FROM THE PRINCIPAL

19 August 2014

Dear Parents

We have seen all types of weather in the last week, some freezing nights, some warm days, torrential rain and now the westerlies are blowing through the school to let us know it’s a normal August. Very shortly, with the Exhibition behind us, the days will get warmer and we will have five uninterrupted weeks of school leading up to the September holidays that should be perfect for learning.

Naplan
The Naplan testing has once again been in the news, with the release of the 2014 results on Monday. As you may have heard, Queensland has moved up into fourth place in the country, behind the ACT, NSW and Victoria. On a more local note, our results are up 20 points on last year, which equates to an 8% increase. Our best improvers were our Year 3 students, which of course, bodes well for us in the next few years. All the students who sat the tests will receive their individual reports today, so please follow up with them if you have a child in Year 3, 5 or 7.

Science Dinner
Seventeen of our staff attended the annual Science Dinner last Tuesday and listened to three scientists and several PhD students talk about their science work. We all came away, enthusiastic about the subject with plenty of new ideas in our heads. The focus of several speakers was the need to get young people interested in science, especially girls, so that we have new batches of scientists graduating from our universities and keeping us in touch with the rest of the world in all fields of research. Many of our students’ attitudes to science and technology are shaped in primary school, so it is essential that our teachers keep science interesting and relevant to our children.

District Maths Competition
The District Maths Competition is on again next week at Brighton State School Hall. We will be fielding two Year 6/7 teams on Monday to take on our local schools in a team event and a relay event. This tests not only their maths skills, but also their ability to plan, cooperate and work together to find answers to really quite difficult questions. I will have the pleasure of doing some practice sessions with our students this week.

Athletics
As you remember, we had a great school athletics carnival a few weeks ago and we were able to send 41 athletes to the Bramble Bay Championships last week. We had a group of them do very well and will be competing in the Metropolitan North Carnival at UQ next week. Congratulations to:

Sara – First in the 12 years girls discus and shot put
Dependra – Second in the 13 years 800m event
Damascus – Third in 10 years Shot Put
Isaiah – Fourth in the 11 Years Long Jump
Caitlyn – Fourth in 12 years Shot Put

Active School Travel
I often write about what we are doing at school for walking Wheeling Wednesday, but parents can do a lot too. The following is some hints from the latest AST Newsletter from the Brisbane City Council:
Lesson for Life – Be a Good Role Model

- Lead by example and follow safety precautions when walking and riding so your children can see and model this behaviour.
- Try incorporating active travel into your own daily commute, for all or part of the distance. E.g. riding/walking to public transport, or getting off a stop a few stops earlier to make walking part of your journey to and from work.
- For small trips of under 1km think twice before jumping in the car. Your children will notice these choices.
- Be positive about the opportunities to walk, ride and scoot places. Your attitude will influence your children’s attitudes and behaviour. After all, it is great to be able to get places under your own steam

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

Prep B - Jessie for greatly improved listening skills
Prep CD - Moowahpaw for reading to Mrs Cran
Year 1L - Alex for writing a great retell
Year 1N - Junior and James for knowing all 200 Magic Words. Congratulations!
Year 2F - Rhianna for her supportive and friendly nature. You’re a shining star!
Year 2HS - Arlando for always using good manners
Year 2J - Jessica for fantastic work in English
Year 3B - Talia for applying herself to all class activities
Year 3TM - Raymond for working very well in English on his spoken retell
Year 4G - Tyler for an excellent historical recount and oral presentation
Year 4MI - Eh Tha Mee for being enthusiastic about starting our Geography Inquiry
Year 5WR - Miguel for scoring 100% on the financial maths assessment task
Year 6S - Cooper, Isaiah, Shaunmanning and Marcell for adding a lovely, positive attitude to our classroom
Year 6/7G - Tijanah for always doing her best and having a positive attitude!
Year 7C - Domenico for becoming more consistent in implementing reading strategies

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.
It’s show time at Taigum State School. “What a Knight” it will be…

To all the parents of our talented children!

Everyone is busy in rehearsal mode for our wonderful show “What a Knight”. If you, as the parent, can help in any way, and would like to be part of this wonderful experience, please send in a note or call our school office and leave your name and contact details. We’ll get in touch with you as soon as possible.

Brita Maus, Josh Martin and Andrea Mackay

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

I just wanted to let everyone know what I'm up to this term at Taigum State School. 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 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.

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 LIBRARY

BOOK WEEK

We're getting close to that time of year when all who love reading and children's books have a huge celebration known as Children’s Book Week (16 to 22 August). This year's theme: Connect to reading ~ Reading to connect. As part of our celebrations we will be having our Dress-up parade on Friday the 22 August. We encourage children to dress as their favourite storybook character.
This year we have consistently focussed on attendance and engagement with our students. We have talked about it on assemblies and reinforced it through communication with parents; and it’s beginning to take effect. Our aim for this year is 95% and working together we hope to maintain this momentum throughout the year.

Attendance at school plays a significant role in students’ success. The higher the level of attendance - the better chance of achieving success. For most of our students you, as parents, are reinforcing our message of the importance of your child being at school every day – thank you! For students to have every chance of being successful at school, they need to attend every lesson, every day. If you are having difficulties getting your child to attend school, please discuss this with us.

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 its 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 & Karen
School Participation Officers

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

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 2014

| 19th Aug  | Afterschool AFL Coaching (Years 2-4, Lesson 4) |
| 20th Aug  | School Banking |
| 20th Aug  | Walking Wheeling Wednesday |
| 21st Aug  | Afterschool AFL Coaching (Years 5-7, Lesson 4) |
| 22nd Aug  | Book Week Dress-Up Day |
| 22nd Aug  | Prep Orientation Day – 9.30am |
| 26th Aug  | Afterschool AFL Coaching (Years 2 – 4, Lesson 5) |
| 28th Aug  | Afterschool AFL Coaching (Years 5 - 7, Lesson 5) |
| 29th Aug  | Interschool Sport – Round 2 |

COMMUNITY NOTICES

GOLD STAR READING CLUB

The Gold Star reading ceremony for Zillmere Library will take place on the 12th of September at 3.30pm. We would love people to RSVP by the 5th of September so we have numbers for catering and chairs. In addition for students and their school to be in the running for the $250 book voucher prize, they will need to bring in their Gold Star book by the end of August.

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
JABIRU OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Warm Winter Mornings at Jabiru
Before school care can take a lot of stress out of your day. Children at before school care can enjoy a yummy breakfast, including a special cooked meal several days a week. They can join in fun activities or just relax before school, while you get a head start on your day.
Jabiru’s before school care can be as little as $2.89 per day depending on how much government support you are entitled to.
Drop in to see us to find out more, call our administration team for a quote on (07) 3269 0044, or visit our website at www.jabiru.org.au/kids
At Taigum state school, before school care starts at 6.30am, so you can drop your children off any time after this.
Come in and have a look and meet our friendly educators.
Thanks the Taigum Jabiru Kids Team

SANDGATE / REDCLIFFE DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

Sandgate Redcliffe District Junior Cricket will be holding their club sign on days this coming weekend.
We will be looking to field teams from U9 – Opens (U17) in the upcoming BNJCA competition, with teams in the Pre and Post Christmas games.
Please come down to the club if you would like some more information on our junior cricketing programme.
Saturday 16 August – 10am – 2.00pm
Sunday 17 August – 9am – 12 noon
You can also follow this link and bring your registration form along on the day.
http://www.gators.qld.cricket.com.au
Tracey Hoffmann
Club President - president@gators.org.au

ASPLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

We are a disciplined school and approach our learning with a growth mindset. Teachers deliver quality instruction in an orderly environment.
Students know that “Learning is the work” and they wear their school uniform with pride.
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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BRACKEN RIDGE SWIMMING CLUB INC.

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.

Squad Special; 35% discount on fees for July, August and September.

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
KEDRON WAVELL SERVICES HOCKEY CLUB

Junior Summer Hockey is on this year!!

Season Duration:
♦ Wednesday U13 and U17 teams – 8.10.14 to 3.12.14
♦ Thursday U11 and U9 teams – 9.10.14 to 4.12.14

Cost:
♦ Team registration fee: $100 (non-refundable; payed in advance with registration) forms WILL NOT be accepted without $100 registration fee
♦ U13/U17 – 8 a side - $650 / team
♦ U9 / U11 – 6 a side - $490 / team
♦ Balance payable before the first game on the first night of play.
♦ Players who are not currently registered with a hockey club will incur a $20 insurance fee to Hockey Queensland. (payable prior to the first game)

For your registration form or any queries, please contact the Junior Administrator:
Natasha Gaddes - summer.hockey.kw@gmail.com or 0418 796 579

Positions fill quickly so get your team/s organised early to avoid disappointment

BEARS SOFTBALL CLUB

Softball Batter Up
Bears Softball Club

Come and have some fun and try softball!!
3 week program for kids 7-12 years old

When:
Sunday 9-10:30am
31 August, 7 September, 14 September 2014

Where:
Sandgate Hawkes, Lemke Rd, TAIGUM

How Much:
$50 - Includes 3 week program, Softball glove and ball or Softball bat for returning participants!

More info:
Email: gotintosoftball@gmail.com
Ann – 0407 679 782
ASPYLE LITTLE ATHLETICS

All Boys and Girls 5 Years to U17

Sign On:
- Saturday 23rd August 2014, 9.00am – 11.00am
- Friday 29th August 2014, 5.30pm – 8.00pm
- Saturday 30th August 2014, 9.00am – 11.00am

Proof of Age – Birth Certificate or extract is required. You can also sign on anytime during the season. Not sure? Try out for two weeks, free of charge, at any time during the season!

Where:
Paul O’Brien Oval, Bowden Park, Maidencombe Street, Geebung.

Cost:
1st child - $175, U6 child - $163, 2nd child - $135, 3rd child and each child thereafter - $125
Includes membership at Kedron-Wavell Services Club for one adult, plus $20 book of raffle tickets for each family.

Season Starts:
Saturday 6th September 2014 and every week thereafter, 8:00am – 12noon. Friday night meetings are scheduled for December 2014 – February 2015 from 6:00pm – 9.30pm.

For more information contact:
- Andrew Wearne – 3351 3765 (Club President)
- Teisha Dunn – 0400 021 825 (Club Secretary)
- Paula Tobin – 0438 209 541 (Community Liaison Officer)
E-mail: Andrew.wearne@hotmail.com Website: www.aspleylittleathletics.com

Athletics is FUN!!! Come along with your friends and join in the races, relays, jumps, throws and fun games. And don’t forget – Bring Mum and Dad too!!!