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10 March 2015

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents

We have a very busy week this week, particularly on Friday. On that day we will have 'Ride Safely to School Day', a breakfast, the launch of our Active School Travel Campaign for 2015, and our investiture ceremony for our House Captains. Come 10 am, we'll all be exhausted.

### Ride Safely to School Day

Right across the nation, this Friday is the one set aside to concentrate on riding safely to school. Of course, many of our students do this every day without any trouble, so Friday will be easy for them. Friday would be a great day to start for those who don't ride. Taigum is a very flat place and there are not too many busy roads to cross, so it lends itself to bicycle commuting. There are also plenty of footpaths and bikeways that provide a good surface for riding. Riding means not only bikes, but scooters as well. These are great devices and really suited to the needs of our younger students. As I did last year, I will ride to school from the 'Hidden World' playground on Roghan Rd and invite any students who also wish to ride, to come with me. We will start at the park at 8am and ride through the bikeways behind the school and end up on our school oval at about 8:10 am. We will only have to cross one small street, Cambridge Crescent, on the whole journey. We will then go under Roghan Rd near the bridge and ride to school on the bike path. (see map below)



We will walk our bikes up to school where we will enjoy a free breakfast of bacon and eggs. All other riders will also get breakfast free. Non-riders will have to pay \$2. I hope to see plenty of students and parents at the park at 8am.

## House Captains

Our House Captains for 2015 are as follows:

### **Bribie**

Kurt (C)  
Nicholas (C)  
Dylan (VC)  
Samem (VC)

### **Moreton**

Tyrone (C)  
Paris (C)  
Hayley (VC)  
Henry (VC)

### **Stradbroke**

Maverick (C)  
Tha Say Gay (C)  
Hayley (VC)  
Harry (VC)

Congratulations to all those in this group. They deserve their positions and will be presented with their badges on assembly on Friday. Their first role for this year will be the running of our school cross country event on the first Tuesday of Term 2. (April 21). That is only six weeks away, but they have already been busy, organising their war cries for the day. I hope they will keep up their enthusiasm into our athletics and swimming carnivals, later in the year.

## Research

### **Reliance on Smartphones Linked to Lazy Thinking**

Our smartphones help us find a phone number quickly, provide us with instant directions and recommend restaurants, but new research indicates that this convenience at our fingertips is making it easy for us to avoid thinking for ourselves.

The study, from researchers at the University of Waterloo and published in the journal *Computers in Human Behaviour*, suggests that smartphone users who are intuitive thinkers, more prone to relying on gut feelings and instincts when making decisions, frequently use their device's search engine rather than their own brainpower. Smartphones allow them to be even lazier than they would otherwise be. "They may look up information that they actually know or could easily learn, but are unwilling to make the effort to actually think about it," said Gordon Pennycook, co-lead author of the study. In contrast, analytical thinkers second-guess themselves and analyze a problem in a more logical sort of way. Highly intelligent people are more analytical and less intuitive when solving problems.

"Decades of research have revealed that humans are eager to avoid expending effort when problem-solving and it seems likely that people will increasingly use their smartphones as an extended mind," said Nathaniel Barr, the other lead author of the paper. In three studies involving 660 participants, those who demonstrated stronger cognitive skills and a greater willingness to think in an analytical way spent less time using their smartphones' search-engine function.

"Our research provides support for an association between heavy smartphone use and lowered intelligence," said Pennycook. "Whether smartphones actually decrease intelligence is still an open question that requires future research."

The researchers say that avoiding using our own minds to problem-solve might have adverse consequences for ageing.

"Our reliance on smartphones and other devices will likely only continue to rise," said Barr. "It's important to understand how smartphones affect and relate to human psychology before these technologies are so fully ingrained that it's hard to recall what life was like without them. We may already be at that point."

The results also indicate that use of social media and entertainment applications generally did not correlate to higher or lower cognitive abilities.

Mark Fisher  
*Principal*

## Students of the Week

- Prep B** - Zack for creating a clever sign
- Prep CD** - Kwot for being a great all rounder in the Prep Class
- Year 1F** - Ronin for trying his best to write by himself. You're a star!
- Year 1L** - Keaily for working hard in reading groups
- Year 1N** - Olivia for making good choices in the library
- Year 2HM** - Harry for being an enthusiastic mathematician!
- Year 2J** - Austin for being an organised class member
- Year 3B** - Ptolemy for always using beautiful manners
- Year 3JM** - Coadie for a great effort towards improving classroom behaviour
- Year 3M** - Danica for fantastic reading – terrific expression!
- Year 4G** - Teneisha for trying her very best in everything she attempts
- Year 4S** - Hazmann for showing excellent work habits and a positive attitude to his schoolwork.  
Well done!
- Year 5C** - Akhemi for taking pride in presenting beautiful bookwork
- Year 5WI** - Jericho for excellent work in maths problem-solving
- Year 5/6P** – Blessey for writing a great short story
- Year 6S** - Keely for her co-operation and enthusiastic approach to all her class work

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015

- 1F - Jaela
- 1L - Mathivadhana
- 1N - Andre
- 2HM - Derek
- 2J - Bajedo
- 3B - Charlotte
- 3JM - Lukas
- 3M - Makenna
- 4G - Poe Mi
- 4S - Tahjuan
- 5C - Aungnaingwin
- 5WI - Cody
- 5/6P - Lincoln
- 6S - Keely

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

### LOST PROPERTY

There are a large number of unclaimed items in Lost Property. If your child has misplaced any item during the year could you please encourage them to have a look as all unnamed items will be donated to a charity at the end of each term.

### 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.

## **BOOK CLUB**

Scholastic Book Club orders for Issue 2 have been sent home with students. Should your child wish to purchase any items, please ensure their order form and correct money are returned to the school on or before Monday 16 March 2015. A collection box has been placed on the front counter at the Administration Office

## **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**

### **UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**Opening Times:** Monday to Friday mornings: 8.15am to 9.00am

**Sports and Senior Shirt Order:** Please note that orders for both the sports and senior shirts have been placed. As soon as they have been delivered to the school, all shirts will be handed out to students who ordered them. We have been told to expect approximately a 4-6 week turnaround for delivery.

### **P&C AGM**

Due to lack of numbers we were unable to hold our AGM for the P&C. We have now postponed it to this coming Monday 16th March. The meeting will be held in the staff room, which is located next to the main office. We welcome everyone to attend the meeting and it would be great to see some new faces.

On a lighter note, we shall be holding our annual Easter raffle and tickets will be coming home soon. If you are able or would like to donate something towards this raffle, please drop it in to either the Uniform Shop or the Administration Office.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

 <b>MARCH 2015</b>	
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	After school Swimming Round 2 – Lesson 2
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	School Banking
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	After school Swimming Round 2 – Lesson 3
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	Ride Safely to School Day - Breakfast
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	Assembly – House Captain Investiture
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	After school Swimming Round 2 – Lesson 4
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	After school Swimming Round 2 – Lesson 5
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	Interschool Sport
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	National Day of Action Against Bullies
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Parent/Teacher Interview Evening

## 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

### ASPLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL



#### **Twilight Tour**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Tour our school – talk with staff

Doors open 5.00pm

Tour commences at 5.30pm

to register please email [enrolments@aspleyshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@aspleyshs.eq.edu.au) or  
phone 3863 9222

### 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**



## **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.

## **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.

## **SENSORY MOVIE DAYS & INCLUSIVE EVENTS**

Sensory Movie Day is run at the following locations. All locations run the same movie on the same date & time.

Birch Carroll & Coyle, Morayfield, Maroochydore, Mackay, Capalaba, Browns Plains Event cinemas, Ipswich City, Toowoomba Grand, Lismore, Tuggerah, Cronulla and at Reading Cinemas Bundaberg & Maitland.

### **Penguins of Madagascar**

That's right Penguins of Madagascar are back and ready to seek out trouble or maybe cause a little.

*Penguins of Madagascar*

11am Sunday 15th March 2015

Morayfield Birch Carroll & Coyle,

Tickets are \$8each,

2years and under are free and

Companion I.D. cards are accepted.

Children are free to move around lighting on dim and sound lowered, earmuffs are available to borrow and every child will receive an animal/pirate sword balloon. Tickets can be purchased on the day, siblings and extended family welcome to attend.

### **Sensory Ten Pin Bowling – Caboolture Bowls & Indoor Golf**

I have already been taking bookings for tenpin Bowling, there are still places available.

2pm Sunday 29th March 2015

\$5each Player

No back ground music and earmuffs available to borrow.

To book contact Chanelle on 0422416509 or email me names of players

Prepaid in to NAB Bank account "Sensory Movie Day"

BSB 084745 ACC 840883360 Please use TPB and your name as reference

### **Stone Age Family Day** (GET IN QUICK TAKING BOOKINGS NOW)

WHEN: Thursday 9th April 2015 First week of school holidays.

WHERE: Abbey Museum, 1-63 The Abbey Place (off Toorbul Point Rd) Caboolture

COST: 4+ \$11each, under 3 Free, Parents/Carers free.

TWO TIME SLOTS: 10am-12pm OR 1-3pm. Numbers limited

WHAT TO BRING: Hats, Sunscreen, insect repellent

LUNCH: Sausage sizzle \$2.50 or Cheese Burger \$3.50 (need to order for catering purposes) or you can bring your own lunch. "Eyes Wide Coffee" Coffee Van will be there to buy hot drinks, between Noon -1pm

ACTIVITIES: Archery, Mini Dig, making your own Clay pots & designing a Bullroarer, Giant Mammoth Puzzle, Storytelling & drumming, Craft activities (including cave painting) & Stone Age treasure Hunt and more...

RSVP: Numbers are limited. Priority will be given to those that prepay first. NAB Sensory Movie Day BSB 084745 ACC 840883360 Please put your name and SSAE as reference Ph. Chanelle 0422 416 509 or email [sensorymovieday@hotmail.com](mailto:sensorymovieday@hotmail.com)

### **Pine Valley Train Day** (GET IN QUICK TAKING BOOKINGS NOW)

Last year we ran the Pine Valley Train Day and it was booked out within 24hours. This year we are giving priority to those that prepay first. The Pine Valley Train Club are a private club. The Club own their land and have an amazing train track, with tunnels and bridges, one of our members timed it and the train ride went for 23mins. This was one of our most memorable days. Some of the children also got the opportunity to ride their own train.

Wednesday 15th April '15 Two sessions 10.30am—12pm or 1—2.30pm.  
Pine Valley Railway, Warner. This is invitation only so once booked and paid we can give you the address \$10 each person for unlimited train rides, a sausage sizzle and drink.  
Parents/Carers have to ride with your child. Sausage sizzle will be served between 11.30 & 12.30. Then there will be a half hour break for the train drivers before the next group.

It is a strict rule that all people attending the day need to be in covered shoes. No one is allowed on the trains without covered shoes. Long jeans or pants or shorts are better for the rides than skirts and dresses.

Hat, Sunscreen, insect repellent and water. There is a canteen that sells drinks, tea and coffee. The toilets have disability access.

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### **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*

## SURFERS PARADISE FESTIVAL

Coming up shortly in Surfers Paradise is their sixth annual Surfers Paradise Festival! It's a favourite time of the year when they celebrate the fun-loving, care-free buzz of Surfers Paradise with loads of FREE family fun! This year's festival features food, art, music, and entertainment in the precinct, with an action-packed program guaranteed to suit the whole family. Returning to the festival will be some of our Festival favourites – The Australian Street Entertainment Championships, SIPFest short film festival, and the ever-popular Seafire Fireworks Challenge, plus a new addition – the Festival Pavilion.

For more information, visit our website <http://www.surfersparadise.com/whats-on/free-events/surfers-paradise-festival>



The poster features a vibrant, multi-colored background with a diamond pattern. At the top, the text reads "SURFERS PARADISE FESTIVAL" in large, bold, blue letters, with "FREE" in a white circle to the right. Below this, it says "3 - 18 APRIL 2015" and "SURFERSPARADISE.COM". The bottom half of the poster shows a close-up of a person's face wearing a purple hat with colorful feathers and having colorful hair and eye makeup.

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