

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Our Years 3, 5 and 7 tests are nearly upon us. Our teachers in those year levels have been working strongly to ensure each student gets the results that he or she is capable of. The tests will run over three days next week – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Below is the full timetable.

Year 3

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Language conventions 40 minutes (46 questions) Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes (6 stimulus) (35 questions)	Numeracy 45 minutes (35 questions)

Year 5

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Language conventions 40 minutes (50 questions) Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes (6 stimulus) (35 questions)	Numeracy 50 minutes (40 questions)

Year 7

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Language conventions 45 minutes (54 questions) Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes (8 stimulus) (46 questions)	Numeracy 40 minutes x 2 (80 minutes total) (64 questions altogether) Calculator-allowed test first, followed by non-calculator test.

Please ensure that your child has plenty of sleep each night before the tests and is ready and relaxed to come to school. We will make sure that they are not interrupted in their classes over these days so that they can concentrate on their tests and nothing else. With this in mind, our Year 7s are moving into new rooms today. 7SG is going to the Drop In Centre and 7CG is going to the Music/LOTE Room. This way, they will have almost a week to settle in before their testing occurs. These room changes have been necessitated by the refurbishment of 'C' Block, which is scheduled to start next week if all goes to plan with the contractors. Therefore, the Year 6 classes will probably move out on Friday this week.

Today our 2009 House Captains were presented with their badges on Assembly. My congratulations go to the following students:

	Captains	Vice Captains
Moreton	Lorenzo Skelton Shannen Tomassen	Elicher Matthews Nikyla Luke
Stradbroke	Courtney Connolly Keenan Yorston	Jack McHutchison Rebekka Robinson
Bribie	Myles O'Bery Monica Tuialii	Kira Barry Chandler Silvertand

It was fantastic to see all the mums and dads who came to watch the ceremony on parade today to support and applaud their children. I am sure our House leaders will do a fantastic job this year. Their first task will be the school Cross Country this week on Thursday. The Cross Country is open to all students in Years 4 – 7 but will be run in age groups: 9 years, 10years, 11 years, 12 years and 13 years for boys and girls. The event begins at 9:00am with the 9 year olds on first. Students who come in the first few places and who meet the qualifying times are eligible to represent the school at the Bramble Bay Cross Country. All runners need appropriate footwear (not bare feet, thongs or sandals) and need to ensure that they have plenty of fluid before and after the race. The predicted temperature for Thursday is 24 degrees so it should make for some excellent races. All parents are welcome.

From time to time, we have families in our community who are arguing with each other outside of school hours but bring their quarrels into the grounds. I have no power or influence to change what occurs beyond our school fences but I do within our boundaries. To that end, I will not tolerate parents challenging students at school in any manner whatsoever, no matter what the circumstances may be. I'm sure you agree that every parent assumes that when they drop their child off at school every morning, they expect that he or she will be safe and secure until they see them in the afternoon. This is the highest priority and gravest responsibility of all my staff. The simplest way to avoid such an occurrence is to leave all this at home. Should a parent have a genuine grievance with other students that needs to be dealt with at school, it needs to be addressed to Mr Swales or me. We will do the investigation or whatever is necessary, using the correct protocols and approaches. I sincerely hope these situations do not arise and I do not like to write about this subject, but everyone needs to be reminded of it intermittently.



Mark Fisher
Principal

FROM THE LIBRARY

Bookclub Issue 3 is still available and the due date is next Monday, 11 May. Orders, together with payment, need to be brought to the Library. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, money order or credit card. If paying by cheque, please make cheques out to Taigum State School. If paying credit card, the instructions are on the back of the brochure.



Gold Star Reading Club has commenced and an information sheet about it is enclosed with this Newsletter. This is a great club to join as it's free and club members receive a poster and activity booklet. Club members only need to read two books per month over the four month duration of the club and there are monthly draws with some great prizes. Please see me if you require additional information.



Book Fair – our annual May Book Fair starts next **Thursday, 14 May** and will run for a week. We will be running two competitions in conjunction with our Book Fair and they will commence this week. Prizes will be a book voucher to the value of \$5.00 to spend at the Book Fair.

Kind regards

Theresa McArdle
Librarian

P & C NEWS

Mother's Day

Hi Everyone

Just a reminder that this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (6th, 7th & 8th May) we are having a Mother's Day Stall before school from 8:00am till 9:00am. Items will be priced from 50c to \$10. Come and have a look and buy something special for someone you love.

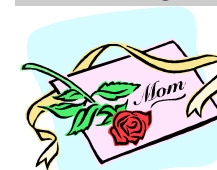
I would like to wish all parents and guardians a very happy Mother's Day this Sunday.

A P&C meeting will be held in the staff room after assembly next Tuesday 11 May. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. I hope to see you all there.

All the best

Therese Peachey
P&C President

FROM THE SCHOOL CAPTAINS



We would like to wish all mums and grandmas a happy Mother's Day. We hope you all have a great day.

"A mother holds her children's hands for a moment... but their hearts forever."

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Please be advised that the new fleecy lined school jackets have arrived in stock. We have a number of sizes and the new price for the jackets will be \$25.00. Also in stock are our school slouch hats; these can be purchased for \$13.50. Thanks.

WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Open Day Information Afternoon

Sunday 17 May 2009

2:00pm – 4:30pm

Assembly Hall

Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights

Guided Tours of the School
An Address by the Principal
Opportunities to meet Teachers and Students
Afternoon Tea

*Parents and Students of any year level
are most welcome to attend*

The Dental Van has arrived for another visit. Dental forms need to be returned as soon as possible. If you didn't receive a form, collect one from the van or the School Office, fill it out and return. If you have any queries, the mobile van number is 0412 706 507. Thankyou.



SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL

*Do you have a student commencing Year 8 in
2010?*

OPEN NIGHT 2009 Tue 12 May
Performance Hall Braun St Deagon

Visit our school, speak to teachers, experience faculty displays, see our facilities, interact with students and meet our principal

5:30 pm School tours

6:30 pm Principal's address

7:00 pm Signature programs/school tours

*Enquire about Academic Scholarships
for 2010*