Dear Parents

On Friday 21 March we will acknowledge the National Day of Action Against Bullying. Over the next two weeks, each class teacher will hold sessions with their class discussing bullying and how this can be dealt with. We have adopted the ‘High 5’ approach which is a 5-step problem solving strategy that can be used in the classroom, in the playground and for perceived bullying incidents. The steps for the use of this strategy are outlined below. We hope that parents will join us in teaching our students the skills that will build their self-esteem and empower them to take responsibility for themselves and give them the power to practise these skills.

Do the Hi 5:-
- Ignore
- Talk Friendly
- Walk Away
- Talk Firmly
- Report

Ignore
- Pretend you didn't hear it.
- Do not make eye contact.
- Maintain positive body posture (calm, confident).
- Think positive self-esteem statements.
- Count to five in your head slowly.
- Take deep breaths.

Talk Friendly
- Use a calm voice.
- Maintain eye contact.
- Confident body language.
- Maintain relatively close body proximity.
- Use 'I' statements 'I feel . . . when you . . . because'.

Walk Away
- Stand tall, head up high.
- Mouth closed.
- Look confident.
- Do not use eye contact.
- Walk somewhere, preferably towards a congested area or to a safety zone (teacher).
- Do not look back. Walk confidently, don't run.

Talk Firmly
- As per Talk Friendly.
- Use an assertive voice, slightly raised.
- Tell them to stop it.
- Re-state your ‘I’ statement. eg. I said . . .
- State the consequences of continued bullying.

Report
- Walk away and tell a staff member.
- Go to a safety zone.
- Bystanders - support and report.
Active Afterschool Sports Program

On Thursday this week, we will commence the second round of afterschool swimming lessons. This program has proven to be highly successful and will be extended throughout the year to allow benefit to all members of our student population. In Term 2, we will offer afterschool rugby training by the NRL coaches to boys and girls in Years 2 – 7. Term 3 will focus on AFL for students in Years 2-7. Swimming will return in Term 4 for students in Prep and Year 1. Information regarding enrolment in these sessions will be forwarded home in the forthcoming weeks.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday 24 March. Request forms will be sent home by Friday this week and interviews granted on a first-in/first-served basis. Please look out for these forms in your child’s bag and return these by the Wednesday 19 March. If you are unable to attend on this date, please contact your child’s class teacher to arrange an alternative mutually convenient interview time.

Interschool Sport

Interschool sport commenced last Friday with all students participating well. The next two rounds for this term are scheduled for 14 & 28 March.

P&C AGM

Our P&C AGM will be held next Monday 10 March commencing at 6:30pm in the staffroom. Election of new Executive Committee Members will be conducted with the following positions being available:

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Uniform Shop Convenor

We congratulate our current P&C Executive who under the leadership of Mrs Chloe Boswell, have worked tirelessly to assist the school in providing resources and services to students and parents. A short general P&C meeting will follow. We hope to see many parents at this meeting to show support and share ideas.

Lynne Tunny
A/Principal

Prep B - Keeran for a great job picking the words starting with the sound “S”
Prep CD - Kaylee for responsible participation in all activities
Year 1L - Hannah for being an enthusiastic learner
Year 1N - Zion for always being eager to learn
Year 2F - Ger Kler Htoo for working very hard to learn her spelling words every week
Year 2HS - Chloe for showing great listening and concentration skills in class
Year 2J - Cameron for outstanding work habits in all subjects
Year 3B - Hunter for trying hard to improve his spelling
Year 3TM - Rafay for excellent participation in classroom activities
Year 4G - Jonas for showing enthusiasm for his work
Year 4MI - Olivia for always giving 100% in her work
Year 5WR - Tyrone and Dushyant for completing independently, well researched Science questions and for setting out their books in a neat and organised manner
Year 6S - Tayla for always asking for help when needed, and being a great helper in the class
Year 6/7G - Johnlie for settling into Taigum so easily and having an enthusiastic approach to his work
Year 7C - Charlotte for a great effort in completing her multi-modal presentation
LOTE - Daytana
BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 28th February 2014.

- 1L - Derek
- 1N - Cathy
- 2F - Avneesh
- 2HS - Dennise
- 2J - Jessica
- 3B - Nate
- 3TM - Abbie
- 4G - Kayla
- 4MI - Jada
- 5WR - Tyrone
- 6S - Shyanne
- 6/7G - Trieste
- 7C - Meron

FROM THE OFFICE

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.
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

FROM THE P&C

Hi Everyone,

Senior and Sports shirts
We have placed the order for students Senior and Sports shirts, and have been advised delivery will take approximately 4 weeks. Students will be notified once the shirts have been received at the school.

Easter Raffle
Even though the memory of Christmas is still lingering, Easter is just around the corner. As has become tradition we will be holding an Easter raffle again this year. The prizes will be drawn on the last parade of term (Friday 4th April). We are once again asking for donations: chocolate eggs or a small bunny/ teddy for example. All donations are always so greatly appreciated, small or large. Please drop any contributions into the Uniform Shop. Thank you!

Next Monday (March 10th) is our P&C AGM. All positions are vacant! We start at 6:30pm and would love to see you there. Good luck!

Many thanks and have a great week!
Chloe Boswell
P&C President

STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated as Student Council representatives for their classes.

2F
- Rebecca
- Richard
2HS
- Valcen
- Ian
2J
- Alex
- Jessica
3B
- Ben
- Deanna
3TM
- Riley
- Spencer
4G
- Rico
- Gus
4MI
- Jericho
- Gypsy
...continued

5WR
- Nicholas
- Keely

6S
- Jack
- Magenta

6/7G
- Zoe
- Kade

7C
- Michael
- Maxene

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 Dollamites 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

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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

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!
www.queenslandcheerelite.com.au

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
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, giveaways, 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