FROM THE PRINCIPAL

28 October 2014

Dear Parents

I’m back at school this week after spending Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the Year 6 and 7 camp at Alexandra Headland. I was pleased to see our 60 students having a great time doing camp activities, swimming in the surf and participating in all the evening events as well. Steve, our chaplain, had some particularly great activities for our children including a treasure hunt and his famous ‘CSI Taigum’ which gave students the chance to forensically examine evidence to find the guilty suspect. When I say examine, I mean having to drink tomato juice masquerading as blood; having to pop balloons filled with flour to find fingerprints; and having to search through a vat of food scraps to find marbles pretending to be eyeballs. If you think it sounds revolting, you are right, but all our Year 6s and 7s enjoyed every minute and learnt a lot from the experience. Camps may be expensive and are definitely a lot of work, but the benefits to our students are immense. It was great to see so many attend. We have booked the same site for the same time next year, for the Year 6s of 2015.

School Musical
It is now only three weeks until the musical is opening. Who would have guessed it would consume so many different groups as it has, and it still has a way to run yet. Mrs Mackay tells me 94 students are involved. Then you add all the teachers – Mrs Mackay, Ms Maus, Mr Martin (the prime movers), Mrs Neish, Mrs Bell, Mrs Donaldson, Mrs Jessen, and several others as well as the office ladies and teacher-aides on the costumes and back drops, and you have quite an operation. Our students, too, have been very busy practising during and after school. It’s fantastic to see. Well done to all those concerned and good luck in the hectic last few weeks, before opening night – Friday 21 November.

World Teachers Day
This Friday is World Teachers Day. Here at school, we will celebrate it with a lunch for all our staff. We all know teachers are paid to do this job, but most go the ‘extra mile’ to help students, to nurture them and guide them as much as they can. Teachers, in my experience, are very protective of their students and wish only the best for every one of them. This is a good thing for children, for our school and for society as a whole. It would be great if students and parents could do something little to recognise it as well. That may be something as simple as a thank you or a card – your child’s teacher would really appreciate that, I’m sure.

Carols Night
For the last 10 years, we have had a carols night to end the school year. This year, due to the musical, we will not be running one. We will however, have a final parade where our Prep to Year 2 students will have the opportunity to sing some Christmas songs in front of their parents. The Year 3 – 7 students will be doing their singing as part of the musical on November 21 and 22.

Class Formation 2015
We are now well and truly into the planning for the 2015 school year. Next week, a form will go home to all families, asking for feedback on your student’s academic and social needs. We will use this feedback as part of the process to form classes for next year. It is important to note that we only have two classes per year level, so there are limited options on how we separate students. I say this because we all know that some children just don’t get along and with limited classes it is hard to get the perfect mix, though we will try to do the best by all in this process.

Mark Fisher
Principal
Prep B - Thu Re Sar for showing great improvement in phonics
Prep CD - Jay for a fantastic attitude to work and behaviour
Year 1N - Sean for using his problem solving skills in maths
Year 2F - Beau for showing a great improvement in spelling
Year 2HS - Shobhita for a great improvement in handwriting
Year 2J - Princess for always working well in class and being a pleasure to teach
Year 3B - Shakota for learning and showing that she knows her square number facts
Year 3TM - Tnarlii for knowing her square number facts in Maths
Year 4G - Corinthia for her excellent work ethic in class and wonderful manners
Year 4MI - Aungnaingwin for his dedication to his school work and his outstanding effort to improve
Year 5WR - Amanda for being a wonderful addition to our school
Year 6S - Lincoln for being a conscientious and helpful student
Year 6/7G - Fuzail for actively and enthusiastically doing extra duties in Week 3
Year 7C - Meron for great teamwork at camp

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 24th October 2014.

- 1L - Erem
- 1N - Harsheen
- 2F - Richard
- 2HS - Savitha
- 2J - Jessica
- 3B - Deana
- 3TM - Teneisha
- 4G - Cody
- 4MI - Jada
- 5WR - Dylan
- 6S - Isaiah
- 6/7G - teacher at camp
- 7C - teacher at camp

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.

SCHOOL MUSICAL - DATE CLAIMER

On November 21 and 22 about 140 students will be involved in the production of Taigum State School's first musical "What a Knight!" A must-see performance, this musical will be a hilarious account of a knight named Watt. It will be held at the Aspley State High School Hall, Zillmere Road. Tickets will be available at the door. Prepaid tickets will be available shortly.
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 on or 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

Hi Everyone

Christmas is fast approaching and, as has become tradition, we are holding our Christmas raffle. This year we are thrilled to announce that 1st Prize will be an amazing "V8 Race Experience" at Queensland Raceways!!
This is an awesome prize, and we’re so grateful to Steve, our groundsman, for organising it for us. 2nd & 3rd prize will be gorgeous Christmas hampers. If you want to be in the running to win these great prizes make sure to watch out for the raffle tickets, which will be sent out shortly. Remember you have to be in it to win it.

Many thanks and have a great week!

Chloe Boswell
P&C President

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).
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

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

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
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.
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

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.