Dear Parents

We are very quickly approaching the end of Term 3 and next week sees our second instalment of Parent-Teacher Interviews. The first instalment was in Term 1. That interview was much more of an introductory one that these in Term 3. These next week, give teachers and parents much more scope for discussion of school work as so much has been done through the year to date. Everybody will be able to talk about the written report card from Term 2 and parents of Year 3, 5 and 7 students will be able to discuss the recent NAPLAN reports they have received. A perfect parent-teacher interview would include a summary of the child's progress from the teacher, feedback from the parent and then some suggestions of how the school and the home could work together to make progress in any areas of weakness. We always attempt for this to occur, but not all interviews run as expected. To set ourselves up for success, can all parents try to be ready to start punctually and finish within the 15 minutes of time allotted. I realise that this is a tight schedule, but adhering to it allows a fair go for all.

Indigenous Strategy Group
The Metropolitan Region Indigenous Strategy Group is a collection of principals and departmental officers who meet regularly to discuss ways to 'close the gap' between the academic results of our indigenous students and their non-indigenous counterparts. This gap, across the schools in the region, is quite significant and causes many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to be severely disadvantaged at high school and then in the job market. The Strategy Group has chosen our school as they are keen to see our Indigenous Learnscape and be part of the tour lead by Mrs Goodberg's Student Guides. The learnscape is part of our school's strategy for closing the gap and it is well regarded in our region.

Talent of Taigum
I am very pleased to report that, for the first time since I have been here, we are having a music afternoon. We regularly promote academic and sporting pursuits, so it is great to be highlighting our students of the arts. On Monday week (September 15), we will be staging a short performance from Junior Choir, our Senior Guitar Band and our Instrumental Band. This will be their first performance in front of an adult audience and I hope as many parents as possible will be able to come and watch from 3:15 to 3:45pm in our hall that afternoon. I hope this will be the first of many such evenings.

School Dance
Our Term 3 Dance is set for Thursday next week (September 11). The theme this time around is 'Pyjama Party' which gives everyone a lot of scope to find an appropriate costume. The dancing will start at 6:30pm but food will be served in the hour before that. Notes for food orders have been sent home. As always, we thank our wonderful friends at the Salvation Army Church for providing us with their great venue, completely free of charge.

Mark Fisher
Principal
Students of the Week

Prep B - Jaela for working hard in reading groups
Prep CD - Camryn for good work sounding out and reading words
Year 1L - Samuel for writing a great retell
Year 1N - James for always presenting his work as neatly as possible
Year 2F - Mia for great work in Science, learning about life stages
Year 2HS - Anushka for excellent listening skills and always making good choices
Year 2J - Quincy for excellent noun groups in his writing
Year 3B - Ladu for doing really well in his spelling and number facts
Year 3TM - Johnathan for participating well in problem solving
Year 4G - Quinn for exhibiting a positive outlook and attitude in the classroom
Year 4MI - Isabella for persistence in completing school tasks and effort in improving handwriting
Year 5WR - Jonah for writing an interesting narrative on The Man from Ironbark
Year 6S - Alex for always being ready for lessons and finishing his work neatly and on time
Year 6/7G - Reianna for a responsible attitude to her schooling
Year 7C - Charlotte for using feedback to make improvements to her imaginative recount

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 29th August 2014.

- 1L - Derek
- 1N - Zane
- 2F - Ella
- 2HS - Savitha
- 2J - Danica
- 3B - PJ
- 3TM - Johnathan
- 4G - Tyler
- 4MI - Ben
- 5WR - Nathanael
- 6S - Rowen
- 6/7G - Kurtis
- 7C - Alana

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 PARTICIPATION OFFICERS

Attendance:
Our commitment to ensuring that students achieve their best continues and we would like to remind everyone that attendance every day is important. Missing 1 or 2 days may not seem like much, but the table below shows the impact on a student’s education.

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Attendance at school plays a significant role in students’ success. The higher the level of attendance - the better chance of achieving success. Thank you to all our parents who support their child in attending school every day. If you are having difficulties getting your child to attend school, please discuss this with us.

Many thanks

Chloe, Bambi & Karen
School Participation Officers

FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

On Friday 5th September we will be having a Crazy Moustache & Tie Day

Come along to school wearing your craziest moustache or tie, or both, and please remember your gold coin donation. All proceeds will be donated to a charity supporting men’s cancer.

FROM THE P&C

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES
Monday to Thursday mornings: 8.15am to 9.00am
Thursday afternoon: 2.30pm – 3.15pm
Hi Everyone

Just a reminder that our Father's Day Raffle will be drawn this Friday during parade. For your chance to win one of our amazing prizes please ensure that all raffle tickets (sold or unsold) are returned to the uniform shop by Thursday (4/09/14). Good luck!

Also next Thursday evening (11/09/14) is our School Dance. It will be held at the Salvation Army Church. Food order forms will be coming home in the next day or two, so look out for those! Our theme this term is Pyjama Party! I hope to see all of you there, it should be great night!

Many thanks and have a great week!

Chloe Boswell
P&C President

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

I started something new last Friday at assembly. It's called 'Chappy Chat.' I briefly talked to the kids about 'stealing', and why it's a bad thing to do. A lot of kids found my confession of the time I stole a chocolate bar from a shop quite funny (I was 2 years old at the time).

I'm planning on doing Chappy Chat each week at assembly, where I'll talk to the kids about a different topic that will promote a positive lifestyle and help them to become contributing members of the community. In the newsletter of the following week, I'll let you know what I talked to the kids about.

To all the Father's reading this, have a great Father's Day (or Father's week, like we do in my family)!

If you want to contact me my email address is steveu@chappy.org.au or ring the school office.

Steve Unicomb

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

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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 performance.

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 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

Have a Jabiru Holiday this September/ October
Jabiru Kids has planned a great program of activities for the September/ October holidays. We'll make mini minions, cuddle worms, spell with spaghetti, invent new recipes, prospect for gold and fabricate footy foam fingers.
This holidays our excursion is to Walkabout Creek Wildlife Centre to meet native animals and explore the bush. Special visitors from Second Nature Indigenous Arts will introduce us to Indigenous cultural activities, painting and games.
Jabiru Kids Taigum opens from 6.30am to 6pm over the holidays. We even serve breakfast!
Try a day for free: if you haven’t tried Jabiru before, join us for a free day of holiday fun. Just mention this article when you book.
The full program is available from Jabiru Taigum or online at http://www.jabiru.org.au/kids
Jabiru vacation care is cheaper than you think, especially for people entitled to Child Care Benefit: call Jabiru for a quote on 3269 0044.

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
Saver Plus Coordinator | The Smith Family
P.O. Box 10500 Ipswich QLD 4305
ph 07-3812 0021| fax 07-3812 3776 | mob 0429 925 860
www.thesmithfamily.com.au

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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
A team of researchers at Griffith University are investigating a parent-based program for young children with Asperger’s Syndrome/High Functioning Autism and comorbid anxiety difficulties. Anxiety is common in children with Asperger’s Syndrome/High Functioning Autism and can lead to difficulties in friendships, family life and school. However, the earlier anxiety is treated the less impact it is likely to have on a child’s development and future. The Fun with Feelings Team is seeking parents of children aged between 4 and 6 years to partake in the study.

The treatment program involves parents attending 10 weekly, group sessions that run for approximately 90 minutes. Parents will also be asked to complete questionnaires up to 3 times during the study at times separate to the treatment program.

This is being offered free for families who are eligible to participate.

For more information contact Julia Cook or Dr Caroline Donovan
Phone: 37353326
Email: funwithfeelings@griffith.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

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

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: getintosoftware@gmail.com
Ann – 0407 679 782

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http://www.facebook.com/taigumss
PYJAMA DANCE PARTY – FOOD ORDER FORM

For our School Dance this term we will be having a "PYJAMA NIGHT" on Thursday 11th September 2014 at the Salvation Army Church. We are having pre-ordered food and drinks. Please fill out the requirements for your family by writing on this form and returning it together with the correct money in an envelope. Entry fee will be $5.00 per family payable on the night. Food will be available for collection from the canteen from 5.45pm and the dancing will start at approximately 6.30pm. There will be chips, drinks and ice creams available throughout the night.

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PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE ORDERED ALL THE FOOD YOUR FAMILY REQUIRES ON THIS FORM. PLACE ORDER IN AN ENVELOPE WITH THE CORRECT MONEY AND RETURN IT TO THE CLASS TEACHER OR UNIFORM SHOP BY TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2014.