

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

At this time of year, much of our admin focus is on planning for 2010. Our biggest problem, in this regard, is knowing exactly how many students will actually be enrolled, especially in our Prep and particularly if they are coming from families new to our school. With that in mind, our Prep Orientation Day is coming up on 5 November and I encourage all Prep 2010 parents to come along, listen to the presentations, ask questions, do the school tour and enjoy morning tea with us on the day. If you know new parents to our school who do not read this newsletter, please pass this information on to them. A related and very important issue is that of birth certificates for Prep students. Following is a reprint of the Department item we ran last term.

Birth certificates for children starting Prep Year Parents of children born between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005 who are starting Prep in 2010 will need a birth certificate to enrol them in the Prep Year. The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages is encouraging parents to apply for birth certificates now to avoid the new school year rush. To apply for a standard or commemorative birth certificate you can:

- download an application form from www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm
- visit the registry at 110 George Street, Brisbane or your nearest courthouse.

Don't leave it to the last minute – apply for a birth certificate now.

Further information for parents and carers wanting to enrol their Prep-aged children in a State school in Queensland is available on the Department of Education and Training website at: www.education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/inclusiv e/prep/

The other major planning activity for 2010 is the parental forms that go home in Week 5. These forms are to survey parents on their child's needs, their friends and those that they clash with so we can use this information to formulate our classes for next year. We always try to meet the needs of all parties – students, parents and teachers – in this process. Of course, classes are determined by enrolments in the end, which in turn decides the number of teachers we have.

Our Chaplain Mr Steve Unicomb now has a new (and permanent) home. His new room is on ground level in 'A' Block. It is adjacent to the eastern end of the parade ground, behind the large sliding glass door. It has recently been carpeted and plumbed so Steve has moved in and is in the process of organising his room to run all the programmes with which he is involved. Our visiting

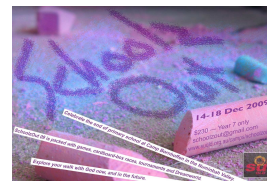
mentors will also use this room when working with the students. Steve's temporary old room is now available for the rest of the school to use for reading groups, writing or maths activities.

A couple of quick reminders – don't forget the Year 6 Camp is coming up in Week 5 (2nd, 3rd, 4th November) and the Year 7 Camp is on in Week 7 (16-19 November).



Mark Fisher
Principal

FROM THE CHAPLAIN



'Schoolz Out' is an awesome camp coming up in the Christmas holidays just for Year 7 kids. It is run by SU Qld (the employer of most school Chaplains in Qld) and is a celebration for the end of primary school. We do heaps of fun stuff including swimming in rock pools and a day at Dreamworld, as well as talking about the transition to high school and exploring God and life. It goes for 5 days: Mon 14 Dec – Fri 18 Dec (the week after school finishes for the year). I am going to be a leader and I'd love to have some Taigum Year 7s come along with me. It costs \$230. I'm currently looking into ways to get some subsidy so it doesn't cost as much.

More info can be found at www.suqld.org.au/camps/schoolzout or come and talk to me if you have any questions (you can ring the school office and leave a message to have me return your call).

Also, don't forget Connect '09 for Year 7s is on this Friday night 23 Oct at Bracken Ridge State High School, 6pm till 9:30pm – \$5 entry fee.

Steve Unicomb

FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Club Issue 7 orders, together with payment, are due back **this Friday, 23 October** and not Friday, 23 November as printed in last week's newsletter. Payment may 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, details on how to do this are on the back of the brochure. Orders are usually delivered back to the school within one to two weeks.

Thank you for your continuing support of Book Club. Through the commission we receive from Scholastic, we are able purchase extra resources for the Library.

Christmas Book Fair – Our annual Christmas Book Fair will commence in three weeks. The fair will begin on Thursday, 12 November at lunchtime and conclude on Thursday, 19 November at 9am. We will be running competitions with prizes in the form of \$5.00 book vouchers which can be spent at the Book Fair. Colouring-in competition sheets will be available later this week.



Overdue Library Books – Thank you to all those students who have returned their overdue books. As there are only six weeks of Library left this year, it would be a great help if **all overdue books** could be returned to the Library as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Theresa McArdle
Librarian

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop will be opened to sell remaining stock on Friday 23 October **ONLY**. The following items will be available:

Lasagne, Smilies, Macaroni Cheese, Spaghetti, Omelettes, Pies, Mini Pies and Potato Top Pies. Cookies, chips, ice blocks and drinks will also be on sale.

Return your order form along with payment to the Uniform Shop (Room 8) as soon as possible. You will need to put two (2) preferences on your order form just in case we run out of your first choice. The sooner you send in your order, the more likely you are to receive your first preference.

People who wait till Friday to place their order will have to accept what is remaining, or may even miss out altogether as no new food is being ordered in.

Volunteers are urgently needed for this day, so please let us know if you are able to help.

FROM THE P&C

Dear Parents & Guardians

I hope you all had a wonderful break. We are just about finished with our fundraising for the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting our fundraising throughout the year.

Soon we will be having our Christmas stall. If anyone is able to contribute to our stall, it would be greatly appreciated.

This Thursday night we will be outside Woolworths selling raffle tickets for the last time for the framed

State of Origin jersey. I am seeking some parents to assist me on the night between 6pm to 8pm. Students are most welcome to come along and help their parents. If you are able to help, please leave a message at the office or catch up with me at the school.

I would like to say a big thank you to Reanna Moore, Tiany Harrison, Nichole Barlow and Jessica & Victoria Peachey for selling 218 tickets outside Big W last Saturday morning. That was a really great effort. Congratulations to everyone.

I'd like to remind everyone that all raffle tickets, including the unsold ones, and money for the State of Origin jersey are to be returned to Room 8 as soon as possible. Thank you.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Silvertand family for turning up at 7am last Thursday morning and getting everything set up and ready for the breakfast barbecue. Thank you to everyone who came and had breakfast at the school. \$311 was raised for the tsunami appeal.

Have a great week

Therese Peachey
P&C President

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is having a clearance sale. We have a number of items that are new but are the old style of uniform so from Tuesday 20th October we are going to be selling the following items:

<u>School Dress</u>	sizes 6 to 16	\$15.00
<u>Skorts</u>	sizes 4 and 6	\$5.00
<u>Senior Polos</u>	sizes 10 – 14 and 16	\$10.00

(great if you have students going into year 7 next year)

There are limited stocks so please drop in and take advantage of these great prices. We are also selling off all our second-hand items.

If you have a student in Year 5, 6 or 7 then please be on the look out for the order form for our fantastic sports shirts that was sent home last week. The sooner you get your order in, the sooner we can get them back from the printer.

Have a great week.

Uniform Committee

TEAM PHOTOS

The group photos of our Sporting Teams and the Learnscape Tour Guides are now available for purchase. Order forms were sent home with students last week. Parents are welcome to inspect the photos in the school office.