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2 June 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Our Term 2 is quickly disappearing. After this week, we have only fourteen school days left before the June-July vacation. On the last day of term, Friday 26 June, our Semester One Report Cards go home with our students. As you can appreciate, the next weeks will see teachers very busy, getting their assessment finalised so those reports will be ready for distribution on time.

The Teaching of Reading

Of all the things we do in school, the most important is teaching students to read. Once a child can read, every other subject becomes easier; new worlds are opened up to them; and it can be the beginning of their life long journey of learning. Our students have a wide range of abilities in this area. Many have difficulties and this year we have initiated a school wide reading intervention. All those students in Years 2-6 who fall below the 'C' standard are part of the programme which runs four days a week in the library. Already we have seen major gains by the students involved and we are very optimistic about their longer term progress. We are also looking at improving and tightening our reading programmes in each class and several of our teachers and teacher-aides have been involved in professional development in this area. Just in the past fortnight, two of our staff members did a two day intensive course in vocabulary and oral language development in Sydney and all our Prep and Year 2 teachers spent the morning at Woodridge SS, watching how they implement their highly successful classroom reading programme. We have also mapped all our students on a new data wall in our staffroom so we can quickly see their progress (or lack of) and develop strategies to best suit each child. Exciting times are afoot.

Students of the Week

This programme is our regular formal method of highlighting good behaviour, attitude or attainment amongst our students. Each week, each class provides the name of a student who has done something special in their classroom. They get recognition on assembly, a certificate, their face on Facebook and go into the draw for a prize. Their names are also on our parent newsletter so their mums and dads can attend assembly to see them get their awards. It is a favourite activity of mine each Friday, to hand these out. However, it takes a degree of organisation to bring the information from 16 classes together. Mrs Jackson in our office is in charge of this and she does a fine job in having it all done on time, even with some very forgetful teachers making it difficult for her. She gets very clever trying to encourage them. This week, she wrote a poem on our intranet staff site to get the attention of our teachers. I have included it below. Some of you may recognise what is based on.

*Some students are screaming, and others are howling
out there on the oval in sight.
But there's a kid in the shadows with a glint in their eye
and a thought shining oh so bright.
There's Maths to be taught and there's English to learn
They want to move to the top of the heap
So back in the classroom where results are rising,
Oh, I swear you saw a young kid doing their best work
So vote them Student of the Week!*

*We know they're not the only one in this whole school
Who's pure and good and right.
'cause wherever we are and wherever we go
There's always a few in sight.
But you've gotta get out, gotta nominate now
before the office phone call dawns.
So encourage the best from our bright young stars
before it's over this week
just complete the form.*

Walking Wheeling Wednesday Big Breakfast + Ride to School With the Principal

Next Wednesday, 10 June is the Walking Wheeling Wednesday Big Breakfast and Ride to School with the Principal. \$2 will buy you bacon eggs and bread from 8am. Once again, I'll be riding from the Hidden World Park to school. Last time I had 17 companions. Let's try to break this record next week.

Our Active Travel best class last week was 2J with a 96% rate of travelling actively –a fantastic effort!

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** - **Amelia** for making a detailed map of our school
- Prep CD** - **Juan** for consistently using his listening skills during group times
- Year 1F** - **Azariah** for working very hard on her handwriting skills
- Year 1L** - **Tyron** for a great first week at Taigum State School
- Year 1N** - **Charlee** for being a busy worker in 1N. Welcome back to Taigum!
- Year 2HM** - **Emma** for a great improvement in reading
- Year 2J** - **Samuel** for fantastic skills during Journal activities
- Year 3B** - **Deslyn** for striving to improve her work in English
- Year 3JM** - **Andrew** for excellent reading at Level 30
- Year 3M** - **Indigo** for sharing some terrific Science knowledge to the class
- Year 4G** - **Anand** for always giving 100% in class, and a great job with number of the day with Mrs Swift also
- Year 4S** - **Gurleen** for always working hard and making a great start at Taigum State School
- Year 5C** - **Tayah** for showing an improved focus on her class involvement
- Year 5WI** - **Danica** for participating enthusiastically in class discussions
- Year 5/6P** - **Maya** for working really hard during problem solving
- Year 6S** - **Samem** for working hard and always doing his homework

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 29th May 2015

- 1F - Jada-Lee
- 1L - Indiana
- 1N - Keeran
- 2HM - Yasmin
- 2J - PJ
- 3B - Ashlee
- 3JM - Jacob
- 3M - Mia
- 4G - Stacey
- 4S - Gurleen
- 5C - Anais
- 5WI - Corinthia
- 5/6P - Ethan
- 6S - Hayley

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



"In the case of good books, the point is not to see how many of them you can get through, but rather how many can get through to you." Mortimer J. Adler

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

School is Cool



Children do better when they go to school all day,
every day. *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



JUNE 2015

3 rd	School Banking
3 rd	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
5 th	Interschool Sport – Round 2
8 th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Queen's Birthday
12 th	Deadly Choices Program
12 th	Goodstart Program

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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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

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



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

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Breast Cancer Charity

BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

FOR CHARITY

BIO Beach Volleyball Centre
Indoor Sports Centre, Sports Complex
South Pine Rd, Brendale QLD 4500

When: 18 July @ 1.00pm - \$20 per person

A fundraising sand-court tournament benefiting
Be Uplifted Inc. Breast Cancer Charity.

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- ASSORTMENT OF SOFT DRINKS

July 18 Volleyball Tournament for Fun & Fundraising!

Who: Anyone and everyone is welcome to join the fun. Form teams and/or watch games being played. Invite your friends to come out for a little while to cheer you on for a single match or to hang out all day. **Why:** Volleyball is a great sport that can be enjoyed at the recreational or competitive levels... AND the proceeds from the tournament fundraiser, raffles and food purchases will support the recipients of Be Uplifted, a north Brisbane Breast Cancer Charity.

Purchase tickets at: **Eventbrite**

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www.beuplifted.org.au | www.facebook.com/pages/Be-Uplifted-Inc-Breast-Cancer-Charity
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Planning on Running or Walking in the



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CHILDHOOD VACCINATION SURVEY



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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?

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