Dear Parents

Very few jobs offer the variety that school does. Schools can be a lot of things, but they are never dull. Just this week, I experienced two things that I have never done before. Both were excellent in very different ways and both I will describe below.

Working Bee
I have been to many working bees, but not one like this. On Saturday morning, 80 volunteers descended upon the school from the I SEE Church on Beams Road. The early birds were here at 6 am to start painting ‘C’ Block and by 12:30pm the job was done, the brushes cleaned and everything was packed away. It was amazing to watch as two coats were applied to the whole northern side of the block and to the posts underneath. As well as that, rubbish was picked up, gardens were weeded and various other jobs were done. It was a tremendously generous act from the church and their members. I also have to make mention of several of ours teachers - Mrs Gillies, Mrs Bell, Mrs Donaldson and Mrs Tunny who did a lot of work in the Prep area and four of our students who helped all morning - Tayah, Tyrone, Andrew and Mitchell.

Aspley SHS Talent Quest
Once again, I have been involved in many a talent quest in my life, but Aspley’s ‘A’ Factor night was fantastic. It wasn’t because of the acts, but they were good. It wasn’t because of the atmosphere and the enthusiasm, which was great. It was due to the involvement of the teachers. About half way through and having listened to some excellent singers, the lights dimmed, the smoke machine went into operation and eight Aspley SHS teachers cranked out their version of Nutbush City Limits with the principal, Ms Miller on lead vocals. The performance brought the house down and sent a shiver up my spine, not because of the singing or the playing which was a bit rough, but because these teachers were giving it a go and being a proper part of the night. They were leading by example and in the process, building school spirit in the most hands on way they could. They are to be commended.

EALD
EALD stands for English as an Addition Language or Dialect. Mrs Boundy is our own fantastic EALD teacher who works wonders with our non-English speakers while they are with us at primary school. Up until now, the only local secondary school that provided a similar programme was Kedron. Many of our students have gone there for this reason. As of 2015, Aspley SHS will also be an EALD school, running language programmes that will neatly dovetail with what we do here. This will possibly be a much more convenient option for our students and parents. For further information, you can ring Aspley SHS on 3863 9222.

Year 6 and 7 Camp and Interschool Sport
On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week, our Year 6 and 7 students will be enjoying the sun and surf of Alex Park Camp at Alexandra Headland on the Sunshine Coast. It is three great days of fun and adventure for our students who always have a great time except for the occasional chafing of body surfing. I always enjoy this camp myself and I will be up there on the Thursday and Friday as a helper. With many of our senior students absent on the Friday, only the junior rounds of the boys and girls touch competition will run, but we will fit in any senior students who aren’t on camp, into those sides so they get a game. Girls will be playing at Bracken Ridge SHS and boys here at home, as usual.

Mark Fisher
Principal
Students of the Week

Prep B - Janine for wonderful handwriting
Prep CD - Jainil for an excellent drawing of his favourite place
Year 1L - Summer for participating in class discussions
Year 1N - Jordan for making a greater effort in being an active listener during English lessons
Year 2F - Ger Kler for consistently neat and well presented bookwork
Year 2HS - Makenna for great work with writing events in English
Year 2J - Cameron for being very creative in his writing. Well done Cameron!
Year 3B - Hunter for learning his spelling words at home
Year 3TM - Dominic for working quietly on his spelling activities
Year 4G - Cody for excellent participation in class lessons
Year 4MI - Jordannah for settling into our school so well and following our school routines with a smile on her face everyday
Year 5WR - Tanisha for always staying focussed and participating during class
Year 6S - Tino for an outstanding effort in homework this year
Year 6/7G - ? for
Year 7C - Stephy for actively engaging and contributing to classroom discussions

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 17th October 2014.

- 1L - Sanjana
- 1N - Rune
- 2F - Riley
- 2HS - Dennise
- 2J - Byron
- 3B - Ladu
- 3TM - Brock
- 4G - Rico
- 4MI - Olivia
- 5WR - Samem
- 6S - Hollie
- 6/7G - Lani
- 7C - Liam

FROM THE OFFICE

REMINDERS

Parents/carers, the following forms have recently been sent home with each child and/or family.

- Booklist Orders for 2015
- C2C English Text resource $20 (sent home with students in Years 2-5 as applies for all students in Years 3-6 in 2015)
- Voluntary Family Contribution $50/family (sent home with the youngest family member)

If your children have not brought these forms home, could you please ensure you collect a copy from your child’s class teacher or 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 STUDENT COUNCIL**

Icy cups will be for sale from the hall canteen each Thursday at second lunch break. Still only 50 cents so come on over and enjoy a cool, refreshing treat during our warmer weather while helping to support our Student Council.

**BOOKCLUB NEWS**

Scholastic Book Club orders for Issue 7 have been sent home with students. Should your child wish to purchase any items, please ensure their order form and money are returned to the school before Wednesday 29th October. A collection box has been placed on the front counter at the Administration Office.

**FROM THE P&C**

**UNIFORM SHOP TIMES**

Monday to Thursday mornings: 8.15am to 9.00am

Thursday afternoon: 2.30pm – 3.15pm

Just a reminder that this Friday the P&C will be selling icy poles and other refreshments during Interschool Sports, down on the back Oval. Don't forget your money!
Hi, Last Friday during assembly, I talked to the kids about being MAD. It's stands for Making A Difference. I mentioned how they can do many little things that can make a big difference in their own lives and in the lives of other. Doing your best in class, picking up rubbish, being friends with someone who is lonely are some examples of little things that can make a big difference.

Here's a message from ISEE Church (next to Taigum Shops on Beams Rd). iSEE CARE is a non-profit organisation which operates locally within your school community. Each week iSEE CARE helps to support school communities by providing food assistance hampers to families. Several grocery bags of non-perishable food items and toiletries are delivered and distributed every week to your school during the term helping to supplement a family’s weekly groceries. iSEE CARE understands that sometimes we find ourselves in tough situations and we all from time to time need a helping hand.

If you require one of these hampers please don't hesitate to contact the Chaplain, Steve Unicomb here at Taigum SS or email him, steveu@chappy.org.au.

For more information on iSEE CARE and the services we provide please email us at info@iseecare.com.au

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.

As we move towards the end of the year, we want to ensure our students are keeping up their good savings habits. So we’re rewarding regular savings by sharing the Dollarmites latest find, precious prizes from the ancient Clam of Fortune.

The Dollarmites have uncovered the ancient Clam of Fortune. Inside they found these amazing prizes that you could win a share of:
- 40 x GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
- 150 x Slip 'N Slide Double Wave Riders

All students need to do for a chance to win is make a deposit of any amount through School Banking between 20th October - 30th November 2014 and they automatically receive one entry into the competition.

So the more they save, the more chances they have to win a prize (up to a maximum of 6 entries).
DATES TO REMEMBER

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

POX: Zillmere and Wanna From Heaven present

THE COOLEST
Halloween Dance Party
Friday Oct 31st, 6-8pm

Halloween Costume Party
Music by DJ Rock

Prizes Giveaways
Photo Booth
Best Costume & Dance Comps

6-12 Year olds Only!!

Kids $2 Entry! Parents Free!

Address: 340 Zillmere Rd, Zillmere QLD 4034
(07) 3633 0244
GREAT ADVENTURES – FIRST STEPS HIMALAYA

Come on a Great Family Adventure in Nepal
Easter School Holidays: 2nd April – 18th April 2015
☐ Trek in stunning mountain scenery
☐ Enjoy as a family the simplicity of life in the Himalayas
☐ Experience our education projects first hand
☐ Have fun in the beautiful lakeside town of Pokhara
☐ Join the amazing activities on offer at an adventure resort close to the Tibetan border
☐ Relax in luxury hotels mixed with the authentic experience of off the beaten track Nepali villages

Join this incredible 15 day tour co-ordinated by the directors of the charity First Steps Himalaya
www.greatadventures-nepal.com
Email: greatadventures@firststepshimalaya.org or Ph: (03) 5451903

BRACKEN RIDGE STATE SCHOOL MARKET DAY & CAR BOOT SALE

When: Saturday 1st November 2014 12.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
Where: Bracken Ridge State School
1 Binburra Street, Bracken Ridge 4017.
Between A and B Block down through teacher car park at front entrance of school.

Stallholder Pricing: Car Boot Site $20.00
Single Site 3 x 3 $40.00
Double Site 6 x 3 $60.00
Food Vendors $70.00

Come along and sell your unwanted items and have a clean out before Christmas. If you would like to have your own Market Stall or Car Boot Sale, please contact Jackie at info@me2me2.com.au or 0404 424 435 for any information.

SING & GROW

Free Sing and Grow program commencing in Term 4 for children starting Prep in 2015 and their parents/guardians. Siblings of 2015 Prep children welcome also. If interested please call Marvin at Jabiru on 0438 542 746 or 3862 8152 to register interest or ask questions

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.craigsleshs.eq.edu.au
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

1-2-3 MAGIC

Emotion Coaching Parent Course

Learn:
- To engage your children’s cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them
- To set clear expectations and help them develop frustration tolerance
- To help children’s brains to develop filters for behaving well
- To resolve family conflict quietly
- Simple strategies to practise being a calm parent

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old

A three-session program for parents and carers at the
Positive Learning Centre
83 Gilston Street, Keperra
Held over three Wednesday sessions:
1) 05/11/14
2) 12/11/14
3) 19/11/14
promptly at 6.00pm – 8.30pm

Registration Fee: The course costs $15.00 with booklet
To register for this course contact Leigh Inglis at the Positive Learning Centre via email
lingl1@eq.edu.au or phone (07) 3354 2022 during school hours.