kevan
2.10	Swimming (uniform)	Jo
2.20	Cross Country (Interschool Uniform)	Cathy
2.30	Track & Field (Interschool Uniform)	Cathy
2.40	District Champions/Met North/Qld. Rep (Interschool Uniform)	Cathy
2.50	Feel Good Teams	Jo

Please ensure the following:

1. Full navy socks to be worn for all photos except those indicated. Year 7 should wear their Year 7 shirts.
2. Choir & Instrumental Music Students should come dressed in their music uniforms and change into school uniforms. Choir Uniform includes black shoes and navy socks.
3. School Representative Interschool Sports Uniforms will need to be brought to school / provided by uniform shop. Other school representative uniform to be worn.
4. Individual photographs will be taken in the Cybrary
5. Sports Captains should wear the House School Uniform
6. Feel Good Team should wear their Feel Good Team Shirts
7. Student Council should wear their blue school uniform
8. Year 7 Executive should wear their blue school uniform
9. Nightingales Choir should wear their full school uniform
10. Hilder Blues should bring a footie jersey (not NZ!) and blue jeans

Thank you to all those people who have assisted over the last few weeks while Amanda has been on leave. The very caring and cooperative relationships that exist in our school is what sets it apart and enables us to achieve in so many different ways. It was lovely to see so many people at the soccer together as families and as staff last Saturday. It was a real treat for our students.

Thank you Brisbane Roar.

Enjoy the beautiful weather

Josephine Bottrell
Principal

A/DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS



Konnichiwa

Greetings from Japan! Thank you so much for the warm welcome home. Students, parents and staff have all been very kind in making me feel very much loved. I have had a wonderful time overseas with my family and look forward to an invigorating Term 4. Thank you to Sandra Winzar and Joan Wilson for keeping some essential jobs 'up to date' while I was away. I am currently trying very hard to clear my email 'inbox' but it seems to keep filling up as quickly as I empty it!

ICAS Mathematics and English Competitions

We had forty-one marvellous students undertake the Mathematics competition earlier this year. This voluntary competition is run internationally and tests the following areas; number & arithmetic, algebra & patterns, measures & units, space & geometry and chance & data. A special mention must go to Taylah Hoffman, Paige Mihaljevic, Savita Prasad, Magali Rochat, Lachlan Drury, Kevin Human, Declan Byrnes, Christie McConachy, Shaun Morison, Millie Mayall-Vandervelde and Nic Richardson who received a **Distinction** for their efforts. **High Distinctions** were awarded to Tara Bretherton and Anshul Malik, who were both placed on the 99th percentile for Qld.

We have also received the certificates for the 2009 ICAS English Competition. 27 students participated in this competition with area such as; Reading – literary, Reading – factual, Textual devices, Syntax and Vocabulary tested. **Distinctions** were awarded to Tara Bretherton, Magali Rochat, Alexandria Brown, Shaun Morison, Millie Mayall-Vandervelde and Maddie Topping. Congratulations to all students who participated in this year's ICAS Mathematics and English Competitions. These certificates will be handed out on Assembly this Friday.

Australian Mathematics Competition

We certainly have some very clever mathematics minds at Hilder Road State School. Twenty students from Years 6 & 7 participated in the annual Australian Mathematics Trust competition. Thank you to Mr Rigby, Mrs Green and Mr Grebert for preparing their students so well. 9 certificates of **Distinction** were awarded to Shaun Morison, Liam Chester, Natasha McGowan, Jacob de Jager Smith, Millie Mayall Vandervelde, Nick Richardson, Harry Parker, Cassie Gilmore and Brooke Rankin, while the highest honour of a **High Distinction** goes to Dean McLeod. This places him in the top 2% of students in the country who competed. Congratulations again to all students.

Queensland Academies Young Scholars Program

The Young Scholars Program will host another round of workshops on Saturday 31 October from 8:15am to 1pm. These workshops are for students nominated in the Young Scholars Program, between Years 5 and 7. These students /parents should have already received and email about this opportunity. Session choices include; Bubbling Beakers, Theatre Sports and Odds Sods and Maths.

REGISTRATION CLOSING DATE IS: FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER!!! If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Jo Hack on 3377 9366 during office hours (Monday ~ Friday, 8:30am ~ 4:30pm).

Hats, hats, hats!

With the warmer weather heading our way, can all parents ensure that hats are packed into bags every day. The school rule of 'no hat, no play' remains in force and all students are required to wear a Sunsafe hat when outdoors. Sunsafe hats have either a broad brim or a legionnaire flap that covers the ears and back of the neck.

Professional Development

Our staff are committed to engaging in timely Professional Development and Term 4 is no exception. We will have Ben Dwyer, Pelu Veikoso, Amanda Li, Tracey Spies, Cathie Butler, Andrew Collins and Elizabeth Roberts all undertaking 5 days of Literacy Training throughout this term. Sally Boorer- Williams has also participated in the Teacher Aide Literacy Training already this term. Last week Sandra Winzar attended a workshop for Libraries of the 21st Century and I'm sure has returned with fabulous ideas. She will also attend Bullying workshop on Wednesday with Brendan Stock. Also next week, Fiona Pilgrim and Jenny Walker will attend an Inquiry Learning workshop. I look forward to hearing all about their new learning.

Amanda Cooper
A/Deputy Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

21 October	Chess Club Prep to Year 4
22 October	School Photos Bookclub orders due 9.00am Instrumental Recruitment Evening Year 2 & 4 at 6.30pm Music Support Group Meeting 7.00pm
23 October	Assembly 9.00am – Launch of Jump Rope for Heart Interschool Sport
26 October	Musicfest 2009 – Senior Band at Iona College Arrival time 5.20pm
29 October	Hilder Harmonies at The Gap State High School
30 October	Interschool Sport
3 November	Year 2 Park Ranger Talk at Hilder Road 9.00-11.00am
4 November	Year 3 Park Ranger Talk at Hilder Road 9.00-11.00am Prep Transition Day 9.00-11.00am
5 th November	Year 1-3 Public Speaking Competition 9.00-11.00am Interschool Sport

CYBRARY NEWS



Value for October

This month the values we are focusing on are **Honesty** and **Trustworthiness**. See the Values for Australian Schooling website for more information.

<http://www.civicsandcitizenship.edu.au/cce/default.asp?id=9500>

"Be honest, sincere and seek the truth. Any activity focused on honesty needs to recognize that in the stories our culture tells, some people are more often represented as honest than others. Perhaps the key question for any investigation of honesty and trustworthiness is not so much to ask 'what is honesty' but 'where do we expect to see honesty' and to see what shapes our expectations."

"The Teaching of Values" by L. Rowan, J. Gauld, J. Cole-Adams and A. Connolly (Teacher Reference Book in our Cybrary)

We need to encourage our students to use critical literacy and question bias and stereotypes.

Habit of Mind for October

This month our Habit of Mind is "Applying past knowledge to new situations."

"I've never made a mistake. I've only learned from experience."
Thomas A. Edison

Intelligent human beings learn from experience. When confronted with a new and perplexing problem they will often draw forth experience from their past. They can often be heard to say, "This reminds me of...." or "This is just like the time when I..." They explain what they are doing now in terms of analogies with or references to previous experiences. They call upon their store of knowledge and experience as sources of data to support, theories to explain, or processes to solve each new challenge. Furthermore, they are able to abstract meaning from one experience, carry it forth, and apply it in a new and novel situation.

Sandra Winzar
Teacher-Librarian

YEAR 7 PARENTS - GRADUATION PREPARATION

Thank you to those parents who were able to come along to the Year 7 graduation meeting last week.

Our next meeting will be to discuss decorations, theme, food and other preparations for the evening as well as have a look at the room.

The meeting will be held this **Saturday October 24, 3pm** at the **Gaythorne RSL** on the balcony (weather permitting).

Any parents interested in helping out are welcome to come along. We would love to see you there.

PE NEWS

Read below to find out about the different events happening this term.

Connect to Sport is running an after school soccer program at Hilder Road this term on Wednesday afternoons. The 6 week program is run on the oval and the 1 hour long clinics commence at 3:15pm. The starting date is today. Registration forms can be found in the office.

The 2009 Queensland Primary School Swimming Annual Invitational Relay Carnival is to be held on Friday 20th November at 6:30pm at the Chandler Aquatic Centre. The competition is open to Junior Boys /Junior Girls/Junior Mixed (9 and 10 year olds) and Senior Boys/Senior Girls/Senior Mixed (11 and 12 year olds). Four swimmers are required in each team. We will require a manager to take the teams to Chandler if we have swimmers interested in competing in this event. Nomination forms and more information can be found at <http://www.pa.ash.org.au/qpswim/>

Hilder Road will again be participating in the Heart Foundations Jump Rope for Heart program this term. Over the next few weeks your child will be learning a range of fun skipping skills and new tricks. Some of these tricks will be taught by the house captains on assembly. In an effort to promote healthier hearts into the future, we are also going to be fundraising using the Heart Foundation's online and paper sponsorship forms, and we hope that your child will join us in our efforts to make a difference.

Sponsorship is asking your family and friends to make a donation to the Heart Foundation in support of heart research and health programs. There are two ways of seeking donations:

1. Your child can fundraise by email, using a Heart Foundation online fundraising account, under parent / guardian supervision by registering at www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart
2. Your child can use the traditional paper sponsorship form – children collect donations for taking part, not for how much skipping they do (to make it easier).

On Friday the 20th November we will be holding our school's "Jump Off" morning where we will be celebrating all the skipping skills we've learnt as a school. Your child should bring any cash donations they have collected for the Heart Foundation with their sponsorship form (used or unused) to school by Monday 16th November (please try to avoid lots of coins if you can). The donations are needed by this date to ensure your child gets their fundraising prizes before the end of the school year.

Finally, we will be participating in the primary school Sunrice Challenge. You can support us in this challenge by collecting UNICEF logos from specially marked Sunrice packs. Please cut out the logos and hand them to the office in an envelope. The schools that collect the most UNICEF logos will win from the \$100,000 Sunrice prize pool.

Ben Dwyer
PE Teacher

STRINGS NEWS

New string students for 2010

All year 2 students who were selected to join the 2010 String Program at Hilder Road State School have been notified. There will be a Recruitment Evening on Thursday 22 October at Hilder Road State School starting at 6.30 pm. At this Recruiting Evening our Beginner String students will be performing. Students are to arrive 6pm and will be able to leave after the performance at 6.30pm. Please wear full school uniform. Girls are to wear performance hair which is ¼ up and ¾ down with a blue ribbon.

There will be music stores at this evening and this will provide parents with an opportunity to source information about purchasing an instrument for their student. Please remember that school violins and violas are only on loan for one year and school cellos are loaned two years. You are more than welcome to purchase a cello in the second year of tuition, if you wish.

Beginner Strings will also be performing on Assembly on Friday 23 October. Please meet Mrs Dinnis in the staff room at 8:15 am for tuning with your instrument, music, hat and sunnies.

Hilder Harmonies is on Thursday 29 October at the Gap State High School. Senior, Junior and Beginner String Ensembles will be performing.

String Dates

Thurs 22 October	Beginner Strings perform at Recruitment Evening
Thurs 22 October	Recruitment Evening
Fri 23 October	Beginner Strings performs on Assembly
Thurs 29 October	Hilder Harmonies – Senior, Junior & Beginner Strings

Happy practicing
Nadine Dinnis

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Last week I attended a talk on 'Raising Boys', given by Steve Biddulph who is Australia's best-known family therapist and parenting author. Those of us with boys growing up in our families and as we see boys growing into teenagers in our school it is natural to feel some concern when the media is continually showing and telling us about the trouble they get themselves into. After Steve Biddulph gave us some very scary statistics about behaviour problems, learning difficulties and deaths of young adult males he went on to tell us about the three stages of boyhood. Birth to six, the aim at this age is to give strong love and security and to 'switch a boy on' to life as a warm and welcoming experience. Then six to fourteen, the purpose of this stage is to build competence and skill while developing kindness and playfulness too. He becomes happy and secure about being male. Fourteen to adult is when the boy needs input from male mentors if he is to complete the journey into being fully grown-up. He learns skills, responsibility and self respect. He gave us five important tips to help us raise our boys:

1. Be willing to spend time – something we all know, but maybe the hardest to do. The stages above go by so quickly. In the stage of 6 to 14 years is the time to be with your boys.
2. Play rough-and-tumble games. This is when boys are learning to live in a male body. Boys are learning in 'rough and tumble' an essential lesson for all males; how to be able to have fun, get noisy, even get angry and at the same time, know when to stop.
3. Teach him to respect women. One day he will realise that he is bigger than his mother! And he will think 'She can't make me do it!' Teach him how to converse respectfully and safely.
4. Honour their tender feelings. It is clear that the more tender and warm the lives of children are, the safer and more loving they will be as adults.
5. Teach him to do housework. I really liked this one; he suggests by the age of nine our boys should be able to cook an evening meal.

Steve Biddulph's book "Raising Boys" is a very helpful and interesting read.

Jocelyn Hayes
School Chaplain (jhaye105@eq.edu.au)

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Monday's Meal Deal is Chicken Caesar Salad and a fruit stick for dessert.
This comes in the two sizes \$4.00 for small and \$5.00 for medium.

Roster:

Thursday 22 nd October	G Dubois
Friday 23 rd October	J Kirkman, J Crowley & I Higgins
Tuesday 27 th October	Vacant
Wednesday 28 th October	M Lyon & J Gibson

If anyone could fill the above vacancy please contact me.

Delma Day
Tuckshop Convenor
Ph. 33005725 or 0405139842

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Selling Days are as follows:

Wednesday 4th November, 9.00am – 11.00am (During & following Prep Orientation Day)
Wednesday 18th November, 9.00am – 11.00am (During & following Prep Orientation Day)
Thursday 3rd December, 2.30pm - 6.00pm
Thursday 21st January, 2.30pm - 6.00pm
Friday 22nd January, 9.00am - 12 noon

The Uniform Shop also offers a wonderful repair/mending service for school/non school uniform items which is prompt, well priced and very neat. See Uniform Shop for more details.

The Uniform Shop would like to sell your unwanted uniform for you. Just drop it off at the Uniform Shop (2nd hand labels available from the shop) and we will sell your items for you keeping just 20% of the sold price. Any profits made by the Uniform Shop are directly fed back into the school by the P&C.

If you require assistance with any uniform items please contact me.
Glenys Rogan
Uniform Shop Convenor

Roster:

Thursday 22 nd October	J Crowley
Tuesday 27 th October	J Willcocks

MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP

Justine Kirkman 3300 0215
Music Support Group

BOOKCLUB

All orders are due back this week by **Thursday, 22nd Oct at 9am.**

If the order is for a gift please write SURPRISE on the order and the order can be collected from the office. Thanks for those incoming orders. And keep on READING.

Liz McGowan
Bookclub Coordinator 0400124871 / 33002676

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Hilder Road State School
Tennis Court Bookings
Court Hire Fees
\$5 per hour (daytime)
\$10 per hour (evening)
BBQ facilities available
Phone: 0438 663971**

The Gap Health & Racquet – Player of the Week is Gabby Madden. Gabby is receiving the player of the week for a great start to the term and carrying on from where she left off last term. Well done Gabby and keep it up.

McIntyre Centre- Pony Riding for the Disabled “Community Open Day” Sunday 15th November, 2009 9.00am to 1.00pm
Location: 2963 Moggill Road, Pinjarra Hills. Meet our friendly staff, volunteers and especially our wonderful horses. Market Stalls, BBQ & Refreshments, Pony Rides & other Kids entertainment, 2nd hand Horse Gear Stall, Thrift Shop Sales, RDA Riding Displays. Information sessions on our riding & volunteer programs.



Swim Teachers - If you have a passion for children, have a pleasant caring nature, able to make a commitment, reliable, and like to work with children, have you considered teaching swimming. We are looking for swimming teachers who can get wet and have fun whilst teaching. Please contact Brett at brett@aquaticwonders.com.au or Debbie at debbie@aquaticwonders.com.au for further information.