22 July 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

We have enjoyed an excellent start to Term 3 with all students settling well into working hard for the following 9 weeks. In this time, we will complete units of the national curriculum in each of English, Maths, Science, History and Geography. We will also have several extra-curricular activities beginning with our Athletics Carnivals which are held on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Athletics Carnivals

The Junior Tabloid day is Monday 21 July from 11:30am – 12:35pm for Prep-Year 3. Tuesday 22 July is the upper school athletics day which will run from 9am right through to 3pm for our students in Years 4 – 7. Our P-3 students also have one running race on the Tuesday as well with sprints commencing at 1:45pm. All parents are most welcome to come and cheer on their children. We encourage all our competitors to be in their House colours and participate in all the events. Every year, the house with the greatest number of participants wins the carnival, so it’s a simple formula – if you turn up and get involved, you will have success.

Staff Changes

Ms Brita Maus who has taught music in our school for 2 days a week, since the commencement of 2013, will now be on site Monday to Thursdays. Ms Maus has taken on an additional role in providing further support in English and Maths to our Year 4 students. The engagement of Ms Maus in this role has been made possible through our Great Results Guarantee funding. Having Ms Maus on site for an additional 2 days a week will also enhance our delivery of music to all our students.

Mrs Tompkins 3TM will be on long service leave for the remainder of the year. Mrs Meaden will now teach 3TM Monday to Wednesday. On Thursdays & Fridays the class will be taught by Mrs Smith, a very experienced teacher, who is also teaching at our school in 2HS and the SEC.

Adventure Playgrounds

The P&C has been successful in gaining a grant of $32,780 through the QLD Government & the Gambling Community Benefit Fund Grant to replace the softfall in both the Prep and Junior playgrounds. It was with much excitement that we received the news and are currently finalising details for the work to be carried out in this term. The new surface will be a product known as Lushlawn which resembles grass. Not only will this prove to be a more attractive surface and provide more than adequate safety for our students, but much to the delight of our teachers and parents, our students will no longer go home sandy or covered in dark smudges from the existing softfall! On behalf of our entire school community I wish to once again thank our hard-working P&C, especially Mrs Bambi Silvertand, for making this happen.

School Opinion Surveys

The annual School Opinion Survey starts next week. All families, school staff and a representative sample of students will be invited to take part. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students this week, and parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school next week. School computers will be available upon for parents if internet access is not available at home. Survey queries or requests for translations or computer access can be directed to Mrs Lynne Tunny on telephone 07 36329888 or email admin@taigumss.eq.edu.au.
Working Bee
We seek assistance from any parents or caregivers who are able to donate an hour or two of their time this Saturday 26 July from 8:30am. We aim to remove a lot of accumulated 'junk' from around our school i.e. Old & broken furniture, blackboards, etc. These are items which cannot be shifted solely by our school staff so parent help would be greatly appreciated. We will also be cleaning up our Learnscape garden in readiness for our NAIDOC week celebrations occurring next week. Current student leaders are requested to attend as well as Year 5 students who wish to gain their Senior Leadership later this year.

School Musical Performances
We will be treated to 2 music performances by our students in the upcoming months. The first of these will be on the afternoon of Monday 15 September in our Assembly Hall with performances from our Instrumental students and choirs. Auditions will be held this week for students who wish to participate in our first ever school musical. We are very excited about this upcoming production titled 'What a Knight' which will be presented on 21, 22 November at Aspley State High School. More details will be posted throughout the term. Many thanks to our teachers Ms Maus, Mrs Mackay and Mr Martin whose enthusiasm, expertise and exceptional skills in this area will make this an experience our students won't forget.

Lynne Tunny
A/Principal

Students of the Week

| Prep B | Bailey for polite and attentive behaviour during class |
| Prep CD | Tapa for working hard all week |
| Year 1L | Taleisha for a great first week back at school |
| Year 1N | Zobair for being a keen learner |
| Year 2F | Richard for excellent handwriting and great results in spelling |
| Year 2HS | Chloe for trying extra hard and showing great work skills |
| Year 2J | Cameron for trying hard to follow instructions and to do his best work |
| Year 3B | Lebron for the best homework presented in Week 1 |
| Year 3TM | Salesi for excellent behaviour and participating well in Maths groups |
| Year 4G | William for an improved effort in Maths |
| Year 4MI | Kevin for showing good leadership skills in group work |
| Year 5WR | Kurt for starting off the term with an excellent attitude to learning |
| Year 6S | Majenta for very good and insightful comments during class discussions |
| Year 6/7G | Jaymie-Leigh for returning to school with a positive attitude and working well in Term 3 |
| Year 7C | Meron for working hard and applying herself in all areas of her schooling |

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 27th June 2014.

- 1L - Harry
- 1N - James
- 2F - Robbie
- 2HS - Krystal
- 2J - Quincy
- 3B - Lebron
- 3TM - Kavinila
- 4G - Quinn
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.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.”
- Nelson Mandela

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

SHOWBAG ORDERS
If your child wishes to buy a show bag this year, please return their order form and correct money to either the office or the tuckshop by Friday 25 July. No further extensions will be possible.

*Tuckshop is open both lunch breaks on Fridays.*

Many thanks,
Lisa Virtue
*Tuckshop Convenor*

FROM THE LIBRARY

Scholastic Book Club orders for Issue 5 have recently been sent home with students. Should your child wish to purchase any items, please ensure their order form and money is returned to the school before Friday 1st August. A collection box has been placed on the front counter at the Administration Office.

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 are being held in the School’s Hall from 3.00pm – 3.30pm on Monday afternoons. 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 reminded to practice at least 4-5 times each week for 20 minutes. This will help to get their lips conditioned for performances. Parents please encourage your children to practice.

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
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!

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
AUSSIE HOOPS BASKETBALL

- Term 3 programs now open (7+)
- Programs for children 4+ years
- Fun, active, social and safe
- At an indoor venue near you

For more information please email Luc at development@northsidewizards.com or call 0419 724 392

GREATER BRISBANE JUNIOR TENNIS

Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis conducts weekly Tennis Fixtures at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson and The University of Queensland for children up to 18 years of age. Grading day for new players is to be held on Sunday 27 July at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson from 3pm to 5pm. Further information is available at www.gbjt.org.au or by phoning Mrs Peta Davis on 3374 0516.

WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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

Wavell State High School 2015 Music Scholarships

- School of Excellence in Music
- Variety of Ensembles
- Extensive Performance Opportunities

2015 Music Scholarship applications close 8 August 2014

For more information and/or application forms: visit our website wavellshs.eq.edu.au or contact Miss Kate Battams on 3350 0369
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KIDS LOVE DRAMA
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Our unique drama system develops confidence and communication skills in children and teenagers.

Dynamic and structured, our program covers speech, movement, creative drama and language development with all students participating in an end-of-year production.

Our acclaimed drama program is implemented by dynamic teachers who work enthusiastically to bring out the very best in your child.

Affordable Fees! No Hidden Costs!

Lower Primary (5–8), Upper Primary (9–12) and Youth Theatre (12–18).

Helen O’Grady Drama Academy

Please phone Margaret Treuel B.A., Dip. Ed. on 3353 0555
Brighton Roosters Softball Club

SOFTBALL / T-BALL DEMONSTRATIONS

18th July 2014 (2.45 – 4.30pm)  Brighton State School Oval
25th July 2014 (2.45 – 4.30pm)  Nashville State School Oval

We are holding two FREE demo days for any interested students to learn more about playing softball and t-ball
For BOYS & GIRLS from 5yrs
We also have LADIES and MEN’s Teams of all skills for interested parents.

Register online at:
www.brightonsoftball.com.au

All equipment is supplied, pls bring own hat and water

Our official sign on is August 6th, 5.00pm to 8.00pm
at the Brighton Roosters Football Club.
Fees and Uniform costs advised at sign on

Please visit our website or call us if you have any further queries.
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