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27 May 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

As I am writing this newsletter, it is the Wednesday morning of the State of Origin. Many of our students are wearing maroon or blue to show their team allegiance. For the privilege of being able to do this, they are paying a gold coin. All money collected is going to the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal. We support this appeal for a few reasons. Firstly, the Salvation Army does a lot of good work in our community. Secondly, we have a close association with it and thirdly, Steve, our chaplain, is a member of this organisation. We try to raise as much as we can for this worthy cause and I hope that you are generous with your support as well.

Secondary Schooling for 2016

Many parents and Year 6 students start thinking around this part of the year about high school. Over the last few weeks, several of our local high schools have had their open days, and tomorrow teachers and students from Wavell SHS will be talking to our Year 5s and 6s in our hall. Choosing a high school is a very important decision. I am a dyed-in-the-wool supporter of state schools. I went to one, my wife did and my own children did in primary and in high school. Our local state high schools are well run, have good teachers and provide a broad range of subjects. They are though, all different to each other. Each one has its particular flavour and these are the things that might influence your choice. For example, Wavell has its arts and rugby league programmes; Aspley SHS has a new ESL programme and Sandgate has AFL. Each has as a wealth of other activities happening as well. They are all relatively close and are reasonably easy to get to on public transport if necessary. Take advantage of all the information these schools provide so you can make an informed choice. The end result will be a great education for your child, I am sure.

Deception Bay State High School

This item illustrates the above points exactly. Today we had the pleasure of a one hour performance from the arts students of Deception Bay State High School. They entertained us with instrumental music, singing, dancing, drama and their renowned drum marching band. A one of our students said, it was magnificent. The performers were talented, disciplined and engaging. Our children were enthralled by the music played, by the athleticism of the dancers and the subject matter of the drama pieces, one about Cinderella, the other, the Twits, both being Roald Dahl adaptations. It was good for our students to see live performances. It was great role modelling for our instrumental music students to see how skilled they can become if they stay in the programme. One of the Deception Bay students asked our children whether they were inspired to get involved in the arts and about three-quarters put their hands up. Deception Bay SHS has 850 kids and 85 of them came to our school today, that's a full 10% of their enrolment. They were wonderful ambassadors for their school. If our school were on the Redcliffe Peninsula, I know I'd be highly recommending this school as a destination for our Year 6 students, especially if they were interested in the arts.

Great Performance

Two weeks ago, Anais Russell-Jove, one of our Year 5 students, won the Bramble Bay 10 Years Cross Country. That entitled her to run in the Metropolitan North (Regional) Carnival. In a very hot field of 40 competitors, Anais ran a very respectable eighth. Had she come 5th, she would have made the State Championships, but for her first time in the event, she did brilliantly. Maybe in 2016, with a year's experience, she just might make it.

Interschool Sport

Our Netball and rugby league players had their first games last Friday in that very strong and cold wind. We had some wins and some losses but I wished to thank all of our competitors for how they represented our school. My teachers told me their behaviour was outstanding, which is great to hear. I'm sure it will continue into the future rounds as well. Well done interschool sport players!

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

Prep B	- Sophia for using her creativity and making lots of interesting additions to games
Prep CD	- Angel for creating her own ten frames
Year 1F	- Mia-Bella for outstanding participation in warm ups every day
Year 1L	- Ysabella for being ready in class and quick to follow instructions
Year 1N	- Rahman for being an active listener in class
Year 2HM	- Holly for a great improvement in reading
Year 2J	- James for always showing good manners in every task he does
Year 3B	- Byron for showing enthusiasm and desire to improve in Phys Ed.
Year 3JM	- Rhiana for being a behavioural role model and a sterling student
Year 3M	- Lukas for always trying his very best
Year 4G	- Talia for a terrific traditional story written during English
Year 4S	- Hunter for great work in Maths groups. Well done!
Year 5C	- Olivia for insightful answers to our study of the solar system
Year 5WI	- William for working hard in maths groups
Year 5/6P	- Tanisha for always trying to do her best work in everything she does
Year 6S	- Vivek for providing insightful thoughts to challenges in English and Geography

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 22nd May 2015

- 1F - Kayla
- 1L - Daijah
- 1N - Olivia
- 2HM - Sa Gay Thay
- 2J - Shanae
- 3B - Cooper
- 3JM - Ian
- 3M - Champ
- 4G - Matthew
- 4S - Deeana and PJ
- 5C - Olivia
- 5WI - Trevenna
- 5/6P - Harry
- 6S - Tracy

FROM THE OFFICE

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

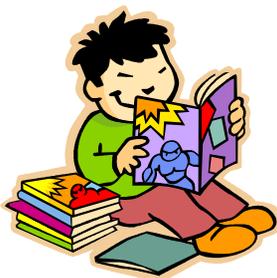
ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL



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.

FROM THE LIBRARY



BOOK FAIR

Book Fair is currently operating in our library.

Students, parents and carers can purchase books before school, at both lunch breaks, and after school. Last orders accepted will be during first lunch break on Wednesday 27th May.

We look forward to seeing you there.

"You may have tangible wealth untold. Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold. Richer than I you can never be – I had a mother who read to me." **Strickland Gillilan**

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." **Frederick Douglass**

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

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 Dollarmite 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 / JUNE 2015	
26 th	Met North Cross Country
27 th	School Banking
27 th	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
27 th	Book Fair – Last Day
29 th	Deadly Choices Program
29 th	Goodstart Program
5 th Jun	Interschool Sport – Round 2
8 th Jun	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Queen’s Birthday

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

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!

AUSTRALIAN GOJU KAI KARATE



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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? ...
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.

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. Nominatate 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 Stream 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

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