Dear Parents

When this week ends, we are half way through Term 4 and have only five weeks of the 2013 school year left. Where is it going? Much has happened since my last newsletter as you will read in the items below.

Chaplaincy Celebration
Last Friday night, we had a celebration for the combined chaplaincy services of Zillmere, Geebung and Taigum State Schools, at the Salvation Army Church. It was a fun and informal night to thank our chaplains for all the good work they do. The proceedings started with a Principal Challenge. The three principals had to stack cans, roll toilet paper and pick up items with their mouths. We found that we weren’t much good at it, but we were better than the chaplains. I don’t know how. Each school then provided several performances. Taigum State School was represented by Vindhya who sang two songs solo, a very talented and brave performance, and by our Junior Choir who sang three songs and did some great actions as well. Normally the Junior Choir has 23 members, but only six could make it. Those six, Jessica, Shikayla, Cooper, Jacinta, Riley and Harry did a wonderful job and were probably the best act of the night. Congratulations to them and to their conductor Ms Maus, our music teacher. The three chaplains – Kerry, Wal and Steve - do a tremendous job in their respective schools and I’m glad we could all get together to acknowledge their efforts.

Aspley State High School Awards
Below is a list of past students of Taigum SS who were awarded prizes at the Aspley State High School Speech Night two weeks ago. I know that our teachers and parents like to hear about our student successes in High School. I am pretty sure that the 2013 Dux will also be a Taigum SS graduate as well, but I have to wait until that is announced in a few week’s time, before I can write it up in our newsletter.

Award Winners
- Akiesha Butler – Health and Physical Education
- Daniel Innes – Mathematics C, Chemistry, Physics, English, Excellence in Citizenship
- Ethan Key – Performing Arts
- Manul Kottagodage – Graphics
- Alexandra Lascu – Economics, Legal Studies, Physical Education
- Amy Malone - Business
- Amber Rose - Accounting
- Avishek Singh – Excellence in Citizenship, Most Outstanding Big Brother
- Brandon Salloum – Community Recreation

Free Dress and McHappy Day
This Friday, our free dress day for this term, we are encouraging all our students to bring a gold coin to donate to the Ronald McDonald House charity. This charity provides support and services to families of seriously ill children and is a very worthy recipient of our donations. The following Saturday is McHappy Day when all the McDonalds stores donate to it as well. We have ten of our Senior Leader candidates meeting with Mrs Tunny at McDonalds at Bracken Ridge to assist in the raising of funds. This is an excellent community service our students are providing and I commend them for their volunteering to do so.

Mark Fisher
Principal
**Students of the Week**

Prep B - Derek for working hard on his sight-words
Prep CD - Ezekiel for participating enthusiastically in all class activities and taking pride in his work
Year 1i - Alez for excellent focus during handwriting and producing beautiful writing
Year 1L - Lukas for always participating enthusiastically in classroom activities
Year 1N - Keith for using excellent listening and thinking skills to achieve 10/10 in his maths test. Well done Keith!
Year 2H - Harley for great listening skills
Year 2J - Tahjuan for always being on task and displaying fantastic manners
Year 3B - Lukas for excellent bush dancing
Year 3TM - Eh Kler for terrific participation in fraction work in Maths
Year 4C - Koby and Dushyant for making an outstanding persuasive advertisement
Year 4/5G - Angelina for working very hard in maths classes
Year 5W - Rowen for working hard to improve his number work
Year 6S - Meron for trying very hard in all subjects
Year 6/7G - Beatrice for displaying exemplary behaviour at all times
Year 7C - Alexander for excellent focus in English in writing his persuasive speech

**BOOK AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 1st November 2013.

- 1i - Byron
- 1L - Vekrom
- 1N - Cameron
- 2H - Hunter
- 2J - Shee Shee
- 3B - Zoe
- 3TM - Daniel
- 4C - Dushyant
- 4/5G - Sevvval
- 5W - Garry
- 6S - Charlotte and Kheley
- 6/7G - Glory
- 7C - Seth

**FROM THE OFFICE**

**SCHOOL SWIMMING**

Class swimming lessons have commenced. All students must wear a swimming cap and rash vest so please remember to pack these items along with your togs and towel. Only those students with an illness substantiated by a letter from their parent or a medical certificate will be excused from swimming lessons.
INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Round 3 of Interschool sport will be played on Friday, 15th November. Permission forms and payment requests have been sent home and must be returned prior to your child being able to participate.

2014 BOOKLISTS

Order forms for 2014 Booklist requirements (Prep – Year 7) were sent home with your child last term. Please ensure you have received your copy.

If you wish to purchase the pre-packed supplies, please return your order form with payment to the office on or before Wednesday 27 November.

Your pre-packed supplies will then be available for collection from the school between Wednesday 22nd January and Friday 24th January 2014.

STUDENT COUNCIL

ICY CUPS

Icy cups will be on sale each Thursday, 2nd break, from the hall canteen. Cost is still only 50 cents.

SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations for being involved in the School Banking program this year. If you have collected 10 or more silver Dollarmites tokens you MUST redeem them for a reward before the end of Term 4 as you won’t be able to use these extra tokens next year. The Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available from next year so collect them now.
Select the reward item(s) you want by completing the coupon on your rewards card and take it, along with your 10 tokens per reward, to school with your next School Banking deposit. 8 exciting new rewards are coming in 2014!

DATES TO REMEMBER

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer host families to host international exchange students arriving in for a stay of one term, one semester or two semesters. Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceaustralia@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaustralia@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

Experience the action packed story of the magical flying car, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, with eccentric inventor Caractacus Potts, his two children Jemima and Jeremy and the delightful Truly Scrumptious.

Sensational sets, stunning special effects, Ian Fleming's irresistible story, and an unforgettable...
score by the Sherman Brothers (*Mary Poppins*) all add up to a blockbuster musical that everyone will love. Boasting a stellar Australian cast of over 70 headed by David Hobson, Rachael Beck, Shane Bourne, George Kapiniaris and Tyler Coppin as the Childcatcher. *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* will fly into QPAC for a strictly limited season from 19 November until 22 December 2013. To book tickets visit www.qpac.com.au or call 136 246.

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**WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

*Orientation Day for students In Year 8 2014*

Monday 9 December 2013

Assembly Hall

Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights

8.30am for 8.45am start

3.00pm finish

(Morning Tea provided for parents at 10.00am)

**Students to bring/wear:**

Primary School Uniform

Notepad & Pens

Morning Tea & Lunch including a drink

**Shop Hours – Monday 9 December**

Stationery 1.00pm – 5.30pm

Clothing 1.00pm – 5.30pm

Used Clothing (Dblock) 1.00pm – 5.30pm

**Applications still welcome.**

Enrolment Enquiries contact Sandy Lock, Enrolment Officer on 3350 0328