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18 March 2015

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents

I often use this newsletter to write about the academic work we do at our school, as it is one of the main reasons schools exist. Today though, I will write about our last Friday's activities, which had a little to do with education but a lot more to do with life skills and lifestyle.

Friday was 'Ride Safely to School Day' and because of this, we chose it to also be the launch of our Active School Travel Programme for 2015. So my day began at the Hidden World Playground, where I was joined by fourteen students, two mums and a dad. The fourteen students and I rode through the bikeways behind the school and finished our trip on the bottom oval, after having a pleasant ten minute ride. The lucky parents carried bags, supervised the stragglers and did all the other things to allow the children to participate. The children had a great time and several rode to school for the first time ever. As befitting the name of the day, we all arrived safely. Following that, we all enjoyed the cooked breakfast provided by the P&C volunteers and school staff. Anyone who rode, didn't have to pay. I counted the bikes and scooters in the bike cage and there were sixty-four, a record turnout. Sixty-four out of three hundred and seventy students represents about 18% of our total enrolment coming to school on two wheels. We also had four or five on their skateboards. That is a tremendous response from our students and parents. Then came part three of our morning, the Active Travel launch.

The Active Travel Campaign is funded and organised by the Brisbane City Council. On assembly on Friday, we were treated to a brilliant presentation by three gifted actor/acrobat/comedians named 'Red', 'Green' and 'Roadstar'. These three delivered a very focussed message about road safety, whilst entertaining the audience with singing, dancing, mime and acrobatics. I can guarantee that every student was thoroughly entranced with the proceedings and when 'Red' left, standing on 'Green's' shoulders, it nearly brought the house down. It was a high energy way to bring attention to travelling on foot, by cycling, public transport or by car-pooling. I can tell you that because so many actively travelled on Friday, the parent carpark was nearly deserted on Friday afternoon. This is one of the benefits of the programme, cutting road congestion. It is also a fun activity, good for health and fitness and good for the community. Our challenge now, is to continue the great participation every week on our 'Walking Wheeling Wednesdays'.

### Parent Carpark

Whilst on the subject of the parent carpark, I have had a number of concerns raised about safety and congestion in that area. Next week's newsletter will contain a diagram of the carpark and some hints on how we might use it to its best advantage.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

I having been speaking with my teachers and I am impressed with how many parents have already booked their sessions for Monday afternoon next week. It appears that it's going to be very busy in the hall from 3-6pm. To aid the smooth flow of the afternoon, can I encourage parents to be on time for their appointments and not overstay the 15 minutes allotted.

### P&C Annual General Meeting

We tried to run our P&C AGM last week on Monday, but unfortunately, many could not make that day. We have re-scheduled the meeting to tomorrow, Thursday March 19 at 6:30pm in the staffroom at the front of the school. All are welcome and we are looking forward to a very productive year in 2015.

Mark Fisher  
Principal

## Students of the Week

<b>Prep B</b>	- <b>Brayden</b> for giving the class information about camouflage
<b>Prep CD</b>	- <b>Ryan</b> for working hard to complete all class activities
<b>Year 1F</b>	- <b>Jada-Lee</b> for working hard in literacy groups to learn her sight words
<b>Year 1L</b>	- <b>Damien</b> for being a respectful learner
<b>Year 1N</b>	- <b>Andre</b> for working hard on his diary writing in reading groups
<b>Year 2HM</b>	- <b>Sa Gay Thay Wee</b> for always being on task and a great role model
<b>Year 2J</b>	- <b>Poe Ku</b> for working extremely well in Maths Groups
<b>Year 3B</b>	- <b>Cooper</b> for being a helpful friend towards classmates
<b>Year 3JM</b>	- <b>Azariah</b> for demonstrating beautiful behaviour every day
<b>Year 3M</b>	- <b>Champ</b> for always showing excellent behaviour
<b>Year 4G</b>	- <b>Riley</b> for fantastic participation and contributions during Mathematics
<b>Year 4S</b>	- <b>Abbie</b> for excellent behaviour and industrious work habits
<b>Year 5C</b>	- <b>Anais</b> for working hard in mathematics to understand the work
<b>Year 5WI</b>	- <b>Quinn</b> for great work in measurement problem solving
<b>Year 5/6P</b>	<b>Ethan</b> for always contributing to class discussions and for always being a willing helper
<b>Year 6S</b>	- <b>Connor</b> for his efforts in homework this term. Thorough, complete and neat.

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015

- 1F - Eva
- 1L - Daijah
- 1N - Keeran
- 2HM - Adam
- 2J - Erem
- 3B - Cameron
- 3JM - Princess
- 3M - Anushka
- 4G - Mya
- 4S - Shikayla
- 5C - Anais
- 5WI - Sharmaine
- 5/6P - Tyrone
- 6S - Piper

## 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 CHAPLAIN**

At assembly last Friday during 'Chappy Chat' I talked to the kids and parents about the 'Good Egg Guide' from the organisation 'Stop the Traffik.' The Good Egg guide lets consumers know which Easter eggs are produced ethically, without using slave labour and pay a fair amount to the growers of cocoa. These easter eggs are usually more expensive than others, and that's the point. Our desire for cheap chocolate drives companies to not pay producers of cocoa fairly and also drives farmers to use slave labour.

To find out more ask me for a Good Egg Guide or go to [http://www.stopthetraffik.org/au/traffikfree\\_easter](http://www.stopthetraffik.org/au/traffikfree_easter)

Have a good one!  
Steve Unicomb

## **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**

Just a reminder that this Thursday (19/03/2015) is our re-scheduled P&C AGM, all are welcome to attend and I look forward to seeing you all there. It starts at 6:30pm in the staff room.

This Friday sees the last round of interschool sports and we will be selling refreshments down on the oval, so don't forget your money!

Last but not least, don't forget to hand in your raffle tickets for the Easter Raffle by the 31st March

Thanks and have a great week!  
Chloe Boswell  
P&C President

## **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***

## **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.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

 MARCH 2015	
17 <sup>th</sup>	After school Swimming Round 2 – Lesson 4
18 <sup>th</sup>	School Banking
18 <sup>th</sup>	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
19 <sup>th</sup>	After school Swimming Round 2 – Lesson 5
20 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Sport
20 <sup>th</sup>	National Day of Action Against Bullies
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent/Teacher Interview Evening
24 <sup>th</sup>	After school Swimming Round 2 – Lesson 6
26 <sup>th</sup>	After school Swimming Round 2 – Lesson 7 (Final Lesson)

## 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.

## **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*

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

### **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 then skirts and dresses.

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

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 STFD as reference Ph. Chanelle 0422 416 509 or email [sensorymovieday@hotmail.com](mailto:sensorymovieday@hotmail.com)

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