Dear Parents

We are now well and truly into the second half of Term One with the Easter vacation fast approaching. As always, the time left to us will be very busy indeed. Following are some of the events, activities or programmes taking place.

Anti-Bullying Day
The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence will be held this year on Friday 21 March. In last week’s newsletter, we outlined our anti-bullying strategy which we constantly revisit with our students. These strategies help our children to deal with situations which may be deemed as bullying. This has also proven successful in establishing a common language for students, parents and teachers to discuss bullying. All students are invited to wear orange on this day to demonstrate their support.

Parent-Teacher Interviews
We have our Parent-Teacher Interview evening scheduled for Monday of Week 9, March 24. All parents of all students from Prep to Year 7 are invited to come up to school in the afternoon and discuss their son’s or daughter’s progress in Term 1. This year is an especially important one with the introduction of the national curriculum. It would be instructive for all parents to get a ‘first hand’ understanding of what it is and what it means for our students. As I say, every year, the education of students is a partnership between home and school. When home and school are both saying the same thing and sending the same message to our students, their education is more effective. Parent-teacher interviews are a great way to get both parties in tune with each other. I hope every parent can find the time to have an interview on that day. Please return all request forms to your child’s teacher by next Wednesday if you wish to book a time for the afternoon/evening of the 24th. Confirmation forms will be sent home with allocated times. Please remember to arrive prior to your interview time as late interviews may not be possible.

P&C AGM
The P&C AGM was held on Monday 10 March. We thank our committee from last year who did a marvellous job in steering our P&C on the path to success. Last night, all executive positions were declared vacant then successfully filled as follows:

President – Chloe Boswell
Vice-President – Rachel Weldon
Secretary – Joanne Metcalf
Treasurer – Kursty Chamberlain

The position of Uniform Shop Convenor will continue to be held by Bambi Silvertand. We thank all our parents who took the time to attend the P&C AGM and following meeting last night. It is truly a pleasure to sit amidst such a positive, supportive group of parents who are committed to putting in an extra effort, not just for their own children but for all of the students at our school.

House Captain Investiture
Our new House Captains for 2014 will be presented with their badges at this Friday’s Assembly. House Captains were drawn from Year 7 and Vice-captains from Years 6&7. All Senior Leaders who wished to nominate themselves were considered with the positions decided by peer vote.

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NAPLAN 2014

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is the annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. **All students in these year levels are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests.**

Some students with a recognised disability may qualify for exemption or adjustment. Parents are able to withdraw students for reasons such as religious or philosophical reasons. If parents wish further explanation of the NAPLAN program or wish to discuss their child’s participation, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr Fisher for clarification.

Lynne Tunny
A/Principal

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**Students of the Week**

- Prep B - Faith for working hard to find words beginning with the ‘T’ sound
- Prep CD - Artin for writing and reading a note about his lost water bottle
- Year 1L - Harry for having the confidence to ‘have a go’ this week
- Year 1N - Poe Ku for making great progress in learning letter sounds
- Year 2F - Beau for excellent work in Maths
- Year 2HS - Valcen for being very involved in English lessons
- Year 2J - Byron for a great job during Maths warm-ups
- Year 3B - Deeana for being a great listener and always working well
- Year 3TM - Teneisha for fantastic working in English and trying very hard
- Year 4G - Justin for an excellent standard of work in class
- Year 4MI - Olivia for always striving to do her best
- Year 5WR - Zack for being hard working and responsible class member
- Year 6S - Isaiah for fantastic reading in reading groups
- Year 6/7G - Tristan for a big effort in his English Short Stories reading comprehension assessment
- Year 7C - Beatrice for a diligent and responsible approach to her schooling
- LOTE - Reianna

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**BOOK AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 7th March 2014.

- 1L - Jaime
- 1N - Adam
- 2F - John
- 2HS - Cooper
- 2J - Princess
- 3B - Stacey
- 3TM - Kavinila
- 4G - Trevenna
- 4MI - Blessey
- 5WR - Tiffani and Keely
- 6S - Ekam
- 6/7G - Fuzail
- 7C - Daytana
TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

If you live and drive near Nudgee College, Boondall, on a Monday afternoon and are able to assist dropping two of our students home, could you please leave your name and contact number at the office. Students require assistance with transport on a Monday afternoon only.

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
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.

FROM THE LIBRARY

“Be awesome! Be a book nut!”
- Dr Seuss

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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

FAMILY FUN DAY & TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

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 Fun Day and Teddy Bears Picnic
Wednesday March 12th 2014 9am - 12pm.
The Bay Youth & Sports Centre, Maine Tce, Deception Bay

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