9 September 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

I have reprinted in part, what I wrote home last week about our car fire in the staff car park - The whole incident was over within 30 minutes, and during that time, no one was injured and no children or adults were in any danger of harm due to the great work of our school personnel. We regularly have drills to practise for these events and it is very satisfying to see how well everyone acted in an actual fire situation. I must also praise our students, who followed directions, did not panic and moved to a safe location quickly and calmly.

It is now several days after that event and I continue to be impressed with how well we all coped with the emergency situation. Many people from outside the school (some who were passing by at the time) have commented on the seriousness of the fire and can’t believe that we handled it so smoothly without any injury or damage to property. I can only sum it up by saying well done to everyone involved for following procedures to the letter.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our Term Three interviews took place on Monday this week and we made a conscious effort to keep to our tight schedule of 15 minute blocks. This meant that very few parents had too long a wait, resulting in a very calm and efficient process. There was also an excellent mood in the hall, fed by the enthusiasm and cooperation exhibited by all who took part. I have been to dozens of interview sessions, as both a teacher and principal, and this was the best I have attended. I know there are still many more to have interviews over the next few days because some parents couldn’t make the Monday slot. I thank you for taking the time to visit and helping your child to get the best out of their schooling that they possibly can.

Facilities

This week, I received a letter from the State government informing me that our school will get an extra $48 000 to finish any outstanding maintenance jobs this financial year. This is great news and we will be using this money, in part, to complete the external repaint of the school in our new colour for ‘E’ and ‘C’ blocks, and for the office and staffroom. You may have noticed that just last week, ‘A’ and ‘B’ blocks were finished and now look bright and new. Also round the school, several other projects have been completed, are nearly done or happening shortly. Some of these projects include: the internal clean-up of the Oval Shed (done); applying artificial grass to the long jump pit run ups (in progress); new rebound surfaces for our infant playgrounds and a new sandpit (set for the holidays). We are also planning to build a sports storeroom in the oval shed and this will get done during Term 4. The end result of this process will be better playtime experiences for all our students, ready for the warm weather of Spring and Summer.

Coming Up

To finish, I have a couple of reminders. This Thursday is our Term 3 Dance with the theme of pyjama party, starting at 6:30pm at the Salvos Church. Friday is our last Winter round of interschool sport – weather permitting and Monday is our Music Afternoon from 3:15 -3:45 pm. Also on Monday, is our September P&C Meeting at 6:30pm in the staff room.

Mark Fisher
Principal
Students of the Week

Prep B - Kareora for working hard in reading groups
Prep CD - Summer-Rose for an excellent observation and recording of how a rollercoaster moves

Year 1L - Darzel for working enthusiastically during Maths
Year 1N - Zion for being a keen learner
Year 2F - Matthew for being helpful in class and always trying to do his best
Year 2HS - Ian for reading with beautiful expression
Year 2J - Azariah for always having neat work, and trying her best in every subject
Year 3B - Harsimran for trying hard to improve number facts and achieving well
Year 3TM - Teneisha for working so well on her Technology project
Year 4G - Anais for working hard in class and showing the best of manners
Year 4MI - Jayden for always being extremely helpful when in the classroom
Year 5WR - Tanisha for always having a smile on her face and for her friendly, caring attitude towards classmates
Year 6S - Tino for neat bookwork and a high standard of effort and work all term
Year 6/7G - Jayden for always doing his best and having a fantastic attitude
Year 7C - Chern for effort and focus in completing writing tasks

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 5th September 2014.

- 1L - Bajedo
- 1N - Gree Na
- 2F - Harith
- 2HS - Ian
- 2J - Jessica
- 3B - Shee Shee
- 3TM - Jacinta
- 4G - Danica
- 4MI - Sahej
- 5WR - Henry
- 6S - Taniela
- 6/7G - Adeline
- 7C - Kristine

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.

FROM THE P&C

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

Monday to Thursday mornings: 8.15am to 9.00am
Thursday afternoon: 2.30pm – 3.15pm

Hi Everyone

On Thursday 11th September our School Dance will be held at the Salvation Army Church. Food order forms have been sent home and those families wishing to pre-order food should have returned their forms to the school with correct money.
The dancing will start at 6.30pm and food will be served from 5.45pm. Entry is $5 per family, and there will be chips, drinks and ice-cream available for purchase during the night.
The dress theme is Pyjama Party so we look forward to seeing everyone in costume. It should be a great night.

Many thanks and have a great week!

Chloe Boswell
P&C President

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

For 'Chappy Chat' at assembly last Friday I talked to the kids about being fit & healthy. I quoted from a book by Michael Pollan, In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto. His seven word, simple advice for healthy eating, "Eat Food, Not too much, Mostly Plants". I haven't read the rest of the book because I think those seven words are pretty good advice. I also encouraged the kids to keep active and do lots of exercise.

Any grade 3-6's are invited to come to EPIC at the Salvation Army Church at Taigum this Friday at 5:30pm - 7pm. The theme is Pirate Night! At EPIC we play awesome games, learn something from the Bible and eat dinner together. It costs $4.
If you want to contact me my email address is steveu@chappy.org.au or ring the school office.

Steve Unicomb
Chaplain

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

Taigum State School proudly presents the 2014 'Talent of Taigum'

Come for an afternoon of music as students from grades 1 to 7 show off their musical talent! Performances by: Junior Choir, Senior Guitar Band, and Instrumental Band

Monday 15th September 2014
Taigum State School Hall
3:15 - 3:45pm

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.

WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL

JUNIOR SECONDARY

Parent Information Evening
Years 7 & 8 2015
Monday 15 September 2014
Commencing at 7:00pm
Assembly Hall
Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights

2015 Enrolment Applications are due now
For further details contact our
Enrolment Officer Ms Lock on 3350 0328
MEMORY WALK & JOG

The Race Against Dementia
- Raising Funds and Awareness for Dementia
- All age and fitness levels encouraged
- 2.5km Walk for Fun
- 5km Walk for Fitness
- 5km Run for a Challenge

Sunday 28 September - Register Now
Phone (07) 3895 8200 or visit www.memorywalk.com.au
Entry Fees start at $15 – The first 200 participants will receive a free event t-shirt
Registration open from 7:00am
First event starts at 8:45am
University of Queensland, Oval 5, St Lucia Campus

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

CRAIGSLEA STATE HIGH SCHOOL
An Independent Public School

OPEN MORNINGS
First and Third Friday each month
9:00am – 10:00am
- See Classes in Action
- Meet Students and Staff
- Tour the School

Contact Cathy at craigslea.high@eq.edu.au or Phone 3326 5222
Craigslea State High School, Hamilton Road Chermside West, Qld 4032
Website: www.craigsleshhs.eq.edu.au
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

The Smith Family is a national charity helping young Australians in need to get the most out of their education, so they can create better futures for themselves.

FUN WITH FEELINGS

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
Join up now to be a Wizard! Membership registration is now open.

* Club Season, October 2014 - April 2015
* Club Night – every Tuesday 6pm, during the club season
* Inter-Club and Representative Competitions offered
* Brisbane Swimming Association and Swimming Queensland affiliated club
* Family and Friendship, Fun and Fitness and a Healthy Lifestyle.

To enquire about joining our club, please email secretary@brswim.org.au, or visit www.brswim.org.au. You are also welcome to visit the pool canteen Wednesdays from 3:30pm.

Sign on morning, Saturday 27 September 2014, 9am-11am, at our pool complex Denham St, Bracken Ridge. (Please bring birth certificates for all new memberships)
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

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!!!
KOOBARA PLAYGROUP

Would like to invite you to join us!
Monday@ Bracken Ridge Baptist Church, 47 Norris Road - 10am to 12pm
Wednesday@ Zillmere State School, 70 Murphy Road, 10am to 12pm
Friday@ Mitchelton Presbyterian Church, 40 Ruby Road, 10am to 12pm

We enjoy Art & Craft, cooking, and playing with our friends. A light lunch is provided, yet parents are encouraged to contribute. For more information call Koobara Communities for Children Program
Office Hours 8am to 4pm – Phone (07) 3865 4044
Playgroup Worker – 0403 110 673

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