FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Instead of giving myself reasons why I can’t, I give myself reasons why I can.

OPEN DAY
Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the success of yesterday’s PREP Information Session. It was fantastic to see school community members offer their assistance to ensure that our visitors were well informed and catered for. The feedback from those attending was very positive. I am sure that this will now filter out into the community when parents get together to compare the different schooling options in the area.

We have a great school and I am confident that when compared to the other schools in the area, we will do so favourably. Even current parents who attended were surprised by the quality programs at our school.

Early next term, the P&C are organizing a school open day where current parents can come in, have a coffee and a chat, get a guided tour from the Principal and see first-hand our outstanding programs in action. Stay tuned for the details after the holidays.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Thank you to all the parents who came in for Wednesday’s Parent/Teacher interviews. It is a great opportunity to build the parent/teacher partnership, hear how your child is performing and have your questions answered. If you were unable to attend, please make an appointment with you child’s teacher for a mutually convenient time. We had a lot of happy customers on Wednesday night, and I know that the teachers were very excited to discuss how far our students have come to this point of 2014.

“THREADS OF HOPE” FUNDRAISER
This week, I have never been prouder of our school leaders and members of the Student Council. On their own initiative, they have organised the fundraiser Threads of Hope to support educational programs for the students living in the slums of Manila. The school leaders are selling handmade friendship bands (made by community members in Manila) for $2, with all money raised going to support educational programs in Manila. Maria Bell (a former Alexandra Hills State School parent) came into the school to talk about Manila, the conditions that are there, and how education is the only hope that these children have got to lift themselves out of a hopeless situation. It was a very powerful presentation and our school community has rallied behind the cause, raising over $200 to this point. Students can purchase a friendship band for $2 . The fundraiser will run until the end of next week. Well-done School Leaders!

GOLD TICKET REWARD DAY
Yesterday, the Gold Tickets were handed out to the 43 nominated students who will be travelling to Sky Zone as part of the schools new initiative to celebrate exemplary behavior. This will be an ongoing program, with the same process being followed each term. It is hoped that each term will see a growth in the number of students presented a Gold Ticket. If your child did not receive a ticket and was disappointed, take the opportunity to sit down with them and determine why they believe they missed out. It is a very powerful process, which will allow them to identify areas of focus, set a goal and work towards it.

Those that received a ticket need to complete the permission form and return it to the school as soon as possible.

It certainly generated a great deal of excitement!

Have a great weekend everyone! At this point, I will not expose my bias for the upcoming final between the Broncos and the Cowboys other than to say may the best team win and Go Queensland!

Wayne
Lay-by for your 2015 Booklists is now available through Schoolstuff.com.au. You have more than 6 months to start paying it off and you can pay as little as $10 per transaction. Do it today and have peace of mind that you are well on your way to paying for your booklists before the end of the year! Call them on 07 3847 7656.

**ZUMBA® KIDS**

Zumba® Kids will be held every Tuesday and Thursday at 4pm in the Lester Centre and runs for 45 minutes. The class is open to ages 5 - 11yrs.

**How it works** - Zumba® Kids classes feature kid-friendly routines based on original Zumba® choreography. We break down the steps, add games, activities and cultural exploration elements into the class structure.

**Benefits** - Helps develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporate fitness as a natural part of children's lives by making fitness fun. Classes incorporate key childhood development elements like leadership, respect, team work, confidence, self-esteem, memory, creativity, coordination, cultural awareness.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact: Shannoah on 0424 878 903.

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**SCHOOL CAMP**

Yrs 5, 6 & 7
Lake Moogerah
13 - 15 October

Last payment of $76.00 due next Thursday 18 September

Total cost of the camp is $230.00.

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**CAMP RAFFLE**

_Hurry, Hurry, Hurry—last days_

“Kids” prizes: $50.00 Gift card
Skateboard
One boy and one girl bag

Adult prizes: Printer
Soap Set

Tickets 50c each - limit of 20 per person

Drawn on Parade next week

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**FAIR GO**

PF David
1R Jack
1/2WZ Clara
2C Shelby
3B Matthew
4J Blade
5D Otilia
5/6VN Sarah
6PS Kaya

STRIVE Vocabulary and Reading Strategies
Gerald
Tullulah

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**VACATION CARE**

Have a Jabiru Holiday this September/ October
Jabiru Kids has planned a great program of activities for the September/ October holidays. We’ll make mini minions, cuddle worms, spell with spaghetti, invent new recipes, prospect for gold and fabricate footy foam fingers.

This holidays our excursion is to Walkabout Creek Wildlife Centre to meet native animals and explore the bush. Special visitors from Second Nature Indigenous Arts will introduce us to Indigenous cultural activities, painting and games.

Children from Alexandra Hills State School are warmly welcomed at Jabiru’s vacation care programs at Hilliard or Coolnwynpin State Schools or one of our other sites.

**Try a day for free:** if you haven’t tried Jabiru before, join us for a free day of holiday fun. Just mention this article when you book.

The full program is available from Jabiru Alexandra Hills or online at [http://www.jabiru.org.au/kids](http://www.jabiru.org.au/kids)

Jabiru vacation care is cheaper than you think, especially for people entitled to Child Care Benefit: call Jabiru for a quote on 3269 0044.