

**Dates to Remember:**

**Nov 6 & 13 2010 Prep play days**

**Nov 16, 23, 30 & Dec 7  
Years 1-2 Swimming at Norman Park SS**

**Nov 19 Kiddies Cushion Concert  
Prep-Year 2 Students**

**Dec 3 Community Concert  
Dec 9 Yr 7 Graduation  
Dec 11 Last Day of Term 4**

**PRINCIPALS NEWS....**

**Swimming Carnival Results**

Well done to our teachers for organising a very successful swimming carnival that was attended by all our students in years 3 to 7. Participation was the main objective of the day and it was great to see our students getting in the pool and having a go!

The winning sports team was Jupiter scoring 804 points with Mercury scoring 680. Congratulations to our following age champions who will receive their awards on parade next Tuesday.

8 Years	Daniel Shearer Eloise Brieschke
9 Years	Joseph Bennett Sydney Merrilees
10 Years	Macey Schamburg Makeba Croce
11 Years	Liam Ross Lucy Wellard
12 Years	Nathan Allan Georgie Reid
13 Years	Jacob Abell Alex Murphy

**New School Records-Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to the students listed below who broke school records at the Years 3-7 swimming carnival on Monday.

Alex Murphy- 13 years 50 m breakstroke  
Sydney Merrilees-9 years 25m butterfly  
Makeba Croce- 10 years 25m butterfly  
Sarah Murphy-13 years 25m butterfly  
Alex Murphy-13 years 50m backstroke

There will be no carnival for Years 1-2 this year and as from next year Seven Hills SS will hold the swimming carnival for all students in Years 1 to 7 in Term 1.

### **Class Planning for 2010**

Over the next few weeks we will start to make very specific plans around classes and teachers for 2010. The process we use at Seven Hills 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 hand them in to the office. The allocation of teachers and the composition of classes for 2010 will not be finalised 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 students who leave our school, and this too can affect class and staff numbers.

Our forecasted enrolments for 2010 are approximately 290-310 students. If this is the case we will begin the school year with 13 class teachers and the following **tentative** class groupings:

- 1 x Prep
- 2 x Prep/1
- 4 x Yr2/1
- 3 x Yr4/3
- 2x Yr6/5
- 1x Yr7/6

If you are aware that you are leaving Seven Hills State School at the end of this year, please let me know in writing so that this can be considered. Also if your child will be returning late to school in 2010, please advise the school in writing, so that your child/ren can be included in our Day 8 numbers. This is critical as this information is used to finalise staffing. Precise and current information is absolutely essential for me to be able to plan with accuracy. 2010 class lists will be available to parents **Friday 22 January** in the lower foyer area of the administration building.

### **Road Safety Reminder**

It's easy to become complacent about the regular routine of dropping off and picking up children from school.

Because children will always be unpredictable, being constantly alert in school zones and obeying road and parking rules can easily prevent tragedy outside our schools.

Some basic things to remember when dropping off or picking up your child include:

- Watch for children riding, walking or getting out of vehicles.
- Observe school zone signs. These require you to travel at lower speeds at certain hours. Keep an eye out for children at pedestrian crossings and always stop for them.

- Be alert when driving past a stationary bus as children often step out in front of and from behind buses to cross the road.
- Never double park.
- Never park in “no standing” zones.
- When you see a School Crossing Supervisor obey their instructions. Stop if they tell you to stop, and wait until they return to the kerb before proceeding.
- Make sure you don't park on pedestrian crossings. This is an offence.

For more information about road safety outside schools visit the Queensland Transport website at: <http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/Home/Safety/Road/School/>

### **Community Concert – Thursday 3 December**

The Community Concert this year is being held Thursday 3 December at Coorparoo Secondary College in their Hall. The concert will start at 6.00pm and finish at approximately 7.30pm. To enhance the enjoyment of the concert for both the audience and students, we have decided to put the following measures in place:

- Students will sit in their classes and seats will be reserved for this at the front of the auditorium and the floor area at the front. Parents can collect their children at the conclusion of the concert (or after their performance should they need to leave early)
- 2 or more classes will join together for their performance item
- Parents are requested to adequately supervise smaller children by keeping them seated with them at all times.
- A program will be provided prior to the event in the school newsletter and there will be whole audience sing-a-long items.

Students will participate in a rehearsal on Wednesday 2 December, Classes will travel to Coorparoo Secondary College throughout the day by bus to practise their item on stage and familiarise themselves with the venue. A permission note will be sent home shortly outlining the necessary details. (there is no cost associated with this).

*Kind Regards,  
Michelle Morrissey*

## **GARDEN NEWS**

Next Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November will be the second last gardening day of the year with Franco & Michael. We will be putting down layers of newspaper and mulch to suppress the weeds in the orchard below the Prep rooms. Parents are invited to come along and help the children with this big job. Many hands make light work. Please bring some morning tea to share to celebrate a job well done – and Michael's birthday the following day!

## **NEWSPAPER DRIVE**

Please donate your old newspapers to mulch the orchard – drop them into the P&C room before 18<sup>th</sup> November. If every family at school brought their weekend papers, we'd have enough to cover the area. Thanks!

## **GARDEN ROOM**

A big thank you to Sandy Pruss and Kevin Bailey (with funding from the P&C) for installing & labelling shelving & whiteboard to organise the Garden Room in the Amenities Block just above the Adventure Playground.

## **Community Care**

Sunday Funday is this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November near the tennis courts. 2-5pm. BYO food for BBQ, drinks, and snacks. A great way to relax at the end of the weekend.

The Seven Hills State School community wishes to welcome baby Hudson a brother to Milla in Prep/1W and Alice.

Congratulations to Mark and Kerry.

## **Queensland state school holidays**

The 2010 Queensland state school calendar is now available at:  
[www.education.qld.gov.au/projects/educationviews](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/projects/educationviews)

Parents and carers are reminded that all state schools will re-open for students on Wednesday 27 January, following the Australia Day public holiday on Tuesday 26 January.

For student attendance, the 2010 term and holiday dates are:

- Term 1 commences Wednesday 27 January and ends Thursday 1 April
- Term 2 commences Tuesday 13 April and ends Friday 25 June
- Term 3 commences Tuesday 13 July and ends Friday 17 September
- Term 4 commences Monday 4 October and ends Friday 10 December\*.

Year 12 state school students will finish school on Friday 19 November, while Year 10 and 11 students complete their year on Friday 26 November.

State school teachers will have professional development opportunities on the following student-free days: Friday 22 January, Monday 25 January, Monday 12 April, Monday 12 July, and Monday 18 October.

\*Parents of students in rural and remote areas are reminded that the school year finishes one week earlier in these schools than in other state schools. Please check with your local state school for details.

Queensland state school term dates are available by telephoning Education Queensland on (07) 3237 1363 or via the Department's website at: [www.education.qld.gov.au/public\\_media/calendar/holidays.html](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/holidays.html)

## Dental Van

The school dental van will be visiting the school week beginning the 23<sup>rd</sup> or the 30<sup>th</sup> of November. Please return permission slips to the school office by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Tuesday 10th November, 2009	
INCENTIVE & GOLD STAR AWARDS	
<b>Year 7/6G</b>	
Tobi Axtell	Guillaume Wang
<b>Year 6/5S</b>	
Lucy Bennett	Ella Clark
<b>Year 5/4H</b>	
Jonty Reid	Jake Bradshaw
<b>Year 4/3H</b>	
Joseph Bennett	Rebekah Garvan
<b>Year 4/3K</b>	
Harrison Krebs	Christian Place
Bess Sichter	
<b>Year 2/1E</b>	
Daniel Gerrard	Hayden Rowling
<b>Year 2/1MR</b>	
Lena Liebchen-Meades	Brock Platten
<b>Year 2/1KC</b>	
Benson Creamer	Tiarna Jason
<b>Year P/1 R</b>	
Noah Bradshaw	Oliver Kahl
Ruby Lawrence	
<b>Year P/1 W</b>	
Milla Webb	Quin Robinson
<b>P/M</b>	
Lucy Dymock	Charlie Pruss-Planck

## **Year 7 Graduation – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Our Year 7 Graduation Ceremony and celebrations will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at Parliament House from 6:00pm-6:30pm (Red Chamber) and 6:30pm-8:00(BBQ Area).

## **Playgroup**

There will be no playground until next year. Please contact Christie for your preferred days for 2010.

Christie Campbell  
Ph: 3399 9878.

## **RECIPES RECIPES RECIPES!!!!**

Have you started thinking about your JUBILEE RECIPE BOOK contribution? Students in all classes have begun discussing foods that have special meaning for them for inclusion in the JUBILEE RECIPE BOOK. The book will celebrate the school's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2010 AND our students and their memories and experiences of food.

We welcome your involvement in any way! In particular, talk with your children about nutritious food and think about the recipe that they will contribute. And remember, every recipe should begin with its "story" – the reason why it was chosen by your child or family.

EMAIL the recipe, its story, your child's name and class to:

[kflamsteed@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kflamsteed@optusnet.com.au)

NOTE: Please save your document in Microsoft Word 2003 (you may choose this option from Word 2007).

If you'd like a template, or have any questions, email Kate Flamsteed at the address above or phone me on 33955819 or 0417 122468.



