From the Principal’s Desk

Over the next few weeks the Department of Education will be putting up a security fence across the front and back of the school. At present we have a student enrolled who is a severe flight risk and this fence is required to provide maximum care and safety. I have had meetings over the holidays and the front fence will be moved back level with our buildings to ensure that the school’s sandstone and leafy facade remain the focus. This will of course mean access to the school, after hours, will be restricted.

I would also like to point out that the school grounds are not a community venue for use for training of teams without a negotiated and signed contract with the Department and those parties.

Before and After School Care
After much discussion and investigation from both myself and the P and C through Nicole Moog, I feel that all avenues have been pursued. Last week I therefore have contacted the Department of Education Assets Branch and informed them that the school will be proceeding to go to tender for the location of a Before and After School Care building to be placed on site and run by an approved provider. I will endeavour to keep the community up to date with timeframes for the completion of this process once I have been informed.

It’s Academic
Last year we will all remember how our wonderful and talented Its Academic team won series 17. The producers have sent the school a single copy of heats, semis and the fantastic grand final on 3 DVDs. I am aware that parents would like a copy. If someone wants to borrow these to copy for themselves or to organise a mass copy session, please let me know.

Student’s Success
Last week Jada Matalavea competed in the PSSA tennis competition where she was undefeated in both the Castle Hill and Cumberland region. She will now proceed to compete in the Sydney West Competition held in March. Congratulations and best of luck!

I would also like to mention that last week Zoe Ingersole cut off 30cm of her beautiful blonde locks to donate to the Cancer Council to make wigs for women with cancer. She’s now sporting a very trendy bob. It’s always nice to see our students thinking of others less fortunate.

Have a great week. I am off to the Field of Mars this Wednesday with Year 2 and am looking forward to a great relaxing day!!

Kerry Maxwell
School News

Horse Riding
I am aware that there may be students who are very capable horse riders. If you are interested in attending an event at O’Connell Public School, please see Mrs Dowey.

School Banking

School Banking - what an awesome start to school banking. Last week we had 51 students bank - 14 new accounts opened! Wow this is a new record for our school, thank you to everyone that banked; the school earned $98 in commission! Amazing!

Remember to bank every Tuesday - see the competition running this term, our school could win a great marquee! If you would like your child to learn some basic money skills and have a Commonwealth Youthsaver account, you can open an account at any Commonwealth Bank branch or online through Netbank at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking, and when your child makes their first deposit through our school banking program, our school receives $5.

Book Club

Book Club reminder for Issue 1 - if you would like to purchase any books, orders and money are due in to the front office next Wednesday 26th February. Extra brochures are available from the front office.

School Banking & Book Club Ladies

P and C

REMINDER

2014 AGM

7pm

Tuesday 18th February

(in the school hall)

ALL POSITIONS OPEN

Need – Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

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An invitation to attend our
OPEN NIGHT
Ph. 9477 6411

Tuesday 4th March 2014
School Hall, Stokes Ave Asquith
5:15pm BBQ
6pm – 8pm School Information and Tour
Year 5 & 6 students and parents welcome
Contact the school about the enrichment class for 2015
www.asquithgir-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

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2015 Enrichment Class Examination
Saturday 8th March 2014
Ph. 9477 6411

Asquith Girls High School is offering places in its Year 7 Enrichment Class for 2015. Entrance into this class, for academically gifted students, is based on the results of a placement test. The enrichment class placement test will be held on Saturday 8th March 2014. Please ring Christine Davis on 9477 6411 for an information package and to secure a place for your daughter in this examination
www.asquithgir-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Canteen Capers

The love was flowing on Valentine’s Day with a sell out for our Jelly Cup Treat Day. Look out for our next one on St Patrick’s Day – details coming out soon. Unfortunately some of you have had trouble finding items on Flexischools. I have been checking and they are there. The format on the new mobile device download is slightly different. If you have trouble contact me on 9899 1146 or 0404 433 157 so I can check straight away and get back to you.

I would like to introduce some extra Gluten Free products to the Canteen such as Pies, Chicken Tenders or Nuggets and Potato Bake and Chip Style snacks. If you would be interested in ordering these for your child, could you let me know on the above numbers so I can see if they would be popular or not. Also there is the possibility of providing Gluten Free and Dairy Free Bread but it would be frozen. I am looking into soy based milks as well.

If your child has any special dietary requirements just contact me and we’ll see what we can purchase to suit them.

No more Round Corner Café for these volunteers this week – it’s Big Red’s for you:

Tues 18th – Jodie Wells, Anita Stepniewski
Wed 19th – Linda Edwards, Anne Andrew
Thurs 20th – Gail Cobb, Lisa Buckingham, Robyn Woodhouse
Fri 21st – Kirsty D’Bais, Viv Zacher
Mon 24th – Ester Park, Michelle Mulkearns, Greg Dalkeith

Thanks,
Big Red
Community News

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