Dear Parents

This has proven to be a very busy week with next week promising to be even more so with the inclusion of the Bramble Bay Athletics, the RNA Show holiday, Senior Leader and commencement of refurbishment of our Prep and Junior Playgrounds.

Bramble Bay Athletics
Due to the fantastic efforts of many of our students, we will be sending our largest ever team to the Bramble Bay Athletics next Monday and Tuesday. With approximately 40 students attending events over the 2 days, the school will be offering bus transport. All students attending Bramble Bay and travelling on the bus will therefore be required at school by 7:50am on the mornings they will be attending events.

Parents may meet students at McPherson Park, Bracken Ridge. It is of the utmost importance that the students of Taigum Ridge State School sit in the school area with the Team Manager, Mrs McColm as there will be no provision for children who fail to report to the marshalling area when called. Therefore it is important that the children are punctual and ready to report to the appropriate marshalling area, so Mrs McColm can be able to assist in this process.

Prep Orientation
Our Prep Orientation Day is coming up in a little less than two weeks, on Friday 22nd August. We are hoping that the word gets out to all our prospective parents that this is taking place. If you have neighbours or friends who are thinking of enrolling a Prep student, please let them know it's occurring. It starts at 9:30am in our Prep classrooms.

The Ned Show
On Friday morning's Assembly, our students will participate in a 45 minute character education program called the NED Show.
Using humour, storytelling, audience participation and amazing object lessons including yo-yo and magic tricks students learn through the adventures of NED, a character kids (and adults) can relate to. His name is an acronym for: Never Give Up Encourage Others Do Your Best®
The NED Program uses a multi-sensory learning model to motivate, encourage and inspire students to become Champions at school and in life. We welcome parents who would also like to view this show.

Parent Opinion Surveys
Thank you to all parents who have completed the School Opinion survey online as per the invitations sent home to all families last week. The completion of surveys has been extended to this Friday if you would still like to participate.

Adventure Playground
Work will soon commence on the replacement of existing soft fall in both the Junior and Prep Adventure Playgrounds. Many thanks to the P&C for their success in obtaining the grant and making this possible. The P&C are also donating extra funds to the school, to assist us in building a new sandpit area for the Preps.

Explicit Improvement Agenda
Over the next fortnight, each family will receive a glossy A4 sized summary of our Explicit Improvement Agenda to read and discuss. This will outline our school goals and the strategies we use within our classrooms to achieve these. We invite anyone in our community to contact us with feedback once the brochures are received.

Lynne Tunny
A/Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

5 August 2014
Prep B - Mathiva for working hard in reading groups
Prep CD - Sha-taya for always working co-operatively
Year 1L - Alexandra for participating in class discussions
Year 1N - Hassan for being an enthusiastic learner in the classroom
Year 2F - Grace for always trying her best to learn her spelling words
Year 2HS - Dennise for being a spelling champion
Year 2J - Lukas for a great improvement with his spelling
Year 3B - Ryan for great participation in class bush dancing
Year 3TM - Lincoln for completing extra work independently at home
Year 4G - Rico for improvement in classwork
Year 4MI - Tiki-Mana for helping others in his group and always using his best manners
Year 5WR - Lincoln for an excellent science investigation report on Shadow properties
Year 6S - Jack for always being willing to give sensible contributions to class discussions
Year 6/7G - Zoe for a fantastic job during English, especially with using adverbs and expressive language
Year 7C - Michael for diligent work in Mathematics, particularly the “Class BBQ” task

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 1st August 2014.

- 1L - Gianni
- 1N - Jared
- 2F - Ashlee
- 2HS - Ian
- 2J - Princess
- 3B - PJ
- 3TM - Chauncey
- 4G - Damascas
- 4MI - Kevin
- 5WR - Hadrian
- 6S - Alex
- 6/7G - Zoe
- 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.

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.

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

Hi Everyone

Just a reminder that this Friday we will be selling icy poles and other refreshments during Interschool Sports, down the back Oval. 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

Don't forget that our A.B.C Campaign competition is running this term! Just to recap: we want to know what the A.B.C in our campaign name means to YOU! Remember that your answers must have something to do with our campaign and it's aim. Please hand your entries into the uniform shop and this competition is open to ALL students. We've already had some cracker entries and the prize is a $50 shopping voucher! So get your thinking caps on and good luck!!

Many thanks

Chloe & Bambi
School Participation Officers

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

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
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!
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- Programs for children 4+ years
- Fun, active, social and safe
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For more information please email Luc at development@northsidewizards.com or call 0419 724 392

WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Missed our Open Day
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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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2013 Year 12 Outcomes: OP 1-15 89%; OP 1-10 58%; OP 1-3 11%; QCE/QCIA 95%

2015 Enrolments for Year 7 through to Year 12 are now available. We welcome you to contact the school for information regarding Parent tours and enrolment interview times.

“TWILIGHT TOUR” With the Principal - Ms Miller

Wednesday 20th August 2014
5.00pm - 7.00pm Lecture Centre
651 Zillmere Road Aspley
Register online www.aspleyshs.eq.edu.au or phone 3863 9222

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

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