Dear Parents

As I mentioned last week, our Class Placement 2015 forms have gone home to all families. The first question is the most important one for planning for us, and that is, will your child be attending our school next year? That simple ticking of a box, yes or no, will be very helpful for our understanding of what our school enrolment will look like next year. The questions following give us more information about your child (or children) and enable us to better plan at the class level. You will notice there is no place to request a teacher. At this time, we do not have a firm idea of which teachers we will have on any particular class as this is very dependent on the numbers of students we will have coming through the gate, in 2015, in each year level. That said, we still need as much information as we can to decide where we place students to best suit them and their needs. I am impressed that many of the forms have already been returned. If you haven’t received one, please ask at the office. The form is bright yellow, so it is hard to miss.

MADD Night
Last week, Aspley State High School had its Music and Drama, Dance (MADD) Night in their hall. This is a night for the showcasing of their artistic students in the instrumental programme; students studying music as a subject; and those doing high level drama and dance as part of their studies. I counted 12 separate acts across the 90 minutes and in 9 of those, former Taigum students were quite prominent. We spend huge hours working on literacy and numeracy; we highlight science; we talk up our sportsmen and women, but it is great to see that there is an avenue for our creative students to express themselves in music, movement and speech. Our Taigum students were fantastic at the MADD Night and it’s great to see that this year with our own musical taking place, we have the chance to see our own students shine in this area.

Interschool Sport
Friday marks the last round of interschool sport for the year and the last time our Year 6 and 7 students will be involved at the primary school level. The forecast is for temperatures around 30°C on Friday, so I encourage everyone to wear their hats, carry water bottles and stay in the shade when not competing. It should be a good day to finish off and I hope all those who participate, enjoy their last round for 2014.

P&C Meeting
Monday (10 November) is our last P&C Meeting for 2014. It is amazing how quickly the year has passed. In 2014, our P&C association has accomplished much, this being due to the tremendous effort that the members have put in to improve our school. They are always looking for more helpers and are happy to see them, even at the very end of the year. If you have a spare couple of hours, the meeting will start at 6:30pm in our staffroom on Monday night. All are welcome.

Remembrance Day
Tuesday next week is Remembrance Day. Some 97 years ago on November 11, 1918, at exactly 11:00 am, the First World War was officially ended by the signing of the armistice agreement. The four years of that conflict resulted in the deaths of 16 million people and the wounding of a further 20 million. Australia had 62 000 men and women killed and 152 000 injured – a total of 4% of our entire population at the time. Since this date, we have had an annual commemoration of our loss. Originally, before we had had a second world war, the day was referred to as ‘Armistice Day’ but after WW 11 and the other conflicts of the 20th Century, it has been renamed ‘Remembrance Day’ and we use this day to remember all those who lost their lives fighting for our country in all wars in which we have fought. Our class teachers will discuss this with their students this week and on Tuesday at 11am we will have a minute’s silence and lower our flag to half mast.

Mark Fisher
Principal
**Prep B** - Eva for a big improvement in her handwriting
**Prep CD** - Bronsin for working co-operatively with others
**Year 1L** - Sam for being an active learner during maths groups
**Year 1N** - Zane for making an effort to write a procedure in English
**Year 2F** - Richard for always doing his best in reading groups
**Year 2HS** - Marzieh for great work in History
**Year 2J** - Quincy for having excellent handwriting and always taking pride in his work
**Year 3B** - Ben for learning and knowing his times tables
**Year 3TM** - Ethan for his persistence and effort shown in Maths
**Year 4G** - Ashmit for an excellent attitude to his work in class and the best manners
**Year 4MI** - Sharn for her outstanding effort and improvement in maths
**Year 5WR** - Harrison for great improvements in division
**Year 6S** - Shaunmanning for an excellent effort, presentation and research with Geography inquiry questions
**Year 6/7G** - Taylah for her focus and dedication to finishing her English assessment early
**Year 7C** - Mitchell for working hard in Science and actively contributing in classroom discussions

**BOOK AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 31st October 2014.

- 1L - Ezekiel
- 1N - Jordan
- 2F - Grace
- 2HS - Makenna
- 2J - Quincy
- 3B - Talia
- 3TM - Shikayla
- 4G - EhKler
- 4MI - Maya
- 5WR - Keely
- 6S - Cooper
- 6/7G - Zoe
- 7C - Beatrice

**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

What A Knight!

It’s only 3 weeks to go until our big performance and all the musical students and their teachers are extremely excited to show you their hard work. Tickets for the show on November 21 and 22 will be on sale at the start of next week, Monday 10th November. Prices are: child/student/pensioner $5, adult $8 and family $20 (2 adults and 2 children OR 1 adult and 3 children). More information will be coming home with your child today. Be quick to have the best seats!

SCHOOL SWIMMING

School swimming has commenced. All students must wear a swimming cap and rash vest so please remember to pack these items along with your child’s togs and towel.

Only those students with an illness substantiated by a letter from their parent or a medical certificate will be excused from swimming lessons.

HEAD LICE ALERT NOTICE

Head lice have been detected in the school. Parents/carers of all students, it is extremely important for you to check your child's head for head lice today. Please keep checking every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.

If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading. Teachers will reduce head-to-head contact activities while head lice are known to be around.

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 LIBRARY

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Music Room, B block, before and after school and during both lunch breaks from Thursday 20th November until Wednesday 26th November. Hundreds of books available for sale and all purchases benefit our school. 

So come along and catch the reading bug!

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.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Hi.
I’d like to let you know about some great Christian camps that are happening in the summer holidays. These camps are run by SU Qld, the organisation that employs most school chaplains in Qld, including me.

SchoolzOut camp Mon 15 - Fri 19 December 2014. $275. Boys & girls Grade 6 & 7 SchoolzOut camp is for boys and girls finishing primary school. It’s 5 days to celebrate the end of primary school, jam packed with a dance party, a trip to Movie World, graduation dinner and Team it Up Tuesday Tournament! Amongst the fun, be challenged to think about God and life as you move into high school.

Father/Son Gents Camp. Thurs 8 - Mon 12 January 2015. $260 per person. Boys in grade 5-9 Father/Son Gents Camp is designed to give you the opportunity to spend a meaningful weekend away with your son. Awesome bonding activities! Plus receive professional development on fatherhood from a specialist. A once in a lifetime opportunity to build precious memories in your son’s life that will last forever.

Übertweak Summer Nanobyte. Mon 12 - Fri 16 Jan 2015 - $225. Boys & girls Grade 5-7 Polish up your shoe phones and bring your magnifying glass and notepad! This year’s camp will be secret agent themed. Every year at Nanobyte we do different activities, but some of the things we have done in the past include making kites, programming robots, creating crazy videos with a green screen, stop motion videos, astronomy, incredible outdoor activities, an evening dance party, designing our own T-shirts, creating suits out of garbage bags and learning about how awesome God is!

All the details can be found at sucamps.org.au or talk to me if you have any questions. You can email me at steveu@chappy.org.au

Steve Unicomb
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

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

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.
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 SWIMMING CLUB

SCHOOL HOLIDAY INTENSIVE LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM - BRACKEN RIDGE SWIMMING CLUB

* Learn To Swim and Squads will operate our normal program through the Christmas School Holiday period. We will be closed only 21 December 2014 - 4 January 2015.
* Intensive Learn To Swim for weeks 1, 4, 5 & 6 are open now and taking bookings. $65 per swimmer per week for 5 weekday morning lessons.
* 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.
admin@brswim.org.au or phone 38690005 (please leave a message)

SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Sandgate District State High School would like to invite families who are yet to enrol their child in 2015, to please collect an enrolment pack, which is available from your Primary School office. Upon completion of all relevant paperwork please contact the office on 3869 9888 to arrange an interview time, as places are filling fast.
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.
CROSS-CULTURAL PARENTING STUDY

Do you have a child between 2 and 10 years old? If “Yes”, share your parenting experiences

Researchers at the University of Queensland invite you to participate in a cross-cultural parenting study involving parents residing in Australia and Indonesia. Share your parenting experiences by completing an online survey at the website:  http://psy.uq.edu.au/par
For further information, please check the website or contact Agnes Sumargi at (07) 33656207, e-mail: agnes.sumargi@uqconnect.edu.au.