FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Every time we have received heavy rain in the last few years, I’ve thought it was the heaviest rain I’ve ever seen. However, that downfall was by far the most rain I seen in such a short time and the most water I have seen lying on the ground since the 1974 floods. Luckily for most our students, they were able to leave close to 3pm on Friday and get home before the worst of the deluge. Some unfortunate children at Jabiru found themselves stuck until 10pm due to the conditions of the roads. I finally left school at 8:30pm on Friday after having a dozen people come in from Handford Road, needing to use a toilet or get a drink, having spent hours in their cars. I left my car at school and ran home. My trip only took 40 minutes which was quick compared to most. Our school was spared any significant damage and I hope all our community managed to stay safe and didn’t get too much flood damage either. However, if you are in need of some assistance, Councillor Victoria Newton has sent me a list of the local streets where kerbside collections are occurring. Here is here information bulletin:

BCC Information - May 2015 Rain Event
Brisbane City Council is aware that certain areas of Brisbane suffered localised flooding and rain damage as a result of the 1 May 2015 rain event. While a city wide kerbside collection is not being undertaken, Council is making arrangements to do kerbside collections from specific streets known to have suffered flooding damage.

Council is still assessing impacted areas and will add other sites to this list. Kerbside collections of flood damaged waste are being arranged for the following locations:
Special kerbside collection - street list
Aspley: Lucan Avenue Strathdale Street
Bald Hills: Bracken Ridge Road Gladdon Street Miles Street
Boondall: Bushland Street Calida Street Eucalyptus Street Marella Street Muller Road
Pandora Street Parthenia Street Samrill Street Zillmere Road
Bracken Ridge: Bracken Ridge Road
Brighton: Bayview Road Nundah Street Prince Street Queens Parade Sackett Street Seaview Street Sunnybrook Street Townsend Street Victoria Street
Carseldine: Tarrilli Place
Deagon: Barclay Street Blackwood Road Board Street Bridge Street Central Avenue Coward Street Curlew Street Doris Street Drouyn Street Esther Street Finnie Road Henderson Road Hickson Street Lucille Street Sarah Street Scott Street Station Road Stockham Road (east of Henderson Road) Utalong Street Washington Street
Sandgate: Flinders Parade Third Avenue
Taigum: Church Road Muller Road
Zillmere: Carrie Street Gillies Street
Acceptable Items: furniture and white goods (fridges), household appliances, including stoves, carpet and lino, bath and laundry tubs, wood products, bicycles

Bramble Bay Cross Country
The wet weather has played havoc with the scheduling of the Bramble Bay Cross Country. It has been postponed twice now but should run this Friday at St Pauls School, Bald Hills. We have about twenty students participating in the 9 Years to 12 Years age groups. School staff will be driving them to the venue at 8:15am and returning them here at about 12:30pm. I wish all our competitors the best of luck. I think Friday is forecast to be reasonably warm, so remember to drink plenty of water and stay out of the sun as far as possible. Parents are welcome to attend and watch the races, the first of which, starts at 9 am sharp.
NAPLAN Testing Time Again
The following is an item provided by the Qld Department of Education and Training
Our Year 3 and 5 students will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 12–14 May. An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can. Further NAPLAN information for parents and carers is available online. Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. The NAPLAN website is http://www.nap.edu.au/

Mark Fisher
Principal

Prep B  - Matthew for trying so hard with his work all week
Prep CD - Katelyn for accurate directions on how to get to the hall from the Prep classroom
Year 1F  - Harun for always being a very hard worker
Year 1L  - Moowahpaw for a great retell of the weekend
Year 1N  - Tapa for being eager to learn at all times
Year 2HM - Meghana for being a happy and helpful student
Year 2J  - Kady for a great improvement in English groups
Year 3B  - Cameron for excellent behaviour in class
Year 3JM - Makenna for following instructions and showing enthusiasm for learning
Year 3M  - Lukas for working so well on his spelling words this week
Year 4G  - Raymond for actively engaging through Maths lessons
Year 4S  - Nate for displaying excellent sportsmanship during Cross Country
Year 5C  - Sharn for clever classifying of 3D shapes and identifying attributes
Year 5WI - Danascus for showing excellent perseverance during maths problem solving cards work this week
Year 5/6P - Ketarna for always contributing to class discussions
Year 6S  - Rocky for trying his hardest in all areas of work, and particularly in English

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 1st May 2015

- 1F  - Cooper
- 1L  - Shani-Lee
- 1N  - Dontayvious
- 2HM - Derek
- 2J  - Shanae
- 3B  - Ashlee
- 3JM - Azariah
- 3M  - Chloe
- 4G  - Poe Mi
- 4S  - Lebron
- 5C  - Akhemi
- 5WI - Olivia
- 5/6P - Ketarna
- 6S  - Amanda
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 or a note to your child’s class teacher.

For auditing purposes all student absences must be explained.

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 3 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 Thursday 7 May 2015. A collection box has been placed on the front counter at the Administration Office.

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
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

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.

Don't forget, students who consistently display stellar savings behaviour by making 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically go into the draw to win a family trip to California's Disneyland. This astronomical prize includes return flights, 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**

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**PADUA COLLEGE – OPEN DAY**

Padua College are holding an Open Day on Sunday, 17 May 2015 between 11am and 2pm. If you would like to attend, or for more information, please contact Bev Steward or Patricia Watkins on 3857 9915 or email enrolments@padua.qld.edu.au

**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.

For further information on the above program 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
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!

FITNESS AND DANCE

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.
Have you ever thought about Authentic Japanese Goju Ryu Karate classes? Such classes can enhance calmness, focus and fitness. They provide positive life skills and assist with the goal setting for everything students do. They lay the foundations of self-discipline, providing a positive outlook for home and school.

It has been shown that students who practice Karate apply themselves more conscientiously at school and home and are less likely to be bullied or become bullies, as they develop greater self-confidence and respect for others. They will learn the importance of learning from their mistakes, why good nutrition is important, responsible, legal and safe behaviour, the ability to avoid negative peer pressure and self defence while reinforcing the virtues of hard work, concentration, planning, self-discipline and family values.

Accomplishments in Karate are often seen in a positive light by prospective employers who rightly attach images of strength, trust and good character to those who study it.

Australian Goju Kai Karate, the premier Karate school, offers martial arts classes at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Families can train together in any of the classes.

The adult martial art classes are aimed at increasing confidence, flexibility, co-ordination, people skills, self defence, strength, stamina and improved general fitness. Training at AGKK is a life changing decision. Classes are energetic, positive, fun and versatile.

You are welcome to inquire about beginning or enhancing your Karate journey either by contacting: Bernie Sensei on 0409 474 494 or visiting www.agkk.com.au

**CRAIGSLEA STATE HIGH SCHOOL – MUSICAL**

Craiglea State High School is proud to present ‘High School Musical Onstage’ – a musical based on the Disney Channel Original Movie. This is an exciting opportunity for your students to view a live performance and enhance their appreciation of the Arts – Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Art (set production).

Troy Bolton and Gabriella Montez come from two different worlds: Troy the Basketball God and Gabriella the Smart, Stunning Geek. When they meet at a New Year’s Eve they instantly click. When they meet each other again at East High School, they accidentally audition for their high school’s musical. The social cliques they belong to don’t approve of this new friendship and try to separate them. At the same time, drama queen Sharpay Evans and her brother Ryan, the co-captains of the Drama department, try in every way to prevent Troy and Gabriella from winning over them in the callbacks. Can Troy and Gabriella lead their friends to a more open-minded thinking and acceptance of one another? Or will their friends win?

**Date:** 9th May 2015

**Time:** 11am

**Tickets:** $5.00

**Place:** Craiglea State High School – Hall

Hamilton Road, West Chermside

**Duration:** 2 hours
HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY

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PARENTS LOVETHE RESULTS!

We know they do! All children (5 - 7 years), no matter how confident, benefit greatly from our self-development, drama programme. A vibrant, teamwork approach helps to develop confidence, communication and performance skills as well as creative talents. The acclaimed Helen O'Grady programme helps your child become:

Empowered to Participate Fully in Life
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A Confident, Happy Student

Our teachers are fantastic! They have received specialist training in the Helen O'Grady Drama System.

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CLASSES ARE HELD WEEKLY IN:
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Caboolture • Geebung • Kallangur • Redcliffe
Stafford • Strathpine

To find out more about our programme and how it can benefit your child, please phone the Principal Margaret Treuel B.A.,Dip.Ed. on 3353 0555 Helen O'Grady Drama Academy
www.helenogrady.com.au

BOONDALL SCOUTS

Boondall Scouts are looking for you!
Lucille Street, Boondall

Joey Scouts
Girls and Boys aged 6 to 8 Discovering the wider world!
"Joey Scouts are extremely energetic so we tailor our programs to meet their high energy levels and their desire to discover the world. It's our number one priority to ensure that our Joeys learn hands-on skills, make new friends, and have fun!"
Meet 5.30pm to 6.30pm Wednesdays

Cub Scouts
Girls and boys aged 7 to 11 Positive Development!
"Cub Scouts are keen to learn, belong, and have fun, so our activities are designed to stimulate their emotional and adventurous spirits."
Meet 6.30pm to 8.30pm Tuesdays

Scouts
Girls and boys aged 10 to 15 "Action Plus" is the best way to describe the life of a Scout
"Action is at the core of all Scouting activities. Whether they are tackling a river in a kayak or learning knot tying at a Troop meeting, our program ensures that our Scouts never stand still!"
Meet 7.15pm to 9.30pm Fridays

For more information
contact our Group Leader
Darren Ranger on 0435 172 197
Aspley High 2016
Here We Come!
Family Sunday and Master Classes
Enrolment Event
Sunday 31st May
8.30 am – 11.30 am
High School “Master” Classes (limited places in each class)
Register on our website: www.aspleyshs.eq.edu.au
Parents are welcome to attend the Parent Master class from 9am.
Just register on our website.

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