From the Principal

Many may have seen the very well-known Second World War poster that said, “Keep Calm and Carry On”. There was also the Uncle Sam poster, “I want you for the U.S. Army”. All these posters were designed to motivate citizens to rally to or support the war effort.

If you didn’t already know, we have a number of parents working flat out to plan and organise our Genesis Festival on Saturday 25 July 2015. Our Festival takes an enormous amount of planning and energy. It is simply not possible for a venture of this size to be staged without significant assistance.

**We can do it!** But we need more help. In recent years there would not be a Genesis student who has not benefitted from the funds raised by our Parent and Friends Association. From data projectors and air conditioning to the pool project, all have added value to every child’s experience at Genesis.

The 2015 Festival is just around the corner and your assistance is required please. The Festival committee has set up a number of links which allow you to simply connect and volunteer your services at a time that suits you. It would be wonderful if every family found the time to volunteer to assist with this biennial event.

Please visit the Genesis website, click the Festival icon, click “Get involved” and select what you can assist with for an hour or two. As we know, many hands make light work, and it would be much appreciated if that was the case for our Festival.
As the end-of-semester holidays are approaching it is probably a good time for every family to have a conversation about staying safe both online and in the real world. It is important that children, irrespective of age, understand that there are different safety rules for when they are not in the care of an adult and when they are on their own, even if they are only a few minutes or a short distance away. The conversation is to reassure our children that there is no need to worry, but it will provide direction so they know what to do.

For families it needs to start with conversations. A significant shift in advice from the experts is the move away from the negative of talking about stranger danger. Rather, we should talk about stranger safety. This means we talk about safety strategies around people we don’t know. For instance, having a conversation about the fact that a stranger is just someone they don’t know and they can look like anyone. So children do not need to be anxious around strangers - they just need to be cautious.

Here are some tips that all children, irrespective of age can be taught:
• I do not give personal information to a stranger or someone that makes me feel uncomfortable
• I will know what my family’s safety rules are for children answering the door or phone and while on the internet
• I will have a safety plan for how to get help anywhere I go
• I know how to use assertive language and phrases which would attract the attention of bystanders
• I know that in an emergency I can make a noise and run for safety
• I know that saying “No” to unwanted or inappropriate behaviour is my right. I can do this to keep it as one by an adult.
• I know what my personal space is and nobody has the right to invade it especially if they are strangers and therefore the depth of the conversation needs to be adjusted accordingly. We can never be too safe when it comes to our children however, it is necessary to exercise discretion, especially with any children who are naturally over-anxious.

We wish all our families a safe and productive mid-year holiday break. For those travelling away, we pray for your safety whilst on the roads or in the air.

Acknowledgement: Kidpower: Teaching kids to be safe without making them scared.

Brian Barker
Principal

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**2015 CALENDAR**

**Term 2**
- June 26 Fri - Last Day Term 2

**Term 3**
- Jul 20 Mon - First Day Term 3
- Jul 21 Tue - P-Yr2 Athletics
- Jul 21 Tue - P&F Meeting
- Jul 23 - String Recital
- Jul 25 Sat - Genesis Festival
- Jul 27-31 - Year 6 Canberra Tour
- Jul 29-30 - Sec Parent & Teacher Interviews
- Jul 31 Fri - Aquatic Centre Club
- Aug 10 Mon - Moreton Bay Reg Show Holiday
- Aug 12 Wed - EKKA Holiday - PD for College Staff
- Sep 18 Fri - Last Day Term 3

**Term 4**
- Oct 6 Tue - First Day Term 4
- Dec 2 Wed - Last Day Term 4

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**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

**Term Time Only**
- Monday - CLOSED
- Tuesday - 8.15am to 9.45am
  2.30pm to 3.30pm
- Wednesday - 8.15am to 9.45am
  2.30pm to 3.30pm
- Thursday - CLOSED
- Friday - 8.15am to 9.45am
  2.30pm to 3.30pm

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Cathy van Vuuren
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**COLLEGE PHONE NUMBERS**

Please call the relevant reception to leave messages for your child or their teacher, to make appointments with teachers, chaplains etc, to arrange early pick-ups, make enquiries about Primary activities, letters sent home etc
- **Absentee Line** (leave a message) - 3882 9033
- Absentee SMS - 0428 032 519
- Email - absentees@genesis.qld.edu.au
- **Primary School Reception** (Prep to Yr 6) - 3882 9049
- **Secondary School Reception** (Years 7 to 12) - 3882 9014

**Main Reception** 3882 9000 - For enrolments, general enquiries etc
- **Finance Office** 3882 9018
- **Uniform Shop** 3882 9031
- **Genesis Aquatic Centre** 3882 9091
- **Little Genesis Early Learning Centre** 3882 9032
- **OSHC** (Years 2 to 7) - 3882 9013

(Please call these numbers not the College Main Reception number as the College closes at 4.30pm)
Dear Parents,

We look forward to seeing all Primary students return after a refreshing break on the first day of the new term, which is Monday, 20 July. Of course we’re anticipating a great day for our College community on Saturday 25 July at the Genesis Festival. This year, all classes from Prep to Year 5 will be performing on the stage and during the afternoon, the Secondary Dance and Music groups will be entertaining our crowd. Later next term, at the scheduled Mid-Winter Melodies evening, students across the College from both instrumental and choral groups will be performing.

Athletics continues into next term with District, Regional and CSSAQ Carnivals being conducted, as well as our own Prep to Year 2 Carnival in the first week of next term.

We conclude this term with a non-uniform fundraising day on Friday, 26 June.

Reports

All student reports will be emailed home during the first week of the school holidays. Any queries or requests to see teachers will need to be made following the commencement of the new term.

Years 3-6 Inter House Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who participated in our 2015 Athletics Carnival last Friday. There were many smiling faces and great efforts.

Congratulations to Craig Lightbody, Stella Baigrie, Ella Booker, Madeleine Winn, Tayden Tomich, Patrick Clarke, Harrison Turner, Madison Rigby-George and Adie Kruger who combined, broke 13 school athletics records. Well done.

Congratulations to Shiloh students who won the Championship division for the third year in a row and the Jericho students who won the Inter-House Points Division for the fifth year in a row.

Special Congratulations to our Age Champions:

- 8 Yrs Boys: Craig Lightbody
- 8 Yrs Girls: Stella Baigrie
- 9 Yrs Boys: Blake Turner
- 9 Yrs Girls: Ella Booker
- 10 Yrs Boys: Cooper Carswell
- 10 Yrs Girls: Tayden Tomich
- 11 Yrs Boys: Harrison Turner
- 11 Yrs Girls: Gabby Martin
- 12 Yrs Boys (Secondary Carnival): Taki Wetere
- 12 Yrs Girls: Taki Wetere

P&F Cross Country Fund raiser Winners

Mrs Gabby Holden attended a recent Assembly to present the winners of the P&F fundraiser conducted in conjunction with both the Lower and Upper Primary Cross Country Carnivals. Congratulations to Peter Johns in Year 1 and Mia Thomas in Year 3 who were both individual winners and to the students in classes 1Q and 3C who were the highest fundraising classes. Well done everyone.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Anam Cara Fund Raiser – Friday, 26 June

Students are reminded about our non-uniform fundraiser for Anam Cara on the last day of term. Please remember to bring a $2.00 gold coin donation on the day. Students have enjoyed seeing Davin Holl walking around the Primary School on his Zimmer frame, creating awareness of the elderly and promoting the fundraising day scheduled for Friday where it is hoped enough funds will be raised to purchase mini iPads for the residents of Anam Cara.

The following events occur early next term so I have included some basic details relating to them. Please also consult the dates I have included that cover major events for Term 3.

Prep to Year 2 Athletics Carnival

We look forward to this event scheduled very early next term. Please be aware this is the second day of school, Tuesday, 21 July and this date has been marked for some time. It’s a busy term and preparations are well underway. The P & F will again be running the sausage and poppy day for all students.

Student Leader Induction

The second Round of Year 6 Student Leaders will be announced this Friday at a year level assembly and then inducted at a special service on Wednesday, 22 July prior to the Year 6 Canberra Tour.

Canberra Tour 27 - 31 July

Last minute plans and preparations are well underway for the Year 6 Canberra Tour which will occur in the second week of next term. There is an excited buzz in the air as the tour draws closer. A late minute addition to the itinerary of a trip to the Japanese Embassy will be a wonderful opportunity for our students.
Learning Journals in Second Week
Students in Prep to Year 3 will again be inviting parents to the viewing of their Learning Journals on Wednesday, 29 July after school and before school on Thursday, 30 July. More details will be communicated by class teachers in a note you will receive shortly.

Grandparents’ Day
Please note that Grandparents’ Day is scheduled this year for Friday, 28 August. Invitations will be sent early next term. If you are in conversations with grandparents please inform them of this date so that they can be marking their diaries.

Staffing News
We have a few movements in Primary Staff occurring next term.
Mrs Di Simonic, Teacher Assistant in Year 1 will be moving interstate at the end of this term. Di commenced with us in January 2009 and for the intervening period has worked as a Teacher Assistant in the Primary School. Di’s family dynamics have changed over those past six years and she is now in a position where her two children are undertaking their tertiary education and we understand intend to remain in Queensland while Di is moving interstate to join her husband, Alan, who has already taken up his new position. We wish Di and her family well in this new chapter of their lives.

Mrs Karen Jeffery will be returning from maternity leave following the birth of her second child. Karen and her husband Peter are now the parents of two little girls. We welcome Karen back in a part-time capacity in the Primary School.

Mrs Deb Hey will be on long service leave in the first six weeks of next term. Mrs Lisa Burton will be teaching in Class 1H in Deb’s absence. We wish Deb and her husband, Sam well as they travel overseas on an extended break.

David Wylie
Head of School - Primary

Primary Yr 3 to 6 Athletics Carnival

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

News from Instrumental Music:
This term we have had three of the students who learn from teachers here as part of the Instrumental Music Program, sit for AMEB exams.

Ella Deane 4B sat for her Preliminary piano exam and achieved an A.

Rachel Testa 7W did her Grade 3 Singing for Leisure exam and was awarded a B+.

Bella Gilligan 8G who learns guitar, achieved Honours for her Grade 1 theory exam

Congratulations to these students for their hard work and great results.

Many of the students who learn an instrument or singing, will choose to sit for exams with the AMEB or Trinity College. These exams provide a useful goal to work towards and provide a wonderful sense of achievement when reports and results come back. Throughout the year there will be many more students preparing for exams on a variety of instruments. Certificates are handed out at assembly so that the diligence of these students can be acknowledged.

Vicki Cooney
Instrumental Coordinator.
By this time of Semester 1, students are feeling quite exhausted from preparing for tests and exams, parents are welcoming a break from constantly checking that their children are on track, and, likewise, teachers are embroiled in late nights of marking and report card writing. Assessment, although sometimes not welcomed, is necessary in an educational institution as it gives a point in time picture of a student’s progress.

Essential to effective assessment is the need to present a student with many opportunities to demonstrate their learning and provide different modes for delivering the evidence e.g. written, oral, dramatic, demonstrations and in-class work. Teachers also gather evidence of learning through checklists, anecdotal observations and conferencing with students. It is important for teachers to evaluate work done unassisted in class; work produced collaboratively, as this includes different skill sets; and tasks completed at home where some external assistance can be accessed. By utilising an array of types and modes of assessment, the teacher is able to create a balanced portfolio of results for each student.

As parents are aware, at Genesis we make judgements on student progress using in-class tasks and demonstrations as well as formal tests and assignments. Reporting is done on a five point scale, A to E, and a student is performing at the expected level when they achieve in the “C” range. A student achieving at a “B” or “A” level is performing at above or well above expected for the curriculum of the year level. Receiving a grade higher than a “C” does not indicate that a student is performing at one or two year levels above their cohort and should not be confused as such.

Because the collection of evidence to substantiate results is so important, taking a student out of school during testing periods is to be avoided, particularly in the senior years where much greater accountability on protecting exams is expected. It is a constant frustration to teachers to try to catch up missed work with students, apply equitable processes, and also meet deadlines. If a family is hoping to go away during term time, it is, therefore, crucial for a parent to contact the College well ahead of the event to discuss ways of managing the situation in an efficient and equitable way.

**Report Cards and Feedback**

The Semester 1 reports for students in Prep to 10 will be emailed to parents by the end of the school term. Academic reports provide parents and students with valuable information regarding student effort, behaviour and academic performance. Parents are encouraged to read the reports carefully with their children, and discuss teacher comments, in light of planning for Semester 2. Secondary School parents and students will have the opportunity to meet with teachers at the Parent/Teacher interviews on Wednesday 29 July from 3.30-8pm and Thursday 30 July from 3.30-6.30pm. Details regarding the interviews will be circulated in due course.

**Year 9 Rite Journey**

Year 9 students, as part of The Rite Journey, will be participating in a self-defence program run by Krav Maga in Term 3. The program offers the students practical strategies on how to avoid potentially dangerous situations and also how to protect themselves, should the need arise.

**Secondary School Parent Information Sessions**

A number of Parent Information sessions are run throughout Term 3 and 4. It is imperative that parents attend these sessions, as details regarding subject selections and other important information regarding curriculum, special programs and pastoral care issues are also addressed.

**Date Claimers for Information Evenings are:**

- 27 July: Year 10 into 11 SETP and Subject Selection Evening
- 03 August: Year 7 into 8 Parent Information Evening
- 13 August: Year 6 into 7 Parent Information Evening
- 03 September: Year 9 into 10 Information Evening
- 02 November: Year 8 into 9 – Launch of The Rite Journey

**Primary School Review of Semester 1**

As a school semester draws to a close, it is always good to look back on all that has been achieved. This semester, the Primary School has been a busy place indeed! Students have continued to stretch themselves, learning more as each day passes. They have constantly been encouraged to give their best effort, “have-a-go” when tasks are difficult and adopt an “I can do it” attitude. End of semester reports will attest to the progress made and the effort that has been given.

Teachers too have continued to stretch themselves. Always endeavouring to improve classroom practice they have attended professional learning sessions and have been filmed teaching and provided with feedback. It is heartening to see this growth mindset developing in both students and teachers.

As well as the day-to-day learning, the semester has been filled with events and celebrations that help to provide wide experiences for students. Excursions and incursions that support the curriculum, chapel and assembly presentations, cross country races, ANZAC Day Service, Mother’s Day concert and art show, Under Eights Day, Gala Days and many others have made the school experience a full one indeed.

**Prep-Year 3 Learning Journal Viewing**

This is a reminder for all Prep to Year 3 parents about the Learning Journal viewings to be held in Week 2 of next term on Wednesday 29 July (2:15-3:00pm) and Thursday 30 July (8:00-8:30am). This is a wonderful opportunity for students to share what they have achieved in Term 2 and parents are encouraged to come along.

Kate Mitchell, Janet Barker, Di Todd, Nichola Welsh, and Michelle Connors (Curriculum Team)
Dear Parents

Sometimes as we approach the end of the term, I wonder if some parents feel we start to wind down and get ready for holidays. My experience is that students don’t need to be prepared for holidays and that we have only a limited time to teach. I feel it is important for parents to be aware that at the end of the Semester, the classroom teachers are moving onto the next semester’s work and that the teaching is purposeful with no time being wasted. I sometimes hear students say that “all we do is watch movies for the last week.” This is not correct; we value this time too much to have down time so your children’s attendance in the last few days of the term is still very important.

Parent/Teacher interviews are coming up in the second week of next term. We typically have very high attendance rates at these evenings where parents take advantage of the opportunity to speak with the teachers of their children for 10 minute timeslots. I am often asked about students attending. I encourage students to be a part of this process provided you as parents feel comfortable with them being there. Having your children involved in this direct feedback is a significant learning opportunity and one that is encouraged.

I would also like to congratulate the 49 students who participated in the 2015 Australian Geography Competition. We had a number of students perform to a very high level in this year’s competition with five of our students achieving a high distinction, eleven achieving a distinction and twelve achieving a credit. Over 76,000 students from across Australia enter the Competition so it is wonderful to see our students doing so well in Geography. Well done to all those who participated!

I have recently been asked about some girl’s hair styles; specifically girls pulling back the sides to make a part pony tail. The concept is that their hair needs to be tied up and off the face so that it is neat and well groomed, not distracting, but also tied back for safety around machinery and equipment found in the specialist learning areas. It is also to be contained so that head lice are not as easily spread.

Readers’ Cup

On Thursday 11 June Zoe Allen (7B), Aimee Camilleri (7W), Emily McGrath (7B) and Isabelle Olding (7R) represented Genesis at the annual Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Readers’ Cup competition. 17 schools in the Brisbane North region participated in the event, held at The Lilley Centre, Brisbane Grammar School, and we came 7th. Mrs Payne was one of the five judges. Students enjoyed meeting Prue Mason who was this year’s quizmaster and guest author. She is a pilot who lived in the Middle East for over ten years. Titles for 2015: Zafir: Through My Eyes by Prue Mason; Night Vision by Ella West; The Iron Trial (Magisterium Series) by Holly Black; Bird by Crystal Chan; and One Minute’s Silence by David Metzenthen.

“Readers’ Cup is such a great experience and best of all you get to read so many new and exciting books. Before you go and compete, definitely read the books as many times as you can and think of very abstract questions that may be asked by the quizmaster. Readers’ Cup is a great way to represent your school.” Zoe Allen (7B)

Drama News

Zachary Jeynes is a Year 10 Drama student who recently had the honour of participating in a series of master classes, hosted by the Queensland Theatre Company. This was an incredible opportunity for Zach to explore “theatre in the real world”. Here is what he had to say about the experience: “Over the last several weeks I attended the Queensland Theatre Company’s student master classes for acting. Each week we studied different genres, ranging from comedy to Shakespeare. I was able to spend time with fellow young actors under the guidance of expert teachers from all aspects of the theatrical world. I came away with a greater knowledge and appreciation of the industry and I look forward to doing more courses with QTC.”

SPORT NEWS

Genesis Athletics Carnival 2015

The 2015 Genesis Athletics Carnival was held over two days, at Genesis and also Nudgee College on Tuesday 2 and Thursday 4 June respectively. They were days of ideal weather, enthusiastic team spirit and exciting competition!

The following students achieved outstanding results:

12 years Girls
Age Champion – Lara Pert
Second Age Champion – Abbey Hastings
Third Age Champion – Torryn Squires

12 Years Boys
Age Champion – Takiroa Wetere
Second Age Champion – James Elphick
Third Age Champion – Cameron Lewis

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RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

DATE CLAIMERS
22-26 June Years 7-10
26 June Free Dress Day
16-17 July Years 11-12
First Day Term 3 – Monday 20 July
25 July Genesis Festival

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

22-26 June Years 7-10
Reports emailed as they become available
26 June Free Dress Day
Hearts for Makunda Fundraiser
27 June to 19 July School Holidays
16-17 July Years 11-12
Reports emailed as they become available
First Day Term 3 – Monday 20 July
21-24 July Year 11 Camp
13 years Girls  
Age Champion – **Tiffany Partridge**  
Second Age Champion – **Emma Davis**  
Third Age Champion – **Kathleen Clarke**  

13 years Boys  
Age Champion – **Tyler McGrath**  
Second Age Champion – **Daniel MacKellar**  
Third Age Champion – **Luke Smith**  

14 years Girls  
Age Champion – **Amelia Van der Maat**  
Second Age Champion – **Annabelle Harris**  
Third Age Champion – **Caitlin Palleschi**  

14 years Boys  
Age Champion – **Finlay Donaghey**  
Second Age Champion – **Rei San Agustin**  
Third Age Champion – **Jonathan Jeynes**  

15 years Girls  
Age Champion – **Cara Jardine**  
Second Age Champion – **Alexandra Clegg**  
Third Age Champion – **Renee Devlin**  

15 years Boys  
Age Champion – **Mackenzie Webster**  
Second Age Champion – **Liam Brown**  
Third Age Champion – **Mitchell MacKellar**  

16 years Girls  
Age Champion – **Natasha Traves**  
Second Age Champion – **Ella Wallace**  
Third Age Champion – **Olivia Fien**  

16 years Boys  
Age Champion – **Anand Kruger**  
Second Age Champion – **Bradley Howes**  
Third Age Champion – **Dean Cane**  

Open Girls  
Age Champion – **Amy Steele**  
Second Age Champion – **Dedré de Lange**  
Third Age Champion – **Charlise Schoeman**  

Open Boys  
Age Champion – **Callan Brown**  
Second Age Champion – **Stephanus Swanepoel**  
Third Age Champion – **Connor West**  

Congratulations to the Jericho Jets who won the carnival with 8933 points followed by Bethel on 8623, Gilead 8333 points and Shiloh 8294.

I would also like to recognise the U14 Girls ISSA team on making the quarter finals stage of the ISSA (Independent Schools Soccer Association) competition.

**Pine Rivers District Athletics Carnival**

The Pine Rivers District Athletics Carnival will be held from Monday 3 to Wednesday 5 August at John Oxley Reserve. The Genesis team for this event has been finalised. The information letter and the list of qualifiers are now available to view on the College website and the Sports notice board. A full list of students who broke school records will also be available on the College website.

**Athlete Profile**

**Samuel Stead** is a Cricketer on the rise and will next week play for his state at the National Championships, with his goal for the tournament; to be selected in the Australian U17’s team to play in the World Cup in October. Samuel has been playing cricket since his early primary years and has played at four National Championships. He was a member of the Australian All-stars team in 2014 and is aiming to one day have the honour of wearing the “baggy green”. Samuel, we wish you all the best at the National Championships.

**Genesis Triathlon Club**

A number of opportunities exist each week for students to develop their fitness and techniques for cycling, swimming and running through the Genesis Triathlon Club. This club has now been officially formed and membership is available through Triathlon Queensland’s website [http://www.triathlonqld.com.au/](http://www.triathlonqld.com.au/)

**Tuesday 6:00am-7:00am  Running**

Wednesday  5:00am-6:15am  Bike (wind trainer)
Thursday  6:00am-7:00am  Running
Friday  5:30am-7:00am  Bike (loop)
Saturday  6:00am-8:00am  Bike
8:30am-10:00am  Swim/Run

All sessions are coached by Mr Mark Tucker, a Level 1 Triathlon Queensland Coach and Level 2 International Triathlon Union Competitive Coach. He is also the Triathlon Queensland Development Coach and was named Triathlon Queensland Coach of the Year 2012/13.

Genesis Aquatic Centre is offering students a Swim/Run session for students from 10 years of age. This session will be run by our Triathlon Coach, Mark Tucker.

When: Saturday morning 9:00am -10:00am  
Cost: $9/session  
If you have any questions can you please call the pool on 3882 9091.

**Get ready for the AquaFunRun at the Genesis Festival on 25 July!**

**Angus R Martin**  
Head of School – Secondary
This is an account about one of the greatest finishes in Olympic Games history. Tanzanian marathon runner John Stephen Akhwari was never a favourite to win a medal at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics. However, his courage under adversity has been etched in Olympic history. Less than halfway into the 42 km race, Akhwari collided with another runner, took a fall and landed heavily on his knee and shoulder. He is reported to have dislocated his knee and with heavy bleeding, he continued to run. Determined to finish the race (and despite his agonising pain, dehydration, cramping and disorientation) he entered the Olympic stadium more than an hour later than the race winner. With only a few thousand spectators left in the stadium he crossed the finish line to a standing ovation.

When asked afterwards by reporters why he continued running Akhwari’s response was “My country did not send me 5000 miles, just to start the race. They sent me to finish the race”. It should be noted that 18 other runners pulled out of the same race. John Stephen Akhwari was invited to the Sydney Olympics and his courage continues to be an inspiration to other Olympic athletes. (news.com.au)

Reflecting on this inspiring story, I am reminded that life is a journey and is not a sprint but a marathon. There are also many experiences we encounter that will test our character, endurance and perseverance and how we respond in these times will continue to shape our life and ultimately our destiny. To draw on the examples of others, also serves as a source of encouragement and strength during tough times. The Bible says in Romans 15:4 “For whatever things were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope”.

As a Genesis community it is our heart and passion to encourage, guide and support students through their school journey and provide opportunities for them to discover their God-given gifts and abilities. We also recognise that there will be times of challenge and adversity and we value the partnerships with families to help us support your child during these times. May God bless you abundantly in your life’s journey and on behalf of the Pastoral Care team we wish you a happy and safe holiday break.

Anthony Arro
Director of Student Wellbeing

Parenting Ideas
Michael Grose provides some practical parenting tips for reading and discussing academic reports with your child. Click on the link to read the article.
http://www.parentingideasschools.com.au/getattachment/e3b1f498-889b-41e1-966f-7aef20ab4a58

eSMART Corner
At the recent ThinkuKnow Parent Evening, some questions were asked about how to set Parent controls on devices such as phones, tablets and computers to safeguard their children and restrict the content that can be searched online. The following link from the ThinkuKnow website provides some step by step guides to assist parents with this.
http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/site/parental-control-guides

FINANCE OFFICE

2015 FEE ACCOUNTS
Please note that the Finance Office will close on Friday 26 June and re-open on Monday 13 July. If you wish to discuss your account, please ensure you contact us prior to the end of term.

PAYSMSART ACCOUNTS
The next monthly PaySmart payment will be deducted on Friday 17 July 2015.

The next fortnightly PaySmart payment will be deducted on Friday 3 July 2015.

Please ensure that, on the day prior, your nominated account has sufficient funds to cover your direct debit. If your payment is rejected due to insufficient funds, you may be charged a Dishonour Fee by your financial institution & by PaySmart. The current Dishonour Fee for PaySmart is $15.00.

If you are needing to make any changes with PaySmart, including change of account details, could we please ask that you do so via the College Finance Office. Please do not call PaySmart directly.

For all fee enquiries, please contact the Finance Office on 3882 9018 or by email at finance@genesis.qld.edu.au
Thank You
Finance Office

EMPLOYMENT NEWS

Relief First Aid Officer – Expressions of Interest
We are currently seeking Expressions of Interest for suitably qualified people who would be available at short notice to perform relief duties in our First Aid area.

You will need to have a current First Aid Certificate and enjoy working with students. In addition, customer service skills, an exemplary work ethic, a cheerful and positive demeanour, initiative, confidentiality and discretion in conduct and conversation at all times are desirable. RN qualifications would be an advantage.

Please forward a brief Cover Letter and Resume, including a current Pastor’s reference to Mrs Sheena Polkinghorne, PA to Principal at sheenap@genesis.polkinghorne.qld.edu.au. Please visit our website to view the Duty Statement.
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WE NEED YOUR HELP

Genesis Families, our 2015 Genesis Festival is only 4 weeks away and we have been so lucky to have lots of support to get to this stage in the preparations. **BUT NOW WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK.**

Now is the time to get online and give us your 2 hours using the easy volunteer sign up system. Please help us make our Festival GREAT!

We still need Convenors. We will do all the organising before the day, but we need your guiding hand for the day of the festival.

If you join forces with a friend then you can both get a chance to go for a wander and have a coffee.

**PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU CAN HELP!** We will support you all the way!

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sweet stall and bakes and cakes stalls

**Primary Families - Sweets and Treats**

On Monday July 20 (first day of Term 3) an envelope containing 5 bags and a suggested sweets recipe will come home to EACH Primary aged CHILD. We are asking for your help to make a batch of something sweet to add to our Sweet stall for Festival day. We will provide the packaging and ribbon, a suggested recipe, along with a label for you to advise us of the major ingredients you use. The suggested sweet stall items will include, fudge, chocolate freckles, toffee, chocolate dipped snakes, just to name a few. We are asking each family to make one batch and return it packaged and labelled to school on **Friday July 24**.

**Years 7, 8 and 9 Families – Biscuits and Slices**

On Monday July 20 (first day of Term 3) a snap lock bag containing 3 plastic slice containers will be sent home to EACH Year 7, 8 and 9 child to make their favourite slice or biscuits to donate to the Cakes and Bakes Stall. Labels will be provided to advise of the major ingredients used in your recipe. The slices and biscuits should be returned on **Friday July 24**. We would love the students to take on this baking responsibility and strongly urge mum and dad to encourage them to cook these for their contribution to the festival.

**Year 10, 11, and 12 Families – Cakes**

On Monday July 20 (first day of Term 3) an envelope containing a cake box will be sent home to EACH Year 10, 11 and 12 student to make their favourite cake to donate to the Cakes and Bakes Stall. Labels will be provided to advise customers of the major ingredients used in your recipe. The cakes should be returned on **Friday July 24**. We would love the students to take on this baking responsibility and strongly urge mum and dad to encourage them to cook these for their contribution to the festival.

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT**

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holiday help

Are you home for the June/July Holidays?

**Can you spare an hour or two?** We are using the holidays to get super organised for the Festival and would love some help. Some of the jobs we need to do are:

- Sorting and packaging toys for our Toys 4 U stall
- Making Lolly necklaces – we only need to make another 900
- Packing up the sweet stalls and cakes and bakes envelopes and packaging to go home in Week 1 of Term 3
- Helping to wrap and organise the Grocery Wheel giveaways
- Baking up a few cakes in the Home Ec rooms (we will provide all the ingredients just need some cooks to help out with the baking)

We are going to start with a couple of days in the first week of holidays, Thursday July 2 and 3, 9.00 am – 3pm

Please email festival@qld.edu.au if you can help out. Thanks in advance