Dear Parents

With only two weeks to go in Term 2, class teachers are busy putting the final touches on their report cards for Semester 1. I think many parents would be surprised by how much time and energy it takes to complete each report. Firstly, all the assessment has to be done and the results recorded. Then comments have to be written on all the subject areas done in class. Our specialist teachers have to add their information on PhysEd, Music and LOTE, then behaviour and attendance data has to be tabulated. When all this is completed, they are proof read, signed and stapled together. I would guess that, all up, it takes two to three hours for each student. Multiply that by 25 for an average class and you can see how big a job it is. Most of it is done out of school hours as well. It’s no coincidence that we have two weeks holiday straight after they’re handed out. I hope you take the time to read them carefully when they go home next Friday.

Enrolment Growth

A couple of weeks ago, I talked about our enrolment growth this year and that we’d hit a new record of 385. On Monday next week, we will have 389 students in Prep to Year 7, a new record. We predict that this tally will grow a little more as several new residential developments open next month. I would guess that we might reach 400 in the next few months. Below is a graph of our growth this year. The numbers include the 30 Pre-Prep students in our ECDU. It makes for interesting reading.

Teaching and Learning

The actual reason we teach maths at all in schools, is so that someday, students can use these skills to solve real life problems dealing with numbers, whether they be money related, do to with shapes, areas and volumes or probability. Therefore our teaching focus for Term 3 will be problem solving in maths. Three of our teachers, Mr Cran, Mrs Innes and Mrs Wearing have done ‘Problem Solving Facilitator’ training which means they have done a lot of work on what strategies make for effective problem solving. They will be working closely with their year level teams, discussing, modelling observing and giving feedback as to how we all might be able to improve.
Athletics Dates
As I wrote last week, our Year 4-7 Carnival will take place on Tuesday 22 July. (Week 2) The Prep-Year 3 Tabloid sports will run on the day before, Monday 21 July in the middle session, 11:30am – 1:00pm. In the first week of term, Mr Moore, our PE teacher, will run preliminary high jump round to decrease the size of the fields on the Carnival day to 8 -10 for each age group. This will make the day run much more smoothly. Also on Thursday of Week 1 – July 17, we will run our 800m events.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

Prep B - Paige for sounding out her new words beautifully
Prep CD - Taliya for being a responsible and thoughtful student
Year 1L - Derek for a great effort during English and Maths warm ups
Year 1N - Rune for being an active learner in Music
Year 2F - Kyeron for improved handwriting and bookwork
Year 2HS - Joshua for improved attitude and work habits in class
Year 2J - Jesse for great work in Maths groups
Year 3B - Hunter for improving his reading strategies
Year 3TM - Anand for presenting a terrific dialogue oral presentation to the class
Year 4G - Justin for excellent work on his power-point presentation
Year 4MI - Ehtpre for being very diligent in class
Year 5WR - Hayley for showing great enthusiasm during reading groups and for persevering to reach her reading goal
Year 6S - Ataria-Jorge for working very well with a protractor making adjacent and supplementary angles
Year 6/7G - Abi for giving 100% to Memoir writing time during class time
Year 7C - Caitlyn for her detailed and informative report on Balloon-Powered Cars

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 13th June 2014.

- 1L - Erem
- 1N - Jordan
- 2F - John
- 2HS - Dennise
- 2J - Arian
- 3B - PJ
- 3TM - Raymond
- 4G - Hayden
- 4MI - Aungnaingwin
- 5WR - Vivek
- 6S - Marcell
- 6/7G - Lani
- 7C - Sara
FROM THE OFFICE

PREP ENROLMENTS – 2015

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

SPARE UNIFORMS

If your child has borrowed a spare hat or uniform from the school office could you please kindly wash and return 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.

HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

If your child is enrolling in either Year 7 or Year 8 in 2015, a limited supply of enrolment packs for Sandgate State High School and Aspley State High School are available for collection from the school’s administration office.

STUDENT COUNCIL

SCHOOL DANCE

Our school dance will be held on Thursday 19th June at the Salvation Army Church Hall. The theme is “Monsters and Aliens” and entry is still $5 per family. Food order forms have been sent home.
“Books make great gifts because they have whole worlds inside of them.”

-Neil Gaiman

FROM THE P&C

Just a reminder that this Friday we will be selling icy poles and other refreshments from the oval during Interschool Sport. Don't forget your money!

Many thanks and have a great week!

Chloe Boswell
P&C President

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

Monday to Thursday mornings: 8.15am to 9.00am

Thursday afternoon: 2.30pm – 3.15pm

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION OFFICERS

A.B.C Campaign

As we approach the end of term we are delighted to see improvements in attendance rates and we will be having a special parade on the last day of term in recognition of this! All are welcome!

Looking towards next term we have an exciting new competition to announce that we’re sure will get everyone thinking! As you know the A.B.C in our Campaign stands for All Being Counted, but we want to know what else A.B.C could stand for ... What does it mean to YOU? As an example it could mean Attend Be Cool. This competition is open to all students and we're looking forward to hearing all your ideas. Remember that your answers must have something to do with our campaign and its aim. The prize is a shopping voucher. So get your thinking caps on and good luck!!

Many thanks

Chloe, Moira & Bambi
School Parent Participation Officers

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
FROM THE CHAPLAIN

The role of a chaplain is to provide emotional, social & spiritual support for students, parents & staff in a school community. I also aim to just be as helpful to the school as I can. Let me know if I can help you or your family in any way.

These school holidays, the Salvos at Taigum is running KidsGames! 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

SCHOOL BANKING

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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!

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.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Concert Band Rehearsals will start in Term 3. Rehearsals will be in the School’s Hall from 3.00pm – 3.30pm on Monday afternoons commencing in week 1 of Term 3. Every student in the Instrumental Music Program should attend.

The concert band will have a performance later in Term 3 and they will also participate in the end of year Christmas Concert.

Students are encouraged to practice at least 4-5 times each week for a duration of 20-30 minutes, to get their lips conditioned for performances.

Any parent wishing to discuss their child’s participation in the music program can contact me on 0416 216 997.

Regards,
Ken Lincoln
Instrumental Music Instructor

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Find out how Sandgate District State High School can ‘Expand the Horizon’ for your son or daughter.

Enrolment Interviews for Year 7 & 8 in 2015

OPEN DAY
Saturday 26 July 2014
41 Braun Street, Deagon, 4017

For further information please phone 3869 9888 or visit www.sanddistshs.eq.edu.au
Yarnin' Circle
Thursday 19th June
@ Kurbingui
425 Zillmere Road, Zillmere

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YOUR IDEAS AND
WHAT WE NEED TO SUPPORT

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