Dear Parents/Carers

Year 7 Graduation Change
This week as we move towards the preparations for the end of year events, it has become apparent there were issues with our plans for the Year 7 Graduation. Representations from student leaders regarding student and family participation and expectations, and considerations of increased logistics around managing the event, have led to a decision to relocate the event to the venue which has been used in previous years.
The Year 7 Graduation for 2013 has been relocated to the Sherwood Services Club, at Corinda. Through negotiations and with some balancing of funds allocated for such occasions, the ticket costs to families will remain the same.
While the P&C Executive have been consulted and support the change, we appreciate that this change is on short notice. To assist in finalising arrangements, Year 7 students will have received a letter for parents and we will need a response with payment by next Wednesday, 4 December so we can confirm numbers to the club for catering purposes.

Excursions to Splash and Dreamworld
These excursions are popular with students and are culminating activities for school programs. The Splash excursion had difficulties in scheduling due to the venue having problems meeting school requirements. Our parent representatives requested it proceed even on short notice.

For 2014 we anticipate excursions to be more closely scheduled into school plans and up to one excursion per year level per term to be the norm so as to allow parents notice and to support planning for such events.

Tallebudgera Camp
This week, students from Years 5, 6 & 7 attended the Qld Sports & Recreation camp at Tallebudgera. It was an exhausting 3 days filled with body boarding, rock climbing, swinging on the giant 3D swing, making sandcastles, eating delicious food and sleeping very little. The weather was fantastic and the students really enjoyed all the activities. The aim of the camp was for the students to participate in all the activities, by “having a go” and trying to challenge themselves, putting themselves “out of their comfort zone”. No student was forced to do any more than they wanted but many surprised themselves with the level to which they were successful with each activity. Congratulations to all the students who participated in camp – it was terrific to see them having so much fun and trying new things.
**Camp Alani**
Thank you to Mrs Hurdle for her experience and additional work in organising a very successful in-school program for Year 5, 6 and 7 over three days. The program was enjoyed by students, presenters and staff alike.

**Temperatures are Rising**
As the season gets warmer and weather more humid, and the rush towards the end of the year gets more intense, staff, students and parents are reminded that many people are facing their own issues and we need to be gentle with each other. Sometimes we are so focused on what our own pressures are that we can forget that as a community, we are all learning, and caring and part of a team to help make our families and our community a brighter place to live.

**Sapphires**
They are usually shades of blue, and can include some other colours. They come from many places around the world, they improve in value when shaped, They improve in quality when treated to make them more valued, and they sometimes come with star qualities which make them special. They are quite strong and resilient. Our community has chosen an interesting icon to focus our increasingly higher expectations.

**Curriculum Corner**
Last newsletter we discussed the importance of having good memory skills. These skills are essential for a successful schooling experience. Many researchers believe memory skills are the most important intellectual skill because our ability to remember effects every other intellectual process. Just like improving our ability in a chosen sport or hobby we can improve our memory. Below are links to a number of websites that have activities aimed at improving memory skills.

- Kids Memory – Train Your Brain
- Memory Games For Kids
- Kids Math Games – Fun Memory Games for Kids

Of course there are activities and games children can participate in that don’t require a computer or mobile device. For example:
- Playing “memory” with a deck of playing cards
- Memory Tray - place a range of items on a tray and give players a certain timeframe (depends on age) to remember them. Take the tray away and then participants have to list as many items as they can.

For more ideas visit this website [http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/memory-games](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/memory-games)

**Have fun learning,**

**Travis Goulter**
Head of Curriculum

**Launch into Life @ Griffith University**
On Friday 22nd November the Year 6 students had the opportunity to attend and open Day at Griffith University, Logan campus. This day was full of fun filled activities and students were introduced to what university might offer them. Students participated in science activities presented by a real life scientist, nursed $10,000 babies from the school of nursing, played touch with the university rugby league “Redbacks” and sang and performed a “freeze frame” arts montage. Everyone enjoyed their visit and gained a greater understanding that anyone can go to university if they work hard and aim high.

Thanks to Griffith University, Logan campus for their hospitality.

**Too Solid Awards**
Last night we celebrated the annual "Too Solid Awards" with our Indigenous Community. Students and their families from all of our local schools came to Inala Wangarra for the celebration. The night started with traditional games, touch football and dinner served by Glenala State High School students. We had a few students from our school who all received awards for their achievements this year.

**Swimming**
We have sent home statements to parents who owe money for swimming. Please ensure you pay this as soon as possible.
**Booklists 2014**
The booklists were sent home last week. Just a reminder to hand in your booklists for 2014 by Friday 6 December. Booklists after this date will need to be handed into the Newsagency at the Inala Civic Centre next to the Inala Library. If you have chosen to purchase your stationery elsewhere please order the Handwriting Book through the Newsagency before the end of the school year.

**Pancake Tuesday**
On Tuesday 3 December there will be a special pancake breakfast club to celebrate the end of a busy year. The cost is 50 cents per person. Please come and enjoy a yummy breakfast. All welcome.

**P & C News**
Please come to our next P & C meeting on Tuesday 10 December at 9.15am in the parent room.

**P & C Colouring Competition**
Thank you to all who have entered the colouring competition. Cr Milton was here on Thursday 28 November, to judge the competition. Winners will be announced soon. Good luck.

**Christmas Fundraising**
We are asking for donations for our Christmas stall for students to purchase gifts for their families on 27, 28, & 29 November and 4, 5 & 6 December. Parent helpers are most welcome. Please see Teena or Amy if you can help. We have lucky dips for $1.00 each, necklaces for $2.00 each and raffle tickets are $1.00 each. The Respite Centre have also made items that are for sale. Thank you for your support.

**Uniform Shop News**
Uniform shop hours are Tuesday to Friday 8.30am - 9.30am. (Every second Tuesday of the month the uniform shop will be closed for the P & C meeting). Sorry there is no EFTPOS. Credit is not available, we do offer a 12 week layby plan.
It is essential that all students wear a bucket hat. These can be purchased from the uniform shop for $6.00. The uniform shop will be open in the school holidays on 23 & 24 January 2014, 9.00am - 1.00pm. The uniform shop is moving from the canteen. Please look out for signs.

**School Banking**
School banking is every Tuesday before school at the Canteen. If you would like your child to participate in school banking please see Jo or Amy at the canteen.

**Canteen Helpers**
As the end of the school year draws to a close the canteen becomes a very busy place. If you are able to volunteer any time please contact Jo in the canteen. All help would be greatly appreciated.

**Next week is the last week for the canteen. The canteen is closed the last week of term.** Thank you for all your support.

**Lost Property**
The lost property bin is overflowing. Please come and check for any lost items.

**Blue Light Disco**
PCYC all schools Disco.
When:  Thursday 12 December
Where:  Inala State School, Rosemary St, Inala
Time:  6.00pm - 8.00pm
Cost:  $5.00

**Serviceton South State School:**
We Learn
We Care
We are Team Players

*We acknowledge the Jagera people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our school stands.*

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