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16 June 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

We have only two weeks to go before 2015 is half over. Time just seems to evaporate when we are not paying attention. However, at school, we have been paying attention, particularly to the teaching of reading this term. We have every single teacher and teacher-aide in our reading programme, either in class or in the library doing intervention. In our staffroom, we have a reading 'data wall' that shows every student's progress. What is encouraging to report, is that 99% of our students have shown progress across the term, some by small improvements, others in huge leaps. It is fair to say that all the Taigum State School staff are excited by this progress and are keen to build on it in third term. Our students are enthusiastic as well, with many able to tell me exactly how many levels they have increased. It's a conversation I like to have.

Active School Travel Breakfast

We had an excellent turn out for our Walking Wheeling Wednesday Big Breakfast with many, many students and some parents enjoying a hot breakfast, courtesy of our P&C volunteers. We had good numbers walking and exceptional numbers riding- 47 in all, either on bikes or scooters. I rode with 22 students from the Hidden World Playground to school and we had a very pleasant time indeed. My thanks to our Chaplain Steve and three of our mums, who walked, jogged or rode with us to help supervise. I also thank those parents who dropped their children off at the park, to allow them to participate. The students all wanted to have another ride next Wednesday, but I think once a term is much better for all the adults involved.

Interschool Sport and Athletics Carnivals

Friday is our third and last round of interschool sport for this term. However, our rugby league and netball seasons continue into Term 3 with a break in the first month after the holidays to allow all our local schools to run their athletics carnivals without interruption from other sport. So for us, the Junior Athletics Carnival will run on Monday 20 July and the Senior Athletics will be on Tuesday 21 July, both those dates being in Week 2. The Bramble Bay Athletics Carnival is scheduled for the 10 and 11 August for those students who qualify. We then have our next round (4) of interschool sport on August 7 (Week 4 of Term 3), followed by Round 5 on August 28 (Week 7) and the sixth and last on September 11 (Week 9). Venues will be the same as this term.

Tuckshop Closure

Unfortunately, our tuckshop will have to cease Tuesday and Friday opening at the end of this term. We have tried to keep it running to provide a service to our students but it is losing money and we cannot continue for this to happen. We have tried several solutions over the last few months to improve its viability but none has been successful. At last night's P&C meeting we discussed the position in detail and decided that although the tuckshop will cease weekly trading, we will try to run three special days a term to make up for it. For example, we will have it open for lunch on the Senior Athletics Carnival day. We have also planned a McDonald's Day for Term 3 and look into a third day towards the end of term.

School Uniform

It is always pertinent to discuss our school uniform in cold weather because many students choose to keep warm with brightly coloured jumpers, cardigans or tracksuits. Just about every one of our students wears the appropriate school shirt, shorts or skirt and look good doing so, but spoil it with the top layer. School jumpers in all sizes are available at the uniform shop at a reasonable cost and look great. If you don't have one of these, a maroon tracksuit top from Big W or Lowes is a fair alternative and quite cheap. Pink, orange, purple, black, white, etc really spoil the look of our otherwise very attractive school uniforms.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

Prep B	- Ruby and Kara for knowing all of their sight words. Well done girls!
Prep CD	- Sunpreet for always being friendly and helpful
Year 1F	- Sha-taya for writing very funny rhymes in our poetry lessons
Year 1L	- Paige for writing an entertaining poem
Year 1N	- Jainil and Nate for receiving their first perfect score in the weekly spelling test – 10/10
Year 2HM	- Devine for always being on task and ready for work
Year 2J	- Jared for fantastic work in English groups
Year 3B	- Leinad for doing well with his times tables in Maths
Year 3JM	- Valcen for asking clever questions and contributing to class discussions
Year 3M	- Marzieh for fantastic work on her science project
Year 4G	- Jarell for always being an organised, reliable and focussed class member
Year 4S	- Tahjuan for displaying great work skills and improved attendance
Year 5C	- Ebony for writing a persuasive feature article using effective arguments
Year 5WI	- Sharmaine for showing improvement in writing paragraphs with a main idea and connected information
Year 5/6P	Jayden for always contributing to class discussions, and for always being a willing helper
Year 6S	- Miguel for consistently working with enthusiasm and diligence

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 12th June 2015

- 1F - Eva
- 1L - Mason
- 1N - Brendon
- 2HM - Derek
- 2J - Poe Ku
- 3B - Riley
- 3JM - Azariah
- 3M - Bella-Rose
- 4G - Teneisha
- 4S - Hunter
- 5C - Aungnaingwin
- 5WI - Kida
- 5/6P - Caleb
- 6S - Amanda

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 CHAPLAIN

I recently talked to the kids about the Qld Father of the Year award. The aim of the award is to recognise the significant role fathers play in their children's well-being and development and to raise awareness of the value of fathers in the family and the community. It identifies and honours outstanding fathers for their exceptional commitment to raising their children or for their exemplary contribution to the development of children in the community.

If you want to nominate a great father go to <http://qldfatheroftheyear.org.au/> or see Steve for a paper copy of the application. The winner receives a 5 night holiday at the Sea World resort! Applications close on July 17, 2015.

The Salvation Army at Taigum will be running a holiday program called KRASH on July 1-3 (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday of the 1st week of the school holidays). 8:30am - 3pm on each of those days. The cost is \$5 per day (It's bring your own lunch). There will be games, craft, bible stories, sports, playground and lots of fun! It's for kids in Prep - Grade 6. Go to the church office and ask for a registration form. There will be a limit on how many children we can take, so register early.

Have a good one!
Steve Unicomb

FROM THE LIBRARY

Brisbane City Council Libraries Gold Star Reading Club

The Gold Star Reading Club will take off in Council libraries across the city on Monday 1 June 2015.

There are five great reasons for children to get involved in the 2015 Gold Star Reading Club.

1. Membership to the Gold Star Reading Club is FREE!
2. The Gold Star Reading Club can help children improve their reading and literacy skills.
3. Children will be rewarded for reading with exciting monthly incentives – a magnifier bookmark, coloured pencil kit and torch pen.
4. The opportunity for all participants to enter the monthly draw to win a \$25 book voucher.
5. It's FUN! Children will have fun sharing their reading experiences with family and friends.

This is a great opportunity for parents to share in their children's reading achievements.

To register your child for the Gold Star Reading Club, simply visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries or your local library to complete a registration form.

For more information about the Gold Star Reading Club, visit your local library or call Council on 3403 8888.



"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away. And in its place you can install, a lovely bookshelf on the wall." Roald Dahl

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?

FROM THE P&C

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

Monday to Friday mornings: 8.15am to 9.00am

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

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.

Many thanks,
Lisa Virtue
Tuckshop Convenor

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.

Rewarding regular savers with amazing prizes in Term 3

We're bringing the exciting news that an Intergalactic Prize Portal has appeared on Planet Savings, giving students who demonstrate good savings behaviour the chance to win amazing prizes. To help the Dollarmites activate the Prize Portal, **students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3** and they will automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes.

- 75 x iPad minis Wi-Fi 16GB
- 125 x Beats by Dr. Dre Solo Headphones
- 200 x \$30 Booktopia Gift Certificates

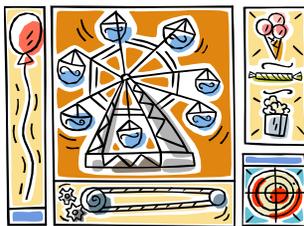
Students can also complete a Money Mission at commbank.com.au/prizeportal to double their chance of winning a prize. Students can start the Money Mission any time after Monday 13th July, but are required to make three deposits by the end of Term 3 to double their chance of winning.

DATES TO REMEMBER

 JUNE 2015	
17th	School Banking
17th	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
19th	Interschool Sport – Round 3
22nd, 23rd & 24th	Life Education Program (Students in Years 3 to 6)
24th	Senior Leader and Principal's Morning Tea
24th	Aspley Eagles Soccer Challenge
25th & 26th	Extreme Science Van
26th	Deadly Choices Program
26th	Goodstart Program
26th	Written Reports Go Home
26th	Last Day of Term School resumes Monday 13th July

COMMUNITY NOTICES

JABIRU KIDS – HOLIDAY CARNIVAL



Join the Jabiru Carnival at Taigum State School this June / July holidays

Jabiru Kids Taigum has planned a great program of activities for the June/July holidays.

We're creating our own carnival, with children making booths, games, snacks and decorations, culminating in rides and fun on carnival day, Friday 10 July. We'll also be making science, art and craft creations, and going to the movies to see 'Inside Out', an animated comedy.

Jabiru Kids Taigum opens from 6.30am to 6pm over the holidays. We even serve breakfast and late snack!

The full program is available from Jabiru Taigum or online at <http://www.jabiru.org.au/kids>

Jabiru vacation care is cheaper than you think, especially for people entitled to Child Care Benefit. Call Jabiru for a quote on 3269 0044 or contact the Site Program Manager, Petina, for enrolment and bookings information. 32162405/0409548842

ZILLMERE LIBRARY – HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



Geronimo Stilton Tuesday 30 June 1-2pm. Enjoy a fabumouse session celebrating everyone's favourite journalist turned reluctant adventurer. Dress up as one of the gang and share in themed activities, games and quizzes. Ideal for children aged 7-12 years.

The Treehouse books Friday 3 July 2-3pm. Thousands of kids have shared in the adventures of Andy, Terry, their treehouse and the Ninja Snail Training Academy, baby dinosaur petting zoo and Edward Scooperhands. Come and share your favourite Treehouse levels with activities and games. Ideal for children aged 6-12 years.

Maker space Tuesday 7 July till Friday 10 July 1-3pm. Stop by the children's area for free craft activities during the school holidays. Ideal for children aged four years and older.

Make your own bean sprout farm Wednesday 8 July 2-3.30pm. Did you know sprouts are one of the freshest and healthiest superfoods you can eat? During this hands on workshop presented by urban gardener Roman Spur, make your very own sprouting jar full of sprouts to take home and start growing. Ideal for children aged 5-12 years and their carers.

Gold Star – running from 1 June to 31 August. Discover the joys of reading this winter with the Gold Star Reading Club. Join now to win great prizes. Parents can register their children online via the Brisbane City Council website or in the library.

If you need any further information regarding these events please do not hesitate to contact the library.

Zillmere Library: cnr Jennings St and Zillmere Rd, Qld 4034

Ph: (07) 3403 1455 or email: Leigh.Fagan@brisbane.qld.gov.au

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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

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

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.

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?

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