Today and tomorrow I am attending the Principal’s Conference in Brisbane. Driving down today into the traffic and craziness of the CBD gave me a chance to reflect on the great opportunity we have to live and educate our children in the Pilton area. I can’t wait to get back to school already!

Swimming Trial Representation
Congratulations to the students who competed as representatives of our school at the recent Central Downs Swimming Carnival. It was great to hear the good reports about the way you conducted yourself and a special congratulations to Natasha who went on to represent us at Southern Downs and even place in her event at this carnival!

Homework
Homework has been going well, with all students completing and returning their homework... almost! It is very important that we continue to take some time every night to read and complete some of the revision and practice of what we have learned at school. Please keep talking to your student about the Accelerated Reader program that they are enrolled in as this is a great way to share in reading with your older students especially.

P&C Support
On behalf of the staff and students of our school I would like to thank the P&C for the support that they have committed to at their first meeting for the year. It was great to see so many people in attendance and I encourage everyone to come along helping out the P&C in keeping the Pilton State School a wonderful place for students to learn and grow. I joked about ‘performance-based punishment’ returning all the P&C executives for another year in 2015 and look forward to working with you all while I am here.

Student Leaders
Our student leaders have commenced fundraising for the school leader’s shirts through ice-block sales on Tuesday and Thursday at school. If you have a student in Year 5 or 6 that is attending either of the upcoming Clearing Sales that the P&C are catering for they can get involved on the day with selling chocolates to raise further funds for the shirts. I will make sure that those students who are able to do this know what will be involved.

Finally, congratulations to all the students for their great work in the Clifton Show. We had a very large proportion of work win an award. Check out the photo, along with a few others, on our notice board when you next come through the school gate.

Enjoy the last few days of summer.

Jon Robertson
Hi all,

We had the AGM on Monday night. Our new Vice-president is Jessica Cole, thank you Jess for taking on this role. The Executive otherwise remains unchanged with Rebekah Turkington as Treasurer, Brooke Stepanoff as Secretary, and myself as President.

During the AGM, we outlined our budget for the year. Funds were allocated to subsidising school camp and bus transport, along with subscriptions to Online Learning Programs. Monies were also allocated for students to attend art, music and cultural programs throughout the year. Jon Robertson presented the P & C with a demonstration on the use of IPADs in the classroom and outlined the numerous benefits for student learning. After discussion, it was decided to allocate $5500 towards buying IPADS for the students. Taking into account the prices presented, this should allow the school to buy a further 10 IPADS, increasing the number available for students to 17.

If you would like further details of the meeting, please ask any of the Executive and the minutes will be available for your perusal in the coming weeks.

In order to provide these valuable resources, we of course must have funds in the bank. We are very grateful for the hard work of previous P & C's who established a herd of cattle. Furthermore, Peter Hughes offers the school his block of land which adjoins the school without charge. The recent sale of cattle has given a big boost to our P & C funds, so I would like to extend a special thankyou to Peter Hughes for his generosity and to John Ryan who continues to provide us with advice and hands-on assistance.

Our next fundraiser is a Clearing Sale near Clifton on the 7th of March, commencing at 7.30am and concluding at approximately 1.00pm. Thank you very much to those who have offered to help on the day. I will be in touch with further details next week. If anyone else is available to assist, even if for an hour of two, please email me on jacq.gill@yahoo.com.au or 46964508. We also need some baked goods to sell with coffee and tea on the day, so if you are able to provide these, please contact me.

Each year we do an order for school jackets. These are black and gold and have the school name embroidered on the front. They really are lovely jackets and are very useful to the students. These are also available for parents and community members to purchase. The children's jackets are $45 and the adults $50. If you could please let me know either in person or via the contact numbers above before the 6th of March, I will place the order on the 9th of March. Payment will not be due however until a couple of weeks after this. The sizes for children are fairly standard in increments of 6-8, 8-10, 10-12 and then it jumps up to adult sizes. Please contact me if you have any questions about the details of the jackets. Just a reminder that there is a stock of fleecy jumpers for sale for winter in the uniform store for $25, along with hats for $20 and school badges for $2. Please ask one of the Executive if you need help with this, or one of the staff may also be able to assist.

Thank you very much. I am looking forward to another great year at Pilton State School. It is a privilege to be part of such a wonderful school community and to have the ability to provide our children with resources and educational activities which enhance their education and life experience. Thank you for your continuing support.

Jacqui Gill
Dear Families,

On behalf of the P&C, I have sent out invoices today for your contribution to School Subscriptions and Picnic Day Subscriptions. We have not changed the amount of these, which totals $125 for one child, or $160 for more than one child attending Pilton State School. These funds are a large percentage of our P&C’s yearly income, and we have great plans to assist the school financially with projects this year:

- Attending Arts Performances;
- School Camp;
- Purchasing of I Pads for classroom use;
- Bus Transport;
- Purchasing of Online Learning Licenses.

(our total budget for School Program Contributions in 2015 is just over $11 500)

So, please know that this financial contribution you make, and assisting us with our fundraising ventures during the year, helps us to provide an exciting, inclusive education for all our students.

If you have any questions about any of the P&C Financial Matters, or payment options, please feel welcome to ask me, either in person, by email, or by phone.

Kind regards,
Rebekah Turkington
07 4697 2103

Please make cheques payable to:
Pilton State School P&C

For EFT payments:
BSB: 084 610
Account Name: Pilton State School P&C
Account Number: 508 683 666

BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders from Order 1 will be delivered to the school in the next few days. Please find attached the catalogues for Order 2. Orders and payment are due on 16th March.
Congratulations to our Clifton Show Education Section winners!!

Handwriting entrants were required to write out the National Anthem. Casee, Kobe, Natasha, Georgie and Stewart all received awards.

In the technology section, P to Year 2 students were asked to create a poster about how eating fresh vegetables helps us to be strong and healthy. Alexandria, Madhava and Charlie received awards for their wonderful posters.

Students from Y4-6 were required to produce a brochure advertising and promoting the benefits of eating the fresh vegetables grown on their own vegetable farm. The brochures submitted by Leon and Casee earned them both an award.

Welcome to our 2015 Prep class!


*Front L to R: Torran, Maddi, Dixie and William.*

*Below:* Prep to Year 6 at Pilton State School. Welcome Kobe!