

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Our Athletics Carnival was a great success last week. I was impressed by the tremendous enthusiasm and participation by most of our students. There were some great individual performances as always, but the number of children involved was what I liked to see. Everyone had a go and contributed, whether they were first-timers or seasoned campaigners. It showed in the closeness of the final scores:

Bribie	1641
Stradbroke	1603
Moreton	1593

So, though we congratulate Bribie for their win, if one or two athletes had produced slightly different results, the order could have been reversed. It's anybody's guess who will win next year. The Ball Game Trophy went to Stradbroke, who scored 62 points; Moreton were second with 60 and Bribie got 50. A close competition in this area also.

As I've mentioned, we had some great individual results as well. Below is the list of Age Champions and the overall Boys and Girls Champions. I congratulate them for their efforts, their persistence and their versatility across all the disciplines.

9yr	Antonio Sanele	Moreton	46
	Emily Jones	Stradbroke	40
10yr	Blake Virtue	Moreton	51
	Tiki Fraser	Stradbroke	53
11yr	Liam Horne	Bribie	54
	A'leen Nimock-Anderson	Stradbroke	60
12yr	Myles O'Bery	Bribie	55
	Nicole Patterson	Moreton	59

Overall Boy Champion – Myles O'Bery (55)
Overall Girl Champion – A'leen Nimock-Anderson (60)

Next week, we will publish the full results of all competitors from 9 years to 13 years to acknowledge the great work and contribution of each and every student on the day.

Lastly, I thank the wonderful Mrs McColm for her organisation, and Mr Taylor for his work in teaching the skills and setting up for the day. It couldn't have run without them.

As I write, it is the morning of July 21. Forty years ago, to the hour, I was in a Year 4 classroom at Bald Hills State School, looking at the pictures of the Apollo 11 Lunar Module silently sitting on the surface of the moon. The whole school and most of the rest of the world were watching too. Apparently the astronauts were scheduled to walk onto the surface shortly after that, 9am our time, but decided to rest for several hours. We were all sent home to watch the event on our TV sets (which were black and white and about the size of computer monitors at the time). So at some time

after 1pm, I saw Neil Armstrong set foot on the surface of the moon. Without doubt, it is my favourite day in history in my lifetime. Whether or not the mission was cost effective or of any economic value is irrelevant to me. It was such an advertisement for human endeavour, for science, for forward thinking and planning, etc that I think it influenced a generation to be involved in similar pursuits. Hopefully, with the strong coverage the anniversary has received, it may once again encourage many of our present students to think of a career in science or research. Wouldn't it be great if the first person to stand on Mars is presently a Year 4 student in the Qld Education system?



Mark Fisher
Principal

FROM THE LIBRARY

Gold Star Reading Club – Congratulations to our latest members of the Gold Star Reading Club. Our school membership now stands at 40 which is marvellous news. Gold Star runs until the beginning of September so new members are always welcome. If students can please let me know when they join the Gold Star club, their name can be added to our Gold Star Wall of Fame.

Book Club Issue 5 brochures were distributed last week. The due date for orders is Friday 31 July. Payment is required when orders are placed and payment can be made by cash, cheque or credit card. If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to *Taigum State School*. If paying by credit card, directions for doing so are listed on the back of the order form.

Book Week – our annual celebration is being held this year from 24 to 28 August. We will be holding our traditional **Book Character Dress Up Day on Tuesday, 25 August** which is in five weeks time as well as our usual competitions to celebrate Book Week. In past years, we have had a great response to our dress up day and we are confident this year will be the same. More information will be given in the following weeks, both in the Newsletter and on Assembly.

Overdue Library Books – To date, we still have a large number of library items which are overdue; some of these are now many months overdue. It would be a great help if these books could be returned as soon as possible. Many thanks to all those students who have returned their overdue books.

Kind regards

Theresa McArdle
Librarian

P & C NEWS

Dear Parents & Guardians

Welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful break. Our raffle at the disco raised \$167.50. We had 3 prize winners as follows:

1 st	Jayden Maher – 4T
2 nd	Liam Ryder – 4D
3 rd	Christian Rains – Prep CD

We are back into our 5 and 10 cents fundraising again. This week during assembly, we will hand out spot prizes to the top three classes that brought in the most money last week. First prize goes to 1i, second is 4T and third is 6S.

We received a complaint that some classes have an unfair advantage as they have more students than other classes so, to reassure parents that the competition is fair, the final outcome is calculated by dividing the total amount each class has brought in by the number of students in that class. This week's winning classes are:

1 st – 3J	2 nd – 5G	3 rd – 6S
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We are also shortening the fundraising. It will now end on Friday 21st August instead of the first week of November. The winning class will be announced on Assembly on Tuesday 25 August.

At the conclusion of last term, the amount each class had brought in for the 5 & 10 cent fundraising was as follows:

Prep B	– \$15.95	4T	– \$65.35
Prep CD	– \$75.05	5G	– \$102.60
1C	– \$16.30	5W	– \$43.00
1i	– \$35.05	6M	– \$65.60
2B	– \$38.00	6S	– \$83.00
2/3H	– \$28.40	7CG	– \$41.60
3J	– \$114.00	7SG	– \$80.65
4D	– \$97.40		

Last Tuesday we had a P&C meeting after Assembly. A big thank you to Clare for coming. It is always nice to see new faces at these meetings. Our next P&C meeting will be held after Assembly on Tuesday 11 August.

Have a great week

Therese Peachey
P&C President

SCHOOL BANKING



We'd like to remind everyone that students can do their banking at school every **Thursday**.

Student banking teaches children how to develop good saving habits at an early age. It's easy - children can open up a Commonwealth Bank **Youthsaver** account and make regular deposits while they're at school. If your child doesn't have an account with

the Commonwealth Bank, please obtain a pack from the school office.



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.



REMINDER

2010 Enrolment Applications for **WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL** are now due.

This includes students who are eligible to receive automatic entry.

For further details contact our Enrolment Officer: Mrs Bedewi on 3350 0328

SIMPLE SOFTBALL PROGRAM!



Softball Queensland is offering your child the chance to take part in a Simple Softball clinic on Sunday the 16th and 23rd of August from 10am until 2pm at O'Callaghan park,

Zillmere. This is a fun, skill based development program that introduces children to the fast and exciting game of softball. Your child will have fun, make new friends, learn new skills and be part of a team!

There is a registration fee of \$55 which covers the entire program (7 hours of skills and activities) and a Simple Softball pack (includes a ball and glove). There will be a half hour break with a sausage sizzle both weekends.



For enquiries or to register contact the Simple Softball Officer Andrea Johnstone by email at jnrDO@softballqld.asn.au or phone (07) 3391 2447.

Brighton Roosters Softball Club

SIGN ON DAY

2 - 4pm Saturday August 8, 2009

or

10 - 12pm Sunday August 16, 2009

Brighton Roosters Football Club
10th Avenue, Brighton

We are seeking **BOYS & GIRLS** of all ages (including t-ball), men & ladies

For registration and further info please call:-
Club President – Graham McLeary 3269 6531
Club Secretary – Tracey Rhys a/h 3269 9919