

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

As we are in our seventh week of school for this term, all our teachers have had ample opportunity to interact with, observe and assess students in their Semester Two work. It is now a beneficial time to discuss with parents, their child's progress and we have set down Monday 7 September as our Parent-Teacher Interview evening for Term 3. As this is only two weeks away, you should very shortly be receiving notification of your teacher's timeslots. I recommend that all parents take this opportunity to meet with our teachers. Face to face meetings are always productive, with each party gaining insights into the other's problems and successes in relation to each particular student. Apart from the core discussions about numeracy and literacy, I'm sure that subjects like Summer Schools, NAPLAN Tests, intervention, homework, social development, interschool sport and secondary school for example, are high on the list of topics that can be talked about in these sessions. Please join us for what will be a very interesting and useful afternoon and evening.

The rest of my section of the newsletter is a quick summary of the several activities that are happening at present.

- **Parent Opinion Surveys** – We handed out 40 of these last week and it is pleasing to note that 20 have already been returned. If you still have one at home, please return it by the end of the week.
- **Big Breakfast** – We are quickly approaching our Walking Wheeling Wednesday Big Breakfast for Term 3. The date for it is 2 September and our P&C, with help from the Brisbane City Council's Stacey Hall and Councillor Victoria Newton, will be cooking up a storm of bacon and eggs for all parents and students. It starts at 8am and is \$2 per person.
- **Parent Car Park** – Two points, firstly thanks to all those parents who showed wonderful patience and common sense when that very large truck decided to enter the premises at 3.05pm. I could not believe that the driver would think that was a good idea but he did. Luckily Mr Swales, Mr Tompkins and I were able to clear a path for him to relieve the congestion. Secondly, you may have noticed new arrows and crossings on the bitumen. That is compliments of one of our parents, Ian Graham who donated one Sunday morning to do the work. Thank you Ian. In the holidays, we will complete the markings in an effort to make the car park even safer and more efficient.
- **Summer Schools** – Thank you to the 19 parents who enrolled their students in the 'Summer School' occurring here in September.

The books are now closed and the student details submitted to Central Office.

- **University of NSW Science and Computer Tests** – Some time ago we had approximately 25 students in Years 3- 7 sit for both of these tests. Congratulations to all those who entered. I'm sure the experience was a useful one. Special congratulations go to the follow for their achievements:

Computer Skills – Credit

Nakita Hoffman Year 3
Tyela Marie Year 4
Adrian Lascu Year 6
Myles O'Bery Year 7

Science Skills – Credit

Avisa Agustina Year 3
Myles O'Bery Year 7

All students who sat for these tests will receive their certificates on Tuesday Morning's Assembly.

- **Student Teachers** – Our 13 student teachers are now well into their 'prac' period and are proceeding well. As the weeks pass, they will become much more responsible for the day to day activities in class

I'm looking forward to Book Week Dress Up Day on Tuesday. I'm coming as the perennial criminal in the all those Agatha Christie style whodunits – the Butler. I don't think it will be a wise choice for the weather conditions!



Mark Fisher
Principal

FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Week Dress Up Day



Book Week – This week we celebrate Book Week and our traditional **Book character dress up day is tomorrow, Tuesday 25 August**, when students dress up as their

favourite book character. We always have our dress-up day on Tuesdays so students can display their costumes on Assembly. 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 tradition dress from foreign lands to name a few.

Colouring-in competition – All entries were due in today, Monday 24 August. Winners will be announced on Assembly tomorrow.



Gold Star Reading Club – Congratulations to our latest members of the Gold Star Reading Club. Our school membership now stands at 50 which is our highest membership total ever! The break-up afternoon tea and awarding of certificates will take place at the Zillmere Library next Friday, 28 August from 3.30 to 4.30 pm. All Gold Star members who joined at Zillmere are most welcome to attend. Students who joined at other libraries will be notified of their break-up through the mail.

Bookclub 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.

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 a 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

P & C NEWS

Dear Parents & Guardians

On Assembly this week, Mr Fisher will announce the winning class of the 5c and 10c fundraiser. The winning class wins a free breakfast, a free lunch of pizzas and a free swim after 2nd break till home time. This prize will be awarded to the class some time in November. The classes that come 2nd and 3rd will be awarded a free slushie for each student. Next week I will mention the winning classes and let you know the total amount raised.



Parents and students, please remember to bring in your raffle tickets and money when you have sold your tickets.

We'd also like to remind everyone that there will be a Father's Day Stall outside the tuckshop on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September.

The Walking Wheeling Wednesday Breakfast will be on Wednesday 2nd September. Bacon and egg sandwiches can be purchased for \$2 each.

Finally, I'd like to say thank you to Jenny and Reanna Moore, and Sangitta and Avishek Singh for selling raffle tickets outside Woolworths Taigum last Saturday morning. We are looking for volunteers to help sell raffle tickets outside Woolworths Taigum on the following days:
Thursday 10 September from 6pm to 8pm
Saturday 12 September from 10am to 12 noon
Please come and see me in the Uniform Shop or phone 0402 930 769 if you are able to help.

Have a great week
Therese Peachey
P&C President

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.

Triple P Anxiety Program- FEAR-LESS Triple P
Does your child experience fear and worries? Researchers from UQ School of Psychology have developed the FEAR-LESS Triple P parenting program, aimed at treating anxiety in youth between the ages of 7-14.

The program is offered free of charge to families and there are places available for groups starting in September, October and November.

For more information please contact the researchers on 3365 7307 or email j.valvoi@psy.uq.edu.au