

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Our new Library and Specialist Centre has now been officially opened by the Federal Treasurer, Mr Wayne Swan. He was most impressed with the facility and enjoyed the very low key ceremony. My thanks to P&C members, teachers and students who found time to be part of the opening. Our School Captain, Alexandra Lascu, delivered an excellent vote of thanks to Mr Swan to end the proceedings. Watch out for a photo in Quest newspapers soon.

Some time ago, Stacey Hall, our Active School Travel Coordinator, put us on to a grant to improve car park safety through the SWAP (Safer Walking and Peddling) Programme. I am very happy to report that we were successful in our application and have received \$10 000. This money will be used to replace the orange mesh fencing and dirt paths on the parent car park with a permanent structure. The parent car park will be fully fenced with steel posts and mesh, and all the paths will be concrete. Our car park will then be very safe and somewhat more attractive than at present. Unfortunately, the work will cause some inconvenience for the next couple of weeks so I ask for your patience in this matter. The end product will be worth the wait.

Active School Travel has its culminating activity in City Hall tonight with the BLAST Concert. Ms Templeton, the choir and I went to rehearsal at midday today and it looks like it will be spectacular as the 13 schools will be performing in front of an audience of about 1200. Our Taigum students will be doing their rendition of 'Walk This Way' with new words that they have written especially for active travel. The Walking Wheeling Wednesdays will still run right through to the end of the year. Next week has been allocated as the Walking Wheeling Week, when we try to actively travel each day. It may be an imposition but I'm sure many students and parents will rise to the challenge. Very shortly a parent survey will be going home to ask your thoughts on how it all went. Please fill it out and return it as soon as you can.

Next Tuesday is Prep Orientation Day. We hope to see all our parents of Preppies for 2009 attend. The day should be interesting and informative. It will begin at 8:45am when we will host our new parents on parade. We will then retire to the Drop In Centre for a talk, followed by a tour of the school and morning tea. The day should finish around 10:30am so everyone can get to their Melbourne Cup luncheons. Please pass this information on to any prospective Prep parents that you may know are enrolling their children next year.

Lastly, next Friday is World Teachers' Day. Please take the time to thank your child's teacher for their

work this year. We will put on a breakfast for all Staff on Friday morning to celebrate the profession which has taken a few hits in the media over the last few years or so.



Mark Fisher
Principal

eNewsletter

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FROM THE CHAPLAIN

If you see me this Friday, I'm going to be looking a bit different. On Thursday night, I'm going to cut my hair into a 'Mullet'. The reason I'm going to do this is not because I think it'll look great, but I'm trying to raise money for the Chaplaincy Service here at Taigum SS. Around Queensland at the moment, Chaplains are doing a fundraiser called Octobeard. I didn't really want to grow a beard but I do need a haircut and so I asked myself, 'Why not a mullet?' (My wife keeps telling me many reasons). If you would like to sponsor my Mullet, there will be a tin at the School Office Reception Area. You can also donate online at www.octobeard.com.au. Click on "Sponsor a Beard" and then in Step 1 scroll down to "Taigum SS" and follow the instructions from there. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. I am only going to keep my Mullet for the weekend.

Steve Unicomb



FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Club – Issue 7 has been ordered and items will be returned to the school within two weeks. Orders will be distributed to students on arrival.

Ed Alive Community Software Offer has been extended until this Wednesday. Please note that payment can only be made by cheque, money order (from the Post Office) or credit card. Unfortunately, orders received after Wednesday will be unable to be accepted.

Christmas Book Fair – Our annual Christmas Book Fair is now only 2½ weeks away. The Book



Fair commences at lunchtime on Thursday 13 November and will continue until the following Thursday morning, 20 November. There will be many fantastic books available for purchase, as well as some great bargain buys. To celebrate the Book


Fair, other events happening will include:

- **Christmas Colouring-in Competition** – available from the beginning of November. Prizes will be a \$5 book voucher to spend at the Book Fair
- **Christmas Dress Up Day** will occur on Tuesday, 17 November. Come dressed in your Christmas clothes and celebrate the Book Fair. A gold coin donation is asked for and this will be put towards the purchase of gifts for the Salvation Army to distribute.
- **Christmas Quiz & Guessing Competition** will run in the library at lunch time during the Book Fair



Kind regards



Theresa McArdle
Librarian



Student Council News

This Term, the Student Council are working on gathering donations for the Salvation Army Christmas appeal. Each week, we are asking for a donation in one of the following categories:

- Canned food,
- Drinks, pet food
- Lollies, biscuits, packet foods
- Christmas decorations



This week's category is **Packet Foods**

P.S. We would also appreciate any new Christmas paper or ribbon that you may have left from last year.

Thanks

Taigum State School Student Council

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

There are still "Show Bags" left for sale at the great price of \$4 each – included in there is a packet of Curios, Honey soy chips, a yoyo, Up and Go drink (chocolate), and a small Dagwood dog with sauce. As you can see, it is a great value lunch treat. Just

remember to put Show Bag on your Tuckshop bag when ordering.

Last week we sent out to everyone a fantastic brochure on the Super Slice Drive. Remember to get your orders in from your family and friends and bring the order form and money back to either the Tuckshop or the Uniform Shop. Everything has to be in by no later than 7th November. Thanks heaps.

Have a great week.

From the Tuckshop Committee

SPORTS, MUSIC & EXTRA GROUPS PHOTOS

Photos of the Sports, Music and Extra Groups are currently available for viewing in the School Office. All parents whose children were in these photos should have received an order form last week. Please request another one if you missed out.

All orders and payments must be returned to the office by this Wednesday 29 October. Please ensure you enclose the correct money as change cannot be given. Photos cost \$16 each.

Fancutts Tennis Academy will continue the tennis program at the school courts during this Term on Wednesdays.

Beginners 3.00 – 3.45pm

Players 3.45 – 4.30pm

Friendly Tournaments/Hot Shots for trophies are on Saturdays, 11:00am – 1:00pm at Fancutts during school term. Superleague/external fixtures are on Saturdays from 2:00 - 5.30pm & Sundays 3.45 – 6pm. All enquiries, please contact Fancutts on 3857 2922 in office hours or email Fancutts@bigpond.com.



FREE School Holiday Course – Caring for Kids

Do you have a child in Year 7 or Year 8, and aged between 12 & 14 years old? Save the Visible Ink, Zillmere are combining to offer an activity based course to young people who are helping to look after younger children of family and friends or are interested in helping in this way. The course is lots of FUN, there are no exams or homework and we provide their lunch and afternoon tea!

The course will be run over 4 days, from Tuesday, 16th to Friday 19th December, 2008, between 10am and 3pm daily. It will be held at Visible Ink Youth Space 3-5/67 Dunsford St, Zillmere.

To register for the course or get more information, call Kelly Rivas @ Visible Ink on 3407 8102 or Lynne Beasley @ Save the Children on 3034 8126. Places are limited, so call a.s.a.p.