**Quote of the Week**

It's not about having time. It's about making time.
- Unknown.

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**Date Claimers**

**September**

08 Disco: ‘Spring Has Sprung’
09 Book Week Event: ‘Pocket Full of Poems’ Day
09 Senior Showcase Concert @ YSS Hall, 6:30pm
09 Bazil Grumble Masterclass Performance
12 Ukefest 2016, Old Museum (selected students only)
13 YSS Ball Games Day—all year levels
13 Taiko Drummimg (Yrs 3-6) 1:50-3:00pm
14 Bike School Training Yr 4s
14-16 Senior Band Camp—invited Yr 5 & 6 students
16 Last Day Term 3 October
03 Public Holiday—Queen’s Birthday
04 Day 1—Term 4
05 Yr 6 Photo Day for Graduation, 9:00-10:00am
10 Chess lessons begin, Term 4
10 Bazil Grumble Shining Stars, Term 4 begins
12 Teddy Bear’s Hospital, Preps
13 YSS Swimming Lessons commence
13 Yr 6 visit Stephens RSL Sub Branch to hear Diggers
14 Bazil Grumble Masterclass Term 4 Drama begins
15-16 Camp at School with Dad, ‘Chappy’ event
17 Student Free Day
18 P&C Meeting
19 Year 5 “YLead” Leadership Experience
21-23 Brisbane Schools’ Music Festival (Sr Bans & Strings)

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**Payments Overdue**

Outstanding payments for Life Education, Big Bang Workshop, Taikoz Music Workshop, Sports Gala Days, Piccoli Choir, Book Week, please attend to payment for these events.

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**From the Principal**

Debbie Spanner, principal@yerongass.eq.edu.au

**SCHOOL REVIEW**

The school review was conducted last week and the reviewers were so impressed with our school culture, including school community partnerships, teacher professionalism and collegiality of staff, strong commitment to high expectations and ensuring every child is achieving every day. It is great to be able to celebrate the hard work we have engaged in over the last four years. I am so proud of the incredible learning community we have at Yeronga State School where everyone learns, cares, grows and achieves!!

The reviewers had some recommendations for us to consider as we develop our next four year plan. These include looking for opportunities to provide enrichment programs for our students and engaging with ICT and digital technology.

The school report from the review should arrive before the end of term. I look forward to sharing this with our school community and continue the planning for our next four years.

**2017 CLASS ALLOCATIONS**

Next term we will begin the process of allocating children to classes for 2017. If you have any information of an educational nature that you believe will help us to make informed choices about the needs of your child, please write a letter or e-mail to Carla Walker or myself by the end of Week 2 Term 4. This information is something to consider, however, by no means indicates that requests will be granted.

Please be aware that any information received outside of Friday 14 October may not be used. Once the class allocation process begins we cannot make changes easily as it is like constructing a intricate puzzle. Making late changes makes the puzzle unravel! It is important also to understand that not all requests can be accommodated. There are many factors to consider and whilst the information you share is a factor, it is not the only factor. There are no changes to our class lists once we publish these. Barring unexpected hiccups, we plan to publish class lists in the last week of term.

**ALL THINGS MUSIC**

Congratulations to the outstanding effort of our music students. I was so excited to hear that so many of Instrumental Band students were successful in gaining a place for the District Music Camp. Yeronga SS is making up 10% of the students attending. Given that participants come from 30 schools, that is an outstanding achievement.

The Senior School Concert was held last night. Outstanding performances from our gifted students, lead by their incredibly talented teachers. Congratulations to everyone for their professional presentation. Thank you to Jane Plumridge for coordinating the event. This is the last event that Mrs Tamsyn Eastgate will attend as she begins maternity leave next term. Mrs Eastgate will be replaced by Charise Holm next term, who incidentally, is Tamsyn’s sister.

**ARE YOU RETURNING IN 2017?**

If your family are planning to leave the school in 2017 or your child is moving to a different school, please let us know ASAP so we can begin planning for next year. If you are not sure but it is possible, let us know that too by e-mailing Debbie or Carla. Thank you for helping us organise for a great 2017.

**SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF**

This week we celebrated school support staff week. Teacher aides, office staff and groundsman are our school support staff. Office staff work quietly behind the scenes doing so many essential jobs including mending grazed knees, mopping up tears, making sure children have paid for events and making sure children are safe. Classroom displays are often the result of teacher aide efforts and they are an integral part of helping our children to learn to read, write and become numerate.

We appreciate all that they do and are very grateful for their contribution.

**TWO PRINCIPALS!!**

Next term we will benefit from having two principals in our school community! Mr Daniel Cowley has been off work and is going to work shadow me for the term as he begins to take up the Principal responsibilities again.

The school will benefit from a fresh set of eyes overlooking some of the systems we have in place and Mr Cowley sharing some reflections and recommendations.

Mr Cowley is looking forward to working with our community. I am looking forward to working with him as we tackle many jobs on the to do list, hopefully catching up on some longstanding ones!

Continued.....
From the Deputy Principal

Carla Walker, Deputy Principal, cwalk51@eq.edu.au

Student Resource Scheme
Parents will be emailed by the end of the week with information about the Student Resource Scheme for all students. Booklists will be available for parents who wish to purchase these. No orders will be taken through the school for booklists.

Any questions please contact the school on admin@yerongass.eq.edu.au.

Sports Equipment
Last year the P and C helped to coordinate the Woolworths’ Equipment for Schools program. The school was able to obtain a number of items for our sports and lunchtime programs. Thank you to the P&C Coordinator of this program, Jodie Killer. The school was able to receive $35,000 of equipment for school use.

Gymnastics Program
Some students in Prep to year 2 have been trialling a gymnastics program during Friday PE lessons under the supervision of a credited coach. The program has been made possible through a Sporting Schools grant.

Before School
A reminder that all students from years 1-6 who are at school before 8.30am should be under block C and either reading or talking to friends. No students should be at the Junior school without a parent before 8.30am.

After 8.30am, only games such as handball should be played before school. No games on any oval and no games involving large balls should be played.

Please help your children to follow the school rules by reminding them of these safety rules.

Carla Walker, Deputy Principal

From the Principal (continued)

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
The impact of missed school days on learning is well documented. Every day does count and missing school impacts not only the child who is absent but also the class whilst the teacher tries to help upskill the child who was away. Please be vigilant about school attendance. If your child is away, please contact the student absent line or use Q Parents to report the absence. If you are concerned that your child may have a number of unexplained absences, you are welcome to see our front office for a print-out of attendance for this semester so far.

SCHOOL CAR PARKS
School car parks are not thorough-fares for pedestrians. Please use pedestrian gates and pathways. It is important to hold the hand of children under 8 years of age as you walk along footpaths to ensure they can safely commute to school.

Please remember that there is no parking in school grounds for parents. We appreciate your support in helping keep our children safe from the danger of cars entering and exiting school car parks, other than those who are authorised to do so.

MAGpie SEASON
We have received reports that a magpie is swooping at the front entrance to the Junior School. There are warning signs and I encourage parents to choose a different gate for the next few weeks. We are unable to re-locate the birds as they are protected. Thank you for your vigilance.

STAFFING TERM 4
Next week is Mrs Sonja Wise’s last week before she begins maternity leave. Thank you to Mrs Wise for the excellent job she has done coordinating and organising Year 3 for the last few years. Her passion and commitment to ensuring every child is succeeding is unquestionable. We wish her well as she begins her parenting journey and look forward to seeing her return in the not too distant future. Ms Alex McShane will be replacing Mrs Wise for the rest of this year.

Mrs Tamsyn Eastgate is finishing up at the end of this term too as she begins her maternity leave. Mrs Eastgate has done an amazing job leading our strings program and we appreciate her professionalism and commitment. Our best wishes to Mrs Eastgate as she welcomes her second child to her family. We look forward to her return in the future. Ms Charise Holm is replacing Mrs Eastgate.

Debbie Spanner, Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Carla Walker, Deputy Principal, cwalk51@eq.edu.au
PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
pandc@yerongass.eq.edu.au

Trivia Night
The P&C Executive would like to extend a huge thank you to Rachel McKenzie and Simon Lake for their efforts in organising the Trivia night last month. Thank you to everyone who attended and for all those who pitched in to help Rachel and Simon in making it a fabulous and fun night. Thank you to those businesses and politicians who supported the evening by donating prizes. Special mention to the Gyte Family and Bottlemart for their continued support of the P&C. A huge $3,221 profit was raised for the school! Congratulations to Let's Get Quizzical! for their narrow win, followed by Wham and the Neon Goths. There were lots of great costumes and many slightly embarrassing moments (you can check-out the P&C facebook page). Key learnings from the evening were:

- Girls really do want to have fun
- Red, red wine is less popular than white wine
- Sometimes the power of love is not enough and you do actually need electricity.

Tuckshop – Please volunteer!
Looking for a way to play an active role in the school community??? Have a couple of hours spare??? How about joining the great team of volunteers on the tuckshop roster. The tuckshop is open Wednesday - Friday and volunteers are needed from 9.00am - 11.00am. If you can butter a slice of bread, boil an egg or chop up lettuce, then you have all the necessary skills. It's a great way to meet new people or you can get a group of friends together and work the same shift. All volunteers are very welcome whether you can do every week, once a fortnight or monthly. For more information or to put your name on the roster, pop into the Tuckshop and meet our lovely co-ordinator, Tracy or email yerongasspandc@gmail.com

Movie Night
Save the date ... Nicole Johnston & the P&C will be hosting a BCC movie night at Yeronga State School on October 29. Movie is yet to be finalised and we will publish those details as soon as they come to hand. We would like to run a BBQ, Snow Cone and Pop Corn stall to raise funds for the school and will be seeking help from everyone in running those stalls on the night, so please pencil it in your diaries now! We hope to see lots of the school and wider community in attendance and it should be a fun, low cost, family night.

Father’s Day Stall
We hope all the Dads and Granddads out there had great Father’s Day and you all enjoyed the suspense and thrill of opening your Father’s Day stall presents! Thank you to the team of mums who helped to run the stall.

A special mention has to be made here of Jodie Killer. This was Jodie’s last year of many running the Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls and only one of the many, many tireless, behind the scenes ways Jodie contributes to the P&C. Thank you Jodie for all the hours you have put into Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls over the years. We still have you for 10 more weeks but you will be sorely missed!

Fairfield Family Picnic
The Fairfield Family picnic will be held on 19 November between 12:00pm and 4:00pm. Historically the school has run a Snow Cone stall at this event as a fundraiser. The Yeronga Community Centre has again extended an invitation for our school to be a part of this event. We are looking for volunteers/families to help on this day. Kids welcome and they often get a kick out of helping run the snow cone stall!

We’re using SignUp.com (the leading online SignUp and reminder tool) to organize the volunteer roster for the Snow Cone stall. Click on this link to sign up for a spot.
Here’s how it works in 3 easy steps:
1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: http://signup.com/go/ElIEyi
2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
3) Sign up! It’s Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com andSignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone.

Finally, the P&C would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday - see you all for Term 4!
Where did the year go??!

FROM THE RESOURCE CENTRE
Deborah Cowie, dcowii11@eq.edu.au & Faith Hage, teacher librarian, fhaig4@eq.edu.au

Book Week
Book Week arrived and it was great to see so many student and teachers dressed up in their pyjamas today enjoying stories. Research supports the importance of reading to your child and has found that reading frequently directly influences reading skills, language skills and cognitive development.

Reading is important, because if you can read, you can learn anything
About everything and everything about anything. – Tomie dePaola.

Author Visit
We had a very successful author visit from Kelly Modulon last week and she has ‘enlightened’ and inspired the students through her talk. Tuesday was another exciting day with the students enjoying a performance and a marshmallow and milo afternoon.

Australia! Story Country Writing Competition
The Australia! Story Country Writing Competition is still running and students have until Monday 12th September to have their entries either in the competition box in the library or emailed to me fhaig4@eq.edu.au

Well done to those who have already entered and those who are still working on their entry. I look forward to reading them and announcing the winner on Thursday 15 September.

Faith Hage
FROM THE OFFICE
Nicki Allardyce, Business Services Manager – nalla6@eq.edu.au

QParents
Invitations were sent out last week inviting parents to join QParents. QParents is an online portal that provides parents with secure access to your child’s student details. Anywhere, anytime you can:

- View and update attendance and student details
- View and download report cards and invoices
- Make payments online

QParents is available from your smartphone, tablet or PC and it’s free.

If you have not received an invitation and would like to be invited please contact me via email nalla6@eq.edu.au or 3426 0333 to request one.

Payments
QParents provides a list of all payments that have been received and any payments that are outstanding. You can also make payment through QParents. Please contact the school if you haven’t received your invitation to join QParents yet.

Payment boxes are located downstairs in the Admin block and also on the 1st floor of L Block (Junior School). Payments for all school events can be placed in these boxes including P&C and Chappy Jenny events. Spare copies of excursion notes/permissions are also available at these boxes.

Over-the-counter receipting is processed from 8.15am to 8.45am on the ground floor of the Administration Block. Payments placed in the payment boxes are processed daily and receipts are forwarded to your child’s class teacher to distribute.

Statements of account will be issued at the end of this term. Thank you

Keeping our Students Safe
If your child will be absent from school please notify the office asap by
- Calling the Absence Line – 3426 0366 OR
- Logging on to QParents

The Absence Line and QParents are a 24 hour service. If the school has not been notified of your child’s absence by 10.00am an SMS message will be sent requesting that you contact the absence line to advise accordingly.

Late Arrivals/Early Departures/Appointment processes
- If your child arrives at school after 9.00am you will need to get a “Late Slip” from the office.
- If you are collecting our child early and not returning to school you will need to get an “Early Departure Slip” from the office.
- If you are taking your child to an appointment/event during the school day and they are returning the same day you will need to sign the “Absence Register” at the office.

On behalf of the team in the office we would like to wish you a safe and enjoyable Spring Vacation and look forward to seeing you next Term.

Nikki Allardyce

CHESS CLUB
Ronelle Dunn, Coordinator rdunn19@eq.edu.au

CHESS REMINDER!
Just a reminder that Chess lessons for Term 4 will begin in Week 2 on Monday 10 October and consist of 6 lessons finishing in Week 8 on Monday 21 November. Attached to this Newsletter are Enrolment Forms for Term 4 lessons. Please note that enrolments need to be received by Wednesday 5 October (the second day of Term 4) to ensure we are able to organise the appropriate number of Chess coaches so that lessons can start smoothly the following Monday! It would be appreciated if your Enrolment Forms and payments could be finalised by this date. Click on link: Chess Club Term 4 2016 Enrolment.

Ronelle Dunn

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – BAND
Robyn Rosewarne, Experienced Senior Teacher

Southside Seniors Music Camp
Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 band students on their nominations for the district music camp! There were 107 band positions on offer and out of the 30 schools involved, Yeronga students have been awarded 11 of these positions, an outstanding result!

Congratulations to the following students on being awarded a position at the Southside Senior Music Camp, we wish you the very best at camp next week.

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Term 3 Week 10 Lessons and Band Rehearsal
There will be no instrumental music lessons or band rehearsal next week as Mrs Rosewarne will be attending the Southside District Camp. Lessons and Band Rehearsal will commence Week 1, Wednesday 5 October next term.

Rosemary Rosewarne
Singfest - A Wonderful Day

Forty one year 3 – 6 students attended a day of singing at The Old Museum last Thursday. The annual event involved gathering a number of schools – up to 300 students- for a day of rehearsing and an early evening concert. Stella Voce members spent the last 3 months learning five songs for the event, in three languages and three parts. Timothy Sherlock was the Director and Conductor for the day. We really enjoyed the way Mr Sherlock worked and the day was very well organised by our regional Project Officer. Three Yeronga students were singled out for praise in recognition of the way they worked and their commitment to singing at their best. Bravo Bill, Tiggy and Milly!

At the concert, with 300 students on stage and stage lights up, it was a sight to behold and a beautiful, well-developed sound rang out. Students made new friends with students from other schools and all said they really enjoyed the experience. Thank you to all the parents who managed to find their way to the venue in peak-hour traffic and find a park – no mean feat!

I have to say a big thank you to Stella Voce members for being so absolutely wonderful to work with (all the time) and the fun they bring to rehearsals. Thank you to Bill's Mum, too, for being there to assist on the day and share a coffee with. The whole day was a highlight in my year, that's for sure.

I look forward to working with all three choirs from now on to produce The Big Sing end-of-year concert and awards night for the Choral Program, on Friday, November 4.
**MUSIC NEWS ... Continued:**

**Instrumental Music Programs – Recruitment has begun**

Attached to last week’s newsletter was a brochure outlining the Strings and Band programs delivered by Education Queensland through our school. Parents of students in years 2 and 3 should read this information and nominate their child online using the brochure links, if they understand and accept the recruitment process and time, student support and financial requirements. Discuss instruments, commitment, what practice is like, early morning rehearsals, the responsibility and the concept of catching up on class work missed when attending instrumental lessons, with your child. Year 2 students have seen a video about all the instruments and will be focusing on String Instruments in the next few weeks.

Strings nominee 2017 (year 2) [http://ow.ly/jKa1303eA5e](http://ow.ly/jKa1303eA5e)

Concert Band nominee 2017 (year 3) [http://ow.ly/8tVQ303eAZk](http://ow.ly/8tVQ303eAZk)

Nomination does not assure a position. Places are limited and a recruitment process aims to place students most likely to succeed and continue on a particular instrument into the programs, allowing for a balanced group and according to the time and therefore student quote we are allocated as a school. There are no additional places beyond this quota.

Jayne Plumridge

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**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

**Cameron Bateman, P.E. Specialist, cbate12@eq.edu.au**

**Regional Athletics Qualifiers**

This week some of our Yeronga State School athletes have been representing Sunnybank District at the Regional Athletics. These have included Joe (Long Jump), Molly (800m & 200m), Henerietta (100m & Long Jump), Abbie (Multi Event & Discus) & Margaret (800m). Unfortunately Aicha (Multi Event), fell ill and did not compete. Congratulations to you all and I cannot wait to hear your results.

**Running Shoe Bank**

Over the years our school has had a great deal of success in Athletics and Cross Country. However, I have noticed that not all of our children have not had appropriate or optimum footwear. This is completely understandable as these events for most children take place over a very short time frame. In other words unless your children are competing in club athletics you will not be able to justify this considerable expense.

As a solution I am looking to build a shoe bank in common sizes for 10-12 year old boys and girls. I am looking to purchase some pairs of new running shoes each year and also hoping that if there are families who have old waffles (running shoes without spikes) or spikes, in reasonable condition, that they would consider either donating or selling them to the school. This is something I see as a long term project of merit for all our children. The idea is that we will eventually be able to loan our stock of shoes to our children who don’t have appropriate footwear for these very specialised events at district, regional and state level.

**Metropolitan West Girls Cricket**

**Congratulations Sunnybank Cricketers!**

We had great success at the Sunnybank District Cricket Trials. Harvey, Bill and Brayden were selected for the squad to attend the Metropolitan West Regional Trials. Commiserations to Joe, Luke and Bob who also performed well at the District Trials but were unsuccessful in gaining selection. Well done to all our boys and thank you to Mr Harvey who kept a watchful eye on our attendees.

**Congratulations again to Abbie!!**

Not content with District Selection in Swimming and Athletics, shadow in District Cross Country, Regional selection in Football (what a dinosaur like me used to call soccer) and shadow for Queensland Touch, Abbie has been selected in the Metropolitan West Girls Cricket Team. Apologies if I missed any Abbie, but you have been very busy.

Congratulations to Abbie again.

What a great year! Maybe we will see another Queenslander in our ranks.

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**Ball Games Program**

**13 September**

A reminder that, due to time and other logistical considerations, these events are run consecutively for heat groups.

This means that all of the teams in Heat One will do their Under Over Ball then their Tunnel Ball and Take & Put. Then the Teams in Heat Two and Heat Three will do the same.

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**Ball Games Program**

**9:20am : Prep to Year 2**

Year Two Mixed Heat One
- Under Over Ball, Tunnel Ball & Take & Put
- Year One Mixed Heat One
- Under Over Ball, Tunnel Ball & Take & Put

Year Two Mixed Heat Two
- Under Over Ball, Tunnel Ball & Take & Put
- Year One Mixed Heat Two
- Under Over Ball, Tunnel Ball & Take & Put

Year Two Mixed Heat Three
- Under Over Ball, Tunnel Ball & Take & Put
- Year One Mixed Heat Three
- Under Over Ball, Tunnel Ball & Take & Put

Year Two Mixed Heat Four
- Under Over Ball, Tunnel Ball & Take & Put
- Year One Mixed Heat Four
- Under Over Ball, Tunnel Ball & Take & Put

Year Two Mixed Heat Five
- Under Over Ball, Tunnel Ball & Take & Put
- Year One Mixed Heat Five
- Under Over Ball, Tunnel Ball & Take & Put

Year Two Mixed Heat Six
- Under Over Ball, Tunnel Ball & Take & Put
- Year One Mixed Heat Six
- Under Over Ball, Tunnel Ball & Take & Put

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**Ball Games Program**

**11:45am : Years 3-6**

Year 3 Mixed Heat One
- Tunnel Ball, Leader Ball & Captain Ball
- Year 4 Mixed Heat One
- Tunnel Ball, Leader Ball & Captain Ball
- Year 5 Mixed Heat One
- Tunnel Ball, Leader Ball & Captain Ball
- Year 6 Mixed Heat One
- Tunnel Ball, Leader Ball & Captain Ball
- Year 3 Mixed Heat Two
- Tunnel Ball, Leader Ball & Captain Ball
- Year 4 Mixed Heat Two
- Tunnel Ball, Leader Ball & Captain Ball
- Year 5 Mixed Heat Two
- Tunnel Ball, Leader Ball & Captain Ball
- Year 6 Mixed Heat Two
- Tunnel Ball, Leader Ball & Captain Ball
- Year 3 Mixed Heat Three
- Tunnel Ball, Leader Ball & Captain Ball
- Year 4 Mixed Heat Three
- Tunnel Ball, Leader Ball & Captain Ball
- Year 5 Mixed Heat Three
- Tunnel Ball, Leader Ball & Captain Ball
- Year 6 Mixed Heat Three
- Tunnel Ball, Leader Ball & Captain Ball
Gala Day 2

Touch Football
The Yeronga Touch Footballers had another good day on and off the field last Friday. It was great to see the improvement in the players from Gala Day One. We wish all the teams the best of luck for Gala Day 3.

Results ... 
::: Senior Boys: 2 Draws and 1 Loss
::: Senior Girls: 3 Wins
::: Junior A Boys: 3 Wins
::: Junior B Boys: 3 Wins
::: Junior C Boys: 1 Win, 1 Draw and 1 Loss
::: Junior A Girls: 2 Wins & 1 Draw
::: Junior B Girls: 3 Wins

Hamish Curness, Coach.

Gala Day 2 : Cricket
Congratulations to our Senior Cricketers who were undefeated on Gala Day 2.

CHAPPY NEWS
Jennifer Bennett, School Chaplain, jenniferb@chappy.org.au

Happy Father’s Day ...
The University of Western Australia has done some great research into how fathers and father figures shape the health and wellbeing of children. They report that Dads really do matter, and what they contribute to the health, education and social/emotional outcomes of their children is different to what a mother provides. Fathers who have great parenting skills will see their children perform better academically, socially and emotionally, and enjoy better health and development.

Out of the research, the University has created The Fathering Project led by a team of professionals to help inspire and equip men to be better Dads. Check out www.thefatheringproject.org to get great tips and advice. Steve Biddulph, prominent Child Psychologist and author of “Raising Boys” and “The New Manhood” highly recommends this project. I also encourage you to watch The Fathering Project’s "Kids and their Dads" video available on youtube.

R U OK? ...
The national campaign R U Ok? Day is on Thursday 8 September to encourage meaningful connections and support people struggling with life. If we are worried about someone, start by commenting on the changes you might have noticed to help them open up and start talking. Trust your gut instinct and act on it. Ask R U OK? and listen without judgement. If you are concerned, encourage them to seek help. Check in with them at a later date to see if they are doing ok and have connected with the support that they need.

For more information check out the website www.ruok.org.au You might also want to like their Facebook page to be encouraged to speak up throughout the year.

Camp at School with Dad (15-16 October) ...
Each year, the Chaplaincy Office hosts the fantastic event “Camp at School with Dad”. Last year we had 100 Dads and their kids join in the fun setting up their tents on the main oval. It’s a great event to meet other Dads, have a camping experience without too much effort or need for much gear, and no cooking required. There will be some planned activities including a campfire, but most of the time you can just sit, relax and spend time with your children. Look out for the registration forms coming home soon.

Blessings, Chappy Jenny

SCHOOL BANKING
01.09.2016: 107 Bankers
::: Senior Banker : Stella Gutzke (6G)

08.09.2016: 93 Bankers
::: Junior Banker : Lukas Wright (P2)
::: Senior Banker : Grace Richards (5V)

Remember to keep depositing on School Banking Thursday.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
Please click on links below ...
- Souths Little Athletics : Sign On for September to March.
- OZ TAG : Juniors—sign on now.
- Electricity Safety Week : Safety Heroes 5-9 September
- Yeronga Girl Guides : Every Tuesday night.
- Green Heart Fair : September 11 @ Carindale Recreation Reserve
- Football Excellence Program 2017 : Corinda State High School.
- Souths Junior Cricket Club : Learn to play cricket.
- Australian Sports Camps : Spring School Holiday camps.
- Souths Little Athletics : Sign On for September to March.
- UQ Swim Club Family Fun : Sunday 18 September.
- C and K Moorooka Open Day : 10 September.
- Tennis Term 4 : RISE : Register now.
- Help Your Anxious Child : Help your anxious child.
- Bazil Grumble Drama Classes : Prep to Year 2—Enrol now.
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PILATES FOR PRETEENS (Grade 6): Five Co Studios
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Magpie Alert!
There is a magpie swooping at the Junior School gates on Park Road.

Brisbane City Council will be placing a sign in the area. Until nesting season is over please use extreme caution and where possible, use alternative gates to access the school.

CAUTION !!!!