Last week, I wrote about the excellent work done two weekends ago in our indigenous learnscape by our dedicated group of adults and students. On the weekend, their efforts were enhanced by the laying of one hundred metres of concrete path through the garden, basically running in a winding course from East to West. Apart from defining some clear edges to form gardens with, the path will allow for the first time, wheel chair access to the area thus enabling many different visitors to enjoy the surroundings. These are the first steps to improving the area and we are working on some more ideas as well.

**Walking Wheeling Wednesday**

Every Wednesday, I endeavour to ride to school to model the desired behaviour. Last Wednesday, I was unable to do so as I had to drive my son to school. However, this turned out well as I had the chance to see how far some of our students and parents go to keep in the spirit of active school travel. I saw families walking from as far away as Zillmere State School, Dorville Road and the back corner of Fitzgibbon Chase. Each of those locations is two or more kilometres from school. I was really impressed by the effort and commitment of these groups. Every Wednesday, the number of bikes and scooters in our cage doubles and the parent car park is much quieter. This is showing me that students and parents are taking active travel seriously and you are all to be congratulated. This Wednesday is our WWW Big Breakfast, so from 8 o’clock, a sausage sizzle will be in full swing outside our hall. For two dollars you can enjoy a sausage on bread and for an extra 50c, you can get a drink.

Also through our Active School Travel links, the Brisbane City Council is providing us with a ‘Road Safety Assembly’ this week. Our old favourites Red, Green and Roadstar will be putting on an entertaining and informative session for our students this Friday at 8:45 am. All parents are most welcome to attend as well.

**Election Day – Saturday 7 September**

Saturday week is the date of the Federal Election. Our school hall will be in use as a polling booth on the day and our P&C will be running a barbecue and selling cakes. To save a lot of confusion, I need to clarify a couple of points which I hope will save you time on the day. Taigum School is in the electorate of Lilley. The whole suburb of Taigum is in Lilley, so is Zillmere and Boondall. If you live in Bracken Ridge, Carseldine or Fitzgibbon, you are in the electorate of Petrie. Therefore, if you want to vote quickly, those in the electorate of Lilley should come to the school. If you are in the electorate of Petrie, the Fitzgibbon Chase Community Hall on Roghan Road is the best place to vote. Both locations can accommodate the other electorates, but you would be doing an absentee vote which is much more time consuming. For all those who will be unable to attend a polling booth on the day, there are several locations where you can vote early. I have listed them below.

**Early Voting Centres**

- Chermside - Kedron Community Church Cnr Rode Rd & Gympie Rd, CHERMSIDE
- Sandgate - 1 Fourth Ave, SANDGATE
- Strathpine - Plaza Shopping Centre Cnr Gympie & Bells Pocket Rd, STRATHPINE
- City - AEC Divisional Office Level 7 488 Queen St, BRISBANE CITY
- City - 488 Queen Street Level 1, BRISBANE CITY
- City - 33 Charlotte St BRISBANE CITY
Book Week Dress Up Day
This occurred last Friday and it was really impressive. Both the number of costumes and the quality were outstanding and I thank all those parents who supported it. Many of our school staff also entered into the spirit of the day by wearing their costumes as well, as did several of our student teachers. The end result is that we are highlighting and celebrating books and reading, two things that will lead to better results for our students. That is a worthwhile activity.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week
Prep B - Derek for being a champion skipper
Prep CD - Kai for sharing his impressive maths skills with the class
Year 1i - Azariah for having excellent comprehension skills
Year 1L - Zaki for an entertaining poem recital
Year 1N - Andrew for reading stories with excellent pace, fluency and intonation
Year 2H - Xandre for a great improvement in all his school work
Year 2J - Tnarlii for helpful answers during English lessons
Year 3B - Gus for doing his work efficiently and always finishing on time or ahead of time
Year 3TM - Ben for always having a go and doing his best work
Year 4C - Koby for always trying his best in class
Year 4/5G - Tracy for an excellent standard of work in class at all times
Year 5W - Lincoln for working hard on his narrative story
Year 6S - Shakira for an improved effort in all her work
Year 6/7G - Abbi for always being helpful in class
Year 7C - Sasha for excellent participation in all class activities

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 23rd August 2013.

- 1i - Jessica
- 1L - Makenna
- 1N - Chloe
- 2H - Shakota
- 2J - Shee Shee
- 3B - Justin
- 3TM - Anais
- 4C - Hayley
- 4/5G - Brooklyn
- 5W - Adrian
- 6S - Charlotte
- 6/7G - Avisa
- 7C - Mavae
STAFFROOM IMPROVEMENT COMPETITION

Help us win a $20,000 staffroom makeover!

Thanks to QT Mutual Bank we have the chance to win a $20,000 staffroom makeover as part of their “Staffroom for Improvement” competition. The prize is a complete makeover of our school’s main staffroom and even better is the chance for individual voters to win one of five $1,000 QTMB bank accounts. The winning school will be the one with the most votes weighted against the number of students, so any school, small or large has an equal chance to win. We need as much support from our local school community as possible. Simply visit www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au to read the terms and conditions and register your interest today.

The competition kicks off on 28 August so spread the word and get as many people as possible to vote for Taigum State School.
FROM THE P&C

Hi Everyone!

This week is a busy week as we have lots of activities happening! First off, please don’t forget to bring in all your Factathon money by this Friday. Remember there is a bike and scooter to win! We will announce the winners on the last parade of the term. There will be the WWW Big Breakfast on Wednesday, outside the tuckshop from 8am. For $2 you can buy yourself a yummy sausage sizzle and drinks are 50cents. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

This week is a special week as it is Father’s Day on Sunday. We are holding our Father’s Day stall on Thursday & Friday mornings from 8am through to 8:45am. We have some awesome things this year so don’t forget to bring in your money to buy something special for Dad.

Finally, our Father’s Day raffle will be drawn on Friday, during parade. Don’t forget that first prize is a 16GB Apple iPod Nano + itunes voucher so to be eligible for the draw make sure all raffle tickets (sold or unsold) are handed into the uniform shop by Thursday.

Many thanks and have a great week!

Chloe Boswell
P&C Vice-President.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

School holidays are coming up in a month and Scripture Union Qld (who employs most chaplains in Qld) is running some great camps for kids in Grade 5-7. http://www.sucamps.org.au/ is the website to go to see all the camps and register. There’s a lot of different camps there for different aged kids, genders and regions around Qld. Gents Ignitions (boys only), Spring Mapleton Adventure Camp & Musical Adventure Camp are camps that are for kids in our area. All these camps are great fun and they are run by chaplains and leaders from local churches and do talk about God & the Bible.

We’ve also changed the date of our Jump Rope for Heart ‘Jump Off.’ It will now be on Friday September 20 (the last day of school).

Steve Unicomb

DATES TO REMEMBER

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

VACANT CLEANING POSITION

Taigum State School has a cleaning vacancy for 23.5 hours per week. Split shift required. The successful applicant must make application for, and be able to obtain, a suitability card from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian. Application packs are available from the school office at 266 Handford Road Taigum. Applications in writing addressing the selection criteria close 3.00pm, Wednesday 11 September 2013. For further details contact Maxine Lecole on 36329888.

CHEERLEADING CLASSES IN TERM 4

Recreational cheerleading classes for children aged 6-12 years. Learn to cartwheel, flip, jump and dance in a fun environment focused on learning to work as a team, developing discipline as well as making friends and having fun!

- 8 week program (7 October to 15 December)
- Cost $80
- Classes held at our gym at 128 Granite Street, Geebung
- For further information or to register, please email info@queenslandcheerelite.com.au or call our office on (07) 3161 5069

ZILLMER COMMUNITY CENTRE

Zillmere Community Centre are holding a Community Expo at Fitzgibbon Chase on Saturday 28th September 2013. The aim is to raise community awareness of services available in the local area. If you would like any further information please – Phone: 3865 2880 or Email: enquires@necsg.org.au
Bears Softball – Batter Up Program

Softball Batter Up
Come and have some fun and try Softball!
3 week program for kids 7-12 years old

When:
Saturday 9am-11am
31 August, 7 September and 14 September 2013

Where:
O’Callaghan Park, 340 Zillmere Road, Zillmere

How Much:
$30 for registrations by 26 August 2013
$45 for registrations after 26 August 2013

Includes 3 wk program, Softball glove & ball!

More info:
Kim Cooper - 0416 058 047
getintosoftball@gmail.com
www.Bearssoftball.com.au

National Animal Rescue Groups of Australia
(NARGA) Inc

Have you always wanted to help animal rescuers but don’t know how or just can’t over commit?

Home Checks are for you! Rescue groups all over Australia struggle to be in all the places they would like to be at any one time, and can’t always do home checks and yard checks for potential fosterers or adopters, which most would prefer to do if they had the resources.

If you have an hour or two to spare a week and can help, for any specified length of time, please send us an email to admin@narga.org.au and we can discuss this new program with you.

Together we will make a difference!  www.narga.org.au
Electric Eels Swimming Club
Sign on Fun Day
15 September 2013
10am to 2pm
Zillmere State School Merrett Ave Zillmere
Come and enjoy a BBQ and Free Swim in our Heated Pool
www.electriceels.org.au
BLUE LIGHT DISCO AUGUST 31st

We are having our monthly blue light disco this Friday the 30th August
- Zillmere PCYC – 340 Zillmere Rd, Zillmere
- 6.00pm – 8.00pm
- Entry $5.00
- Phone: 3633 0244

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work as a Zoo Keeper? Well, wonder no more because the school holidays are back, and so is Australia Zoo's holiday program, Zoo Keeper For a Day: Khaki Discovery!

If you are aged between seven and eleven you can join the zoo crew to help feed the animals and clean enclosures, with exclusive behind the scenes access and plenty of hands-on action with some of our gorgeous animals. Children aged twelve to fourteen can step it up a notch with Zoo Keeper for a Day: Khaki Extreme. It’s a day you won’t forget! Places are booking out fast so call 07 5436 2025 to make a reserve your spot.

**Ages:** 7 - 11 years or 12-15 years  
**Price:** $85  
**Includes:** Zoo entry, Zoo Keeper for a Day cap and water bottle, lunch, photo with one of our animals  
**Duration:** 5 hours  
**Location:** Australia Zoo  
**Dates:** 21 September to 6 October 2013

Further details are available at www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day
FREE JUNIOR GOLF

- INCLUDES FREE COACHING WITH AAA RATED COACH
- FUN COMPS, PRIZES & TROPHIES
- AGES 4 - 15 ALL LEVELS WELCOME

MINIMUM OF ONE PARENT PER CHILD MUST ATTEND. CHILDREN CAN ONLY PARTICIPATE IF THEIR PARENT IS PRESENT. BOOKING ESSENTIAL.

2199 Sandgate Road, Boondall Parking map can be found at http://sc.pn/nn
LIMITED SPACES BOOK NOW – (07) 3865 0595