Dear Parents

Our McHappy Day on Saturday went very well. After raising nearly $250 from our Free Dress Day, fourteen of our Senior Leader aspirants helped out at McDonalds at Bracken Ridge the following day. Mrs Tunny told me that the store was packed to the rafters and our students did a great job keeping the eating area clean, wiping down tables and helping out wherever they could so that plenty of customers could donate to the Ronald McDonald House charity by buying food in the establishment. I congratulate them on their efforts and their contribution to our community.

P&C Meeting
Tonight is our last P&C Meeting of the 2013 school year. I want to take the opportunity to commend them for their great year. They started 2013 with very little money in the bank, some large outstanding debts and not a lot of volunteers. Now, nearly at year’s end they have paid off their debts, have had a number of new helpers and a bank balance of $12 000. That is a tremendous effort and testament to the work of the executive and their committee. On the way, they have provided a great service to our parents, helped with school activities and promoted our school in a number of ways in several different forums. So I thank Chloe our President, Jo our Secretary, Kursty, our Treasurer and all the other members who have made valuable contributions to our school community.
Tonight’s meeting starts at 6:30pm in the Staff Room. All are welcome

Staffing 2014
Next week, we begin the process of allocating students and teachers to classes for 2014. We predict that once again next year, we will have 14 or 15 classes. Our staffing, though, will be somewhat different with an outward transfer required by our department and a new teacher coming in. Sadly, after six years teaching with us, Mrs Gould has been sent to Burpengary State School just north of Brisbane. Mrs Gould first came to Taigum State School as a Prac teacher and we liked her so much that we kept her on. She has taught across several year levels, most recently 6 and 7. She will be missed. The new teacher coming in also did her prac with us. Her name is Anita Fitzgerald and she worked with Mrs Innes in Year 1 this year and will be known to some of our parents for her energy and enthusiasm. She will be teaching in our early years area next year. I welcome her and wish her all the best for her first year of teaching.

Active School Travel
Our Active School Committee, Jo Metcalfe, Kursty Chamberlain and I, attended the Active School Travel Awards night last Thursday at the Brisbane City Hall. The Lord Mayor, Graham Quirk, was in attendance and told us of his enthusiasm for the programme. We all thought it was a fantastic evening that showcased the efforts of 23 schools taking part. Their research shows that traffic congestion around these schools is lessened; fitness levels of participating students (and parents) have improved and overall there is a strong community support for active travel. Awards were given to Everton Park SS and Buranda SS who improved the most over the 2012 -2013 period. We will continue to participate into 2014 and I hope that all our parents support our students as well so that maybe we pick up an award next November.

Mark Fisher
Principal
Students of the Week

Prep B - Gianni for a great first draft for his letter to a friend
Prep CD - Erem for co-operating with his friends
Year 1i - Harith for writing an excellent procedure about a disgusting sandwich
Year 1L - Maayewin for always completing her homework
Year 1N - Princess for using her incredible observation skills to fix the Smart Board
Year 2H - Benjamin for a great narrative
Year 2J - Josiah for great manners and bookwork
Year 3B - Kevin for taking care to present neat homework
Year 3TM - Damascus for working well in Maths on data collection and graphing
Year 4C - Keely for always working well in class
Year 4/5G - Matthew for an excellent attitude towards his schoolwork and completing all his activities
Year 5W - Taniela for working hard in maths and for being a pleasure to have in the classroom
Year 6S - Tijanah for her undivided attention in class discussions
Year 6/7G - Noah for his increased effort in writing and memorising his English Speech
Year 7C - Samson for his excellent attitude and efforts in class

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 8th November 2013.

- 1i - Jessica
- 1L - Maayewin
- 1N - John
- 2H - Emily
- 2J - Brooklyn-Kyesha
- 3B - Lukas
- 3TM - Jai
- 4C - Hayley
- 4/5G - Drew
- 5W - Ehkeller
- 6S - Tijanah and Jaymie
- 6/7G - Beatrice
- 7C - Sasha

FROM THE OFFICE

2014 ENROLMENT and HOLIDAY INTENTIONS

Please advise the office in writing if you have children currently in years Prep to Year 6 who will NOT be attending this school in 2014. If you have a child starting Prep next year and have not completed the enrolment paperwork, please do so as soon as possible. This is very important for us to know for staffing purposes.
If you are having an extended summer holiday and do not intend starting school on the first day, 28 January 2014, could you please put this in writing and forward to the office with your child for auditing purposes.

**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.

**FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

Only 7 weeks till Christmas! One thing I love about Christmas is all the gift giving and the sense of community that comes with all the parties, carols nights and time with the family. Up at the Salvo Church, we’re accepting donations of toys & non-perishable food to give away to those in need. So if you’d like to share with our community this Christmas you can give your donations to me or bring them up to the Salvo Church.

Many thanks,
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!
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, email scceaust@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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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NOVEMBER
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