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## From the Principal

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### **New Website**

Our new website will come online as of this afternoon, 31 May 2013. A fresh new look! I will endeavour to keep the information current and relevant as a good website is a fantastic communication tool, while an out-of- date website is confusing. If there are any suggestions for the site, please email me or write me a note. I will place a link for the current newsletter on the site and all school and P&C activities at the forefront. The School's Annual Report appears on the front page with beautiful photos of our wonderful students. The link to access the site is the same as before, so please check out new site!

<http://fortvallss.eq.edu.au>

### **Under 8's Day**

A huge thank you to Miranda, Tamara and Kate for the awesome "Under 8s' Day" held last Wednesday and to all the helpers who pitched in to make the morning, despite the weather, an awesome event.

The children from grades prep, 1, 2 and 3 really enjoyed the police area, where the children created finger print animals, the Queensland Police Pipes & Drums who rocked the school with the wonderful sound of the bagpipes, and the Fortitude Valley fire brigade who allowed the children to squirt the hose and learn about the equipment on the fire truck. They appreciated the creative stations, which allowed

the children to listen to a story being read by year 6 and 7, design and make a musical instrument, and the obstacle course which was even a challenge for us older "Under 8s".





## Choral Fanfare

### WOW!!

Our wonderful choir (the whole school) attended Choral Fanfare on Monday, at Kedron SHS and we were awarded Silver, for our beautiful rendition of "Stereo Heart". The judges were very complimentary in their critique of our choir and have given valuable feedback for our next shot at Choral Fanfare, for which we are all very keen.

The adjudicator said, "Great rap guys! I loved the engagement from the kids here! They really responded well to the repertoire you have presented them with, so much fun! Thanks for bringing them to this event. We are so glad you did!"

Congratulations to all the children, Miss Miranda and Tamara for all their hard work with the choir. We are all so proud of you!





## Book Fair 2013

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>.

The exciting theme for our 2013 Book Fair is All-Star Book Fair: Every Reader is a Star! We need volunteers to help put on a one-of-a-kind Book Fair. We hope you will share your talents and join us as we bring this memorable reading celebration to our school.

If you have some time to help us plan or conduct our next Book Fair, please complete the form below and circle the areas where you would like to help out. Send the form back to Tamara.

**Tamara would love some help with the Book Fair!**

**If you can help, please see Tamara, Monday!**



From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013, when you shop at Woolworths you will be given a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every \$10 spent, excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards. Collect these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points our school will be able to redeem these for educational resources.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program offers products to suit students of all ages. Schools and early learning centres can choose resources based on their unique needs, across every educational category possible, including mathematics and English resources, science equipment, arts & crafts materials, sports gear and

more.

Please place all vouchers in the box signed "Earn & Learn 2013" located in the office.

## **Friday is School Banking**

### **Win a share of the Dollarmites' treasure by saving in Term 2 of School Banking.**

The Dollarmites have found some amazing treasure on Savings Adventure Island and both your child and school could win a share of it in Term 2 just by saving.

First prize is a \$5,000 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia, with \$500 spending money. Plus, the winning student's school will also receive \$5,000 to spend as they wish. What's more, there are 25 Runners-up Kid's Adventure Packs, worth over \$700 each, to be won. Each adventure pack includes a Wii U, night vision goggles, a waterproof camera, walkie talkies and a Razor eSpark electric scooter!

For your chance to win, students need to simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2. To find out more, talk to your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit [commbank.com.au/adventureisland](http://commbank.com.au/adventureisland)

Things to know before you Can: NSW Permit No. LTPS/13/1306 . VIC Permit No. 13/476. ACT Permit No. TP13/645. SA Permit No. T13/307. Competition opens 15/04/13 and closes 5/07/13. First entry drawn on 23/07/13 from all entries received will win, and details will be published in the Public Notices section of The Australian on 2/08/13. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124, Level 13, Darling Park Tower 1, 201 Sussex Street Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions at [commbank.com.au/adventureisland](http://commbank.com.au/adventureisland)

Thank you to Ailyn Camus for coordinating our school banking.

From the Classroom

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## **Fortitude Valley State School Athletics Carnival**

The children have been training very hard in PE for the two sports carnivals, which will be held in the last two weeks of school. Our carnival will be held at the **Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre, Nathan on Tuesday 11 June from 9:00am till 2:30pm**. All parents and family will be invited and we will have Subway there for all to share. The students will be in two teams; Connor our house captain will be in charge of the green team and Chad will be in charge of the red team.

These colours are the same as our two school shirts because this is the colour of the shirt each team will wear on the day.

On the day, we will travel by bus and it will be leaving at 8:30am to be at the venue for a 9:00am start; please have your children here before 8:30am.

The emphasis of the day is fun and participation but there will be ribbon presentations for each event, a junior boy and junior girl trophy, a senior girl and a senior boy trophy and an overall house trophy. There will be more information on the day to follow; look for notes in your child's pocket or bag.

### **City Small Schools' Track and Field**

Mount Nebo school is the host for this year's City Small Schools' Track & Field. We have set the date which is Wednesday 19 June and the venue will be Newmarket State School. Newmarket has generously allowed us to use their oval and equipment. They will also provide us with a menu for their Tuckshop. Newmarket school does not have any on ground parking but plenty of street parking around the school. The Track & Field event will be for children in Prep - Year 7. The 5-9 year olds will participate in Tabloid Sports while 10-13 year olds are taking part in the Field events.

To prepare for this event the students for HPE will be practising track and field events and the tabloid events. The sports they will be practising are running, long jump, high jump, shot put, and discus.



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## Working Bee

**Saturday, 1 June 2013**

**BBQ lunch to be provided from 9am – 12pm**



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- PARKING ON OVAL VIA ST PAULS TERRACE
- PUBLIC TRANSPORT via VALLEY STATION or BUS



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## Personal details

If you have had any changes to your personal details eg: Phone numbers, emergency contacts, addresses, custody arrangements etc. please see the Eva as soon as possible. It is very important in times of student sickness or in emergencies that we have up-to-date information. Please e-mail the office staff if you can't come in personally.

### **Medications/Medical updates**

Parents are reminded to update all information at the office if your child has medication. This needs to be done every year if your child requires medication on a regular basis. For any new medical conditions or new students we require all medications to be brought to the school office and a form will need to be completed. All medications need to be administered at the school office except for all Prep students. These medications will be dispensed in the Prep building by the teachers.

### **Absences**

If your child is going to be absent from school please call the school first thing in the morning. The phone number is: 07 3845 2333 or text message to 0428 189 991. If you know in advance that your child will be absent please provide the class teacher with a note.

*If you did not receive an email of this newsletter,  
please contact Murray or Eva*

### **Dates to Remember**

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<b>Saturday, 1 June 2013:</b>	<b>P&amp;C Working Bee</b>
<b>Tuesday, 11 June 2013:</b>	<b>FVSS Athletics Carnival</b>
<b>Wednesday, 19 June 2013:</b>	<b>City Small Schools' Track and Field</b>
<b>Thursday, 20 June 2013:</b>	<b>P&amp;C Meeting, 5:30pm</b>

### **Community Announcements**

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## Foster and Kinship Care

### Care to join us?

Do you enjoy interacting with children and can give a child or young person a nurturing home?

Foster care can be for a few nights, a few weeks or sometimes until a child reaches independence.

We support our foster and kinship carers with dedicated foster care workers, after-hours on-call support, carer gatherings and information and training.

Contact us to find out more...

#### Goodna

P 07 3280 8000

E [goodna.admin@mfsq.org.au](mailto:goodna.admin@mfsq.org.au)

#### Logan/South Brisbane

P 07 3340 5600

E [logan.admin@mfsq.org.au](mailto:logan.admin@mfsq.org.au)

#### North Brisbane

P 07 3267 9070

E [nudgee.admin@mfsq.org.au](mailto:nudgee.admin@mfsq.org.au)

#### Toowoomba

P 07 4617 7600

E [toowoomba.admin@mfsq.org.au](mailto:toowoomba.admin@mfsq.org.au)

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