

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

In the coming two weeks we are holding several community events. The first is tomorrow, our 'Hilarious Hat' Day. We want all our students to come wearing interesting, extravagant or outrageous head wear. It's a fun way of raising some money for our Student Council who do great things around the school and for charity. We request that everyone in a hilarious hat bring \$2. We will view and judge the hats on tomorrow's assembly, weather permitting.

On Wednesday this week, we are having our Walking, Wheeling Wednesday Big Breakfast. Our breakfast is to highlight the Active School Travel Programme that we have been involved with since the beginning of this year. Occasionally, it is important to do something different to advertise the importance of the programme to maintain the high levels of interest and participation that we have had through Term 2. All students and any parents who come to school on Wednesday morning around 8am, are welcome to a hot breakfast of bacon, egg and bread for \$1 per person. The Brisbane City Council sponsors the Active School Travel Programme and Councillor Victoria Newton will be our special breakfast guest on the day. Our P&C will be our guest cooks and servers. We will run the breakfast no matter what the weather brings, so rain or shine, it will be on.

Our third important event will occur on Friday next week, 8 August. We are having an Indigenous Culture Morning, our belated contribution to NAIDOC Week which fell in the last school holidays. In conjunction with Koobara, we have organised a programme of music, dance and activities for all our Prep to 3 students and our indigenous students in Years 4 to 7. Full details of the entire morning will be in next week's newsletter.

Last week, Mr Swales and I had the great pleasure of coaching and managing the 12 years Met North Touch Football Team at the Queensland championships on the Gold Coast. Apart from three days of awful weather, the championship was a great success. Our team acquitted themselves very well and came third overall. Three of our own Taigum State School students played in the team and put in excellent performances in the eleven games we played. My congratulations go to Matthew

Cavanagh, Jayden Nikorima and Keenan Yorston for their fine efforts. Alexandra Lascu was also involved in the Girl's Team and she had a good carnival too. Unfortunately, her team had a very hard run, only winning one game. Interestingly, if you count our four players and two officials, Taigum State School contributed the highest number of participants at the carnival. Not bad for one small school out of the 1300 State wide.

The poor weather was not restricted to the Gold Coast and unfortunately our Bramble Bay athletes, their parents and our supervising teachers endured terrible conditions at Nudgee on Thursday. Worse still, very little in the way of competition occurred due to the wet. I must congratulate our competitors and their families for their persistence in the circumstances and apologise for the fact that the day ran at all. It really should have been called off. However, that did not occur and we had a very unsatisfactory day. I believe that the rest of the events missed will be rescheduled for this week. When the Bramble Bay District Sport Association informs us, we will let everyone know.

As I missed three days of school last week, I am very keen to get back into the swing of Term 3, especially with so many great things coming up.

Mark Fisher  
Principal

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

We had an awesome time at KidsGames during the school holidays. Over 2000 kids attended a KidsGames event in 25 different venues around Brisbane. At our KidsGames, 68 kids came along, 20 from Taigum SS. The kids enjoyed playing a heap of games. They made some very cool crafts and learned some great stories about David in the Bible. KidsGames isn't only about kids having fun. KidsGames kids are also challenged to do a 'Compassion Project.' The kids raised \$285 by bringing in spare change from around the house. That money will be split between an orphanage in Zimbabwe that The Salvation Army at Taigum supports, and an orphanage in Uganda that Taigum Community Church supports.

Steve Unicomb

## P & C NEWS

Hi Everyone

Just a reminder about the Shopper Dockets at the Bracken Ridge Plaza – When you make any purchases at Coles Supermarket or any of the many Speciality Stores at the Plaza, remember to put your dockets into the barrel for Taigum State School. So, come on get behind the school. Just think what we could do for our kids with \$10,000.

Also, we are calling on anyone to make a donation for our annual Fathers Day stall and raffle which will be in September. I'm sure many of you can put on your crafty thinking caps and come up with some great ideas which we can sell for that special Dad. Many thanks to all of you who have already donated gifts. All donations can be left at either the Uniform Shop or the Tuckshop.

Have a great week  
P & C Committee

## FROM THE TUCK-SHOP



Thanks to all who started the week with the new menu. We have had a lot of comments about it and all have been positive.

Please look out for your "Taigum Tuck-shop's Terrific Show Bag" order form which is included with the newsletter this week. The bag is filled with Healthy Choice Selections and will be on sale from the Tuck-shop on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August for \$4 a bag.

Also, don't forget this Wednesday's Big Brekkie, which will be on outside the Tuck-shop from 8am – bacon and eggs on sale for \$1 – so get the skates on, grease up that squeaky front wheel on your bike or blow off the cobwebs from your runners and take a walk up to school and have brekkie with your kids. Only one dollar for a bacon and egg sandwich. If this is not an excuse to have a day off from organizing breakfast, nothing is. Love to see you there. Until next time....

The Tuck-shop Committee



## CROSSING ROADS SAFELY

You can reinforce the principles of road safety in children by teaching, showing and setting good examples.

Teach children to **stop, look, listen and think:**

**STOP** at the kerb

**LOOK** right, look left, and look right again

**LISTEN** for approaching traffic and

**THINK** before crossing the road.

Run through these steps with them so you are sure they understand each part.

Encourage your child to always use a crossing where provided. At unsupervised crossings, ensure traffic has stopped **before** stepping onto the road and, at traffic lights, wait for the green walk signal **and** that the traffic has stopped.

If a crossing supervisor is on duty, teach children to listen to them and **only** cross when the supervisor signals to do so. They make sure everyone crosses the road safely.

Above all, lead by example. Children usually imitate adults so **always try** to do the right thing when crossing roads.

If you would like more information on this or any other road/child/bike safety or other transport issue, please phone your Road Safety office on 1300 360 135.

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