

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

I am sure you were saddened as I was to learn of the tragic death of a student at a school in northern New South Wales. While this type of incident is an extremely rare occurrence, a tragedy such as this reminds us of the important role schools play in our community, offering a safe, consistent, and supportive environment for all students. In this time of heightened awareness of violence in schools, I would like to reassure all parents that our school takes a tough stance on bullying. We do not tolerate any form of violence or harassment. As principal, it is my number one priority that every student feels safe in our supportive school environment.

I have reminded all students that bullying behaviour is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at this school. I ask that all parents take some time this week to speak with their children about bullying and to remind them of the importance of treating others with fairness, dignity and respect. If you believe your child is being bullied or may be involved in bullying another student, I urge you to contact me to discuss the ways we can help to address this behaviour.

Thank you to all the parents who donated their 5c and 10c pieces to our school fundraiser over the last several months. Last week, I incorrectly read the total as \$4832 where I should have said \$1833. It's a pity that it wasn't the first figure, but nearly \$2000 is still very good.

Last Thursday, we sent four teams of five students to the District Maths Tournament. In all, 25 North Brisbane schools sent 35 teams to the competition at Bracken Ridge High School. Although our Year 6 and 7 Mathematicians finished midfield, the experience of working on the problems at the tournament gave them a new appreciation of how to approach Maths tasks and work as a team.

Our WWW Breakfast went very well last Wednesday and was the biggest yet as far as numbers go. We had about 280 students, parents and teachers participate. I must thank the P&C volunteers (Bambi, Ann, Chris, Jenny & Therese) and the teachers who helped cook and serve. Stacey Hall, the BCC Active School Travel Coordinator, also cooked and took photos to do a special on our school for the monthly Active School Travel Newsletter which will be out in a couple of weeks.

Remember our School Dance is coming up this Thursday, with a Zebra (black & white) theme. I look forward to seeing everyone in costume at the Salvation Army Church (cnr Handford &

Roghan Rds, Taigum) around 5:30 pm for dinner. I'm still working on what I'm wearing and I am sure I'll be impressed with the imaginative outfits of our parents and students.



Mark Fisher
Principal

P & C NEWS

First of all, a very big thank you to all students, parents, guardians and teachers who contributed to the 5c and 10c fundraiser. On parade last week, Mr Fisher announced the winning classes but accidentally announced the wrong amount of total money raised. The correct amount raised was \$1833.15. The winning classes were determined by dividing the amount each class raised by the number of students in the class and the results were as follows:

Place	Class	\$ Raised	\$ per student
1 st	4D	296.55	11.40
2 nd	3J	191.10	7.07
3 rd	7SG	178.80	6.87
4 th	PCD	150.80	6.28
5 th	6S	140.55	5.85
6 th	5G	128.55	5.14
7 th	5W	124.95	4.71
8 th	PB	122.65	4.66
9 th	1i	113.55	4.54
10 th	4T	107.20	4.30
11 th	3H	80.35	3.37
12 th	6M	60.80	3.20
13 th	2B	45.50	2.18
14 th	7CG	42.90	1.86
15 th	1C	39.40	1.82
16 th	2C	9.50	0.55

I would like to commend the students in 2C for getting in there and giving it a go, despite having a lot less time than the other classes to raise some money.

Last Wednesday was the Walking Wheeling Wednesday Big Breakfast. Thank you to all who came to enjoy breakfast with us. \$504.05 was raised that morning. Also, last Thursday and Friday we had the Father's Day Stall. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped make the Stall a great success. We raised \$813.25 over the 2 days that the Stall was held.

Remember to keep bringing in all sold raffle tickets for the State of Origin jersey. Thank you. Have a great week

Therese Peachey
P&C President

FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Our ZEBRA School Dance is on this Thursday, 10 September and it will be our last

dance for the year.

It is a black and white theme so wear any combination of black and white clothes. Food order forms will come home on Wednesday 2 September.



ADMINISTERING MEDICATION TO STUDENTS

On occasions, it is necessary for children to be given medication during school hours. School Staff are not permitted to administer prescription medication unless they are provided with a written request from a parent/caregiver and the medication includes the original pharmacy label detailing the name of the person authorised to take the medication, dosage, time to be taken and medical practitioner's name.

The administration of over-the-counter medications, including analgesics (eg Panadol, Nurofen) and homeopathic medications, are subject to the same accountabilities as prescription medications. However, as many over-the-counter medications will not have an original pharmacy label detailing the name of the person authorised to take the medication, dosage, time to be taken and medical practitioner's name, a letter from a medical practitioner will need to be provided to authorise administration of this medication.

STUDENT BANKING AT SCHOOL

There will be no student banking at school for six weeks from this Thursday, 10 September.



VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

As you know, State Education does not charge a fee for tuition. Our school, in consultation with our P&C, requests that you consider a voluntary contribution to the school. This money is channelled directly into improving facilities and resources for our students. In an attempt to minimise the impact upon families we have set the voluntary contribution at \$40 per family. Please note that this is a voluntary donation, but if you can afford it, we would greatly appreciate it. Payments can be made at the school office via cash or cheque. If paying by cheque, please make payable to Taigum State School.

ROAD SAFETY FOR STUDENTS

Ensuring your child has basic road safety skills goes a long way to making sure they get to school safely. You are your child's best road safety teacher. By setting a good example when you are out and about, your child will feel more confident when walking to school.

There are some simple things to remember when walking to school:

- Young children should always be accompanied by an adult.
- Parents walking with primary school aged children should point out the dangers and discuss important road safety actions such as crossing roads, watching for traffic and other safe pedestrian behaviour.
- Show your child the safest route to and from school – this is usually the way with the least traffic and the fewest roads to cross.
- Encourage your child to cross roads where there are traffic lights or a school crossing supervisor.
- Teach your child the 'stop, look, listen and think' principle – stop at the kerb, look right, look left, look right again, listen for any oncoming cars and think "is it safe to cross?" before crossing.

For more information about keeping your children safe on the roads, visit the Queensland Transport website:

www.transport.qld.gov.au/home/safety/road/school

Wayne Swan invites you to the 10th Annual

Welcoming the Babies to Our Community Ceremony

Kidspace,
Seventh Brigade Park,
Chermside

Sunday October 11
9.00am to 11.00am



Welcoming the Babies promises to be a fun family day with free entertainment, specialist advice, gifts, prizes and an official Welcoming

Certificate for the newest members of our community.

We invite all local families with babies up to 18 months old to register to take part in the ceremony. Other members of the community are invited to join in the celebrations on the day.

To register please call the office on **3266 8244**.



BRISBANE DEVILS SOFTBALL CLUB is seeking players for the BSA Summer 2008-09 competition played on Saturdays at Downey Park, Windsor.

Season commences 3 October.

You can have a try without being committed to signing on.

Enquires: Brian (a/h) 0410 055 264

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Bernadette (a/h) 0408 071 808

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