Dear Parents

It was heartening to witness the overwhelming response from our school community to last weekend’s working bee. Without a doubt, not many schools could boast such a huge show of support with over 60 students, parents, staff, family members and friends turning up on Saturday to lend a hand. With the assistance from all of these wonderful people, big and small, we were able to clean up our learnscape, classrooms, playgrounds and storerooms. It was great to see also meet parents who are not able to attend our other vital volunteer school functions such as P&C stalls and meetings due to work commitments, but were able to volunteer a few hours of their time on the weekend. I wish to acknowledge all of those listed below (and sincerely apologise if anyone’s name has been missed) Please note that student names are listed with last initial only for privacy reasons.

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Opinion Surveys

Last week, school opinion surveys were distributed to the three groups of people in our school, the staff, the students and the parents. This occurs in late July every year and it is one of the major ways that Education Queensland finds out how well each school is doing in its community. The information is gathered over a two week period, collated in head office and then sent out to us as an indication of our effectiveness for our students. The results usually get back to schools around the beginning of Term 4.

This year we will send out invitations to every family in the school for parents to complete the surveys online. The surveys are totally anonymous. No one at school sees the individual responses thus you are free to answer them in any way you choose. This year the student opinion survey is also being filled out online. The surveys will be completed by students in Years 5 and 6 with some students from Year 4 also participating. Our students will do their online surveys in class this week.

The last survey is for our staff and this year, it too has gone online. All teachers, teacher-aides, cleaners, office personnel, casuals and leaders fill one out. Each group is questioned on similar facets of school operations, including communication, tone, facilities, respect, behaviour, use of technology, approachability and so on. The results, when they arrive, are always interesting. These shall be reported in a newsletter later in the year.

Active Afterschool Sports

Our next round of afterschool coaching commences next week with free AFL training being offered on Tuesdays for students in Years 2-4 and on Thursdays for Years 5-7. Parents of enrolled students are reminded that coaching concludes on each of these days at 4:10pm and parents who have indicated they are picking their children up, will need to be there by this time. Parents are most welcome to attend sessions if they wish to watch.

Later this term, we will be sending out expressions of interest from Prep parents who wish to enrol their students in free afterschool swimming lessons in Term 4. We will also be working with Zillmere PCYC to provide Stroke Improvement lessons for older children at a nominal cost.
NAIDOC Week

Thanks to assistance from Uncle Kev from Kurbingui, we will be holding a number of events this week to celebrate NAIDOC week. Our students will be invited to participate in Indigenous games sessions, storytelling and boomerang throwing throughout the week. Our Indigenous Captain Kiara and her aunty, Baimat, have also worked with Mr Jocelyn to put together a range of class activities which will be conducted in classes this week. Mrs Goodberg and her team of tour guides will also be conducting class tours through the Learnscape gardens for our younger students.

Sports Results

Last week, Moreton House was victorious in claiming both the Ball Games and Interhouse Sporting Shield. Participation was excellent from all students with all houses able to rack up a steady stream of points throughout both the Junior Tabloid and Senior Sports carnival days. The final points tallies were as follows: Bribie 1689 Moreton 1856 Stradbroke 1816

We will be sending our largest ever squad of competitors to this year’s Bramble Bay Athletics to be held on 11 & 12 August with approximately 40 students qualifying to participate.

Age Champions

Congratulations to the following students who are our Athletics Age Champions for 2014.

Boys
9 years – Elia W
10 years – Eh Tha Mee and Justin S
11 years – Isaiah I
12 years – Lemi L
13 years – Jonathan W

Girls
9 years – Anais R
10 years – Jada G
11 years – Lani L and Harry
12 years – Sara S
13 years – Charlotte W

Lynne Tunny
A/Principal

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Students of the Week

Prep B - Pace for Welcome to your new school.
Prep CD - Indiana for great work in the classroom during tasks and tidy away time
Year 1L - Nikita for being a friendly and respectful learner
Year 1N - Adam for being ready to learn at all times
Year 2F - John for excellent participation in warm-ups every day
Year 2HS - Krystal for excellent listening skills and always making good choices
Year 2J - Tiana for a much improved effort in classroom behaviour
Year 3B - PJ for neat handwriting
Year 3TM - Kyesha for trying very hard and staying on task
Year 4G - Lipika for excellent work in class at all times
Year 4MI - Shivani for always working quietly and efficiently and giving 100% effort in every lesson
Year 5WR - Kiara for working hard in Literacy and contributing to class discussions
Year 6S - Cooper for always doing his work with a happy and positive attitude
Year 6/7G - Song for applying himself in all areas of his schooling
Year 7C - Theresa for applying herself to spelling and homework conscientiously
BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 25th July 2014.

- 1L - Nikita
- 1N - Tameika
- 2F - Harith
- 2HS - Dennise
- 2J - Princess
- 3B - Tnarlii
- 3TM - Ben
- 4G - Hayden
- 4MI - Olivia
- 5WR - Maverick
- 6S - Cooper
- 6/7G - Abi
- 7C - Skyler

FROM THE OFFICE

PREP ENROLMENTS – 2015

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

For further information you are encouraged to attend our Prep Open Day to be held on 22 August 2014.

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.

EIN BUN PIN

Congratulations to Riley for winning a prize in the Ein Bun Pin Festival Colouring-In Competition.
Well done Riley!
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 CHAPLAIN
I just wanted to let everyone know what I’m up to this term at Taigum State School. Starting this week I’m running a group for some boys in Year 4, called ‘Guys Group’. I’ll be teaching them some fun skills like ‘Putting up a tent’ and we’ll be talking about issues like, resilience’s and goal setting.

I’m also meeting one-to-one with many different kids, supporting them with the range of issues they are facing. On Wednesday lunch times I’m running skipping in the hall for students in Years 4 & 5 and I’m doing the same on Thursday lunch times with students in Years 6 & 7.

At the Salvation Army church this Friday evening we have EPIC (5:30pm - 7pm) for kids in grade 3-6 and Youth group - Salvage (7pm-9pm) for kids in grade 7-12. For the year 7’s on September 12th as part of Salvage we are taking them to ‘Bounce inc.’ an indoor trampoline place. Any year 7’s are welcome to come, but we need to book a month in advance, so I need to know who’s coming by Friday August 8. The Year 7’s can get a permission note off me.

Another thing the Salvation Army Church is doing in a few weeks is a family movie night on Saturday Aug 16th. At 6pm the movie ‘Babe’ will be shown and then at 7:45pm the movie ‘The Princess Bride’ will be on. Everyone is welcome to come!

If you want to contact me my email address is steveu@chappy.org.au.

Steve Unicomb
Chaplain

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 open both lunch breaks on Fridays.

HELPERS NEEDED
We are always looking for extra volunteer help in the Tuckshop. In order for the school to continue to provide this valuable service to the children we are asking if you have any time to spare on a Friday and are able to volunteer in the tuckshop, please leave your name and contact details with the office.

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.

Congratulations to Kavinila who was a lucky winner in the Term 2 School Banking Competition. Kavinila will be presented with her prize at assembly this Friday.

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

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!

AUSSIE HOOPS BASKETBALL

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Helen O’Grady Drama Academy

Please phone Margaret Treuel B.A., Dip. Ed. on 3353 0555

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
Your local providers of quality swim tuition and Swimming Club, operate from within the Bracken Ridge State School grounds at the pool.

* Learn To Swim and Squads are open now and taking bookings. *Skills based Learn To Swim & Squad programs with "Quality tuition with care and attention" Philosophy. *All new clients receive a fee free assessment, for entry to the correct level of the swim program. * Competition, Triathlete, Surf and Adult Fitness also catered for.

Experienced Head Coach Gavan Starr-Thomas with BRSC since 1997, has excess of 35 years coaching experience at National, State and Local level. The Learn To Swim program has produced National Qualifiers, each year for the last 5 years.

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For enquiries or to book please email admin@brswim.org.au or visit the pool canteen Wednesdays from 3:30pm.

Watch this space for Swimming Club sign on dates and details for 2014/2015 Season. - www.brswim.org.au

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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.
www.brightonsoftball.com.au

Club President – Graham McLeary 3269 6531
Club Secretary - Tracey Rhys 0417 700 198, or email info@brightonsoftball.com.au
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