Today was our last Sporting Schools swimming lesson at the Clifton pool, and I am very pleased that this program has been so advantageous to our students. Thanks very much to the pool staff who have done a great job with our students, and a special thanks to Fiona Caldwell for volunteering her time to help us out also. I am very keen to lock these swimming lessons in again for term 1 & 4 in 2017.

**School Camp**

I need to thank all the students for their exceptional behaviour on school camp. We were amazed at the excellent attitude and maturity shown by being responsible students for the three days that we were away. Please take a look at the photos from camp and use them to talk to your student about the experiences that they had (some photos are attached to this newsletter and there are also some on display at the entry to school.) The learning opportunities presented by the Planetarium, Science Centre, Parliament House and St. Helena Island visits were excellent and I am confident that all students took something of value from each of these events. I also need to thank the wonderful staff at school whose dedication and genuine selflessness was so clearly evident in the way they supported our students on camp. I feel very privileged to be able to come to work with such great staff and students.

**Darling Downs Zoo Visit & Prep Transition Day 2 – Tomorrow 18 Nov**

Tomorrow, we are being hosted by Steve and Steph at the Darling Downs Zoo. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful opportunity in our local community and are very pleased to pass on their invitation to all parents and community members of the school to join us for this event. School students will be transported by bus and private car as per their permission forms, and all other family members (including Prep Transition Day students) will need to make their own way to and from the Zoo as required. We will be leaving from school after 9am, so there is no reason for families to get to school early. We are really looking forward to the second Prep Transition Day, and seeing the seamless start to school that we can provide for children from our community. As in previous years, we will be touring the zoo and planting some trees that will provide the zoo with a food source for koalas.

**Pilton Christmas Tree – End of Year Performance**

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Pilton Christmas Tree on Friday the 2nd of December. We have been working on a short performance that will be included in the night.

We ask that all students be brought to school in order to prepare for the performance at 5:00pm and we will then walk them down to the hall to commence by 6:00pm. The hall committee will be providing a BBQ after the performance and there is a tradition of gift giving that all parents need to be aware of, so please ask someone about this tradition if this is your first year in attendance.

**Independent Public School Application**

I have submitted the application for our school to be included in the Independent Public School (IPS) initiative from 2017. I am very grateful to everyone who has talked to me about this application and the opportunities that it would provide for our school. I honestly think that we are not in a position to be confident that we will be successful, as our small school may not be exactly what the system is looking for with a limited number of IPS being created throughout the state. I want everyone to know that regardless of whether or not we are successful with this endeavour, we will continue to provide our school community with the very best learning opportunities for students that we can, and are well resourced under our current status.

**Fairholme Swimming Program**

Next week we will be undertaking the Fairholme Swimming Program during the day on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (23-25 Nov). This will be the culmination of the swimming lessons that we have had, and will hopefully set students up for great gains in their swimming, and the chance to have a safe swimming season over the summer holidays. This program will see students grouped by ability and have 6 intensive lessons over the three days. The transport for this is provided by bus and private transport for school leaders and will be conducted without any impact on school start time but afternoon pick-up times from school will need to be extended to 3.20pm.

All the best,

Jon Robertson
**Coming Events**

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**Position: Teacher Aide (TA004)**

Applications are invited for a temporary Teacher Aide (TA004) at Toowoomba State High School for 28 hours per week for Term 1, 2017 with possible extension. Hours required are 28 hours per week, plus ADO, across five days/week.
REMINDER
Our raffle is due to be drawn on 2nd December, 2016
Raffle tickets and money may be placed in the P&C locked box outside the office.

Rebekah Turkington

Please make cheques payable to:
Pilton State School P&C
For EFT payments:
BSB: 084 610
Account Name: Pilton State School P&C

BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE!
Why not volunteer to host an international student from France next year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. All the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses ,and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like know more, please email your interest to Rob at Inter Cultural Management on rob.lindsay@icm-education.com.au

Thanks
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Guess Who?