Dear Parents

We only have a two and a bit weeks of school left for 2013. As I write this, all our teachers are busy writing Semester 2 report cards to be handed out on the last Tuesday of term. Although we are very close to the end, I have encouraged all our students to keep up the high behaviour standards and strong work ethic right up to the last day of school. I also encourage parents to maintain their energy levels and tolerance as well, as the last school days’ grind is just as hard for adults as it is for students. Speaking of parents, last week we received the results of the Parent Opinion Surveys that went out to 40 of our mums and dads in August. Those results are presented below.

Parent Opinion Surveys
The Parent Opinion Survey asked 35 questions about a variety of school operations. Of the 40 surveys that went out, we had 34 responses. I am very happy overall with what was written so it shows our community has faith and trust in what we do. Our best results were 100% satisfied and our worst were 83%. I am not going to list all 35 items, but I thought I’d show the top 5, the bottom 5 and 5 others of my own choice.

The Top 5
Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best. 100% satisfied
Teachers at this school treat students fairly. 100% satisfied
This school takes parents’ opinions seriously. 100% satisfied
Student behaviour is well managed at this school. 100% satisfied
This school looks for ways to improve. 100% satisfied

The Bottom 5
This school is well maintained 85% satisfied
I understand how computers and other technologies are used at this school to enhance my child’s learning. 88% satisfied
This school asks for my input. 84% satisfied
This school encourages me to take an active role in my child’s education 83% satisfied
This school encourages me to participate in school activities. 83% satisfied

My Chosen 5
This school celebrates student achievements. 100% satisfied
This is a good school. 100% satisfied
My child is getting a good education at this school. 97% satisfied
I would recommend this school to others. 97% satisfied
My child feels safe at this school. 97% satisfied

Looking at the results, a common thread in the bottom 5 is about parental involvement in our school. We obviously have to do more in this area and it will be a focus for 2014. In my 5, I am very pleased that most think their child is getting a good education here, they feel safe and would recommend us to others. All I can say, in conclusion, is thank you.

Swimming Carnivals
We have our swimming carnivals coming up on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Monday is the P-3 carnival and its focus is participation and fun. We encourage all parent to come along and enter into the spirit of the day. On Tuesday, our Senior House Carnival is occurring and that is also about participation but with a bit more competition. It runs all day. Prospective Senior Leaders will be able to get their forms signed off for participation if they take part in any of the
races, so that's an added incentive for them. It's always a good day, but be mindful of the hot and sunny conditions. Children need to be sun safe and drink plenty of water.

Working Bee
Our Learnscape Working Bee is taking place this Saturday from 8 am to 10 am. All are welcome to attend and help clean out weeds and undergrowth to bring the area up to its full potential. Students who attend, can tick off the community service part of their Senior Leader obligations. Several have already told me they will be there so it bodes well for a successful morning.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

| Prep B | Shanae for trying hard to be a responsible, thinking class member at all times |
| Prep CD | Shanika for being a good friend |
| Year 1i | Rebecca for always trying her best in class |
| Year 1L | Cooper for great results in the spelling test and during spelling activities |
| Year 1N | Ella for reciting her Rainbow Facts clearly and confidently |
| Year 2H | Brock for excellent work habits and beautiful manners |
| Year 2J | Lebron for his excellent manners throughout the year |
| Year 3B | Nina for fantastic thinking in English |
| Year 3TM | Gypsy for participating well and doing a great job on your English assessment |
| Year 4C | Annabella for her excellent design of a cereal box |
| Year 4/5G | Napoli for improvement in all areas of his schoolwork |
| Year 5W | Lincoln and Adrian for creating interesting multimodal presentations that included sound effects and colourful graphics |
| Year 6S | Skyler for consistently being a good example of positive behaviour and participating well in class |
| Year 6/7G | The Whole Class for being a wonderful class and for making Mrs Gould’s final year at Taigum wonderful |
| Year 7C | Lachlan for a mature and responsible attitude to his schooling |

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 22nd November 2013.

- 1i - Avneesh
- 1L - Kyeron
- 1N - Riley
- 2H - Audrey
- 2J - Ryan
- 3B - Ariet
- 3TM - Jada
- 4C - Tyrone
- 4/5G - Dylan
- 5W - Rowen
- 6S - Kurtis
- 6/7G - Vindhya
- 7C - Har Le Lu
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

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.

2014 BOOKLISTS

If you wish to purchase the pre-packed stationery supplies, please return your order form with payment to the office by 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 P&C

Hi Everyone,

Just a reminder that all food order forms for next Tuesday's Swimming Carnival must be returned by this Thursday 28th November at the latest. Thank you.

Raffle tickets will be sent out this week (prizes TBA) so look out for those!

Finally, we have our WWW Big Breakfast on Wednesday 27th November, starting at 8am outside Tuckshop. It's $2 for a sausage sizzle and 50c for a drink. See you there!

Many thanks and have a great week!
Chloe Boswell
P&C President.
Swimming Carnival Pizza Day Order Form

On Tuesday 3rd December 2013 it is the Senior School Swimming Carnival and the P&C is offering a Pizza Day for all Students. Please fill in the order form and return to the Uniform Shop or School Office NO LATER than Thursday 28th November 2013 with full payment – Thank you.

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Please note this is for ALL students.
FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Some of the local churches are putting on awesome Community Christmas Parties during December. Here are some of the details.

**isee church** (next to Taigum Shops on Beams Rd) is having a huge Christmas Production at South Bank Institute of TAFE (Earnest St, South Bank). There will be jumping castles and rides and it’s FREE! It’s on Sunday December 22 from 4pm till 8pm. Parking is available at the TAFE too.

**North Brisbane Salvation Army** is having a having their giant Christmas Party on Sunday 15 December, 4pm till 8:30pm. Heaps of free activities for the whole family and food available to purchase. From 7:30pm there will be Carols on the Lawn.

I’ll be promoting some different churches next week!

Many thanks,

Steve Unicomb

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STUDENT COUNCIL

ICY CUPS

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

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

*Change of Tuckshop day in last week of school.*

Tuckshop will be open on **Wednesday 11 December** instead of Friday 13 December, as this is the last day of school.

The tuckshop is also running a raffle starting on Friday 22 November. The raffle will run until Friday 6 December, with prizes drawn on this day. Students will automatically be entered in the raffle if they place a tuckshop order during this time (ie. 22 and 29 November, or 6 December), or they can purchase tickets from the tuckshop for 50cents each.

1st prize is a Hart Smart backpack, 2nd prize is a $5.00 tuckshop voucher, and 3rd prize is an ice-block voucher.

I look forward to your continued support.

Many thanks,

Lisa Virtue

*Tuckshop Convenor*
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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FROM THE LIBRARY

Scholastic Book Fair
Block B Room 10 (Block closest to the parent car park)
Thursday 21 November to Wednesday 27 November 2013
Before school Friday to Wednesday 8:15am - 8:45am
During first break Friday to Wednesday
After school Thursday to Tuesday 3:00pm - 3:30pm

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN FOOTBALL CLUB

SIGN-ON DAY

Saturday 1st February 2014
12.00 PM to 3.00 PM
Darien Street, Bridgeman Downs

PLAYERS WANTED
All Age Groups - from 3 Years old
Male & Female
Tiny Tots, Juniors, Youth & Seniors

Full Details:
www.northsidefootball.org.au
0417 191 141
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 scceaustr@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.
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

SSF TRIALS

North Star FC invites all Under 9, 10 & 11 players, for the 2014 season, to attend its Stars Academy identification trials.

SSF DOC Shaun Yule will oversee all trial sessions.

Trials to be held at 24 Jennings Street Zillmere:
Wednesday November 20 @ 5:30pm
Sunday November 24 @ 4pm.

Sessions will run for one hour.
Register your interest with SSF Co-ordinator Belinda Chilton ssf@northstarfc.org