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**12 May 2015**

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

### **Dear Parents**

This is Week 4 of the term and because of the Year 3 and 5 Naplan testing, it turns out to be a reasonably quiet one. All schools are discouraged from scheduling any other activities in Naplan week to allow the target students to have a quiet, supportive environment in which to do their tests. The tests will occur on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Right now (Monday), the test papers are being stored in a locked cupboard to ensure their security. Tomorrow will see the language and writing tests take place. Our students are prepared and just need a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast for them to do their best.

### **Bramble Bay Cross Country**

It was my great pleasure to supervise our team in the Bramble Bay Cross Country last Friday. We sent 19 students to compete. The big differences at this level were that the number of competitors was larger, with each race having between 50 and 100 runners, and the standard was much higher. All 19 of our Taigum runners tried their very best in what was a tough event. Some of them were a little disappointed but I thought they all represented our school with pride. Their behaviour was excellent as well. We did have some very strong results though. Abbie came 5<sup>th</sup> in the 9 years girls race and her sister Tiffani was 25<sup>th</sup> in the 12 years girls race, the first time she has ever run 3km. Our stand out competitor was Anais, who won the 10 years girls race and will compete in the Metropolitan North event on May 26. The full results list is below.

Girls 9 years: Abbie 5<sup>th</sup> Boys 9 Years: Ian 39<sup>th</sup>, Nate 52<sup>nd</sup>, Alex 53<sup>rd</sup>

Girls 10 years: Anais 1<sup>st</sup>, Lipikha 33<sup>rd</sup> Boys 10 years: Raymond 40<sup>th</sup>, Jayden 59<sup>th</sup>, Ryan 81<sup>st</sup>, Elia 93<sup>rd</sup>

Girls 11 years: Paris 53<sup>rd</sup>, Akhemi 72<sup>nd</sup>, Keely, DNF (injury) Boys 11 years: Zack 76<sup>th</sup>

Girls 12 years: Tiffani 25<sup>th</sup>, Hayley 48<sup>th</sup>, Amanda 53<sup>rd</sup> Boys 12 years: Vivek 51<sup>st</sup> Tyrone DNF (injury)

### **School Dance**

On Thursday next week, we are having our first school dance of the year. This will be the first in about 12 years that has not been organised by Mrs Tompkins. With her retirement, Mr Martin will be doing the hosting duties and the P&C will be organising the food. For these reasons, it will be different and I bet there will be a few innovations that will be quite exciting. I'm looking forward to the change in format. The theme for the night is 'Hawaiian' which gives everybody a lot of scope to dress up. I know I have a particularly ugly Hawaiian shirt and board shorts to wear. The dance starts at 6pm and will finish around 8pm. If you are ordering food, that will be served from 5:30 onwards. Order forms went out last week and I hope to see plenty of you there at the Salvation Army Church on Roghan Road, come Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

### **Active School Travel**

The wet weather has interrupted our active travelling in the last couple of weeks, but now it seems we are into that cooler and drier pattern of Autumn. These days are particularly conducive to walking, scooting or riding. We have been handing out the 'Roadstar' trophy each week to the most active class and I'm happy to report that last week it finally went to a class in our lower school – 3M, who had nearly 80% active travellers. Every other week, it has been won by a Year 5 or 6 class. I know it is often difficult for parents of Preps or Year 1s or 2s to feel comfortable about their little ones walking, so here are a few things you can do to encourage them, without compromising their safety:

1. Walk or ride with them, it's good for you too.
2. Drop them off near the school, say 500m or so and have them walk the rest of the way alone
3. Have them walk with other students coming to school
4. Car pool so 3 or 4 students come in one car instead of many.

Walking and riding is good for everyone, the more we do it, the fitter we become and the quieter the roads are. Both of these make for a better and healthier community. Below is the full breakdown of how all the classes went last week. The table shows who walked, rode, used public transport or car pooled. The final percentage is the fraction of the class that were active. Let's see if very soon, we can have a Prep or Year 1 holding the trophy aloft on assembly one Friday.

Class	Walk	Ride	Public T	Car Pool	Car	Total	Active	%
3M	8	2	0	5	4	19	15	78.9
5C	4	4	0	5	4	17	13	76.5
5~6P	5	5	1	3	6	20	14	70.0
3JM	10	1	1	0	7	19	12	63
Prep CD	7	1	4	1	9	22	13	59.1
4S	8	0	0	2	7	17	10	58.8
2J	7	2	0	3	9	21	12	57.1
4G	5	3	2	2	10	22	12	54.5
6S	4	2	1	2	10	19	9	47
1L	3	3	1	1	9	17	8	47
1N	2	2	2	2	9	17	8	47
1F	4	1	0	0	6	11	5	45.5
2HM	5	3	1	0	14	23	9	39.1
5WI	2	3	1	1	14	21	7	33.3
Prep B	6	0	2	0	17	25	8	32.0
3B	4	0	0	0	16	20	4	20

Mark Fisher  
Principal

## Students of the Week

- Prep B** - **Gregory** for trying so hard to write his name  
**Prep CD** - **Lachlan** for an improved effort in all his work  
**Year 1F** - **Caelouve** for writing excellent sentences in his character description for Crunch the crocodile  
**Year 1L** - **Kelser** for using reading strategies to decode unknown words  
**Year 1N** - **Dontayvious** for achieving an excellent result in his spelling test  
**Year 2HM** - **Adam** for always displaying excellent classroom behaviour  
**Year 2J** - **Charlii** for fantastic manners and improvement in Maths activities  
**Year 3B** - **Riley** for listening in Maths lessons and trying to implement new strategies  
**Year 3JM** - **Kyeron** for always being an eager participant in class discussions  
**Year 3M** - **Mia** for a terrific effort each week with spelling and number facts  
**Year 4G** - **Brock** for a super effort during work with odd and even numbers  
**Year 4S** - **Dominic** for displaying excellent work habits in class this week. Well done!  
**Year 5C** - **Kayla** for being an active participant in her learning  
**Year 5WI** - **Jet** for excellent work in maths problem solving this week  
**Year 5/6P** - **Tiki-Mana** for working collaboratively with his technology group  
**Year 6S** - **Isabelle** for being an excellent team member and helping fellow students

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015

- 1F - Eh Kar Lu Htoo
- 1L - Mason
- 1N - Andre
- 2HM - Darzel
- 2J - Hassan
- 3B - Cooper
- 3JM - Jessica
- 3M - Yuvraj
- 4G - Jada
- 4S - Jacinta
- 5C - Tyler
- 5WI - Justin
- 5/6P - Zack
- 6S - Isabelle

## **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.

### 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 students about Mother's Day and how we need to be nice to our Mum's, not only on Mother's Day, but every day! I also talked to the boys about 'Chivalry' which is a code of conduct associated with medieval knighthood, which promotes character qualities including; bravery, generosity and being considerate and courteous to women.

I hope all our mothers and grandmothers had a wonderful day last Sunday.

This Saturday, at the Salvation Army (corner Handford and Roghan Rds), there's a big garage sale happening between 7am and 12noon.

Have a good one!

Steve Unicomb

## FROM THE TUCKSHOP

**NEW OPENING TIMES**  
***Tuesday – first break only***  
***Friday – both lunch breaks***

Due to an increase in the prices for food, the tuckshop has had to raise the price of chicken nuggets to \$3.00

This price increase is unfortunate and we have left the prices as low as they can be for as long as possible.

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

Many thanks,  
Lisa Virtue  
*Tuckshop Convenor*

## FROM THE P&C

### **UNIFORM SHOP TIMES**

Monday to Friday mornings: 8.15am to 9.00am

## SCHOOL PARTICIPATION OFFICERS

### ***Every day counts at school.***

School absenteeism and truancy can impact significantly on students' learning and wellbeing.

Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. Children do better when they go to school all day, every day.

Under the law, you must make sure your child is enrolled and attends school on all school days unless there is a reasonable excuse. Schools must monitor attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers any unexplained absences.

School Participation Officers will:

- monitor student attendance
- let you know if your child is not at school
- follow-up any unexplained absences
- help with strategies to encourage your child to go to school

***Is your child at school today?***


## 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

 MAY 2015	
12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN Testing
13 <sup>th</sup>	School Banking
13 <sup>th</sup>	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
15 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN Testing Catch-Up Day
15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadly Choices Program
15 <sup>th</sup>	Goodstart Program
15 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Sports Trials
21 <sup>st</sup>	Book Fair (21 <sup>st</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> May)
21 <sup>st</sup>	School Dance
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Under 8's Day
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Interschool Sport Round 1

## 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](mailto: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

## SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL



**SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**OPEN DAY**  
**Saturday 16 May**  
**9am-1pm**

Find out how Sandgate District State High School can "Expand the Horizon" for your son or daughter.

Sandgate District State High School | [www.sanddisths.eq.edu.au](http://www.sanddisths.eq.edu.au) | 41 Bracon Street, Deagon Q 4017 | 07 3659 9888



**SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Academic Achiever Exam**  
*Step up to the challenge*

Are you looking for a program for your student that offers an academically challenging curriculum based on creative thinking and problem solving? Do you want a program that sets high expectations in work ethic and behaviour?

Entrance Exam will be held on  
**Saturday 23 May | 9am**  
Contact us for more information.

[www.sanddisths.eq.edu.au](http://www.sanddisths.eq.edu.au) | email: [smat@smack356.eq.edu.au](mailto:smat@smack356.eq.edu.au) | 41 Bracon Street, Deagon Q 4017 | 07 3659 9888

## ASPLEY HIGH SCHOOL – MASTER CLASSES



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](http://www.aspleyshs.eq.edu.au)  
Parents are welcome to attend the Parent Master class from 9am.  
Just register on our website.

## 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!

## 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 6.30 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

## AUSTRALIAN GOJU KAI KARATE



### SHUSEIKAN AUSTRALIA / AUSTRALIAN GOJU KAI KARATE

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](http://www.agkk.com.au)

## CHILDHOOD VACCINATION SURVEY



What concerns do you have about vaccinations?  
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What are your beliefs and attitudes about vaccinations?  
...

How did you decide about vaccinating your child?  
...

What information sources did you use and find trustworthy?

### HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS!

Are you the parent of a child aged 5 years or under?

Take our anonymous 15-minute online survey!

The research is completely voluntary and confidential.

To complete the survey, go to:  
<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/vax/>

For more information, contact the research team on [workingparents@uq.edu.au](mailto:workingparents@uq.edu.au)



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