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2 February 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

With Week 2 being our first full five day week, we will really be in the thick of our academic work across our school for 2016. Week 2 is also important in that it is the week when we finalise our enrolments and know precisely what our staffing will be. Friday this week is known as Day 8 and that's the day when we inform the department of our exact numbers. At present, they stand at 390 students. That is our largest starting enrolment for over 30 years. 2015's tally on Day was 368, so we have grown by about a class over the last 12 months. We predict that we will be able to form a third Prep class quite shortly, and we will contact parents accordingly when and if that is the case.

School Captains

As Term 1 is quite short, we are well into the selection process for our 2016 School Captains. This year, we have 60 Year 6 students which gives us a lot of choice in finding the right students for the role. Last week, I talked to all the Year 6s about what is required of a captain and what we expect. 20 of our 6s are Senior Leaders and thus were able entitled to nominate for positions. Yesterday, 12 of them delivered their speeches to the rest of the Year 5 and 6 students. They all did a great job of their presentations and then the upper school students voted for those they thought were best suited for the job. We are now up to the shortlisting phase. On Thursday, the top 8 highest vote winners will be interviewed by a panel consisting of student, parent and teacher representatives who will make the final decision about our captains for this year. We will send letters home to their parents on that day informing them of the results and tell the whole school on assembly on Friday. School Captains will be invested on the assembly on February 19.

Air Conditioning

Sometimes we just seem to get the timing right. Over the holidays, using P&C and school funds, we were able to air-condition three of our buildings, the ones that were the hottest, 'B', 'C' and 'E' Blocks. In total, that is 8 classrooms, which is a start. Those classes (Year 2s, 5s and 6s) have benefitted immensely from that work this week, while the rest of us have sweltered. What is even better news though is that the P&C were successful in applying for a grant for \$33 000 to get most of the rest of school cooled as well. Unfortunately, it won't be done for this summer, but 2016 will be the last time that we will have classes in hot rooms. We hope to get the work done over the Easter break.

Facilities Work

Apart from the Air Conditioning work, there are a few other facilities changes or upgrades occurring. We have built a new storeroom beside Room 8 to allow that room to become our new Uniform Shop. The old Uniform Shop is to be gutted and refurbished to use as a teaching area. Secondly, we have received our preliminary plans for the beautification of the existing bitumen area between 'C' and 'D' blocks. Landscaping, tree planning and the installation of shade will make this area much more attractive and much more pleasant for our children to play in. This work should also take place across the Easter vacation.

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C Meeting of 2016 will take place on Tuesday 9 February, starting at 6:30pm. The meetings are short (around 60 minutes), relaxed and productive. The P&C do a great job for our school and are always looking for input from new members. All are welcome to attend.

Let's hope for some cool weather next week!

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **The Whole Class** for settling in well during their first week in Prep
Prep CD - **Josie** for her fantastic writing
Year 1L – **Narquincia** for being a friendly and respectful learner
Year 1N – **Mason** for being a helpful member of the class
Year 2C – **Cooper** for an excellent effort during the first week of school
Year 2H – **Sha-taya** for showing great respect for her classmates
Year 2J – **Daniel** for fantastic reading skills
Year 3B – **James** for paying attention in class and showing enthusiasm for learning
Year 3M - **Iszabelle** for always demonstrating lovely manners and working well in class
Year 4G – **Anjali** for her hard working attitude and beautiful listening
Year 4SH- **Dreya** for making an excellent start to Year 4 and showing great organisational skills
Year 4TK – **John** for a positive approach to his school work
Year 5P - **Riley** for always participating in classroom discussions
Year 5WI – **Jack** for being an interested and organised student
Year 6C - **Janelle** for working well in Mathematics, answering questions and being involved
Year 6N – **Jericho** for being a supportive and encouraging member of the classroom

FROM THE OFFICE

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL



If your child is absent from school due to ill health or other reasons, please phone the Absence Line on 3632 9866, or alternatively, send an email to admin@taigumss.eq.edu.au or a note to your child's class teacher.

For auditing purposes all student absences must be explained.

PERSONAL DETAILS UPDATE

If you have recently changed your address, contact phone number or emergency contacts, please complete a form at the office to update your details.

FROM THE LIBRARY

BOOK CLUB NEWS

New look Scholastic Book Club orders for Issue 1 have been sent home with students. Should your child wish to purchase any items, please ensure their order form and correct money are returned to the school on or before Friday 12 February 2016. A collection box has been placed on the front counter at the Administration Office.



"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away. And in its place you can install, a lovely bookshelf on the wall." **Roald Dahl**

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION OFFICERS

Every Day Counts



School absenteeism can impact significantly on students' learning and wellbeing. Research shows that higher student attendance is associated with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

Schools monitor attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers any unexplained absences.

If your child does not want to go to school, or is missing too much school, please contact the school for assistance and support.

Children do better when they go to school all day, every day

They learn better

They make friends

They are happier

They have a brighter future

Together let's make Every Day Count

Kind regards,
Bambi and Karen
School Participation Officers

FROM THE P&C

Welcome back to the new school year and we hope everyone has settled back into their school routine. The P&C would like to advise that we are having our first meeting on Tuesday 9th February at 6:30pm in the staffroom (located near the Staff car park). The meetings are a great opportunity to hear about what is going on, and what is being planned in our school. We look forward to welcoming back our regulars and hope to see some new faces on the night.

UNIFORM SHOP – NEW LOCATION

The Uniform Shop has relocated and can now be found in Room 8 located under 'B' block.

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

Monday to Thursday mornings: 8.15am to 8:45am

The uniform shop now has EFTPOS.

SCHOOL BANKING

Wednesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

DATES TO REMEMBER

 FEBRUARY 2016	
3 rd	School Banking
3 rd	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
5 th	Assembly – Senior Leader badge presentation
5 th	Sport Trials
9 th	Afterschool Touch Football Years 5 & 6
11 th	Afterschool Touch Football Years 3 & 4

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TAIGUM TINY TIGERS PLAYGROUP



What We Do:

At Taigum Tiny Tigers Playgroup we cater for children from birth to 5yrs old, and offer a safe and fun environment for little ones and their parents / carers to come and spend a couple hours each week. We organise a range of fun activities for the children that include: Story Time, Arts & Crafts as well as Imaginative Play!

Coffee and tea is provided for the adults and we encourage everyone to bring something to share for Morning Tea.

When and Where:

Taigum Tiny Tigers meets on Fridays from 9am – 11am
We are located at Taigum State School (Room 9 – next to the Tuckshop)
266 Handford Road, Taigum 4018
For any further information please contact Chloe Boswell on: 3632 9888.
We Look Forward To Seeing You There!

Please note that Playgroup commences on Friday 5th February.

My apologies there will be No Playgroup on Friday 12th February due to previous commitments.

GOJU KAI KARATE



Karate & Self Defence classes can enhance calmness, focus and fitness. They provide positive life skills and assist with the goal setting for everything students do. They lay the foundations of self-discipline, providing a positive outlook for home and school.

Over 35 Years Experience

All Ages Welcome

To enquire about beginning or enhancing your Karate journey please contact Bernie Sensei on 0409 474 494 or visit www.agkk.com.au

NORTHS ST JOSEPH'S SIGN ON DAY

Norths St Joseph's Junior Rugby League and Netball Club are holding their annual sign on day on Sunday 7 February 2016. For further information please phone 3266 7806, or visit their website www.stjoeys.com.au

Clubhouse is located at 14a Wellington St, Virginia Qld 4014. All Welcome.

HOOK IN2 HOCKEY

Kedron Wavell Services Hockey Club will be running a program called Hook in2 Hockey. Early registration is essential for equipment orders. The program runs for 3 weeks starting at 9:00am on Saturday 13 February 2016 and costs \$65 per child.

Registration forms are available on our website: www.kwhockey.com , email: learnhockey@gmail.com or contact Laura / Kylie on 0423 840248.

We are located at Burringbar Park, Kitty Hawk Drive, Chermside.

KIDZ-N-CO DANCE PROGRAM

Dance Classes for Boys & Girls 4-8 years with special needs

We are very proud to be offering a dance program for children with special needs this year. We have two wonderful teachers with extensive training and experience in special needs as well as dance training. Classes will take place in a lovely air conditioned studio in Tennyson.

For further information please visit our website: www.kidznco.com

