Dear Parents

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Even though we are now officially in Spring, the warm weather has been with us for several weeks now, especially around the middle of the day. It is timely to remind everyone of our collective need to be sun safe. The UV level in Brisbane for the next six months is high to extreme from around 9am right through to 4pm, every day whether fine or cloudy. We do not let students play in the sun without a hat. We encourage them to wear sunscreen. Dark glasses are a good idea as well, particularly around midday. We try to have a spare supply of hats in our staffroom for children to wear but we often run out. I encourage all parents to follow our guidelines to ensure sun safety for all our students. With hat and sunscreen, all our students can enjoy their playtime and feel safe in the knowledge that they are protecting their skin from the harshness of our climate.

School Disco
Our school disco is coming up on Thursday night at the Salvation Army Church on Roghan Road. This dance’s theme is country which is a nice and easy one for most of us to dress in. I’m sure I’ll see some fantastic costumes, as usual. If you are just attending the disco, it starts at 6:30pm and costs $5 per family, whether one or ten. If you are eating, food will go on sale around 5:45 pm. Food order forms were sent out last week and should have been returned by now. I hope to see as many there as possible as they are always good fun nights.

Parent-Teacher Interviews
Our second set of interviews for 2013 is only a week away. As always, I encourage all parents to attend the session to get first-hand information about how their children are performing at school. We will be starting just after 3pm and running through to finish at 6pm. A small change this round is the venue. We are usually in the library but both large areas there are being used as classrooms at present so our interviews on Monday will be in our school hall which can’t be missed as it’s right out the front of the site. If you are unable to attend on this day, please make sure to organise a time with your child’s teacher on another day.

New Website
Those eagle-eyed amongst our parent group will have noticed a change to our website. Simply put, it looks totally different. However, the biggest change is actually behind the scenes. For the last seven years, our website has been hosted by an outside provider. This meant we had little control over the look and feel of the site and changing it was a slow process. Our new website is hosted by Education Queensland and we have total control over the look, the feel and the content. Right now it is still a fairly basic looking site but we will build it up over time to make it more informative and useful for our parent group.

Voting on Saturday (rerun from last week)
Saturday 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 might 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 - 33 Charlotte St BRISBANE CITY

Come along and support our P&C’s barbecue. They tell me they are starting early for those wanting breakfast and going all day or until they run out of food.

A final reminder: Polling Booths open at 8am and close at 6pm

Mark Fisher
Principal

**Students of the Week**

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<td>Trang</td>
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<td>Arian</td>
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<td>for fantastic manners and always trying his best</td>
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<td>for being ready for work in the mornings</td>
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<td>for improvements in all areas and excellent reading in reading groups</td>
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<td>Tyrone</td>
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<td>Brooklyn</td>
<td>for wonderful manners and a good attitude to work</td>
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<td>Emily</td>
<td>for showing good understanding and knowledge of science topic studied this term</td>
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<td>Lavinia</td>
<td>for consistently good bookwork and a happy, cheerful attitude in class</td>
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<td>Sara</td>
<td>for breaking the Bramble Bay and Metropolitan North record in discus</td>
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<td>Year 7C</td>
<td>Elizabeth</td>
<td>for active involvement in class activities</td>
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**BOOK AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 30th August 2013.

- 1i - Avneesh
- 1L - Baelee-Maree
- 1N - Keith
- 2H - Emily
- 2J - Riley
- 3B - Braydan
- 3TM - Lipikha
- 4C - Hayley
- 4/5G - Shaunmanning
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 kicked off on 28 August so spread the word and get as many people as possible to vote for Taigum State School.

Thank you for your support so far. Please keep those apples coming!

FROM THE P&C

Hi Everyone!

Last week’s Father’s Day Stall was a massive success and I want to say a big Thank You to all the students who came and bought presents for their Dad; I hope they enjoyed receiving them on Sunday! Also I’d like to thank all those who donated and took time out to help us on the day.
We also held our Raffle on Friday which was very exciting. The winners were:

- 1st Prize: Kobe in Prep B
- 2nd Prize: Alex in 5W
- 3rd Prize: Adrian in 5W

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets! I’d like to say a special thank you to Mrs Hughes for creating the really beautiful bows; they topped the prizes off nicely. Congratulations to the winners!

This Thursday is our school Disco and we will be having a lucky draw prize. Tickets will be available at the door at $1 each. There is only 1 prize, it is:

- 1 Family Pass to Alma Park Zoo, 1 Child’s Pass to Australia Zoo plus other goodies!

See you there and Good Luck!

Finally, just a reminder that Election Day is this Saturday, there is still time to bring in cakes for us to ice, also if anyone would like to help out on the day we would greatly appreciate it!

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

ZILLMERE 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

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
**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

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**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
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
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We are a disciplined school and approach our learning with a growth mindset. Teachers deliver quality instruction in an orderly environment. Students know that learning is the work and wear their school uniform with pride.

High School 2015 – Here we come!
Family High School Experience
Saturday, October 12th 2013
9.30 – 12.00
School Tours
High School “Master” Classes (limited places in each class)
Register on our website: www.aspleyshs.eq.edu.au