

14 July 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a rather cool Term 3. I hope you had a pleasant two weeks with your children at home. I'm sure many of you will also enjoy the fact that they are now back at school. Term 3, like most, is ten weeks long, finishing on Friday 18 September. The weeks are only broken up by the Exhibition Wednesday holiday on August 12 (Week 5). That means we will have 49 school days to pack in all the work we'll need to get through in the term. Inside this newsletter is the full Term 3 calendar to use to plan your next couple of months at school.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

Students with Disability is a joint initiative of all Australian governments and all state education authorities. National data is collected annually to identify the number of school students with disability. From 2015, all government and non-government schools will participate annually in the national data collection which will give governments, education authorities and schools nationally consistent information about:

- how many students with disability are enrolled in Australian schools
- where these students are located
- the broad level of reasonable educational adjustment provided to assist them participate in schooling on the same basis as other students..

We will be collecting this information at Taigum State School this term. It will include the following information for each student with a disability:

- the student's level of education (i.e. primary or secondary)
- the student's level of adjustment
- the student's broad type of disability.

All information is completely confidential and will not be used for any other purpose or passed onto any other department. If you do not wish this information collected for your child, please put the request in writing and will not pass on their details.

July P&C Meeting

Our July P&C Meeting is scheduled for this week but as we've been on a break for the last two, we have postponed it to Tuesday next week, the 21st July. Our meetings are reasonably short (about an hour) and informal. All are welcome to attend. Meetings start at 6:30 pm in the staff room.

Athletics Carnivals

Our preliminary athletics events begin today with the early rounds of high jump. Tomorrow afternoon, we will run our 800m events. Next week, sees the running of the main carnivals. Monday is the Junior Tabloid sports day for our Prep to Year3s and Tuesday is the 'big' day where we have the Senior Athletics Carnival running all day which includes a race for all our Preps, Ones, Two and Threes after lunch. It is a long and very full day where we encourage participation and sportsmanship. As I always say, the team with the most competitors is the team that usually wins the day. We want as many students as possible competing. All parents are welcome to attend. We kick off at 9am and finish about 2:30pm. Also, don't forget the Pizza lunch. It should be a great day, as long as the cold wind stays away.

Parent Opinion Surveys

All families received the Parent Opinion Survey information sheets on the last day of Term 2. Please take the time to follow the instructions so you can give your feedback on how you think our school is going. Everyone's opinion is valued and all information is completely confidential. We will be conducting the student opinion surveys this week at school.

Mark Fisher
Principal

TERM 3 CALENDAR

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 13-17July		High Jump Preliminary rounds	1:45 800m events		8:50 Assembly
Week 2 20-24July	11:30 Prep-3 Tabloid Sports	Athletics Carnival Yrs 4-7 (All Day inc. Junior Sprints) 6:30 P&C Meeting	Walking Wheeling Wednesday		8:50 Assembly
Week 3 27—31 July			Walking Wheeling Wednesday		8:50 Assembly
Week 4 4-8 August					8:50 Assembly Interschool Sport Rnd 4
Week 5 10-14 August	Bramble Bay Athletics	Senior Leader Ekka Excursion Bramble Bay Athletics 6:00 Science Dinner –Arana Hills JRLFC	RNA Show Holiday		8:50 Assembly
Week 6 17- 21 August Book Week			Walking Wheeling Wednesday	9:00 Prep Orientation Day	Book Week Dress Up Day 8:50 Assembly
Week 7 24-28 August			Walking Wheeling Wednesday PCYC Netball Community Cup - Bradbury Pk Yr 6&5		8:50 Assembly Aspley SHS Concert Band 9—9:30am Interschool Sport Rnd 5
Week 8 31 Aug - 4 Sept			Walking Wheeling Wednesday		8:50 Assembly Teacher Aide Day
Week 9 7 -11 Sept		Parent /Teacher Interviews	Walking Wheeling Wednesday		8:50 Assembly Interschool Sport Rnd 6 6pm Theatre Night—school hall - food from 5:30
Week 10 14 -18 Sept		-	Walking Wheeling Wednesday		8:50 Assembly— 'Taigum's Got Talent Finals' Last Day of Term

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