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30 March 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

We have very quickly come to the final week of term. It has been a busy term, especially with the increased enrolments at our school in 2015. Approximately one –quarter of all our students are attending Taigum State School for the first time this year. Add to that, the creation of two new classes and it explains why it has taken time for everyone to settle in. That said, we are now in a strong position to take advantage of the new term, soon to commence. As you will see, it will start with a rush on Monday, April 20.

QParents

I am pleased to inform you that as part of a pilot programme, our school will be providing parents with access to a new, convenient, online parent portal called QParents. The QParents web and mobile application provides an easier way for you to interact with our school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer. QParents allows parents to connect instantly with our school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour details
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way. It won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us!

On the first day of term in April, all our parents will be eligible to access the QParents app, however, there are some important user and security issues surrounding its rollout. I will send home a detailed letter tomorrow, explaining the prerequisites for your joining. There will be a short period of inconvenience, but after that, QParents will really streamline much of what we do. Watch out for those letters on Tuesday afternoon.

Inter-House Cross Country

The Inter-House Cross Country is being held on Tuesday 21 April for all students in Years P-6. Parents are most welcome to come and join us and cheer on our competitors. A copy of the program has been included below for your information, but we do remind parents that the times indicated are approximate only. All children in Years 3-6 (including students born 2007 in Year 3) will participate in the Cross Country running in a variety of distances appropriate to their age group. We once again remind all students and parents that children will be running in their “Age Group” (i.e. all boys born in 2004 will run against each other in the same event, all girls born in 2004 will run against each other in the same event etc. Students can choose to race competitively, try to beat a friend, or attempt to meet a personal goal (eg. make the entire distance without walking more than 30 seconds etc.). In line with Athletics Australia policy, maximum participation is encouraged with points being awarded to all children who participate, therefore the House that wins the Inter-House Cross Country trophy will be the House that exhibits the best team performance, not the House that has only one or two fast runners.

For the first time, our students in Years Prep – 2 will be participating in a Cross Country Fun Run over a distance of 500m. These students will also be encouraged to do their best and

achieve their own personal goals. The students will be running against their fellow class mates (i.e. A Year Two boy will be racing against all of the other Year Two boys). Before the Cross Country students will be given the opportunity to practice their running and experience the course. Students are reminded if they are an Asthma sufferer and self-administer their medication that they are to bring their medication with them. Parents please assist us by reminding your child about this requirement. Students have also been advised to take a large water bottle with them so that they can have a drink after they have finished their event.

ANZAC Day

The first week back next term includes several ANZAC Day events. As you are aware, 2015 marks the centenary of the Gallipoli landings and our local RSL has organised an ANZAC Concert to be held at Aspley State High School on the Wednesday night of that week. We will be providing a couple of items. Secondly, our school ANZAC Ceremony will take place on Friday 24 April at 10am. All parents are welcome to attend this event and indeed we encourage as much community participation as possible. I will provide more details of these activities in my first newsletter next term.

Active School Travel

We had that fantastic launch on assembly of Active School travel a couple of weeks ago and last week, we had our first official 'Walking Wheeling Wednesday'. I think it's fair to say that we started off pretty quietly, but that gives us plenty of scope to improve. Each week, I'll include our statistics so you can have a look at how each class is going.

Class	Walk	Ride	Bus	Car Pool	Car	Total	Total Active	%
Prep B	4	4	2	0	13	23	10	43%
Prep CD	5	2	6	2	6	21	15	71%
1F	2	3	1	1	7	14	7	50%
1L	3	0	1	6	11	21	10	48%
1N	4	3	0	3	6	16	10	63%
2HM	4	2	2	3	11	22	11	50%
2J	5	6	1	4	11	27	16	59%
3B	0	0	0	9	10	19	9	47%
3JM	7	4	1	2	11	25	14	56%
3M	8	1	1	2	10	22	12	55%
4G	3	1	1	2	10	17	7	41%
4S	6	0	0	1	9	16	7	44%
5~6P	6	5	0	1	6	18	12	67%
5C	9	3	0	1	5	18	13	72%
5WI	2	2	0	2	11	17	6	35%
6S	6	3	1	3	7	20	13	65%
Totals	65	33	9	40	125	272	147	54%

Mark Fisher
Principal

Taigum State School Cross Country Tuesday 21 April 2015

8.45am Children in Years 3-6 have Year of Birth written on back of hand (including Year 3 students born 2007).

8.55am Year 3 and 4 assemble on top oval (near Library).

9.00am Official welcome by Mr Fisher

9.00am

Group	Born	Start Time	Race Distance
8yrs Girls	2007	9.00am	1000m
8yrs Boys	2007	9.15am	1000m
9yrs Girls	2006	9.30am	1000m
9yrs Boys	2006	9.45am	1000m

* Please note 8 & 9 years Medallions will be presented at the completion of each race.
 9.50am Year 5 and 6 assemble on top oval (near Library).
 10.00am

Group	Born	Start Time	Race Distance
10yrs Girls	2005	10.00am	1500m
10yrs Boys	2005	10.15am	1500m
11yrs Girls	2004	10.30am	2000m
11yrs Boys	2004	10.45am	2000m
12yrs Girls/Boys	2003	10.50am	2000m

Please note 10, 11 & 12 years Medallions will be presented at the completion of each race.

11.30am Children in Yrs P-2 At top of oval – near Library.

11.35am Official welcome by Mr Fisher

11.40am

Year 2 Boys/Girls	500m
Year 1 Boys/Girls	500m
Prep Girls	500m
Prep Boys	500m

12.30pm Presentation of Age Medallions, pack up and return to school.

Wayne Moore
 PE Teacher

Students of the Week

- Prep B** - **Amelia** for doing beautiful and detailed drawings for English
- Prep CD** - **Stanny** for sharing an African dance with his class and drawing interesting animals
- Year 1F** - **Cooper** for cleaning up rubbish to make the school a healthy habitat for animals
- Year 1L** - **Bronsin** for using his reading strategies when reading
- Year 1N** - **Brendon** for always remembering to use his good manners in the classroom
- Year 2HM** - **Yasmin** for being a Number Facts champion
- Year 2J** - **Christian** for awesome work in Reading Groups
- Year 3B** - **Shobhita** for working hard in English and giving some good answers
- Year 3JM** - **Joshua** for making a great effort to improve classroom behaviour
- Year 3M** - **Yuvraj** for always trying so hard and having a positive attitude
- Year 4G** - **Anjali** for trying her best in all areas
- Year 4S** - **Jacinta** for continually doing her best work at all times
- Year 5C** - **Daniel** for helping others with their work and always offering support
- Year 5WI** - **Justin** for always playing fair during lunch times
- Year 5/6P** - **Zack** for always having a positive attitude
- Year 6S** - **Tracy** for dedication to school work

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 27th March 2015

- 1F - Sha-taya
- 1L - Charlie
- 1N - Olivia
- 2HM - Alex
- 2J - Harsheen
- 3B - Robbie
- 3JM - Krystal
- 3M - Marzieh
- 4G - Jarell
- 4S - Devashree
- 5C - Daniel and Olivia
- 5WI - Lipikha and Danica
- 5/6P - Blessey
- 6S - Hayley

FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY



TIME TO SMILE!

School Photo Day is Wednesday 29th April

Your child should have brought home the envelope required to purchase photographs. Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelope and remember these helpful points:

- All students **must** return their envelope to the photographer on photo-day. Please do not forward to the office
- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day to ensure their order is placed and processed (even if the payment is in a sibling's envelope)
- Family/sibling Photo envelopes are available at the office upon request. These photographs are for school aged students attending Taigum State School only (no babies or parents can be accommodated in these photographs)
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and Cheques only. Credit Card payments can be made prior to photo day via our online ordering system at www.msp.com.au Instructions are included on the back of the envelope. Credit and Debit cards from Mastercard or Visa are accepted. On completion of an online order, the website will display an order reference code which should be written on the back of the envelope in the box provided. Each child will still be required to bring their envelope on photo-day.

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us on **phone:** 3865 4291 or, **email:** admin.brisbane@msp.com.au

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 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

NEW OPENING TIMES

Tuesday – first break only

Friday – both lunch breaks

Tuckshop will be open on Tuesday – First break only, and Friday – both lunch breaks. Our tuckshop menu can be found on the Taigum SS website or you can collect a copy from the office.

If tuckshop is to continue to provide this extra service, we will need to ensure there is enough interest from our students, and enough parent volunteers to make this possible. ***Without extra parent support on Tuesdays we will not be able to continue to this option.***

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

FROM THE P&C

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

Monday to Friday mornings: 8.15am to 9.00am

EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets have been sent home with the youngest child in each family. Please ensure all tickets sold or unsold are returned to the school by Tuesday 31st March.

SENIOR & SPORTS SHIRTS

Senior and Sports shirts have been ordered and delivery is expected very early in Term 2. As soon as the shirts are received at the school they will be handed out to those students/staff who ordered them. We appreciate your patience in this matter as the P&C have had no control over the 4-6 week turnaround for delivery of these items.

Thanks and have a great week!

Chloe Boswell
P&C President

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION OFFICERS

Every Day Counts

Is your child at school today?

You must.

- Enrol your child at school
- Send your child to school every day
- If your child is away from school, make sure you tell the school.



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.

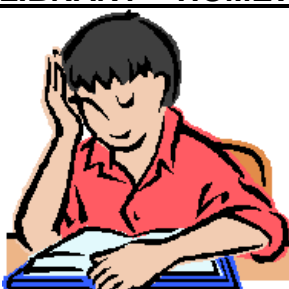
What a fantastic competition the Commonwealth Bank has on offer this year to reward our most consistent School Bankers. Who wouldn't want to win a trip to California's Disneyland? School Bankers need to make at least 25 deposits into their School Banking account within the competition dates. (27/01/15-18/12/15). 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

 APRIL 2015	
1 st	School Banking
1 st	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
2 nd	Assembly – Easter Hat Parade
2 nd	Last Day of Term 1
3 rd	Good Friday – Public Holiday
20 th	Term 2 commences

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ZILLMERE LIBRARY – HOMEWORK HELP



Zillmere library is now able to host homework help on a Thursday as well as our usual Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:30 - 4:45pm.

We currently have students from St Pats and St Rita college who are helping us to deliver this service.

We are also hosting some fun events for school holidays and we still have plenty of spaces for the following programs.

- Nadia Sunde – The Treasure of Captain Curlylocks Friday 10th April (No bookings required)
- Create your own Manga Monster 7th April (bookings required)
- Spy Secrets – 14th April Bev is running (bookings)
- Billie B Brown – 8th April Suzette is running (bookings)
- Maker Space- crafty fun-Tuesday 14th - Friday 17th April

For further information on any of the above programs please contact Brad Rampton at Zillmere Library on 3403 1455.

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

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.

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!!

CRAIGSLEA STATE HIGH SCHOOL – OPEN DAY

On Sunday, 3 May, Craigslea State High School will present our Open Day for interested parents, carers, prospective students and friends wishing to view our range of resources and programs. This is an opportunity to meet students and staff and to take a tour of the school. This occasion will commence in the school hall at 1.30pm.

For further details please see the flyer below.

Open Day 2015

Craigslea State High School
...Striving for Excellence...

Sunday 3 May
1.30 - 4.00pm

Academic Excellence
Traditional Values
Excellence Programs:
Science Music Volleyball

1.30 pm - Meet the Staff and Students
2.00 pm - Presentation: Year 7 2016
2.30 pm - Tour the School
3.00 pm - Afternoon Tea
School Assembly Hall

For more information please call - 3326 5222 Visit Website: craigsleahs.eq.edu.au 885 Hancock Rd West Chermacle QLD 4032

BRACKEN RIDGE STATE HIGH SCHOOL – EXPO 2015



You are invited to attend our Open Night on Tuesday 5 May at 4:30pm

Events: 4:30pm Free sausage sizzle

5:00pm Tour of School

6:30pm Principal's Address

Come along & experience faculty demonstrations, see our facilities, discuss *Life at Bracken Ridge* with current students and meet members of our teaching staff.

We look forward to seeing you.

SENSORY MOVIE DAYS & INCLUSIVE EVENTS

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

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.

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

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CHANGES TO 942 DISTRICT ROUTE

Passenger Alert

Effective Monday 20th April 2015, a minor change to the running time of the **942 district route** will take effect:

The 942 district route will now depart or pass:

- Kedron High School ("Gorman St district stop" in Gorman St) at 15.12
- Kedron Primary School ("Sadlier St" stop in Sadlier St) at 15.24
- "Goodall St" stop on Strathmore St (picking up Padua, Mt Alvernia and St Anthony students) at 15.33
- Chermerside Interchange "Platform E" at 15.47
- "Zillmere Station" stop on Handford Rd at 16.01
- Terminating at the "Bracken Ridge" express stop in Quinlan St at 16.22

Full details of amended arrival times at your stop, will be available from the Translink website (www.translink.com.au) or by phoning 131230 prior to the 20th April implementation

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](http://www surfersparadise.com/whats-on/free-events/surfers-paradise-festival)



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