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3 March 2015

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents

I'm just back from the two day Principals' Conference at the Convention Centre. Happily, I'm not one of the 164 with food poisoning. That spoilt what was an excellent couple of days with speakers from several countries, giving their views, predictions and opinions about current trends in education. I came away feeling very positive about what the Queensland Education Department is doing and the direction that our school and all other state schools are taking.

### Term 1

Closer to home, we are now into Week 6 of term, meaning that all our classes have completed their first C2C units in numeracy, literacy, science and history or geography. The assessment done on these units will form part of the discussion teachers have with parents at our Parent-Teacher Evening coming up in Week 9, March 23<sup>rd</sup> to be precise. This is only three weeks away and it is a first reminder to keep an eye out for the booking form that your child will bring home shortly. Parent-Teacher evenings are particularly useful occasions for all concerned. We often find out information that can benefit our students terrifically. I encourage every parent to try to attend.

### Active School Travel

Last week I mentioned this and this week I'll talk about it in more detail. We have been an active travel school for two years. That means that we all try to get here and go home by other means than a car. I realise that not everyone can do this and we are not asking you to do so if it is dangerous or inconvenient. What we are saying is, consider other transport options if you can. Many students walk, many ride scooters or skateboards and about 10% of our students ride a bike. These methods are good for them, good for the environment and great for reducing road congestion. None of them is very hard either. We have made it easier by concentrating our efforts on one day a week - Wednesday. We call them Walking, Wheeling Wednesdays (WWW) and we will have our WWW launch on next week's assembly, as that day happens to be 'Ride Safely to School Day'. I ride my bike to school every day that I can, which is usually four days a week. I feel fitter, I have less stress and it helps keep the weight down – what else can you ask for. On the Friday assembly, we will have the Brisbane City Council's Red and Green to entertain us and to talk about road safety and active travel. Before that though, we will have a cooked breakfast for all, costing \$2 per head, unless you ride a bike or a scooter, then it will be free. I'm looking forward to seeing dozens of our students doing this next Friday. After that, we will go back to our regular Wednesdays as our active travel days and we will start recording how each child travels on the day. At the end of term, the class with the most active travellers will win our 'Roadstar Award' which will be handed out on our last assembly of term.

### P&C AGM

At our February meeting, we were most impressed that new parents had attended. We had an excellent turn out for that meeting. Next Monday is our P&C Annual General Meeting, where we will be looking to form a new executive committee for 2015. Our current president, Mrs Chloe Boswell, has done an outstanding job in the past two years and she is looking for some willing helpers to continue the wonderful work and support that the parent committee supplies. I would love to see 20 or more families represented at the meeting, so we get a good cross section of our community in attendance. You don't have to nominate for a position, just come along. Our meetings usually last about an hour and they are very pleasant affairs. I hope to see you in our staffroom at 6:30pm next Monday.

Mark Fisher  
*Principal*

## Students of the Week

- Prep B** - **Mathayus** for his enthusiastic approach to all his school work  
**Prep CD** - **Rame** for always being positive and helpful  
**Year 1F** - **Miguel** for showing pride and best efforts during literacy groups  
**Year 1L** - **Daijah** for leaving spaces between her words  
**Year 1N** - **Jainil** for being a keen reader in reading groups  
**Year 2HM** - **Alexandra** for a fantastic imaginative retell of Lucy Goosey  
**Year 2J** - **Charlii** for displaying great manners and always being on task  
**Year 3B** - **Charlotte** for detailed and labelled drawings in Science lessons  
**Year 3JM** - **Princess** for demonstrating perfect bookwork  
**Year 3M** - **Richard** for writing a terrific persuasive writing piece. Wonderful modal verbs  
**Year 4G** - **Samuel** for a huge effort during Literacy Groups. Keep it up!  
**Year 4S** - **Devashree** for a fantastic effort in writing her new chapter for The Twits  
**Year 5C** - **Tyler** for her positive and hard-working attitude to her schooling  
**Year 5WI** - **Tyrell** for using precise vocabulary to describe setting and characters from the novel The Forests of Silence  
**Year 5/6P** - **Ehptrer** for working collaboratively with other members of his technology group  
**Year 6S** - **Miguel** for being organised and ready for each lesson and thorough and complete bookwork

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015

- 1F - Caelouve
- 1L - Mason
- 1N - Kareora
- 2HM - Sa Gay Thay Wee
- 2J - Tameika
- 3B - Ger Kler
- 3JM - Jessica
- 3M - Marzieh
- 4G - Stacey
- 4S - Ladu
- 5C - Kayla
- 5WI - Jericho
- 5/6P - Lukas
- 6S - Tha Say Gay

## FROM THE OFFICE

### 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](mailto:admin@taigumss.eq.edu.au) or a note to your child's class teacher.

For auditing purposes all student absences must be explained.

## **SCHOOL SWIMMING**



Please remember 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.

Class swimming lessons for your child are held on either Monday or Tuesday. Please ensure they have packed their swimming items as the office will no longer be making phone calls home for these items.

## **PERSONAL DETAILS UPDATE**

If you have recently changed your address, contact phone number or emergency contacts, please complete a form at the office to update your details.

## **FROM THE TUCKSHOP**

Tuckshop is open on Fridays and our tuckshop menu can be found on the Taigum SS website or you collect a copy from the office.

We are always looking for extra help so if you have some time on a Friday and would like to volunteer in the tuckshop, please leave your name and contact details with the office.

Lisa Virtue  
*Tuckshop Convenor*

## **FROM THE P&C**

### **REFRESHMENTS FOR SALE – INTERSCHOOL SPORT**

Just a reminder that the P&C will be selling refreshments during Interschool Sport this Friday down at the oval. Remember to bring your money along.

### **. UNIFORM SHOP TIMES**

Monday to Friday mornings: 8.15am to 9.00am

## **SCHOOL PARTICIPATION OFFICERS**

### **Every Day Counts**

*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***

## DATES TO REMEMBER

 MARCH 2015	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	After school Swimming Round 1 – Lesson 7 <b>(Final Lesson)</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	School Banking
4 <sup>th</sup>	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
5 <sup>th</sup>	After school Swimming Round 2 – Lesson 1
6 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Sport – Round 1
9 <sup>th</sup>	P&C AGM – 6.30pm Staffroom
10 <sup>th</sup>	After school Swimming Round 2 – Lesson 2
12 <sup>th</sup>	After school Swimming Round 2 – Lesson 3
13 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly – House Captain Investiture

## 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 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.

What a fantastic competition the Commonwealth Bank has on offer this year to reward our most consistent School Bankers. Who wouldn't want to win a trip to California's Disneyland? School Bankers need to make at least 25 deposits into their School Banking account within the competition dates. (27/01/15-18/12/15). The prize includes return airfares, five night's accommodation, transfers and 3 days park entry for up to 2 adults and 2 children as well as AUD\$20000 spending money.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### RANGATAHI KOHANGA

Rangatahi Kohanga is for any young person aged from 11 to 17 years old who wants to learn Maori culture, language, dance and song as well as learn about mental health, healthy & active lifestyles, sexual health, positive relationships, drugs and alcohol, spirituality, leadership and loads of other topics. in a maori environment.

Rangatahi Kohanga meets every Friday evening from 6pm to 8.30pm at Te Kohanga ote whenua hou Community where: 60 - 62 Delaware St, Geebung

Dinner is served at 5.15pm

Cost is \$3 per young person & Healthy kai supplied

Call 0431 171 041 for more info

## **NORTHS JUNIOR RUGBY UNION**



## **WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE**



This year one of our students and their parent are participating in the Leukaemia Foundation World's Greatest Shave. If you would like to sponsor them please call at the office and complete their sponsorship form. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

All money raised will help the Leukaemia Foundation to give families as much emotional and practical support as they need, and invest in urgent research to help beat blood cancer.

You can also encourage them for being amazing for shaving by showing your support on Saturday 14 March at Woolworths Shopping Centre Taigum.

## **ZILLMERE PCYC SWIM SCHOOL**

Swim Stroke Correction Classes (Ages 6-12yrs)

\$25 for 7 lessons

Time: 4:45 – 5:15pm (Tues and Thurs)

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> March – 26<sup>th</sup> March

Venue: Taigum State School Pool

If you are interested please collect an enrolment form from the office or download from our website. Please return the completed form and \$25 payment to the school by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

## TAIGUM TINY TIGERS PLAYGROUP

### **What We Do:**

At Taigum Tiny Tigers Playgroup we cater for children from birth to 5yrs old, and offer a safe and fun environment for little ones and their parents / carers to come and spend a couple hours each week.

We organise a range of fun activities for the children that include: Story Time, Arts & Crafts as well as Imaginative Play!

Coffee and tea is provided for the adults and we encourage everyone to bring something to share for Morning Tea.

For the grown-ups Playgroup is a great way to meet fellow parents / carers. It's a chance to enjoy a cup of tea and have a chat, whilst at the same time participating in the activities with the children!

### **When and Where:**

Taigum Tiny Tigers meets on Tuesdays from 9am – 11am

Commencing on Tuesday 10th February 2015.

We are located at Taigum State School (Room 9 – next to the Tuckshop)  
266 Handford Road, Taigum 4018

For any further information please contact Chloe Boswell on: 3632 9888.

We Look Forward To Seeing You There!!

## RESILIENCE SKILLS FOR A HAPPY LIFE



### **Book now for Term 1 groups**

Confident Kids and teens is an innovative coaching program for kids 5-14 years that aims to boost confidence, emotional resilience, social skills and brain power. Students discover their strengths, and develop resilient thinking skills to reduce stress, anxiety, worry, or negative thinking. Essential tools to navigate the teen years!

Our team of experienced Psychologists will coach, encourage and support your child to be all they be.

Medicare and Private health fund rebates apply.

*Register and Book online at [confidentkidsandteens.com.au](http://confidentkidsandteens.com.au) or contact us at [info@positivefamilies.com.au](mailto:info@positivefamilies.com.au) for more details*

