Dear Parents

On Friday, when Term 2 ends for the June-July vacation, we will have had 47 teaching days since Easter. Into those 47 days, have been crammed a huge number of lessons in Mathematics, English, History and Geography; three days of Naplan testing for our Year 3, 5 and 7 students; three weeks of interschool sport; our cross country carnival, Under 8’s Day, our Anzac Service, school photos, Book Fair, free dress days, crazy hair day; ten Walking Wheeling Wednesday's and a breakfast, and ten whole school assemblies. There are probably another dozen other things that I have left out. My point, of course, is that it has been a busy term. There are plusses and minuses about this pace of events. On the down side, teachers and students alike are pressed for time and have to go hard to get everything done. This may lead to some stress and tiredness. The upside is that there is always something interesting happening. Every day there are new experiences, new stimuli and new adventures. Our students learn on a number of levels because of the things that we do here and their academic, social and emotional wellbeing is the better for it. That said, two weeks of vacation are great to relax and unwind with a different routine and a bit more time to do some other things of choice and be ready for it all to start again for Term 3 on Monday July 14.

This Week's Assembly
For our final assembly of Semester 1, we have a couple of new presentations to make that either haven’t been done before or haven’t been done for quite some time. The one that we haven’t done since 2009, is give out an award to the class that have been our best active travellers. Each Wednesday, we collect figures on who walked, rode, car pooled or caught public transport to get to school. Those results are aggregated and we will have a winning class to give the ‘Roadstar’ Award to. It will sit in their room until the September holidays. The second presentation is a new one. We have been concentrating this term on improving school attendance. Some students have really shone in their attempts to come here more often and this will be our chance to congratulate them on their improvement. The best will get certificates and there’ll be a random prize draw as well.

Interschool Sport Next Term
The Rugby League and Netball seasons continue into Term 3 with three more Friday’s competitions- August 8 (Week 4), August 29 (Week 7) and September 12 (Week 9). It was scheduled to begin on August 15 but some grounds were unavailable for that date so the first round what moved to the 8th. Early next term, we will have to send notes home to the families of our Rugby League players who will need to pay their levy for the second half of the season. That will be in the vicinity of $25. There is some good news later in the year for the boys, in that we will be moving the boys touch to Taigum SS and the girls over to Bracken Ridge High due to the numbers playing in each competition, so the girls will have to pay for summer sport and the boys will get away with it free. That’s not until October though.

Report Cards
As I have stated, Report Cards go home on the last day of term, Friday 27 June. If you are going on holidays earlier than that, or you know your child will not be here on Friday, please let your class teacher know, so we can have them ready for you earlier if necessary. Also, we need to know if families, for whatever reason, need more than one report card for their child. If you do, please inform the office this week, so we can prepare them for you.

Enjoy Your Break
It has been a long and busy term. I hope you all get the opportunity sometime in the next fortnight to have a bit of a break with your children and enjoy some quality family time. I look forward to seeing everyone back here on Monday July 14. In the meantime, have fun and stay safe.

Mark Fisher
Principal
Prep B - The Whole Class for an amazing dramatization of traditional stories. Impressive!
Prep CD - Charlee for working quietly during tasks
Year 1L - Meghna for getting all her spelling words correct last week, and Sanjana for getting 10/10 on her spelling test
Year 1N - Devine for achieving 10/10 in the spelling test. Well done Devine!
Year 2F - Andrew for excellent results every week in spelling tests
Year 2HS - Cooper for showing great listening skills in class
Year 2J - Danica for a great effort in persuasive writing
Year 3B - Tahjuan for great achievement in Visual Arts tasks
Year 3TM - Jacinta for beautiful behaviour and working consistently well in Maths groups
Year 4G - Ketarna for a great improvement in her work in class
Year 4MI - Jayden for a great improvement on choosing the appropriate behaviour
Year 5WR - Hadrian for improved accuracy in maths computations
Year 6S - Ekam for working very well every day for the whole semester
Year 6/7G - Emily for always having a positive attitude to school work
Year 7C - Kristine for being actively engaged in her learning and striving to improve her work

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 20th June 2014.

- 1L - Alexandra
- 1N - Kady
- 2F - Rhiana
- 2HS - Denise
- 2J - Princess
- 3B - Ryan
- 3TM - Abbie
- 4G - Cody
- 4MI - Jada
- 5WR - Dushyant
- 6S - Billy
- 6/7G - Shakira
- 7C - Beatrice

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.

FROM THE LIBRARY
“We read books to find out who we are, what other people, real or imaginary, do and think and feel, is an essential guide to our understanding of what we ourselves are and may become.”
-Ursula LeGuin

FROM THE P&C
UNIFORM SHOP TIMES
Monday to Thursday mornings: 8.15am to 9.00am
Thursday afternoon: 2.30pm – 3.15pm

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.

**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

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

GOLD STAR READING CLUB

The Brisbane City Council has launched its 2014 Gold Star Reading Club. This club runs for three months from June until the end of August. It presents a wonderful opportunity for ALL Primary school students from Prep to Year 7 to join and further develop their reading skills and interest in reading and libraries!

Membership to the Gold Star Club is free and parents can sign up their children at any City Council Library (eg Zillmere, Chermside, Brackenridge, Banyo, etc.) or complete the membership form online at: www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries.

Children then receive a reading journal and their goal is to read three books of their own choice per month and complete a reading challenge! After they have done this, they record the books’ details in their journal and take it back to the Library on their next visit. They then receive a prize for their achievement and a gold star for each book read.

Children who collect all twelve gold stars will receive a gold medallion and certificate of achievement at their local library’s awards ceremony and enter the major prize draw to win a $250 book voucher for themselves and another for their school. One of our school's students won this prize 2 years ago! At our school library, we also have a Gold Star Reading Club display and many prizes and competitions for gold star members, An information sheet is available from our library, or for more information please see our library staff or call 34038888 to talk to Brisbane City Council Library staff. We are hoping many students will take up this wonderful opportunity and join up. I hope to see you at the library. Thank you to the 17 students who are already Gold Star members. Please see me on Wednesday to have your photo taken for your own Gold star!

With kind regards
Theresa McArthur
Gold Star Coordinator

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
Missed our Open Day
Don't Worry!

Parents can organise a personalised tour of our school this term.
Please phone to book a tour with
Mr Peter Turner, Deputy Principal, on 3350 0333

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