Dear Parents

As we move towards the end of the term, all students are busily engaged in completing assessment tasks as teachers begin report cards for students in Prep to Year 7. These will be sent home on Thursday 26 June.

Under 8’s Day
Our Under 8’s event will be held this Friday from 9:30am to 10:45am. All pre-school aged students are welcome to attend with accompanying parents to join in the activities which will be enjoyed by our Prep to Year 3 students. With over 20 activities ranging from Biscuit Decorating and Chalk Pavement Drawing to Indoor Squash and two Jumping Castles, all our students will have a fabulous time. Thanks to the efforts of parents who registered their children with Football QLD, we will also have an inflatable soccer field which will be used by students from Prep – Year 7 throughout the day. This year we have the support of many local groups and businesses such as Sandgate Squash, Jets 24 hour Fitness, Jumping Jays Party Hire, Qld Police, Qld Fire Service, Playgroup QLD, Jabiru and GoodStart. Each of these organisations will hold a stall. This is in addition to the 20 activities being offered by our staff. Our annual Book Fair will also be open in Rooms 9 & 10. Come along and join in the fun. All activities are free!

Walk to School Safely Day
Annual Walk to School Safely Day will be held this Friday 23 May. Our P&C will once again host a breakfast on the same morning. A sausage sizzle will be available for $2.50 and a drink for 50 cents. These breakfasts are hugely popular and a great way to start the day.

Free Dress Day – Wednesday 28 May
Wednesday of next week is not only State of Origin day but will also be a Free Dress Day in support of the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. All students who wear Free Dress as a Maroons or Blues supporter are invited to bring a gold coin donation.

Sports
The upcoming weeks will see our students involved in a wide variety of sporting events. Please note the following events and times for your reference:

Interschool Sports: This season has 6 games which will be held on 3 days. This means that students will participate in two games on each day. The dates for Interschool school are as follows:
- Round 1 – Fri 23 May
- Round 2 – Fri 6 June
- Round 3 – Fri 20
Students playing rugby league will be transported to Sandgate DSHS whilst netball is played on our grounds at Taigum SS.

AFL Indigenous Round: Students in Years 2 – 4 who have been training with Piet Kailola will be playing at half-time on the grounds at the Gabba at 4:30pm on Saturday 31 May. Please contact the office if you require further information regarding meeting times and details.

NRL Girls Challenge: Year 6 & 7 girls who have nominated for this event will participate in this event at Pine Central JRL – Les Hughes Sporting Complex Bray Park on Monday 26 May 9:30 – 2pm. Supervision to be provided by NRL and transportation by parents.

Active Afterschool Rugby Coaching: Over 40 of our students are currently taking advantage of our free rugby coaching led by NRL coaches with sessions for boys on Tuesdays and girls on Thursdays. This will continue until Thursday 19 June.
University of NSW Tests
Students who have signed up for the University of NSW tests will participate in the first rounds of testing in the forthcoming weeks. Computer skills tests will be administered on Tuesday 20 May and Science on 3 June. If you have registered your child to sit these tests please ensure they are at school on these dates as there is no provision for catch up times.

Senior Leaders
All members of our staff have continued to be highly impressed with our Senior Leaders this term. The initiative and enthusiasm shown for all facets of their school life is a credit to themselves, their parents and their teachers. Currently, our Senior Leaders are actively involved in coaching younger students in the lead up to Interschool Sports. Our Indigenous Captain, Kiara, has put together a wonderful proposal for NAIDOC week which will be held on 6 – 13 July with activities which span all year levels and classes. These students continue to demonstrate leadership qualities which will not only benefit our school community but will enhance their repertoire of life skills as they move into their secondary years of schooling. Keep up the wonderful work!

Lynne Tunny
A/Principal

Students of the Week
Prep B - Ronin for finding closed shapes in his drawing
Prep CD - Haleena for building a wall out of glue sticks
Year 1L - Sanjana for participating in class discussions
Year 1N - Ayush for working very hard to produce exciting sentences in English
Year 2F - Riley for using excellent noun groups in English
Year 2HS - Marzieh for doing great work in reading and spelling
Year 2J - Byron for great improvement in number facts
Year 3B - Stacey for good thinking in English lessons
Year 3TM - Spencer for trying so hard in Maths with his times tables
Year 4G - Quinn for excellent work with first draft of folktale written for assessment
Year 4MI - Sharn for working hard on her Mathematics
Year 5WR - Harrison for working really hard in maths and showing big improvements in his fraction and decimal work
Year 6S - Billy for creative ideas with his multimodal advertisement
Year 6/7G - Charlotte for always having a great attitude to all areas of her schooling
Year 7C - J.D for his conscientious attitude in completing his English biography

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 16th May 2014.

- 1L - Trang
- 1N - Devine
- 2F - Avneesh
- 2HS - Cooper
- 2J - Azariah
- 3B - Harsimran
- 3TM - Kavinila
- 4G - Sebastian
- 4MI - Jericho
- 5WR - Hayley
- 6S - Shaunmanning
- 6/7G - Kheley
- 7C - Kristine
FROM THE OFFICE

PREP ENROLMENTS - 2015
Children born between 1st July 2009 and 30th June 2010 are eligible for enrolment in Prep in 2015.

SCHOOL BANKING
During term 2 student bankers have a chance to win some great prizes.

All you have to do is make three student banking deposits at school during the term and then entry into the competition is automatic.

Major student prize:
One student will win an underwater family adventure holiday including:
• Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
• VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World, and Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast;
• A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
• A $3,000 travel voucher to get them there.

Runner-up student prizes:
130 Toys"R"Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each.

School prize:
There will be a separate draw of $1,000 cash for a school in each State/Territory of Australia.

So, if you are a regular banker, keep up the good savings. Or, if you haven't banked for a while, now would be a great time to get into the habit again. Good luck to all who participate!

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 CHAPLAIN
These school holidays, the Salvos at Taigum are running KidsGames for children from Prep to Year 7. It's a fantastic holiday club that's being run by churches all over Brisbane. There will be games, sports, craft, bible stories & heaps more!
Our KidsGames starts with an opening ceremony on Sunday June 29 and then runs on Monday 30th June - Wednesday 2nd July, 8:30am - 3:30pm. The cost is only $30 and includes morning tea and lunch on each day!
We can only take 100 kids and we're expecting to fill up fast, so register online at www.kidsgamesqld.com.au or talk to me for more details. My email address is steveu@chappy.org.au

Steve Unicomb
Chaplain
FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop is now open both lunch breaks on Fridays.

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

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

BOOK FAIR
Come along to our Book Fair and you’ll find a cool place to discover hot books!

Thursday 22 May – Wednesday 28 May
First Break – 11.10am to 11.30am
Second Break – 1.00pm to 1.30pm
After School – 3.00pm – 3.30pm

Book Fair will be located in B block (Rooms 9 & 10)
DATES TO REMEMBER

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

A DAY MADE BETTER CAMPAIGN

Does a teacher at your school go above and beyond in their classroom?

A Day Made Better recognises exceptional primary school teachers across the country. Last year, we received 5,700 nominations for over 1,000 inspirational teachers. This year, with your help, we're aiming to gather 10,000 nominations from every corner of Australia. Every nominated teacher will receive a certificate and gift to acknowledge their incredible contribution. And, if a teacher from your school is chosen as one of 10 winners, they'll receive $2,000 worth of supplies and an Apple iPad for their classroom.

Put your school on the map by encouraging parents, staff and students to nominate one of your exceptional teachers today.

Support an exceptional teacher today at adaymadebetter.com.au

Kind regards,
The A Day Made Better Team

LEARN TO SWIM

Bracken Ridge Swimming Club offers Learn to Swim classes, Squads, and Adult Squads. The club offers 25 metre and 12 metre heated pools, and meets Tuesday nights in Term 1 and Term 4.

For further information phone 3869 0005 or email admin@brswim.org.au

PADUA COLLEGE

OPEN DAY

Sunday, 25 May 2014
11am – 2pm
www.padua.qld.edu.au
Email: enrolments@padua.qld.edu.au
Back by popular demand - High School Master Classes
Sunday 1st June
8.30 am – 11.30 am
High School "Master" Classes (limited places in each class)
Register on our website: www.aspleyshs.eq.edu.au

Thank you to all families who have already enrolled for 2015 here at Aspley High School. We are really looking forward to working with you and your child over the next six years of their learning. In response to your warm feedback about the Master Classes conducted last year, we are again offering them to families of currently enrolled students and those who are interested in experiencing the high quality teaching here at Aspley High School.

I am pleased to invite your child to join us for our High School Master Classes on Sunday June 1st. This is a terrific opportunity to visit our school again. Registration is open to those who are already enrolled and those who are considering enrolment. Just go to our website and register for the classes. I have included a description of those classes for you to help you to decide.

Limited places please register on our website: www.aspleyshs.eq.edu.au

SOCER
Experience soccer – full on! That's the Aspley Eagles Soccer Development program. Come and join our Aspley Eagles master class and the Brisbane Roar Inflatable field to showcase your soccer skills and be in the chance to win some prizes. Take the opportunity to test you skills against current Aspley Eagles students and staff.

HISTORY
What is justice? What is fairness? How has the idea of justice and fairness impacted on our history? Join in our discussion to identify and debate this intriguing topic. This session highlights one of Aspley High’s most powerful and effective teaching strategies 'community of inquiry' and engages students and parents in a fun and fascinating search for the essence of justice and fairness in human history.

VOCAL – Musical Theatre
Learn to sing a song. Learn a choreographed routine to match the song. Prepare and perform a short acted scene from a script. Have a laugh as you prepare, rehearse and perform the item for an audience. Drama, Dance, Music are all art forms and a wonderful medium for learning and teaching. These subjects develop the whole person — emotionally, physically, intellectually, imaginatively, aesthetically, and socially — by giving form and meaning to experience through performing. This workshop will be delivered in an atmosphere that is non-competitive, cooperative, supportive, joyful yet challenging.

WOODWORKING
How are your wood working skills? Come along to this 'hands on' master class and manufacture your very own woodworking item. A great lesson for all abilities and levels. You will be using hand tools and machinery and everyone goes home with a completed job. We are proud of the work our students do in Industrial Design and Technology. Come and experience for yourself.

SCIENCE
Particles, Particles, Particles! Everything we see, touch and smell is made up of particles. Explore their properties in this engaging and hands on application of Chemistry! We are proud of the Science programs here at Aspley High. Our Junior School laboratories are purpose built for year seven, eight and nine.

Regards
Jacquita Miller
Principal, Aspley High School
Would you like your family to live a healthier lifestyle?
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
Jessica Bartlett – Project Coordinator
Email: lifestyletriplep@uq.edu.au
Phone: 0424 321 086 (please leave a message)