

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

You may have heard or read about the Summer School initiative from the Queensland Government. In broad terms, it is about opening up selected primary schools to give extra tuition to students in need, during the Spring and Summer vacation periods. In the first round (September), students will be drawn from Years 5, 6 and 7 and will be selected according to their results from the national testing programme over the last couple of years. Taigum State School has been selected as one of the Summer Schools in Round One of the programme. This means that during the second week of the September holidays (28 September – 2 October), classes will be running here from 9am – 12 noon. The focus of the classes will be literacy and numeracy and each class is to be no larger than 12 in number to ensure a fairly intensive interaction between student and teacher across the week. We have identified approximately 40 students from our school who are eligible and notes were sent home to their parents last Friday. I am very happy to report that several of our students are already enrolled for these coming holidays. As our school is one of only three in this area running the programme, we expect to also be picking up students who have been identified from other local schools. At present, expressions of interest have gone out to staff the classes and I expect that several of our own teachers will be involved in the process. If your son or daughter has received an offer, please consider taking it up. As I said, Round 2 is set to run in the Summer holidays, probably in mid-January, but I am unsure if Taigum School will be the venue again.

Spring and Summer don't seem that far away with our unseasonably warm weather at present. Though I'm sure we'll have a few colder days before Winter is over, hotter temperatures will very soon become the norm and stay with us for the next four or five months. With this in mind, I have to remind all students and parents of the need to wear hats when outside. We've heard it many times, but Queensland has the dubious honour of being the skin cancer capital of the world and we all need to take steps to curb the damage that the sun can do. Research shows that it is often the sun in the early years of life that causes the harm when we are older. All students need hats, broad brimmed if possible, sun smart clothing and sun screen, especially if playing sport. It is also a good idea to wear sun glasses to protect the eyes. Teachers have sunscreen in their classrooms for all to use and we have our 'no hat no play' rule in force at all times.

The Summer Interschool sport fixtures will begin in Week 8 (Friday 4 September) and run for two Fridays (though no games will occur on the last Friday of Term), and then continue for the first four Fridays of Term 4. This season is a continuation of the fixtures from Term 1 with both boys and girls competing in Touch football. In other Sport news, Tiki Fraser had an excellent Bramble Bay Athletics Carnival, winning the 10 years Girls 100m and High Jump and coming second in the Long Jump and 200m events. Tiki has been selected in the Bramble Bay Team which will contest the Metropolitan North Championships next week. I wish her all the best at this next level.

Lastly, a reminder that the Parent Opinion Surveys have been sent home today, so if you have received one please fill it out and return it promptly to the office.



Mark Fisher  
Principal

## FROM THE LIBRARY

### Book Week Dress Up Day

**Book Week** – our annual celebration will be held **next week**, with our traditional **Book character dress up day next Tuesday 25 August**. In past years, we have had a great response to our dress up day where 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, clowns and people in traditional dress from foreign lands**, to name a few. Our usual Tuesday Assembly next week should be a spectacular sight!

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**Colouring-in competition** – there is now one week left to go until entries are due for our Book Week colouring-in competitions. All entries are due next Monday 24 August.



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**Gold Star Reading Club** – Congratulations to our latest members of the Gold Star Reading Club. Our school membership now stands at 48 which is our highest membership total ever! There are only two more weeks left for the running of the



Gold Star reading club and the break-up afternoon tea and awarding of certificates will take place at the Zillmere Library on Friday 28 August from 3.30 to 4.30 pm.

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**Book Club Issue 6** orders, together with payment, are due on 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.

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

Kind regards

Theresa McArdle  
Librarian

## SPORTS SHIRTS



Taigum SS individual Sport Shirts are available from our Uniform shop for any student in Years 5-7 who plays interschool sport. Cost is \$42.50 which includes student's name and their choice of number.

## P & C NEWS

Dear Parents & Guardians

Just a reminder that this is the very last week to bring in your 5c and 10c coins for the fundraiser. On Assembly next Tuesday, Mr Fisher will announce the winning class. The class that wins will receive a free breakfast, free pizza for lunch and a free swim from 2<sup>nd</sup> break until home time. This prize will be awarded in November to the winning class.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Reanna Moore, Jessica, Ben and Tori Peachey for helping me sell raffle tickets outside Woolworths Taigum on the night of the student free day. Your help is very much appreciated. We will be selling raffle tickets outside Woolworths Taigum again this Saturday from 10:00am to 12:00pm if any parents/guardians would like to help. Students are welcome to come along and assist their parents in selling tickets. If you are interested in selling tickets, please come and see me in the Uniform Shop or phone 0402 930 769.

Lastly, the Year 7s were given a form recently to purchase graduation signature bears. If any students want to purchase a bear, they need to return the order form by Wednesday 16 September as the bears will be purchased from the supplier during the September holidays.

Thankyou everyone.

Have a great week  
Therese Peachey  
P&C President

## LOST PUPPY



**Much-loved family puppy** went missing Ekka Wednesday from Bracken Ridge.

Reward: \$1000.00  
Ph: 0408 407 737

Win a Gift Voucher!!

## Take Action For Child Protection!

**Red Cross** is organising an art competition for **Child Protection Week (September 6 – 12)**

and you are invited to design a poster about keeping children safe.

**We will be giving gift vouchers for the best poster in each grade.**

You can enter as many times as you like and we have some poster paper in our office if you need it. You can hand your entries in to the school office and don't forget to put your name and grade on the back of the entry.

**All entries need to be in by August 30.**

## CAMP REGISTRATIONS



If you have a child in **Year 6 or 7** who is planning on attending camp, their registration form and deposit of \$25 needs to be handed in to the office by **3:00pm on Wednesday 26 August**. It is important that all participants have registered by this date as we need to notify the campsite of final numbers. Registration forms can be obtained from the school office.