Dear Parents

We have an unusual week upon us, maybe even a unique one. I doubt if we will ever hold an event such as the G20 in Brisbane again. Whilst it doesn't make a huge difference in our part of the city, there will be great disruption to anyone who works in or around the CBD. That is the reason for the public holiday, to relieve the pressure on those who ordinarily would have to do this. With Friday being a holiday, we will not be having a parade this week. All the students who get neatness awards or Students of the Week certificates will have theirs held over to the following Friday when we will give out both lots on that assembly. That way, no one misses out on their recognition in front of the school or their Facebook photo.

Wavell Awards Night

Last Wednesday, Wavell State High School held its Awards Night. I was unable to attend unfortunately, but the school sent me a copy of the award winners. Former Taigum State School students were very well represented in the sporting awards with six different young men and women in a variety of disciplines including rugby league, touch, athletics and triathlon. The standout was Keenan Yorston, who won the Sportsman of the Year Award. Here is the transcript of the announcement: ‘Keenan Yorston has made a significant contribution to the Wavell sporting program, particularly through Rugby League. He has been involved in the Rugby League Excellence program throughout the Wavell Langer Trophy and GIO School Boys’ Cup. Keenan also participated in the swimming, cross-country and track and field carnivals. After selection in the Central District team, he went on to represent Metropolitan North, Queensland and Australia in Rugby League.’ Congratulations to all those students.

School Musical

I hope by now that everyone has seen the form that went home last week, to buy tickets for our inaugural school musical. What a night, ‘What a Knight!’ should be. Already many have brought their forms back and tickets are selling fast. The musical will be held over two nights, Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd of November, at Aspley State High School’s hall. Those dates are very close, they’re the end of next week, so get in quick. I would hate for anyone to miss what should be great fun and wonderful entertainment. I have been to several rehearsals and all our students are working hard on their lines and their songs. All up, nearly one third of our students are involved and they’d love you support from the audience on the performance days.

Graduation Ceremonies

Teachers are presently involved in preparations for the graduation ceremonies of both our Year 6 and Year 7 cohorts. I thought this an appropriate time to remind all parents that we are having two separate ceremonies and giving out exactly the same awards at each. It is important to all of us that the Year 6s are not forgotten in this unique year when two lots of students leave us for high school. Just as we’ve had Year 6 and 7 School Captains, we will have Year 6 and 7 Academic, Citizenship and Sporting Awards. Each of the winners of these will also appear on our school Honour Board, some with Year 6 after their names and some with Year 7. There will be no differences. Our Year 6 Graduation night is scheduled for Friday, 5 December and the Year 7 ceremony will be held on Monday 8 December. Both will be in our school hall and all are welcome to attend on either or both evenings. I’m sure the two ceremonies will be fantastic for those in attendance.

Mark Fisher
Principal
Students of the Week

Prep B - Ben for always trying his best in reading groups
Prep CD - Aarnab for writing a lovely story about a dolphin
Year 1L - Ezekiel for writing a great procedure
Year 1N - Adam for excelling on ‘stage’ in the class play called “The Little Red Hen”
Year 2F - Harith for writing a very entertaining event for his English assessment
Year 2HS - Chloe for an excellent effort with her reading and writing activities
Year 2J - Maayewin for wonderful manners and recognising her sight words
Year 3B - Nate for participating well and doing his best in all class activities
Year 3TM - Brock for doing some fantastic reading
Year 4G - Tayah for an excellent attitude to her work in class
Year 4MI - Olivia for her dedication to her English task and her group work skills
Year 5WR - Maverick for an excellent effort in the factors and multiples number unit this term
Year 6S - Rowen for a consistent effort in homework and pleasing improvement all round this term
Year 6/7G - Izaiah for taking responsibility of his own learning and achieving a high standard
Year 7C - Kyawsanoo for working really hard in class and participating in discussions

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 7th November 2014.

- 1L - Alex
- 1N - Sean
- 2F - Harith
- 2HS - Marzieh
- 2J - Princess
- 3B - Cade
- 3TM - Ethan
- 4G - Sharmaine
- 4MI - Olivia
- 5WR - Isabelle
- 6S - Tayia
- 6/7G - Kheley
- 7C - Charlotte

FROM THE OFFICE

RE MINDERS

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 – TICKETS ON SALE

What A Knight!

With less than 2 weeks to go until our big performance, 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 went on sale yesterday. Prices are: child/student/pensioner $5, adult $8 and family $20 (2 adults and 2 children OR 1 adult and 3 children). 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.
School Participation Officers

Every Day Counts

School absenteeism can impact significantly on students’ learning and wellbeing.

Research shows that higher student attendance is associated with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

Schools monitor attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers any unexplained absences.

If your child does not want to go to school, or is missing too much school, please contact the school for assistance and support.

Kind regards,
Bambi, Chloe and Karen
School Participation Officers

Children do better when they go to school all day, every day
They learn better
They make friends
They are happier
They have a brighter future

Together let’s make Everyday Count

FROM THE LIBRARY

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

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 P&C

**UNIFORM SHOP TIMES**

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

Hi Everyone

Last night we had our last P&C meeting of the year, I'd like to thank everyone who attended and to say a big **Thank You** in making 2014 another great year.

Raffle tickets will be sent out shortly for the Christmas Raffle, so look out for those. This year we are thrilled to announce that 1st Prize will be an amazing "V8 Race Experience" at Queensland Raceways!! In addition to the raffle we will also be holding our Christmas Stall (dates TBA). Any donations would be greatly appreciated (eg chocolates, candles) Please bring all donations to the Uniform Shop.

Finally, just a reminder that we don't have Size 6 & 8 Polo shirts in stock. We are waiting on delivery and will let you know as soon as they arrive. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Many thanks and have a great week!

Chloe Boswell  
P&C President
FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Hi.

Last Friday at assembly, as part of ‘Chappy Chat’ I talked to the kids about lying. I mentioned how little lies can become big lies and how being honest is a much better and respectable way to live.

Enjoy the long weekend!

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

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

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.
Councillor Victoria Newton invites you to a

**Free Movie in the Park**

Screening time: 6:30pm
Saturday 22nd November 2014
Mulbeam Park
cnr Muller & Beams Rds Boondall

Bring a blanket or chair. FREE jumping castle from Wayne Swan
Sausage sizzle & drinks available for purchase.

**The Lego Movie**

Rated: PG. 100 minutes

Animation. Adventure. Comedy

An ordinary Lego construction worker, thought to be the prophesied ‘Special’, is recruited to join a quest to stop an evil tyrant from gluing the Lego universe into eternal stasis.

This free movie night is funded by the Lord Mayor’s Suburban Initiative Fund – Deagon Ward.

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**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.craigslehs.eq.edu.au
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)

WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Orientation Day for students in Years 7 and 8, 2015
Monday 8 December 2014
Assembly Hall
Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights
8:30am for an 8:45am start
3:00pm finish
(Morning Tea provided for parents at 10:00am)

Students to bring/wear:
Primary School Uniform
Notepad & pens
Morning Tea & Lunch

Combined Shop Hours – Monday 8 December
Stationery & Clothing open 1:00pm – 5:30pm
Pre-purchase your requirements prior to Orientation Day.
Shop Open Monday – Thursday 8:15am – 11:15am

Enrolment applications still welcome.
For enquiries please contact Sandra Lock, Enrolment Officer on 3350 0328
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.