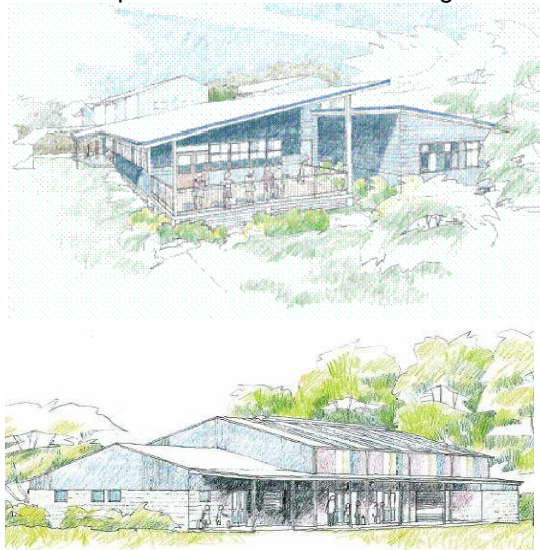


FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Although we are not supposed to be talking about the Federal Government's Education Revolution Building scheme in relation to our school until it is signed off, it is the worst kept secret in the world as to what will be happening at Taigum State School. On Friday, I was told that our project had been approved so I can now relate in detail what is about to happen on our site.

A total of \$2.5 million is to be spent on a new hall, library and associated infrastructure and fit out. The hall will be located on the front lawn of the school, in front of 'A' Block. It will be close to the car park and thus access to the public will be quite easy. It should comfortably seat all of our students so finally, our assemblies will not be affected by the weather. The hall will be available to community groups such as the karate club that presently uses Rooms 9 and 10. The front of the building will contain a small canteen, meeting room and toilets. The library will be positioned between 'F' Block and the toilet block at the rear of the school. It will be about the same size as the hall and thus about triple the size of our existing library. Mrs McArdle will have a state of the art building containing not only the reference collection but multi-media, ICT and meeting rooms. Where its western end faces the oval, a large under cover outdoor learning area is planned to take advantage of that aspect. Both buildings will have access paths, landscaping and full furniture complements. The end result will be a great boost to our school's facilities and a tremendous improvement in how we can deliver services to our students. Below are artist's impressions of the two buildings.



Last week I mentioned that our other building project, the 'C' Block Upgrade, was nearly complete. I am happy to report that the concertina door was delivered and installed, so now all our classes are in the block and the school is back to normal. One or two items of furniture still need to come but that isn't affecting classroom operations.

Although the swine flu coverage in the media has abated, the Department of Education and Training is still keeping a close eye on outbreaks at schools and closely liaising with Queensland Health. Doctors are no longer testing for swine flu specifically, so any case of flu should be treated as potentially being this variety and students should be kept home from school until they are non-contagious. As we have had a high number of students absent this term, I believe that many parents are taking this advice and playing safe by keeping their children at home. If you fall into this category, I thank you for your wise decision. With the onset of Spring not too far away, our flu season comes to an end so, with luck, the worst is behind us.

This week the EKKA begins and next week has only three days of school, so I expect there may be some disruption to normal school operations due to the change of routine. I must remind everyone that on all the other days next week – Monday, Tuesday and Friday – school runs as usual.

Mark Fisher
Principal

FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Week – our annual celebration is being held this year from 24 to 28 August which is now only three week's away. Our traditional **Book Character Dress up Day** will be held on **Tuesday 25 August**, so our usual Tuesday Assembly should be a spectacular sight. In past years, we have had a great response to our dress up day when students dress up as their favourite book character, and we are confident this year will be the same. Some of the more popular costumes in recent years have been **pirates, royalty – kings, queens, princes, princesses and knights, sports people, Harry Potter characters, fairy tale characters, nursery rhyme characters, Disney characters and clowns** to name a few. I will be promoting both Book Week and our Dress up Day on Assembly over the next few weeks. In addition to our Dress up Day, we will be holding colouring-in competitions and other competitions to celebrate Book Week. The colouring-in competition entries will be available to students later this week.



Gold Star Reading Club – Congratulations to our latest members of the Gold Star Reading Club. Our school membership now stands at 45 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.

Bookclub Issue 5 was ordered last week and orders should arrive back at school within one to

two weeks. Orders will then be distributed to students.

Bookclub Issue 6 brochures were distributed last Friday. Orders, together with payment, are due at the end of this month, Friday 28 August. 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.

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 already returned their overdue books.

Kind regards

Theresa McArdle
Librarian

P & C NEWS

Dear Parents & Guardians

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, students and teachers who have contributed to the 5c and 10c fund raiser. This will be the last time I report on it as the office will be taking over counting the money for the next 3 weeks. So even I will not know which class is the winner until the announcement is made. Just a reminder that the fund raiser is ending on Friday 21 August and the winning class will be announced on Assembly on 25 August. Good luck to all classes. I wish you all could win but unfortunately, there will only be one winning class. For this week the winning classes are:

1st – 4D; 2nd – 3J; 3rd – 6S.

On Assembly this week, I will award on the spot prizes to the first six classes that brought in the most money last week.

This week, we are sending home raffle tickets for a chance to win a framed and signed State of Origin jersey, so be on the lookout for tickets in your child's bag. The jersey is on display in the school office.

We will be having a Father's Day Stall soon and so are looking for donations of items we can sell. Just drop them into the Uniform Shop.

Have a great week
Therese Peachey
P&C President

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

For parents and caregivers of students in Year 5 through to Year 7 who participate in interschool sports, we are still taking orders for the Sport Shirts

that have become part of our Uniform. These shirts are available only by ordering and paying for them through the Uniform Shop. The students are able to get their surname and choice of number printed on the back and the shirts can then be worn for interschool sport on Fridays. Also, the students are allowed to wear them as part of their everyday uniform. If you would like to order one of these shirts, please drop into the Uniform Shop or get your student to drop in. We have a full range of sizes that are able to be tried on. The shirts cost \$42-50 each.

BRACKEN RIDGE JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB SIGN ON DAYS

The BRJCC Sign On Days will take place on Sunday 9th August from 10am to 12 noon and Saturday 15th August from 10am -12 noon at McPherson Park, Denham Street (next to Bracken Ridge State School). The season starts October 10 (Term 4). Boys and Girls from age 6 to 15 are welcome to sign up. Full season fees are \$120 per player or \$180 total for two or more players. Half season (Christmas Holiday finish) cost is \$100. If you are unable to go to the ground to sign on, forms are available on the website at www.brjcc.org.au or email teams@brjcc.org.au for further information.

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