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Message from the Principal

Welcome back to school. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable holiday and that the children feel rested and ready to learn. Term 2 is usually very busy with work and assessment for the students, culminating in semester 1 reports and parent/teacher interviews before the close of term.

In term 2 the weather starts to cool and the children start to wear their jumpers and tracksuit pants. Can you please ensure that all your child/ren's clothing is clearly labelled with their name? This makes it much easier to return lost property.

This week, Thursday 25 April, is ANZAC Day. This is a public holiday and school will be closed. ANZAC Day is the day on which we remember all Australians who served and died in war and on operational service past and present. The spirit of ANZAC, with its qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

<https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/anzac-day>

If you are interested in attending ANZAC Day services near you this link may be helpful. [Click link.](#)

We have had our ANZAC assembly with the children, at school this morning at 10:15 am. Thank you to everyone who remembered to bring a flower or some greenery from home for the class wreaths. At our ANZAC Assembly we showed the children a shortened film from Buranda Boys School in 1950, which has been restored and digitised by the State library of Queensland. To view the film see the link below. It runs for approximately 10 minutes. It is a great window into mid-century Brisbane and post war observance of ANZAC Day. I hope you enjoy it. Special thanks to Rueben Hillier (parent of a Yr 4 student) and Librarian at the State Library of Queensland, who arranged the re-production of the film. [Click link](#)

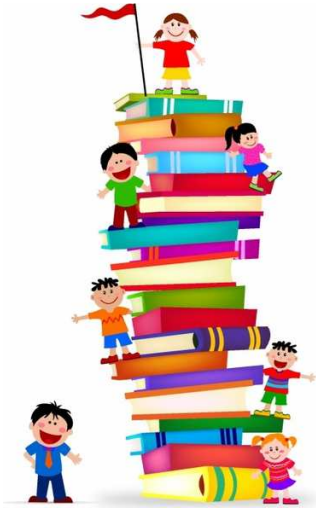
Congratulations to Georgia D in year 6 who has been selected in the Metropolitan East Under 12 Hockey Team. Georgia will travel to Townsville in June for the State Championships. This is a great achievement Georgia and we wish you all the best at the State Championships.

A reminder that the Mount Gravatt District Track and Field Carnival is being held next week on Wednesday 1 May and Thursday 2 May at Queensland Sports and Athletic Centre (QSAC). Best of luck to our participating students. The directions for how to get to QSAC can be found at this link –

<https://qsac.com.au/getting-here.aspx>

Mr Vaseo will return on Wednesday 3 May.

Regards,



Read-a-thon forms due next Monday 29 April to win prizes

We hope the holidays gave students lots of opportunities to collect pledges and to indulge in reading. Get your Read-a-thon forms in **THIS WEEK** to be in the running for the most money raised in junior and senior school and most pages read for each grade. Prizes include \$75 vouchers and will be announced at next week's assembly.

Please pay by Qkr! and deposit completed read-a-thon forms in the locked box outside the office by **Monday 29 April**.

If you need another form to record books or donations, you can [download it from our website](#).

All funds raised go to help pay for the school's Environmental Education Program and other P&C initiatives. Thanks for helping us out!

Natalie Conlan – Read-a-thon organiser

P&C Update

Woohoo, schools back. I heard a loud sigh of relief around 8.50am yesterday morning as parents dropped off their kids. I hope everyone had a great break.

Not much to report this week expect for the air-conditioning (see below).

Over the break quite a number of our kids attended a dance Eisteddfod at Brisbane State High, where all of the dance groups (both junior and senior ballet and hip hop) performed exceptionally well with a number of placings.

P&C Meeting (1 May - at 6.20pm)

Just a reminder that our next P&C meeting is next Wednesday in the School Library.

Come along and hear what the P&C has planned for the year and have your say in the future direction of the P&C.

A copy of the draft Agenda and last Minutes will be available by the end of the week on P&C website - [here](#)

We're still looking for a Secretary (Correspondence) for the upcoming year, so if you're interested please let us know either on the night or via email burandapandc@gmail.com

Craig Unthank – P&C President





Inner City South State Secondary School Update

I went along to the first of the information session for the new high school last night. Where I had the chance to view the concept master plan and talk with some of the project team from Education Queensland and the design team from BVN Architects.

One of my concerns that I voiced to Jackie Trad, who was in attendance, was the lack of green space for ad hoc play, ball sports, etc during breaks, which she took on board. I suggested that an easy way to provide for more green space was a separated grade crossing (bridge or tunnel) across Gladstone Rd, which would give access to the Dutton Park Basketball Court as well as the “oval” beside the Green Bridge, both of which could be developed for the use by the school and public. I also made aware that the State Government had purchased some land in Rocklea to develop sports fields, which the kids would be bused to and from. Whilst this is great I don't believe it's an ideal solution.

I was disappointed by the response of some design team, who's view was that it's common for inner city schools to have limited green space/play areas and that high school kids tended to not use them when available. My experience during high school was that these areas were well used and talking to a teacher last night, they made the point if these areas are provided, that they're used by the kids. Basically, “Build it and the will come”.

As you may know parts of the Buranda SS catchment fall into the catchment of the proposed new high school at Dutton Park.

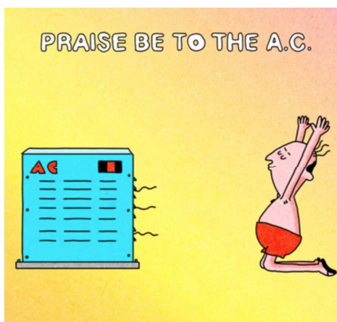
The concept master plan and design for Inner City South SSC at Dutton Park are now available on the [Building Future Schools Fund website](#).

There are a further 2 community consultation events this Saturday (27 April) 10am – 12pm and Saturday, 4 May, 12pm – 2pm both at Gair Park, 181 Annerley Rd, Dutton Park.

As around half of the Buranda catchment is in the new high school catchment, I encourage you to get along and have your say on the future of your kids new high school. The catchment map can be downloaded [here](#).

The Department of Education are seeking feedback up until Sunday May 12, 2019. If you can't get along to either of the events, you can find out more about the school - [here](#)

Craig Unthank – P&C President



Classroom Air-conditioning

The kids arrived back at school to find that all of their classrooms are now air-conditioned. For those unaware, all of the funds for this project were raised by the P&C. This is a great example of the benefit that the P&C brings to our kids.

This leaves the music room as the only classroom to be air-conditioned, which Mr Vaseo, is currently looking into.

Craig Unthank – P&C President



Tuckshop

Friday 3 May - Sushi Rolls - \$2.90 each. Choice of Teriyaki Chicken, Tuna and Avocado, Tuna or Avocado.

Orders due into Qkr! by 3pm Wednesday 1 May.

Anthea Harris – Tuckshop Convenor

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Coaching days & time: Wednesday afternoons (3:00-4:00pm)
Venue: Hall, Dates: Term 2 – May 1 to June 26
Experience: Prep to Year 6 (beginners to advanced)
Price: \$15 per session. Each child receives a NEW Chess Workbook.

Community Notices

- **Junction Park State School** will be holding their annual fete on Sunday 5 May from 9:30am-3pm.
- **Top Chess** – Chess will run every Wednesday from 1 May – 26 June (3-4pm). All kids welcome. To register go to www.topchess.com.au
- **Creative Dance Industries** –Term 2 for dancing will go from 29 April – 21 June. Please note no classes will be held on 25 April & 6 May due to public holidays. To register go to www.creativedanceindustriesasdp.com.au
- **LCF** – French lessons are held every Tuesday morning (7.45am-8.45am). To register go to www.lcfclubs.com.au



Dates to Remember

- Thur 25 April – Public holiday (no school)
- Mon 29 April – Read-a-thon money due
- Wed 1 May – P&C Meeting (6.20pm)
- Fri 3 May - Tuckshop
- Mon 6 May – Public holiday (no school)
- Fri 17 May – Walk safely to school

- **Every Wednesday** – Uniform Shop Open (2.45pm-3.15pm)

- Every Monday – School Banking
- Every Thursday – Senior Choir
- Every Thursday – Ice Blocks
- Every Friday – Active Travel
- First Wednesday every month – P&C Meeting 6pm

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