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Term 3 Week 1 of 10 weeks

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3 – another eventful term at Hilder Road State School. District Track & Field, Open Day, Prep 2010 Information Evening, GRIPPS and of course the Great! School Family Carnival are all this term.

Thank you for the warm welcome back after my leave. I had a wonderful time, saw amazing things and enjoyed myself immensely (and yes, there are lots of fish photos too!) What an experience.

My deepest gratitude and thanks are extended to Amanda, Sandra and Joan who 'held the fort' in my absence. We have incredible depth and capability in our staff. I know a great job was done during the last few weeks of Term 2. Thank you to you as parents for your support.

Staff News

Welcome back also to Nadine Dennis (our Strings Teacher) after Maternity Leave. It's great to have you back Nadine.

Congratulations to Bronwyn Rees on her holiday marriage. Mrs Brady is a new name for our Preppies to learn.

This Friday Aldo our Traffic Supervisor, grandfather and helper in the classroom will finish up as he is moving to Mackay. Thank you Aldo for all of your support you show our school and our children. We will miss you.

Many thanks must go to Marty Askew who took over the role of cleaner while Sharon Williams was on Long Service Leave for all of Term 2. Marty fulfilled this role with great humour and a never failing desire to help others. We welcome back Sharon Williams and hope that her time away was a great time for family and leisure.

Last evening Tracey Spies (Year 2) was involved in a car accident and is in hospital. We wish Tracey a speedy recovery. We will keep Year 2 parents and students informed as we hear more.

Canberra – Snowy Trip

2009's trip was a wonderful success for our students. Our annual trip to Canberra and the snow has always been informative and highly educational.

Our teachers Jenny and Kevan are now very familiar with the itinerary having completed it a number of times over the last 10 years. At the end of last year we surveyed Year 6 parents regarding the destination and I believe it will be useful to do that again this year with some alternative options available. We will be discussing this with our travel agent Sue Basedon and other schools. We will keep you informed.

Special thanks to Jenny Gibson and Sally Thomas who accompanied the group and provided wonderful care for our students and teachers. Thank you Jenny and Sally, we really appreciated having you there.

District Track & Field

Next Thursday and Friday our school will host the District Track & Field Competition. This is a 'big' couple of days for our P&C/Tuckshop Fundraising groups to raise funds for our school. Please read the article further on in the newsletter and the notes that have been sent home.

Best wishes to our fantastic team of 40 athletes who are: Dillon Howard, Sam Layton, Lachlan Drury, Rory Scott, Thomas Buttery, Shaun Morison, Jarod Wanchap, Will Topping, Leo Porter, East O'Sheehan, Chris Bakker, Max Rhodes, Carter McDonald, Lachlan Paterson, Thomas Straede, Chesley Cutler, Ryan Craven, Marcus Molloy, Tom Beresford, Nathan Wilson, Shelby Kirkman, Mika Hurrell, Laura Straede, Sophie Bird, Tajla Morrow, Mikaela Dyson, Claudia Zammit, Aimee Peacock, Georgia Woodley, Gabby Madden, Kathryn Pullos, Millie Mayall-Vandervelde, Lucy De Luca, Emily Rogan, Brooke Rankin, Ellie Mumford, Eloise Byrnes, Maddie Topping, Sallie Imura & Claire Filet.

Mathletics

We are having wonderful success with our Mathletics Program, both in class, for homework and as a personal challenge (even during the holidays).

As of this term we will only be printing off silver and gold awards, but bronze awards will be announced each week in class and posted on the P&C noticeboard.

Thanks again to all our teachers for your encouragement of the children and especially to Fiona Pilgrim who organises all the 'operational' matters.

Keep up the great work students (and encouraging parents).

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

I hope many of you were able to attend Dr Carr-Gregg's talk on Monday night. The sessions he ran for us over the Pupil Free Day were 'outstanding', highly informative, latest research and delivered in a humorous comfortable manner.

We will be purchasing his books over the next few weeks so look for Sandra's Cybrary news to see when they are available for borrowing.

Looking forward to a great term.

Josephine Bottrell
 Principal

**DON'T FORGET
 TO THINK & DRESS PINK ON FRIDAY
 Bring a gold coin to be donated to the
 Cancer Foundation**



A/DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Welcome back!

I hope your Winter break was relaxing and restful and that you are ready for the term ahead. Term 3 is always busy and I don't envisage that this term will be any different. The teachers have planned some wonderful units of work with a variety of great excursions intended to excite and educate. Year 5 and 6 students have camps to look forward to this term as well. Teachers will be finalising details this week and the Events Calendar will be attached to the newsletter next week.

Staffing

Just a reminder, we have a few teachers on Long Service Leave this term. Kevan Rigby will be replaced by Bridget Masters for 6 weeks, Elaine Tibbles will be replaced by Pam Haslam-Lyons for week 1, Michele Fawcett will be replaced by Dayle Davidson for the remainder of this week and next week, and Brendan Stock will be replaced by Josh Donellan for two weeks (when his baby decides to arrive). Noela Toivanen will continue to work in the Year 1 room this term. We appreciate her wealth of experience and dedication.

Pupil Free Day

We attended the Bardon Conference Centre for our Term 3 Pupil Free Day. It was an excellent opportunity to listen extensively to Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. He spoke to us as educators, highlighted the physiological aspects of brain development in boys and girls and discussed the implications for classrooms.

He also discussed the great need for good quality sleep for all students and how particular foods will enhance learning and memory. For example, foods high in omega 3 oils such as sardines and anchovies are excellent for learning. Dr Carr-Gregg did acknowledge that these may not be the favourites for children and the fish oil capsules were quite a reasonable alternative. Eggs are fantastic for memory and yogurt of any kind and blueberries also assist in learning and memory. It is not too difficult to add these items to the diet of most families.

We also were challenged to look at how we will enhance the learning for every child in light of the Year 3, 5, 7 NAPLAN data which will be released later this term.

We certainly left the day invigorated, challenged, enthused and optimistic about our work and how we do business at Hilder Road State School.

Professional Development Mathematics

Next week will see Elaine Tibbles and Paul Clifton return for the second part of their 'First Steps in Number' Training. They will be at this extremely intensive course training from Wednesday until Friday. Over the remainder of the year, Paul and Elaine will present workshops to our staff and teachers from the Mt Coot-tha Cluster.

Literacy

This term will also see all of the teachers from Year 4 – 7 and Gerry Healy, our Learning Support Teacher, participate in five days of Literacy Training. Teachers will attend the training in pairs starting this week and will be required to do readings and homework as part of the overall Literacy Strategy.

There are four courses which will run consecutively. Elisabeth Quill and Zena Bell will replace the class teachers for each five day period, with the same teacher on the same class for continuity.

Asthma

Tomorrow all staff will participate in Asthma Training after school. It is vital that all Asthma plans are accurate and up-to-date so that staff are able to assist students effectively. If your child has had an Asthma Plan and you believe that it needs to be adjusted, please see Julie Hicks in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays.

Reading Friends

Thank you to the wonderful Year 5 and 6 students who have 'signed up' to become Reading Friends. The training will start this Thursday during lunch time in the Cybrary with Dr Mary Crombie.

Chess Club

Just a reminder that all expression of interest forms for Chess Club should be returned to the office by now. Chess Club will only go ahead if we have enough enrolments. A letter will go out early next week.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Josephine Bottrell back from her Long Service Leave. It was a great learning experience for me to work as Principal for the last month of Term 2 and I could not have done it without the extreme diligence and hard work of Sandra Winzar who acted as Deputy Principal. My sincere thanks to Sandra for her dedication and organisation during this time.

Have a great week everyone.

Amanda Cooper
A/Deputy Principal



CYBRARY NEWS

Assistance in the Cybrary and Volunteers

Please encourage your children in Years 5 – 7 to be a Cybrary Cadet or Monitor if they are interested and willing to assist. The students learn how the Cybrary works and gain an appreciation of scanning, shelving and assisting others. We are most grateful for the students' help.

Young Reviewer Competition – Courier Mail Newspaper

Students are invited to write book reviews for the Young Reviewer Competition. Please see www.couriermail.com.au/headstart for details and an entry form. Our school library has most of the short listed books for Book Week suitable for Primary students. Participating students will have priority access to borrow them. In the past we have had two Hilder Road students who have had their imaginative book reviews published. Be inspired by the clever reviews on the website. Encourage your child/ children to use their creativity and originality to write an ingenious book review.

Award Categories & Prizes:

Best review - Younger Readers (\$500 book voucher)
Best review – Picture Book of the Year (\$500 book voucher)
Best overall review – Young Reviewer of the Year (\$1500 book voucher)

Entry deadline: Thursday, August 6, 2009. (Late entries will not be accepted).

Book Borrowing

Thank you for ensuring your child/ children returned any overdue books this week. Students may borrow daily before school at 8:30am and at lunch times. The students in Prep to Year 3 borrow in their class time each week. Please remember to assist your child to keep their library books in a safe place.

Annual Book Fair

In Term 3 we host our annual Scholastic Book Fair. Please keep in mind that like Scholastic Book Club there is no obligation to purchase items. Leaflets will be sent home next week. The perusal day is Friday 24 July where classes will be timetabled to view the Book Fair. The Book Fair commences on Monday 27 July to Thursday morning 30 July. Items will be on sale daily before school at 8:15 to 8:45am. Students and the school community are also welcome to purchase items at lunch times and after school until 3:30pm from Monday 27 July to Wednesday 29 July. The Book Fair is finalized by 8:45 am Thursday 30 July as it is picked up in the morning.

Sandra Winzar
Teacher-Librarian

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

17 th July	Think & Dress in Pink (Gold Coin Donation) Think Pink Choices Dinner at The Gap Tavern
20 th July	Safety House Meeting 1.45pm
23 rd & 24 th July	District Sports Days
27-30 th July	Book Fair

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Welcome back to school and new beginnings. A new term, a new semester and an opportunity to start afresh. I hope the pace slowed enough during the break for you to feel rested and eager to take on the new term.

During the holidays I read a book called 'The Optimistic Child – a revolutionary approach to raising resilient children' by Martin Seligman. I was very interested to hear the importance that Dr. Michael Carr-Greg put on optimistic thinking in children during his talk on Monday evening.

Optimism is the tendency to believe, expect or hope that things will turn out well. Research has shown that optimists tend to have better physical health, greater success at school, work and sport, and more satisfying relationships. They also have better mental health, reporting less depression and anxiety, and live longer than pessimists.

Seligman a leading psychologist in the field of optimism has found that optimists differ from pessimists in the way they explain happenings to themselves. There are several steps to this process:

- Children realize that their feelings and responses to happenings are not caused just by the happenings themselves, but also by the way they think about these events (their 'self-talk')
- Children practice positive self-talk in situations that occur in their lives.
- Children look to create alternative, more optimistic explanations for happenings in their life.
- Children look at the best and worst possible outcomes of an event, and estimate the likelihood of each.
- Children develop the problem solving skills they need to deal with the most likely outcome.

Help children learn optimism, perseverance and resilience in the face of day-to-day obstacles, by role modelling optimistic thinking, consistently acknowledge children's efforts and successes, help them to learn problem solving skills by asking them to think about a number of alternatives for dealing with problems and challenge pessimistic thinking.

Jocelyn Hayes
School Chaplain

STRINGS NEWS

Welcome to another term of music making! It will be a busy term with a number of musical performances and camps – our annual Carnival (all String ensembles performing), String Extravaganza Camp & Concert (designed for Beginner Strings), GRIPPS & GRIPPS Concert and assembly performances. The results of the GRIPPS auditions will be out shortly. Please note that due to the large number of string students auditioning and a very high standard, not all students will be offered a GRIPPS place. There will be Senior and Junior String Ensembles next Tuesday. Senior Strings are to arrive by 7.30 am and Junior Strings by 8.20am at the Music Room.



Happy practicing
Mrs Dinnis

MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP

Welcome back Mrs Dinnis. We are looking forward to a busy term 3 with music. Thank you to all of our wonderful Year 5 Maestro mums – Kim, Sandie, Sandra, Laurel, Taeko, Tomoko, Jane and Liz who all chipped in to help prepare and serve morning tea and lunches for our music teachers at the Maestro Camp last term. Well done to our Year 5 students who performed so well at their camp. Well done to our Year 5, 6 & 7 students who auditioned for GRIPPS before the holidays.

Justine Kirkman
Music Support Group

UNIFORM SHOP

Welcome to Term 3 and thank you to all the families who have volunteered to help out in the Uniform Shop again this term. Uniform Shop rosters were sent home the last week of Term 2. If you have not received yours please check your child's bag or contact me for another copy.

The Uniform Shop is fully stocked with winter school uniform and has jackets (from \$37), microfibre/fleece trackpants (\$24) and girl's tights (\$8.00) available. We have "Red Robin" socks, 3 pairs for \$12 and unisex shirts from \$34.

Districts sports shirts can be hired from the Uniform Shop for Districts Sports Carnival next week for just \$5.00. We are hoping to purchase new districts sports shirts for next year. Therefore I recommend parents only hire the shirts this year and not purchase our present shirt with this in mind.

Come and see our new **blue ribbon bows** which clip into girls hair and match the music uniform perfectly that are available from the Uniform Shop for just \$3.50. Private orders in other colours can be made as per request.

If you require assistance with any uniform items please contact me.

Glenys Rogan
Uniform Convenor

Roster

Thursday 16 th July	J Chester
Tuesday 21 st July	D Panteli
Thursday 23 rd July	J Kirkman



TUCKSHOP NEWS

Monday's Meal Deal is Macaroni Beef & Apple Crumble with custard is for dessert. This comes in the two sizes \$4.00 for small and \$5.00 for large.



Next Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th July we are catering for the District Sports Days. With this early reminder Tuckshop will be open with a very limited menu. **Children cannot order tuckshop but can come down and buy morning tea and lunch.**

We are also looking for parents to bake cakes/biscuits/muffins etc. for the occasion. Volunteers are also required to help prepare food and serve. Please pencil in the above dates and if you can volunteer any of your time please contact me.

Roster

Thursday 16 th July	M Human
Friday 17 th July	J Crowley, A Moore & J Kirkman
Tuesday 21 st July	D Panteli
Wednesday 22 nd July	P Harvey

Delma Day
Tuckshop Convenor
Ph. 33005725 or 0405139842

SAFETY HOUSE

The Hilder Road Safety House committee is looking for a person to act as "Minutes Secretary" for their monthly meetings. If you are interested in helping with this, or doing some Safety House monitoring, please come to our next meeting on Monday 20th July at 1.45pm. Phone Narelle Bird on 33002213/ 0413 536077 for venue address.



CARNIVAL REQUEST

Jars - In preparation of our carnival we are requesting clean jars.

Books - Our Book Coordinator is requesting any books, DVDs, videos or music cds that you no longer need. If you are able to donate any of the above items would you please drop them off in the teacher aide's room.

Second Hand Toys & Baby Gear – August Collection

Now is the time to start cleaning out your cupboards for the 'Recycled Baby' Stall at the Carnival. Any donations of toys or baby goods can be left at the Teacher Aide/Photocopy Room **during the month of AUGUST.** (If you are able to help sort and price toys prior to the carnival, please contact Narelle Bird on 3300 2213/ 0413 536 077) If you would like to sell larger items (prams, cots etc) at the stall, the school will retain 20% of the price as commission. These items must be brought to the stall on the carnival day with contact details and price attached.

POTS DESPERATELY NEEDED

Many more plants are still needed and I am also looking for empty plant pots, 6 - 8 inch pots are in high demand. Pots could be left at the front office or you can catch up with me at the Uniform or Tuckshop.



Glenys Rogan

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINE

Does your child need medication? Staff are unable to administer any medication – **this includes antibiotics** (either prescription or over the counter medications) to students without a signed letter of authorisation from your family doctor. Medication must also be in the original packaging with chemist label. Students cannot self medicate and all medication must be handed into the office. **Please be advised that if any medication (including antibiotics) is to be administered at school a form must be completed by parents. Please see the office for this form.**



FUNDRAISING NEWS

District Track & Field - Request for helpers

Next Thursday and Friday our school is hosting the District Track and Field Carnival and we are looking for helpers for both days to assist with the preparation, cooking and/or serving of food and drinks, both on the oval and in the tuckshop.

Throughout the two days we will be offering a bbq with hamburgers, steak burgers and sausages, along with hot chips and a variety of other fresh hot and cold food, as well as cold drinks, ice cream, and a homemade cake stall to name but a few. For all this to happen successfully we need your help!

Preparation for the day will include making up bread rolls and sandwiches to help cater for the busier parts of the day; cooking will involve working on the bbq or hot chips; serving covers the hot food stall, the cold drinks and ice blocks and snacks, or homemade cake stall, or in the tuckshop.

One of the more popular stalls is – as always.....the homemade cakes and sweets stall! **We need you to help us** with lots of baking for these days and as always your generous assistance would be greatly appreciated. Any muffins, cookies, slices or cakes may be left at the tuckshop anytime next Wednesday, or Thursday or Friday morning. The only special request we have is that your baking be 'nut-free'.

Please complete the form below with your preferences and return to the office as soon as possible to help us organise a roster of helpers for the two days. Should your child be competing at this event we can roster you around their events – and if you don't have a child competing, you are more than welcome to come along and help us out at any time throughout the day.

DISTRICT TRACK & FIELD RESPONSE FOR ASSISTANCE

Please circle the time/s & activity of your preference:

Food Preparation	BBQ Cooking	Serving	
Food/Drinks/Cakes			
	Tuckshop	Anywhere	
7.00-9.00am	9.00-11.00am	11.00-1.00pm	1.00-3.00pm
		Anytime needed	
Child's Name: _____ Class: _____			
Your Name: _____			
Phone Number: _____			

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 663 971

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Australian Acting Academy

The Australian Acting Academy gives you a chance to train for free. When you attend the dynamic Actor Explores the Space you will have a better than 1 in 10 chance of winning a scholarship. Term 3 starts with "The Actor Explores the Space". It's two classes of movement, music, fun, laughter and fun. The best part, only \$37 to attend and that includes your chance to win a scholarship. Attend this two week unit at the start of term, at the end of the second week someone from each class will win a scholarship. Every year dozens of students train for free. To be one, all you need to do is follow these simple steps:

1. Book in and attend the 2 week Actor Explores the Space unit that starts next term for the discounted rate of \$37
2. Make sure a parent attends the class demonstration at the second class
3. Have your name drawn from the hat

To book your place at Actors Explores the Space, log onto www.actingacademy.com.au call 0430 464833 or email gavin@gavindaly.com.au

GUCCE - Our craft runs every Wednesday. We have a variety of classes and provide babysitting!!! We call this group "**GUCCE**" – **Gap Uniting Church Craft Experience**. We meet during Term time, between 9.15am and 11.30am at The Gap Uniting Church, 1050 Waterworks Road, The Gap. Term 2 classes include Handmade Jeweller, Hexagon Christmas Hanger, Scrapbooking, Knitting & Crochet Circle & Unfinished Objects (UFOs). More details about these can be seen on the Tuckshop noticeboard. Our classes run from 22nd July to 26th August. Each week we offer morning tea and childminding. Our cost is \$3 for GUCCE and childminding @ \$3 per child. For more information contact Janice Harris 3300 6293 or visit our website www.thegapuc.org.au or email office@thegapuca.org.au




You are Invited to a Think Pink Dinner

To help raise much needed funds for the
Kim Walters (Breast Cancer) Choice Program

**Friday July 17th
The Gap Tavern
7.00pm**

Lucky Door Prizes
Raffles
Best Dressed in Pink Prizes
Lucky Seat Prizes
'Pink Fines' Gold coin donation

Need to dress in something Pink!

Cost: \$38 (includes \$5 donation)

Cash donations accepted on the night & receipts will be issued for donations over \$2
Tickets available from Tuckshop

Inquires to:

- Delma Day 0405 139842
- Kylie Bakker 0437 552 686
- Mairead Human 0438 927 641
- Kerry Gill-Shaw 0431 054455

Please advise special dietary requirements


