



"CREEK WEEKLY"

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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MANAGING TECHNOLOGY

As parents, caregivers and teachers we take seriously our responsibilities to provide children with instructions and sound advice to avoid the dangers associated with growing up. We teach our children about road rules. We provide guidance and instruction on the use of new toys and family appliances and we set rules to ensure that our children travel safely. We do these things so that our children can be prepared to face the challenges of daily life. We need to provide the same levels of instruction so that our children make the most appropriate use of technology including mobile phones and the Internet.

As part of the School's commitment to this shared responsibility, our Year Seven teachers are coordinating with police officers from Petrie Police Station to deliver engaging lessons on the appropriate use of the Internet and mobile phones. The presentations will include discussion on the protective behaviours and how to avoid cyber bullying.

The following tips are shared for the interest of all parents and caregivers who are discussing with their children the use of the internet and mobile phones and how to avoid cyber bullying.

REMEMBER THE 5R'S

Realise: Realise people you chat with may not be who they say they are.

Refuse: Refuse requests for personal information and ensure your internet profile is private.

Review: Review your contacts. It's not "kewl" to have contacts you don't know.

Respond: Respond quickly if you ever feel uncomfortable while on-line. Close the program, tell your parents or a trusted friend.

Report: Report any suspicious or dangerous on-line contact to the police.



ON-LINE SAFETY TIPS

- Never give out personal information on the net, like your full name, address, phone number or school.
- Ensure your screen name does not reveal personal information about you.
- Review your online profile. Predators can use this personal information to find you.
- Only allow your friends to view your personal blog and profile.
- Never send your picture to someone you don't know.
- Don't accept invitations to view webcams from unknown internet users.
- Never arrange face-2-face meetings with people met online.
- Understand predators ask personal questions and attempt to become friends quickly.
- Time chatting online to a person does not equal trust or knowing the person



LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS – THE SHOPPING CENTRE CAR PARK

Our school has established many effective partnerships with local businesses and community groups. One of these is the understanding between the school and the management of the local shopping centre in relation to parents and caregivers using the shopping centre car park. Recently, there have been tensions between motorists. These have been brought about by congestion in the car park near the rear gate to the school. School and shopping centre staff do not want to act as the "car park police".

Parents and caregivers are asked to respect that the car park is primarily for shoppers. We are fortunate to have use of the car park. If we work together these tensions can be eliminated to the satisfaction of all. Thank you in anticipation of your full support and cooperation to resolve these concerns.

PREPARATIONS FOR 2010

Our first set of enrolment predictions for 2010 has been sent to Education Queensland. The final set of predictions must be sent on 20.11.09. It is very important for parents and caregivers who are planning to enroll children for 2010 to make contact with the school before this date. Early notification of enrolments ensures that our planning for the new academic year is accurate thus minimizing disruption to classes early in 2010.

Albany Creek takes pride in welcoming new families to the School Community. Please encourage parents and caregivers seeking enrolment details to contact the school at their earliest possible convenience. The school is accepting enrolments from Prep to Year Seven.



TRIENNIAL SCHOOL REVIEW - UPDATE

Triennial School Review:

Last week I reported in the Creek Weekly that TSR details would be sent home to parents and caregivers. At a Principals' Meeting the following day Principals were advised of changes to school review processes.

To avoid Albany Creek being out of phase with the new processes, I have provided the Executive Director of Schools with a modified set of processes and timelines for our TSR. I have received verbal confirmation that these suggestions are acceptable. In short, the changes will see the Administration Team guiding a review of our curriculum, teaching and professional processes, aligning these to indicators of student performance and linking them to strategies to enhance students' achievements. The findings from these processes will be shared with the School Community and will accompany a survey that enables parents, caregivers and others to comment on school effectiveness.

The information gathered from these processes will form the greater part of a six month review that will provide direction for a new four year strategic plan. By taking such an approach we should be responsive to school needs and corporate expectations. The findings from the review will provide a valuable framework for the school leadership team to take the school forward.

The information to parents and caregivers will be sent home in Semester One 2010



LEARNING TECHNOLOGY

After an unexpected delay, our two orders for the supply of desktop and laptop computers have been filled. By the end of next week more than fifty new computers will be engraved, security protected and made available for student use

Our program to trial the use of smart board technology is progressing well. As expected, there is very strong interest in the trial from teachers in Prep to year 7. Hopefully, various building initiatives will enable us to move towards the installation of this new technology.

Paul Kingston
A/PRINCIPAL

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 4 Yr 2 Enchanted Forest
- 6 Yr 3 Maths Workshop
- 17 Yr 5 Family Planning – Session 1
Yr 3 Aboriginal Cultural Day
- 18 RE Assembly
- 24 Yr 5 Family Planning – Session 2
Yr 1 Santa Around the World Show

STUDENT BANKING

The student banking winners for this week are:
Brayden (1A) & Scott (6D)

MONEY DUE DATES

NOVEMBER

- 10 Yr 5 Family Planning
- 12 Yr 3 Aboriginal Cultural Day
- 17 Yr 1 Santa Around the World Show

SPORT / MUSIC / YR 7 PHOTO ORDERS

Order forms are now available from the office for all of the photos taken earlier this term. Display photos are also now available for viewing at the office. Please complete the order forms with payment and return to the office by **Friday November 6.**

TUCKSHOP

Ingredients needed this week: strawberry jam and sliced pineapple.

UNIFORM SHOP

New polo shirts are due to arrive at the uniform shop in mid to late November.

SAMOA TSUNAMI APPEAL

A big thank you to all of our students and their families who supported our recent fundraising appeal in response to the tsunami in Samoa. Because of your generosity we will be sending over two thousand dollars to help rebuild schools in Samoa.

SPEAKING COMPETITION FINALS

A very high standard was maintained across all year levels in this year's Speaking Competition Final. All finalists spoke very well in a most professional manner and are a credit to their families and school. Well done. Our Judges selected the following students to be the winners for their year level.

Chelsea 5D – "A World with Supernatural Creatures, things and magical things"

Jed 6D – "Confessions of A Shopaholic"

Zack 7D – "Can We Control It?"

Thank you to all speakers and guest artists who made the night such a special one.

Duncan Robertson (Deputy Principal)

ICAS COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded merit certificates in the recent ICAS English competition.

Year 3

High Distinction: Riley

Distinction: Angus

Credit: Catherine, Ryan, Jack, Amy, Andrew, Connor, Nicholas, Maddison, Ebony

Year 4

Distinction: Zyreen, Kyle, Patrick, Alex, Tom, Sam, Jake, Jim, Ella

Credit: Lillian, Jack, Hayden, Ben, Luke, Robyn, Ryan, Jeremy, Kyle, Matthew, Hannah

Year 5

Distinction: Ethan, Georgia, Joe, Chelsea

Credit: Candice, Chya, Lachlan, Aidan, Logan, Claire, Eddie, Ryan

Year 6

High Distinction: Chloe, Caitlyn

Distinction: Leah, Rachel, Makira, Jordyn, Serena, Ashleigh

Credit: Maddison, Robyn, Jessica, Ashleigh, Jasmine, Jed, Caitlyn, Lilli, Kailee

Year 7

Distinction: Alistair, Holly

Credit: Thomas, Jacinda, Rebecca, Bridgette.

Students who were awarded High Distinctions and Distinctions will be presented with their certificates on assembly.

PERMACULTURE GARDEN

Congratulations to all the hard-working and enthusiastic students who helped to get the permaculture garden into great shape for the Annual Garden competition run by the Albany Creek Garden Club. For the second year in a row, our permaculture garden has taken out first prize in the local school category.

READER'S CUP CHALLENGE

On Thursday 29th October four of our Year 5 students from A.C.S.S. competed in a Reader's Cup Challenge at Wilston State School. Late in Term 3, approximately



40 Year 5 students enthusiastically completed a quiz and from this group the following students were chosen to represent our school; Candice (5A), Ethan (5B), Kelsie (5C) and Chelsea (5D). The results of the competition were very close with our students placed 3rd along with Wilston S.S with a score of 29/30, after first and second places were decided with a tie breaker. Congratulations students on such a commendable effort in representing our school!

Petra Reibelt (Teacher-Librarian)

HOUSE COLOURED SPORT SHIRTS

The Music Supporters Group, a subsidiary of the P&C is selling the House Coloured Polo Shirts again. They can now be worn on Friday of every week as well as the three sports days of the year. These are the ONLY House shirts that can be worn on Fridays as part of the school uniform for Grades 1-7 (not Prep). They are available by pre-paid order up to Friday 13th November 2009 to be back in time for the Swimming Carnival. The cost of the shirts is \$20 each and the order forms are available from the office and the tuckshop. If you have any enquiries regarding this matter please see Ms. Lien or phone Kerry Thompson 0412 727 245.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

During the week 26th – 30th October, the Library was a 'beehive' of activity as parents and students visited the annual Scholastic Book Fair. We would like to say a 'BIG' thank you to everyone who supported the event. Our total sales were \$8,750 and we were able to purchase books to the value at \$2,625. This will make a great addition to the Library collection and be of benefit to all students and teachers. We would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Flavin, Mrs. Karem, Ms. Salisbury, Ms. Rowlands, Mrs. Crooke, Ms. Robinson and Mrs. Chambers for

their great help in selling books during the fair. We could not have managed without them. The winners of the \$25 worth of free books were Hayden (3B) and Jacob (6D). Congratulations! Thanks everyone for making the Book Fair a great success. We hope you enjoy reading and using your books, posters and activity packs.

Petra Reibelt, Ann Sexton and Heather Karger
T-L & T-A's

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The swimming carnival for Years 4-7 is being held on Wednesday 2nd December at Stafford State School. A detailed note will be sent home shortly. Students on the day can swim in two non age champion events which are the 25m Freestyle and 25m Breaststroke and gain points for their sporting house. Students who are competitive swimmers can compete in the Age Champion events which are 25m Butterfly, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke and 50m Freestyle. To enter these events, students need to write their name, events they want to enter, their date of birth and if they have any personal best swimming times on a piece of paper and give to their classroom teacher or directly to Mr. Smith.

Nominations for Age Champion Events close on Friday 20th November 2009. Mr. Smith will place students into heats and a finalised program will be sent around for students to check on their nominations. **Please note: Only students who wish to swim in the Age Champion Events have to nominate by 20th November. Also students must be in Years 4-7 to compete at the Carnival.**

Perry Smith HPE Teacher

YEARBOOK 2009

2009 has been another eventful year for ACSS and one of the best ways that you can relive these events is through our Yearbook. The ACSS Yearbook is a compilation of sporting, social and academic successes which our students have achieved throughout the year. And it is now that time of the year where the P&C are seeking support from parents/caregivers to help offset the cost of printing the Yearbook. We are looking for Family Sponsors, at the cost of \$25 per family, which entitles you to a copy (before they are sold out), plus your family name will be printed in the yearbook. We are also still looking for local businesses who would like the opportunity to advertise in our yearbook. If you are interested in being a Family Sponsor or know of a business that can help, then please contact either Leanne (0427 253 785) or Karen (0408 455 924).

Leanne and Karen
Year book Coordinators

P & C FUNDRAISING

The ACSS P&C will be running a raffle for the end of year. 1st Prize: A wheelbarrow of goodies to the value of \$250.

2nd Prize: Hamper to the value of \$75

3rd Prize: Hamper to the value of \$50

4th Prize: Hamper to the value of \$25

Tickets are \$1.00 each. A book of 10 tickets will be issued to each family. If more than one book is required then please send a note to the school. All moneys and ticket butts, with your name and phone number should be returned to the school office before Friday 27th November, 2009.

The prizes will be drawn at 'Carols by Torchlight' on Tuesday 1st December. Winners will be notified by phone if they are not present. Thank you for your valuable and ongoing support.

ACSS P&C are calling for donations of a festive treat to be added to the wheelbarrow of goodies. If you are able to help or know of a business that would like to donate, with due acknowledgement, your support is greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped off at the Tuckshop.

FOUND

Last Tuesday 27th October, a Nintendo DS was found. If you think it is yours, please contact the school office.

YMCA NEWS

Thank you - we have raised \$450 for *Canteen*, to help them with their work in supporting young people with cancer. Thanks, to all those people who bought bandanas or cup cakes, and to those who helped to sell the bandanas and cupcakes. It is wonderful to see people doing something for people.

The YMCA OSHC website is a great place to find any: information; forms; what is happening; and all other matters relating to YMCA OSHC. You can get your, holiday and 2010, enrolment forms from the web site. The YMCA OSHC website can be found at - www.ymca.oshc.com.au