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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2 at Taigum State School. I trust the two weeks of school holidays were not too stressful and everyone is ready for a strong ten weeks to finish our first semester of 2015. Sometime over the break, the weather changed into its autumn pattern and thankfully we have left the heat of summer behind. The change in temperature bodes well for concentrated academic work in all our classrooms and I predict it will be a very productive term. As always, in the first newsletter of term, is the school calendar. I hope this gives you a good idea of the activities coming up in the next two months.

This Week

Our first week of school is a very busy one due to Anzac commemorations and our school cross country. For the first time, every class at our school had the opportunity to participate in our cross country run. Our Year 3 to Year 6 classes ran over distances of between 1000m and 2000m and our Prep to Year 2s participated in a fun run with obstacles over 500m. The day had perfect running weather and I was impressed with the efforts of our students in all year levels. The day was a great success. I thank Mr Moore, our PE Teacher for organising and running the event and all the parents who came to watch and cheer. We will announce the House champion on assembly this week and I'll put those and the individual results in next week's newsletter.

Our students are involved in no fewer than five ANZAC events this week. On Wednesday, our Senior Leaders will be joining returned servicemen at Centro Taigum for a local ceremony, while several of our choir and musical students will be participating in the Anzac Concert at Aspley High on that evening. On Thursday, our school captains will attend the Brisbane City Anzac Service in Anzac Square. Friday is our big day at school with our traditional Anzac Service at 10am. We will have many guests and all parents are welcome to attend. Later on Friday, our School Captains will attend Aspley State High School Service. Anzac badges are on sale in the office for 50 cents.

Naplan

This term's early focus will be the annual Naplan tests of literacy and numeracy. This year is the first time primary schools have no Year 7s, so we now only have the tests for Year 3 and Year 5 students. They take place in Week 4, May 12-15 with Tuesday being language and writing, Wednesday reading and Thursday numeracy. The Friday is catch up day for any tests missed. We ensure that that week is free from any other activities to as not to distract our students from the tasks at hand. Year 3 and 5 teachers will be focussed for the next few weeks on Naplan preparation so our students do as best as they are able. I'll talk more of Naplan in the next two weeks.

School Uniform

We have had an excellent first term of our students wearing their school uniforms correctly. Most children are also wearing the recommended black shoes. Unfortunately, the cooler weather brings out the coloured jumpers that ruin the look of our uniforms. Can I encourage all parents to invest in either a school windcheater from the Uniform Shop or a maroon pullover / jumper/ tracksuit top from Woolies or K-mart. These can be picked up quite cheaply and really make a huge difference to the look of our students and our school as a whole.

Mark Fisher
Principal

TERM 2 – PARENT CALENDAR

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Week 1 20–24 April		School Cross Country	Walking Wheeling Wed 1:45pm Seniors to Taigum Centro for Anzac service 6:30pm Anzac Concert Aspley SHS	School Captains to Anzac Square Commemoration Service	10:00 School Anzac Day Service 1:45 Deadly Choices Program Yr 4-6 Goodstart Program	
Week 2 27 April– 1 May			Walking Wheeling Wed School Photos		8:45 Assembly 1:45 Deadly Choices Program Yr 4-6 Goodstart Program	
Week 3 4 –8 May			Walking Wheeling Wed		8:45 Assembly 1:45 Deadly Choices Program Yr 4-6 2:00 Sports Trials	
Week 4 11–15 May NAPLAN Testing	P&C Meeting 6:30pm	NAPLAN—Year 3 & 5 Language Conventions And Writing tests	NAPLAN—Year 3 & 5 Reading Test Walking Wheeling Wed	NAPLAN—Year 3 & 5 Numeracy Tests	NAPLAN—Year 3 & 5 Testing Catch up Day 8:45 Assembly 2:00 Sports Trials 1:45 Deadly Choices Program Yr 4-6 Goodstart Program	
Week 5 18–22 May			Walking Wheeling Wed	Book Fair Starts School Dance	8:45 Assembly Under 8's Day Interschool Sport Round 1	
Week 6 25–29 May		Met Nth Cross Country (Mark, Rob, Leonard)	Walking Wheeling Wed Book Fair ends		8:45 Assembly 1:45 Deadly Choices Program Yr 4-6 Goodstart Program	
Week 7 1– 5 June			Walking Wheeling Wed		8:45 Assembly Interschool Sport Round 2	
Week 8 8–12 June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY		Walking Wheeling Wed 2pm		8:45 Assembly 1:45 Deadly Choices Program Yr 4-6 Goodstart Program	
Week 9 15–19 June			Walking Wheeling Wed		Interschool Sport Round 3	
Week 10 22 -26 June			Senior Leader and Principal's Morning Tea	Extreme Science Van Aspley Eagles Soccer Challenge	Last Day of Term 8:45 Assembly 1:45 Deadly Choices Program Yr 4-6 Goodstart Program Extreme Science Van Reports to go home	

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