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23 June 2015

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents

We have reached the final week of Term 2 and a very important one, for a couple of reasons. Firstly, it is the week that our written report cards go home. These reports give a very accurate and detailed picture of each child's progress in Semester One of 2015. Our teachers have been working on them for the past month to ensure that the reports give each parent a full summary of the work that has been done and the progress that has been made. They will go home with students on Friday afternoon. The second important item for this week is the Parent Opinion Survey, which I will detail in the following paragraph.

#### School Opinion Surveys

Each year in June and July, opinion surveys go out to the three major groups that make up a school community, the students, the parents and the teachers. In 2014, these surveys changed from being paper based to internet based. That didn't have much effect on the students or teachers, but did change how many parents could be surveyed. It used to be 40, now it is every family who has a child as this school, which is about 310 in total. On Friday, as well as their report cards, the oldest student in each family will bring home a blue form entitled, 'School Opinion Survey-parent/Caregiver Survey 2015'. The form outlines how the survey is done. For it to happen, you need only this piece of paper, a computer with internet access and about 10 minutes to complete it. The survey period opens on Monday 29 June and closes on Friday 31 July. The student survey will be done in the first week back at school in Term 3. Teachers will take their classes to the computer labs where they will go through a similar process as you have with yours. Staff members will do theirs in the first two weeks of term as well. I believe the results of all three surveys will be released around the end of September.

#### School Annual Report

Our School Annual Report for the 2014 school year has been posted to our internet site. I encourage all parents to read it so you get an accurate picture of what has taken place in this twelve month period. One of the sections of the report is the School Profile which outlines who comes here. Karen Jackson, in our Office, has done some excellent work collating the birthplaces of all our students and it is interesting to read as it shows how we are changing over time. The biggest trend is the decrease in New Zealand born children here. Ten years ago it was about 40%, now it is down to less than 10%. The groups increasing in size are children born in Thailand, India and the Philippines that now account for 13% of our enrolments. We currently have children from 21 different nations and the full list is below.

Country	Number	%	Country	Number	%	Country	Number	%
Australia	271	69.0	UK	3	0.8	Venezuela	1	0.3
New Zealand	37	9.4	USA	3	0.8	Solomon Is.	1	0.3
Thailand	18	4.6	Taiwan	3	0.8	Canada	1	0.3
India	17	4.3	Bangladesh	2	0.5	Turkey	1	0.3
Philippines	16	4.1	Burma	2	0.5	Mozambique	1	0.3
South Africa	5	1.3	Iran	2	0.5	Mauritius	1	0.3
Samoa	5	1.3	PNG	2	0.5	Nepal	1	0.3

## Athletics Carnivals

Our athletics carnivals are coming up in Week 2 of the new term. Next week, order forms will go home for pizza lunches on the senior carnival day, Tuesday 21 July. Mr Moore, our PE teacher has written the details of the days below.

### Junior Athletics Tabloid – Monday 20 July

The Junior Athletics Tabloid is going to be held on Monday 20 July from 11.30am to 1.00pm. We would love to see the parents of children in Prep – Yr 3 attend the day as the students have been training very hard for the occasion. The emphasis for the day is to work together as a team and for each individual student to “have-a-go”. Points will be awarded for the tabloid events and will go towards the Inter-House Trophy. Our younger students will also be given the opportunity to run in a sprint race on Tuesday 21st July during the Senior Sports Day. The Junior sprints will commence at approximately 1.45pm. We look forward to you joining us on Monday 20 July.

### Senior Athletics Carnival (Yr3-6yrs)

You are cordially invited to attend the Senior Athletics Carnival being conducted on Tuesday 21st July. Our students have been working hard at developing their Athletic skills in their Physical Education lessons and will complete in the annual Inter-House Carnival covering Ball Games, Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, Discus and Sprint events. Prior to the Senior Athletics Carnival students will compete in the High Jump elimination rounds and distance events (800m). Each child’s performance will be allocated points and these points are utilized to generate Individual and House Totals, which will be used to determine the winners of this year’s Inter-House Sports Day. A complete program of events will be included in the upcoming newsletter.

We remind all students and parents that children are required to compete in age groups which are determined by each student’s year of birth (that is all children born in 2005 are classified as being in the 10yrs age group, 2004 classified as 11yrs etc.) This classification method replicates District, Regional, State and National School Sport standards. Please note Year 3 students will be competing in both the Junior and Senior Sports Days this year. We also remind students and parents that competitors are to wear shoes at all times (even during events). Hats, sunscreen, large drink bottles and personal asthma sprays (for students who self-administer) will also be required for the day.

We look forward to seeing you at the Carnival and sharing your House Spirit.

Wayne Moore PE Teacher

## Safe Holiday

I hope you enjoy the two week break of routine. Please have a pleasant and safe holiday and I will see everyone back at school on Monday 13 July

Mark Fisher  
Principal

## Students of the Week

- Prep B** - **Lucas** for trying hard in all of his school work. Good work!
- Prep CD** - **Michael** for being a responsible and independent worker
- Year 1F** - **Japji** for working very hard to improve her behaviour
- Year 1L** - **Selena** for a great first week at Taigum State School
- Year 1N** - **Alysha** for participating enthusiastically in Literacy Groups
- Year 2HM** - **Anneke** for a great improvement in reading
- Year 2J** - **Shanae** for fantastic work in all subject areas this term
- Year 3B** - **Robbie** for always trying to keep his work neat and tidy
- Year 3JM** - **Coadie** for showing improvement in math skills due to hard work in class
- Year 3M** - **Eh Koh Ree** for being a motivated and polite student at all times
- Year 4G** - **Jada** for her terrific attitude and effort all Semester
- Year 4S** - **Ben** for excellent work in English doing his advertising poster
- Year 5C** - **Sharn** for her hard work and enthusiastic efforts in both Maths and English
- Year 5WI** - **Lipikha, Gus, Jericho, Rico, Kevin and Quinn** for consistently handing homework in on time all semester
- Year 5/6P** - **Maverick** for consistently working hard in maths
- Year 6S** - **Harry** for always listening well and trying her best in everything she does

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015

- 1F - Amira
- 1L - Maddelin
- 1N - Olivia
- 2HM - Alex
- 2J - Harsheen
- 3B - Adrit
- 3JM - Kyeron
- 3M - Tiana
- 4G - Brock
- 4S - Shakota
- 5C - Daniel
- 5WI - Danica
- 5/6P - Kiara-Lee
- 6S - Piper

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

### LOST PROPERTY

There are a large number of unclaimed items in Lost Property. If your child has misplaced any item during the year could you please encourage them to have a look as all unnamed items will be donated to a charity at the end of each term.

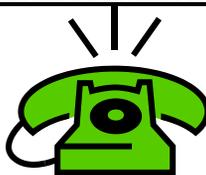
### WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2015

This year Taigum State School will again be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)

### 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](mailto: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](http://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.



*"A book is like a garden, carried in the pocket." Chinese Proverb*

## 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*

Just letting everyone know the P&C will be running a special tuckshop day for the athletic carnival on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015. We shall be sending home order forms this week. Please fill out the forms and return to either the uniform shop or the office by the end of this week or the beginning of the first week of next term.

The uniform shop also has fleecy school jackets in stock. These are great for those cold mornings, plus the students look fantastic in them.

Have a wonderful holiday and see you next term.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

## 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.

### ***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](http://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.

## 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.

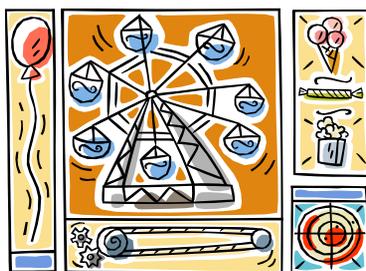
Rangatahi Kohanga meets every Friday evening from 6pm to 8.30pm at Te Kohanga ote whenua hou Community where: 60 - 62 Delaware St, Geebung

Dinner is served at 5.15pm

Cost is \$3 per young person & Healthy kai supplied

Call 0431 171 041 for more information

## 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 fabulous 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](mailto:Leigh.Fagan@brisbane.qld.gov.au)

## CONFIDENT KIDS & TEENS



*Emotional Resilience Skills to Thrive!*

### **Book now for our School Holiday Program**

Confident Kids & Teens is an innovative coaching program for kids 5-14yrs that aims to boost confidence, emotional resilience, social skills and brain power. Students discover their strengths, and build resilient thinking skills to reduce stress, anxiety, worry, or negative thinking. Essential tools to navigate the teen years!

Our team of experienced Psychologists will coach, encourage and support your child to be all they can be. Medicare and Private Health Fund rebates apply.

Register and Book online today at [confidentkidsandteens.com.au](http://confidentkidsandteens.com.au) or contact us at [info@positivefamilies.com.au](mailto:info@positivefamilies.com.au) for more details.

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**Ages 5-14**

## 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](http://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.

## WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL

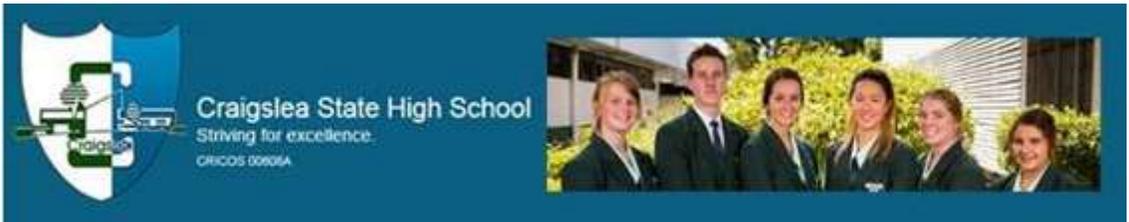


*Reminder*  
*2016 Enrolment Applications*  
*for*  
**WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL**  
*are now due.*

*This includes students who are eligible to receive automatic entry.*

For further details contact our Enrolment Officer: Ms Lock on 3350 0328

## CRAIGSLEA STATE HIGH SCHOOL



### **Craigslea State High School 2016 Year 7 Enrolments**

Year Seven Enrolment Interviews have commenced for 2016. Interviews are available on the following dates: 23 July, 10 & 27 August and 10 September. Enrolment packs may be collected from our Administration office. To book interviews please contact our Administration staff on ph.: 3326 5222.

### **Applications and Entry requirements for 2016 Year 7 Schools of Excellence**

- **Excellence in Science Program**  
Entrance Examination – Saturday, 18 July 2015
- **Signature Music Program**  
Application submitted by Friday, 24 July 2015  
Workshop and Auditions – Saturday, 8 August 2015
- **Craigslea Volleyball Academy**  
Application submitted by Friday, 4 September  
Trials for Skills/Fitness – Monday & Tuesday, 7 & 8 September 2015

All Programs of Excellence will be finalised in Term 3 2015 and successful applicants will be notified.

### **Year 7 Excellence in Science Program**

This program is designed to provide high performing students with greater opportunities to excel in Science. This three year program across years 7, 8 and 9 allows bright, highly motivated students to be grouped together in one class so they are challenged, nurtured and motivated to work hard and continue to excel in their studies.

Year 7 students in 2016 are invited to apply for entry into this Signature Program. We wish to advise the **sitting date for the Entrance Examination is 9.00am Saturday, 18 July 2015**. If your student will be sitting the Entrance Examination, please contact Cathy [craigslea.high@eq.edu.au](mailto:craigslea.high@eq.edu.au) or phone 33265222 by Wednesday, 15 July.

## 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](mailto:workingparents@uq.edu.au).

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