

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents
Our Years 3, 5 and 7 NAPLAN tests are finally upon us and, as I said last week, we will ensure that all students in these classes have a quiet, uninterrupted environment in which to work. We have already moved our Year 7s into new rooms ahead of our 'C' Block refurbishment, which now has a firm starting date of May 25 – a week later than we first thought. Our Year 6 classes will move into their new rooms on Friday May 22.

Last Thursday, we held our school cross country event and I am pleased to say that it went very well. I was most impressed with the number of students who participated – 81% of our Year 4–7 students ran. Also, everyone who started in a race finished it. The conditions were fairly warm so this was a great effort. It was also excellent to see quite a few parents watching the races and supporting their children. I thank our PE teacher Mr Taylor, and Mrs McColm for their organisation, and all the student teachers who were course marshals. Runners who got a place and made the qualifying times will now be representing our school in the Bramble Bay Cross Country. Below are some more detailed results of the day. Congratulations to Bribe House, who were pretty strong winners.

	Stradbroke	Moreton	Bribe
9 Yrs Girls	54	78	83
9 Yrs Boys	89	49	62
10 Yrs Girls	69	38	102
10 Yrs Boys	53	70	92
11 Yrs Girls	93	41	40
11 Yrs Boys	33	71	113
12/13 Yrs G	58	79	63
12/13 Yrs B	71	55	78
Totals	520	481	633

Placegetters

- 9 Girls
 - 1 Emily Jones
 - 2 Willie Montgomery
 - 3 Caitlyn Menesi
- 9 Boys
 - 1 Jayden Maher
 - 2 Ben Webster
 - 3 Aidan Wray Smith
- 10 Girls
 - 1 Taya Connors
 - 1 Tenaya Yorston
 - 3 Natisha Ireland
- 10 Boys
 - 1 Genghis Watts
 - 2 Tapiwa Shoniwa
 - 3 Tah Niania
- 11 Girls
 - 1 Spojmai Popalzai
 - 2 A'leen Nimock-Anderson
 - 3 Ashleigh Rhodes
- 11 Boys
 - 1 Lemar Popalzai
 - 2 Liam Horne
 - 3 Tyson Smith

- 12/13 Girls
 - 1 Jayde Rhodes
 - 2 Monique Watters
 - 3 Sineidin Milliotis
- 12/13 Boys
 - 1 Keaton Bevis
 - 2 Daemon Hancock
 - 3 Issy Nikorima

We now have a Play Group operating in our school. Mrs Lynn Austin runs it on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 am in the Jabiru building near the swimming pool. All parents of children who are younger than school age are welcome to attend. A good plan for Tuesdays is to bring your school aged children here, watch our assembly at 8:50am and then take your little ones over to Play Group after that.

Friday is 'Walk Safely to School Day'. Right across Australia, children of all ages are encouraged to not get into the family car, but walk or ride to school. As we are already keenly participating in 'Walking, Wheeling Wednesdays', I think our students and parents would easily be able to walk safely to school, two days this week.

Mark Fisher

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Principal

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Next week (May 18 – May 22) is Chappy Week. It's an annual event run by SU Qld to raise awareness of the value of School Chaplains... and to raise funds to support School Chaplains. SU Qld is officially endorsed by Education Queensland as an accredited employing authority for School Chaplains.

The Coffee Club is supporting us by holding Chappy Cino Day on Thursday May 21. I'll be at The Coffee Club at Aspley on that Thursday between 5 and 6pm to help serve coffees and tell people about chaplaincy.

One other way we're going to celebrate Chappy Week is 'The Chappy Challenge.' My challenge to the students is to come up with something really gross that I have to eat, e.g. "BANANA SMASH" - a mix of strawberry milkshake, coke, mashed banana, hundreds & thousands...

During Chappy Week, kids need to write down their ideas of what they think I should eat/drink and give it to me. On Friday May 22, just before school starts, I'll attempt to eat/drink the best, most gross concoction.

Have a look at these websites if you want to know more about School Chaplains or Chappy Week. www.chappy.org.au or www.chappyweek.net.au

Steve Unicomb

FROM THE LIBRARY

Bookclub Issue 3 orders are due in today. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or credit card. If paying by cheque, please make cheques out to Taigum State School. If paying by credit card, instructions to do so are on the back of the brochure. **Late orders** can be accepted but may take a little longer to arrive back at school.



Gold Star Reading Club – seven of our students have joined so far and congratulations to those students. A certificate and little prize will be awarded to those

students at the next opportunity on Assembly. Their gold star will also be displayed in the Library. If students could let me know when they join, they will be added to our display of Gold Star Readers.



Book Fair – our annual May Book Fair commences **this Thursday, 14 May**. The fair will run for a week and will close Thursday morning next week. The Library will be open for browsing and purchasing both before and after school and during lunch times.

Students will also be able to view and purchase items during their regular Library sessions.

Opening times are as follows:

- Thu 14 May: 3pm – 4pm ONLY.
- Fri 15 May: 7.45am – 8.45am and 3pm – 4pm
- Mon 18 May: 7.45am – 8.45am and 3pm – 4pm
- Tue 19 May: 7.45am – 8.45 am and 3pm – 4pm
- Wed 20 May: 7.45am – 8.45am and 3pm to 4pm
- Thu 21 May: 7.45am to 8.45 am ONLY



Book Fair Competition – the Library is running two competitions in conjunction with our fair. As the theme for the Book Fair is Jurassic Book Fair, the colouring-in competition has a dinosaur theme. As

well, we also have a book puzzle competition to do with books and authors. Students can enter either or both competitions if they wish. Entries are open today and close next Monday afternoon. Prizes will be in the form of vouchers that can be spent at the Book Fair. If you have any queries about any of the above activities, please let me know.

Kind regards

Theresa McArdle
Librarian

P & C NEWS

Hi Everyone

The Mother's Day Stall was a great success with \$1070 raised for the school. A big thankyou to

Melissa Webster, Jenny Moore, Sangita Singh, Rebecca Mayer, Anne Rodwell and Bambi Silvertand for getting all the gifts ready for the stall. Also, a very big thankyou to everyone who donated items, without you the stall wouldn't have been a great success.

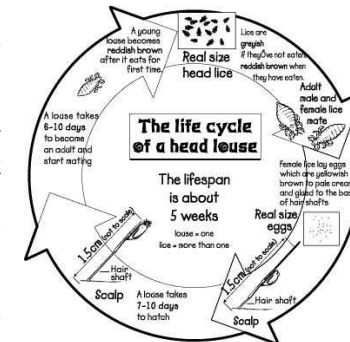
Previously, I advertised that the P&C meeting would be held on Tuesday 12th May, but I wish to inform you that the meeting has been postponed and will now be held on Tuesday 19th May, after Assembly in the Staff room. Come along and share your suggestions, comments and ideas with us.

All the best

Therese Peachey
P&C President

HEAD LICE

Head lice have been detected in the school so the parents/carers of all students are being notified. It is extremely important for you to check your child's head for head lice **TODAY**. Keep checking every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.



If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment **immediately** and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading. Teachers will reduce head-to-head contact activities while head lice are known to be around.

If for any reason you are having difficulties treating the head lice on your child effectively, please contact the school on 3632 9888.

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.



Looking for fun, adventure, friendships? Want to go sailing, shooting, canoeing, power boating? If you're over 12 ½ years old then why not join the Navy Cadets at Shorncliffe. We are part of the Australian Defence Force Cadet Scheme and our cadets also undertake sea voyages on Navy warships at little or no cost.

We meet on Saturdays from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Don't miss the boat - Numbers are limited! Call Robert Collins on 0409 070 454 for more details.