FROM THE PRINCIPAL

26 August 2014

Dear Parents

I had the great pleasure to attend the District Maths Tournament yesterday at Brighton State School. Eighteen teams from eight different schools took part in a two part competition including team and relay events. We were represented by Year 6 and 7 students in two teams and at the conclusion of the first round, one of our teams was in the lead. Unfortunately for us, a couple of other schools in the second round really scored well, but our leading team still managed to come third. They were tremendously excited at the result, which is the best we have ever achieved. Our second team also did well, coming ninth. All eleven of our students who participated, represented our school with pride and were a great example to all the others there. My congratulations to Mika, Fuzail, Stephy, Charlotte, Glory, Beatrice, Maxene, Christine, Sara, Alana and Theresa for their great efforts yesterday.

Book Week Dress Up Day
My congratulations also have to go to all the parents, grandparents and brothers and sisters who helped costume all our children for the Book Week Dress Up Day last Friday. It was probably the best turn out we have ever had. The school was particularly safe on the day as we had at least 20 Spidermen, a dozen Supermen, a few Captain Americas, some X-Men and Ninja Turtles, knights, soldiers and James Bond all on hand to fight any villains who were about. We also had queens, princesses, snow white, three little pigs, witches and scores of other clever costumes. The teachers joined in with about 20 of them coming in all sorts of interesting attire. All in all, it was a great day and one that shows the spirit we have in our school community. Well done to all involved.

Prep Orientation Day
We had two dozen parents attend our orientation day for Prep on Friday. They were treated to all our students in costume as well, before sitting down in the Prep room to learn about what’s in store for our youngest students in 2015. It was an excellent turn out which bodes well for a strong group next year. Unfortunately, some parents couldn’t make it and some did not hear of it. If you are in either of these groups, you are most welcome to phone or visit to find out how the class will be running in 2015.

Aspley SHS Band and Choir
Friday was a really full day with the Dress Ups and Prep Orientation in the morning, followed by a performance from the Aspley State High School Stage Band and Choir in the afternoon. All those who attended were treated to a fantastic 45 minute performance that was of high quality and very entertaining. I know all the teachers there were singing or dancing along as the energy of the high schoolers was very infectious. For some of our students it was the first time they had heard live music and so it was quite an experience for them. For me, there were several points of interest. Firstly, it’s fantastic to see how our students, who start instrumental music in Year 5, sound if they stay with their music into Years 11 and 12. They were very good indeed. Secondly, I was impressed with the work and enthusiasm of the high school teachers who give their time so that their students can thrive. Mr Van, the instrumental leader and Mrs Findlayson the choir conductor, are obviously very talented people and gifted teachers who bring out the quality in their musical charges. It was a great example of how good our local high schools are. I hope they will return often in the future to entertain and inspire us.
WWW Big Breakfast
Next Wednesday, 3 September is our Walking Wheeling Wednesday Big Breakfast. If you want a sausage on bread for breakfast, make sure you’re there between 8am and 8:45 am, to enjoy the hot food.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week
Prep B - Joshua for an extra effort in Warm Ups to learn sight words
Prep CD - Caelouve for following directions and instructions and co-operating happily with others
Year 1L - Alex for working well in maths groups
Year 1N - Charlii for being a helpful and respectful classmate
Year 2F - Avneesh for an excellent information report on Cheetahs
Year 2HS - Bella-Rose for a great improvement in concentration during reading groups
Year 2J - Zaki for good behaviour in the classroom
Year 3B - Jada for terrific participation in maths lessons
Year 3TM - Joshua for participating well and trying hard in English
Year 4G - Lipikha for co-operating consistently with the teacher and other students
Year 4MI - Maya for outstanding work during maths lessons
Year 5WR - Hadrian for improvement in his division number facts
Year 6S - Talon for always being ready and organised for each lesson
Year 6/7G - Abi for a fantastic start to the poetry unit – a lovely cinquain
Year 7C - Theresa for care in completing and presenting homework every week

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 22nd August 2014.

- 1L - Austin
- 1N - Shanae
- 2F - Grace
- 2HS - Ian
- 2J - Quincy
- 3B - Deana
- 3TM - Riley
- 4G - Lipikha
- 4MI - Isabella
- 5WR - Tiffany
- 6S - Lincoln
- 6/7G - Kheley
- 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.
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.

SCHOOL MUSICAL

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

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION OFFICERS

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 / SEPTEMBER 2014

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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.

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

SENSORY MOVIE DAY

Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive event for families with special needs. Children can move around, flap or stim, lighting stays on dim and sound is lowered. Fire exit doors are monitored by volunteers for those escape artists. Face-painting starts at 1pm, spot prizes and every child receives a balloon animal or sword. Come along to this judgement-free screening of:

How To Train Your Dragon 2
2pm Sunday 14th September
Morayfield Birch Carroll & Coyle
Tickets: $8 each
children 2 years and under are free
Companion ID cards accepted
Any questions please contact Chanelle on 0422 416509 or sensorymovieday@hotmail.com
SAVER PLUS PROGRAM

Would you like the opportunity to receive $500 to help with your child’s education expenses?

The Smith Family’s Saver Plus program is a matched saving program offering dollar for dollar matchings to help with your family’s education expenses. To be eligible to join the program you need to have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and some form of employment in your household other than Centrelink payments. If you would like more information about how to join the Saver Plus Program please call 1300 610 355, or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355, or email saverplus@bsl.org.au.

If you have any enquiries please feel to contact me on my details below.

Thank you
Brendon Balogh
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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

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; paid 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

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Craigslea State High School, Hamilton Road Chermside West, Qld 4032
Website: www.craigslehs.eq.edu.au
ASPLEY 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!!!

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: getintosoftball@gmail.com
Ann – 0407 679 782