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19 May 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

At the end of this week, we will have reached the midpoint of Term 2. Our third units of the national curriculum in literacy, numeracy and science will have been completed and all classes will embark on Unit 4 from next Monday. Also the Naplan tests for our Years 3 and 5 students are done, so those classes can now concentrate more fully on their normal units of work. Around this time too, our teachers begin to assemble their thoughts and their procedures to begin the process of report card writing for Semester 1. Before we know it, it will be June 26 and the reports will be going home to you on the last day of term.

Attendance

One of the things listed on the Report Cards is attendance. Last year in Term 1, we had, across the school, a 90% rate of attendance. Whilst this sounds all right, it averages out to every child missing 20 school days in a year. That is one day a fortnight. The Education Department has a goal of 95% attendance which means on average every child only missing one day per month. I am happy to report that in Term 1 this year, our rate is up to 91.3%, so we are getting closer to our goal. There is still a bit of work to be done, and our participation officers are diligent in following up absentees and trying to remove the barriers that stop students attending every day.

Book Fair

This week sees the start of a favourite event of many of our students, the annual Book Fair. From Thursday this week, through to next Wednesday, the Book Fair will be set up in our library for students to access and buy from. It will be open before and after school and at lunch times, so parents are also welcome to come and browse or buy books if they choose.

Under 8's Day

Our other big event for this week is Under 8's Day which will take place this Friday, straight after assembly. All our Prep to Year 3 students will be involved in such diverse activities as face painting, obstacle courses, origami, frisbee and many others, as well as jumping castle. Students from Zillmere State School and Kurbingui will be joining in on the fun and our own older students will be helping to supervise. Parents are welcome to attend as well. The event begins at 9:30am and will be finished at 10:45 am sharp. If previous years are an indication, it should be a great morning.

Active Travel

Last week, I wrote that it would be great if one of our younger classes could win the class trophy for being the most active travellers of the week. So far it's been mostly our Year 5s and 6s who have won it. However, our Prep CD came from the clouds to win the trophy with 80% of them being active travellers last week. That's a wonderful result and a huge improvement from early weeks for them. Congratulations to the class and all the parents who made this happen. Our next Active Travel Big Breakfast will be Wednesday 10 June when again I'll be riding from the Hidden World playground at Roghan Road with anyone who chooses to join me.

Research

On the weekend, I found a short and interesting article about bullying that I thought I'd include in this week's newsletter as it's always a subject on our mind. The American Journal of Psychology has done a review of the past 40 years of research on the subject and this article is a summary of their main findings.

Bullying: What we know based on 40 years of research

Psychologists have reviewed over 40 years of research on bullying among school age youth, documented the current understanding of the complexity of the issue and suggested directions for future research. Here are summaries of the four major points raised.

1. The experience of being bullied is painful and difficult. Its negative impact, on academic functioning, physical and mental health, social relationships and self-perceptions, can endure across the school years. But not every victimized child develops into a maladjusted adult.
2. How do you distinguish bullying from aggression in general? In order for bullying to be distinguished from other forms of aggression, a relationship must exist between the bully and the victim, there must be an imbalance of power between the two and it must take place over a period of time. The image of bullies as socially incompetent youth who rely on physical coercion to resolve conflicts is nothing more than a stereotype. While this type of "bully-victim" does exist and is primarily male, another type of bully exists who is more socially integrated and has surprisingly high levels of popularity among his or her peers. As for the gender of victims, bullying is just as likely to occur between boys and girls as it is to occur in same-gender groups.
3. Children's involvement in bullying varies across roles and over time. A student may be victimised by classmates but bully a sibling at home. Bullying is a complex form of interpersonal aggression that can be both a one-on-one process and a group phenomenon. It negatively affects not only the victim, but the bully and witnesses as well.
4. How do we develop a set of recommendations for effective bullying prevention programs? From mixed findings on existing programs, we can identify core elements of promising prevention approaches - close playground supervision, family involvement, and consistent classroom management strategies. However prevention efforts must be sustained and integrated to effect change.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** - **Narquincia** for trying hard with all of her school work and being an enthusiastic learner
- Prep CD** - **Kiana** for always working well in class
- Year 1F** - **Jaela** for showing respect and maturity in the classroom every day
- Year 1L** - **Charlie** for achieving 10/10 on his spelling tests over the last few weeks
- Year 1N** - **Kareora** for being an outstanding student engaged in all lessons
- Year 2HM** - **Sa Gay Thay** for excellent persuasive writing
- Year 2J** - **Shanae** for great work in Maths and Reading groups
- Year 3B** - **Adrit** for making good attempts at all class activities
- Year 3JM** - **Coadie** for trying his best in all lessons
- Year 3M** - **Eh Koh Ree** for fantastic behaviour and effort shown in class
- Year 4G** - **Stacey** for giving 100% effort and keeping Mrs Gillies on track
- Year 4S** - **Ladu** for displaying great independent work habits
- Year 5C** - **Eh Tha Mee** for showing keen interest in our study of the Solar System
- Year 5WI** - **Lipikha** for writing an excellent introduction for her Flying Fox feature article
- Year 5/6P** - **Tyrone** for consistently working hard in Maths
- Year 6S** - **Dushyant** for thoughtfully helping other students to understand tasks

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 15th May 2015

- 1F - Armanpreet
- 1L - Indiana
- 1N - Bronwyn

- 2HM - Sanjana
- 2J - Poe
- 3B - Riley
- 3JM - Princess
- 3M - Indigo
- 4G - Shee Shee
- 4S - Jack
- 5C - Hayden
- 5WI - Hope
- 5/6P - Maverick
- 6S - Tiffani

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.

FROM THE LIBRARY



BOOK FAIR

Make sure you come and visit us in the Library when Book Fair commences at second break, 1:00pm on Thursday 21 May. It will run until the end of first break, 11:30am on Wednesday 27 May.

Students, parents and carers can purchase books before school, at both lunch breaks, and after school during this time.

We look forward to seeing you there.

“A great book should leave you with many experiences, and slightly exhausted at the end. You live several lives while reading.” William Styron

“You know you’ve read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend.” Paul Sweeney

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.

Many thanks,
Lisa Virtue
Tuckshop Convenor

FROM THE P&C

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

Monday to Friday mornings: 8.15am to 9.00am

Thank you all for supporting the Mother's Day raffle. The wonderful prizes went to 1st – Jessica 3JM, 2nd – T. Salam, and 3rd – Anushka 3M.

On another note - as the days start to get cooler the Uniform Shop has just restocked the school jackets. If you would like to purchase one, please drop in to the Uniform Shop before school. If you are unable to come in yourself you may wish to send a note and money with your child/children. We are only too happy to fit students in their uniform and then send home a receipt.

Enjoy your week!

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	
20 th	School Banking
20 th	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
21 st	Book Fair (21 st – 27 th May)
21 st	School Dance
22 nd	Under 8's Day
22 nd	Interschool Sport Round 1
26 th	Met North Cross Country
29 th	Deadly Choices Program
29 th	Goodstart Program

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 information

SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL



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.sanddshs.eq.edu.au | email - smack35@eq.edu.au | 41 Braemar Street Deagon Q 4017 | 07 3849 9988

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
Parents are welcome to attend the Parent Master class from 9am.
Just register on our website.

BRACKEN RIDGE STATE HIGH SCHOOL



If your child is intending attending Bracken Ridge State High School in 2016, we have a small supply of Enrolment Packages available for collection from the office.
For further information or to arrange an interview with Bracken Ridge State High School, please phone the enrolments officer on 3869 7222.

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

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?

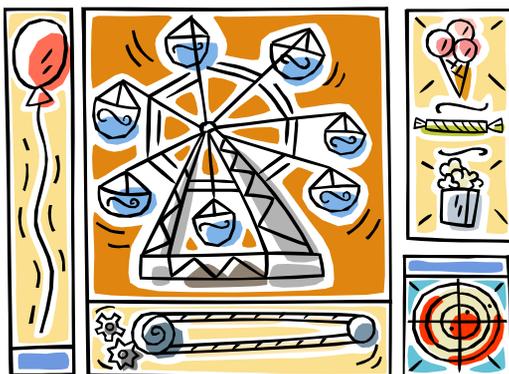
Take our anonymous 15-minute online survey!

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

BRACKEN RIDGE BACKYARD BONANZA



Sunday 24th May 2015

10:00am – 2:30pm

McPherson Park, Denham Street, Bracken Ridge

A jam packed day for the whole family!

Three stages of fantastic live entertainment.

Kids entertainment – Hoot and Hootabelle's Owl Pal Playdate. (Sorry, Jimmy Giggle won't be able to make it on the day as he's busy fixing the magic button.)

Amusement Rides for all ages – charges apply to these activities.

Stage 1:

- 10:30am Official Welcome by Councillor Amanda Cooper
- 10:40am Bracken Ridge State High School Concert Band
- 11:05am Cheap Fakes
- 11:55am Bald Hills State School String Ensemble
- 12:10pm Cheap Fakes
- 1:00pm Bracken Ridge State School Senior Choir
- 1:20pm Cheap Fakes
- 2:05pm Aussie Aussie Aussie

Stage 2:

- 10:05am Hoot and Hootabelle Live Show
- 10:35am ZBN Studios
- 11:05am Hoot and Hootabelle Live Show
- 11:40am Northside Singers
- 12:05pm Hoot and Hootabelle Live Show
- 12:35pm Ronald McDonald Magic Show
- 1:15pm Ronald McDonald Meet & Greet
- 1:45pm South East Symphonic Winds

Youth Zone:

- Skateboarding demonstrations, workshops and prize giveaways
- Live performances from the hottest new youth acts
- NOVA Sandmans 10:40am – 11:20am
- *BYO skateboard and safety gear (including helmet) if possible. Only limited stock available on a loan basis)

Also on the day:

- Lions Miniature Steam Train Rides
- Community Market & info stalls
- Mini Choo Choo Craft Markets
- Free Bunnings DIY Workshops
- State Emergency Services Boat
- Mustang Car Club Show & Shine

BYB is supported by the Lord Mayor's Suburban Initiative Fund and Bracken Ridge Ward Councillor

SAY G'DAY @ DAYBORO

**Say G'day @
2015 Dayboro Day Festival
&
Dayboro Antique & Collectables Fair
Sunday 31st May 2015
*It's all about Community***

The last Sunday in May is the set date of the Dayboro Day Festival (DDF) each year. Once again we have a great day organised!

- Chopper Rides
- KIDS PASSPORT TO FUN
- Face Painting
- Street Parade
- Blacksmith Demonstrations
- All day Live Entertainment
- Pineapple Pie Eating Competition
- Dayboro Waterless Raft Race
- More Market Stalls than you can poke a stick at!
- Amusement Rides
- Camel Rides
- Rock Climb
- Animal Farm
- Official Opening and Resident of the Year Award, Youth of the Year and Business of the Year at 11am
- Kato the Clown
- Bumbles The Balloonatic
- Police Ambulance and Rural Fire Displays
- Historic Pictorial Display at **Dayboro Cottage**
- ATM's on site if you need cash for that special purchase
- DAYBORO CONVERSATIONS
- DAYBORO ANTIQUE & COLLECTABLES FAIR



The Kids Passport to Fun starts at **Dayboro Conversations.**

This is a change from last year so check the MAY Dayboro Grapevine for your MAP. Here they pick up their passport to fun bag. They then make their way to all the stops on the passport and pick up more goodies. Once they have collected all their stamps on their passport, they return their passport to the **stage in Roderick Cruice Park** to go into the draw to win one of 25 great prizes.

Please note changes to pick up and return venues.

The Pineapple Pie Eating competition is just heaps of fun to be in and to watch. They get up to all sorts of antics. Nominate for the competition at the Roderick Cruice Stage and go into the draw to get eating!

Dayboro Waterless Raft Race is one event no to be missed. Our not for profit local associations go head to head and the competition is fierce, well its wetter than is should be! They flash by so fast you have to be ready to watch. You will laugh at the antics they get up too. Check program for the race time.

Chopper Rides have proved a popular addition to the festival with this year no exception. Get in early to secure your flight.

Dayboro Conversations 2015 Program

9.30am Guide Dogs for the Blind. Hear what is involved in the journey of a guide dog.

10.00am Break for PARADE

10.30am Qld Parks & Wildlife rangers with Pythons, Lizards and other reptiles. You can even handle some of them.

11.00am Dayboro Ambulance will demonstrate CPR

11.30am UQ Vets will speak about pet cows and cows on acreage.

12noon Jason Stankoski from North Pine Poultry Club will speak about keeping chickens and will have chickens on the day

12.30pm Qld Parks & Wildlife rangers

1pm Donna Farrell from KUMBARTCHO will talk about weeds in our area.

Dayboro Conversations will be situated in the far corner of the land on the corner of Williams and Heathwood Sts at the back just to the side of the tennis courts. Look for the DAYBORO CONVERSATION signs.

DAYBORO ANTIQUE & COLLECTABLES FAIR is being held at the Dayboro Showgrounds from 8.30am.

- ✦ Leading dealers Exhibiting fine Antiques and Collectables at most affordable price
- ✦ Cost is \$5 per adult with children under 16 accompanied by a paying adult, free of charge
- ✦ Valuations by experienced valuers
- ✦ Valuations cost of \$2 per item (Max of 3 items per person)
- ✦ ATM available at the Fair
- ✦ A lucky door prize & Silent Auction
- ✦ Vintage Steam Machinery on Display
- ✦ Vintage Tractor Display
- ✦ Food and refreshments available from Show Canteen



There is **FREE PARKING** at the Dayboro Showgrounds, with a **FREE Brisbane Bus Lines Shuttle Bus** running at 15 minute intervals all day. The Bus Route will be through the Showgrounds, along Don Kerr Memorial Drive (up past the Football Club & Scout Den), down McKenzie Street to the Cnr Delaney and McKenzie Streets – and return.

Please check out your **MAY** edition of the Dayboro **GRAPEVINE** for Festival information, Site Map and also **TRAFFIC ALERT** with street closures.

See you there

Dayboro Day Festival
It's All About Community

