25 February 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

School Captain and Leadership Appointments
It was with much pleasure that we held our School Captain Investiture last Friday. Before a large crowd of parents and relatives, our School Captains - Mika and Beatrice and our Vice Captains – Adeline and Fuzail were presented with their badges by Mr Fisher and our retiring Teacher-Aide Ms Rigby. Due to health issues, Councillor Victoria Newton was unable to attend. We also presented badges to our Indigenous Captain – Kiara and Multicultural Captain – Skyler. All of our new Captains have made a positive impact on our school already this year and we look forward to their continuing valuable leadership.

House Captain voting was also held this week. House Captains were drawn from our pool of Year 7 Senior Leaders and Vice-Captains from our Year 6 & 7 cohort. We offer many congratulations to the following students who will actively encourage participation in sport this year. Our House Captain Investiture Ceremony will take place at Assembly on 14 March.

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Active Travel Launch
Last week saw the launch of Active Travel. On Wednesday morning at 8am, many students took the option to walk from Taigum Centro or the Salvation Army Church under the supervision of staff. Some students also cycled from Hidden World Play with Mr Fisher. Our P&C ladies, with the assistance of many Senior Leader candidates, put on a fabulous sausage sizzle breakfast which was a very welcome start to the day. Well done everyone for participating on such a hot day!

Clean Up Australia Day for Schools
The Clean Up Australia Day for Schools is Friday next week. Weather permitting; our classes will each clean up a small part of the school after Assembly. Each child will have disposable gloves and we will only be picking up light surface rubbish. Our Senior Leaders will be assisting the process, with large bags being donated by the Clean Up Australia Day Committee.

Interschool Sports
Interschool Sport commences this Friday with our girls playing on our school fields and boys travelling to Bracken Ridge State High School. All permission and medical forms have been sent home and need to be returned this Wednesday. Boys travelling for sport will also need to include payment as requested for transport.

Active Afterschool Sports Program
Our Active Afterschool Sports Program has been highly successful with our first round of students participating in their 7 free learn to swim lessons on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Our second round of swimming lessons will commence next week on Thursday 6 March. Please remember that lessons for each child are EVERY Tuesday and Thursday (twice a week) until the seven lessons are completed. All consent forms have been sent home and will need to be returned as soon as possible.
RACQ Streets Ahead Program
This week, all students will participate in the RACQ Streets Ahead Program to increase their awareness of Road Safety. As you may appreciate, this is very important for all our students given our location on such a busy road.

Lynne Tunny
A/Principal

Students of the Week

Prep B - Charlie for great forward and backwards counting
Prep CD - Mia-Bella for helping others in the classroom and playground
Year 1L - Dylan for being a respectful and friendly class member
Year 1N - Kahan for working hard to achieve a great result in his spelling test
Year 2F - Matthew for always trying his best during English
Year 2HS - Rivyr for a great improvement in his reading
Year 2J - Jessica for fantastic thinking skills in Numeracy
Year 3B - Ladu for working hard in reading groups
Year 3TM - Jacinta for excellent endeavour in all she does
Year 4G - Sebastian for trying his best in class
Year 4MI - Daniel for outstanding work habits and neatness
Year 5WR - Lyric for always working hard and for being pleasant and caring to those around her
Year 6S - Rui for his contributions to group discussion in reading groups
Year 6/7G - Amber for settling into Taigum SS beautifully and always giving her best
Year 7C - Glory for being considerate and inclusive of her peers especially during sports activities
LOTE - Kheley

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 21st February 2014.

- 1L - Trang
- 1N - Shanae
- 2F - Rhianna
- 2HS - Krystal
- 2J - Cameron
- 3B - Lebron
- 3TM - Chauncey
- 4G - Damascus
- 4MI - Daniel
- 5WR - Drew
- 6S - Taniela
- 6/7G - Garry
- 7C - Beatrice

FROM THE OFFICE

C2C TEXTS

Students in Years 3-7 are required to use a number of texts during English lessons. It is necessary for students to own or have access to these texts. Parents may purchase these texts for their children, or participate in the Student Resource Scheme which allows students access to all required texts during class time.
The cost of the Student Resource Scheme is set at $20 per student for the entire year. If texts are purchased, the cost ranges from approximately $35 to $110 depending on the student’s year level. If you wish to participate in the Student Resource Scheme please make your payment to the office by 28 February 2014.

SCHOOL SWIMMING

Please remember all students must wear a swimming cap and rash vest so remember to pack these items along with your child’s 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. Class swimming lessons for your child are held on either Monday or Tuesday. Please ensure they have packed their swimming items. If your child is wearing their swim wear to school, it is their responsibility to remember a change of underwear for after their lesson. The office will no longer be making phone calls home for these items.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If your child is absent from school due to ill health or other reasons, please phone the Absence Line on 3632 9866, or alternatively, send an email to admin@taigumss.eq.edu.au or a note to your child’s class teacher.

For auditing purposes all student absences must be explained.

TAIGUM STATE SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

- Students must wear school uniform at all times unless directed by staff.
- Students may wear a watch or plain studs for pierced ears. **No other jewellery is to be worn.**
- Students are required to wear a swimming cap and sunsafe shirt over swimming togs during lessons.
- The following types of clothing may not be worn to school i.e. fluorescent clothing, clothing that is not sunsafe or contains offensive/inappropriate slogans or images.
- Shoes must be **enclosed** and black. Students without suitable footwear may be excluded from playgrounds and class activities. Footwear must allow safe and comfortable movement by students when playing.
FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Club - Issue 1, was given to students last week. If your child wishes to purchase any item, please return their order with correct payment to the office by Friday 28th February.

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop is open on Fridays between 8.15am and 11.30am. The new tuckshop menu can be found on the Taigum SS website or you collect a copy from the office.

HELPERS REQUIRED
We are always looking for extra help so if you have some time on a Friday and would like to volunteer in the tuckshop, please leave your name and contact details with the office.

Many thanks,
Lisa Virtue
Tuckshop Convenor

STUDENT COUNCIL

ICY CUPS

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

SCHOOL BANKING

Don't forget that Wednesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.
DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 2014

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

NORTHS JUNIOR EAGLES RUGBY UNION CLUB

Norths Junior Eagles Rugby Union Club invites boys from Taigum State School to our
Come Try Rugby Extended Program
at our Shaw Rd [Wooloowin] playing fields.
Every Friday at 5 pm (U6-9) and 6 pm (U10-17)
from 28th February to 4th April (end of Term 1)
No cost. Come along and try our style of Rugby
Contact: Club Registrar at registrar@northsjuniorrugby.com.au or
visit our website at: www.northsjuniorrugby.com.au or
contact us by Mob: 0407780424

NORTH STAR FOOTBALL CLUB

North Star FC invites all Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 players for the 2014 soccer season.

SSF DOC Shaun Yule will be hosting FREE training sessions for first timers to the sport, boys and girls, on Wednesday afternoon at 5.30pm for the next two weeks. These sessions will be held at 24 Jennings Street, Zillmere on:
Wednesday 21st February @ 5:30pm
Wednesday 28th February @ 5:30pm

All Welcome.
FREE TRIPLE P PROGRAM

Would you like your family to live a healthier lifestyle?

Raising healthy children is an important aspect to positive parenting. Your child’s physical health can affect their growth and development, their ability to participate in school, sport and other activities, and how they get along with other children. Children who eat well and stay active are more likely to develop into healthy adults. Researchers at the University of Queensland are currently offering a FREE Triple P parenting program to parents of children 3 to 10 years in exchange for participation in research. Across three seminars you will learn strategies for…

- Managing both general and lifestyle-specific child problem behaviours
- Helping your child eat a healthy balance of nutritious foods
- Motivating your child to be more active
- Limiting screen time

The program is run at St Lucia and Ipswich, with free childcare available for families. To register visit our website: [www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/life](http://www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/life)

Jessica Bartlett – Project Coordinator
Email: lifestyletriplep@uq.edu.au
Phone: 0424 321 086 (please leave a message)

INSTITUTE for URBAN INDIGENOUS HEALTH

IUHI are holding a Community Day on 1st March 2014 from 10.00am at Pine Rivers Park, Gympie Rd, Strathpine.

Activities include yoga, rugby league, face painting, zumba, rock climbing, AFL, arts & crafts, and sprint races. Prizes will be offered on the day.

For more details please contact Nathan Appo on 0422 130 533

Queensland Cheer Elite offers American-style cheerleading and dance classes for ages 3+.

Learn to dance, jump, cartwheel and flip with the best in Brisbane at our facility at 128 Granite Street, Geebung.

We promote the values of team work, hard work and fun whilst developing coordination, strength, flexibility and friendships!

We are currently running recreational cheer classes for beginners who would like a taste of what cheer is all about. Classes run on Tuesdays from 4-5:30pm (ages 12-14) and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm (ages 5-11).
To find out more, email us at info@queenslandcheerelite.com.au or call our office on 3161 5069!
We accept members all year around and no experience is required!
On Wednesday 12th March, families with children under 5 are invited to attend Under 5's Family Fun Day and Teddy Bears Picnic. Face painting, a jumping castle, show bags, give aways, gold coin sausage sizzle, entertainment and lots of stalls and activities will all be free for families to enjoy. At the Bay Youth and Sports Centre oval (100 Maine Tce, Deception Bay) - bring your teddy bear and picnic rug and enjoy a great day out for families and kids.

Under 5's Family Fund Day and Teddy Bears Picnic
Wednesday March 12th 2014 9am - 12pm.
The Bay Youth & Sports Centre, Maine Tce, Deception Bay