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!

2 June 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Students of the Week
From the Office
From the Library
From the Tuckshop
From the P&C
School Participation Officers
School Banking
Dates to Remember
Community Notices
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

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

BOOTCAMP FOR KIDS

Happy, Healthy, Confident Kids

- Exercise and nutrition
- Team building
- Co-ordination
- Motor skills development

DON'T MISS OUT, CALL TODAY!
Fun, Exciting classes just for kids
Ages 5-14

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
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.

- SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- PIES
- BAKED SWEETS
- 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

Brisbane Indoor Outdoor Beach Volleyball Centre
Keeping Active! Having Fun!
Ph: (07) 3825 3699
or 0406 532 248

PO Box 445 Aspley, 4034 | info@beuplifted.org.au
Planning on Running or Walking in the

DON'T HAVE A CHARITY TO SUPPORT
Earlybird Entries Now Open
Come and join us and have a fun day out while raising much needed funds to support women, men and their families in both a practical and financial way on their breast cancer journey.

Be Uplifted Inc
Breast Cancer Charity

or alternatively donate at Everyday Hero
BE UPLIFTED INC BREAST CANCER CHARITY
For every dollar you raise for charity you will get one second off your race time.

www.beuplifted.org.au
www.facebook.com/pages/Be-Uplifted-Inc-Breast-Cancer-Charity
PO Box 446 Aspley, 4034
info@beuplifted.org.au
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?

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The research is completely voluntary and confidential.

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