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21 July 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Over the holiday break, I had the great pleasure to attend a two day international symposium on reading and reading engagement, entitled 'Reading Matters'. Firstly can I say, no one is ever too old to learn new things. Even after 30 odd years in the teaching business, I found myself amazed at the new and fascinating approaches being used to improve the reading levels of students all around the world. I also found myself energised and enthusiastic to introduce some of these strategies in our school to benefit our students. So what was spoken of? It appears that across the globe, *engagement* is the key word. If student are completely engaged and interested in their reading instruction, they improve. If their reading improves, their general academic achievement seems to follow suit. To highlight this, an international survey asked the question, 'Do you enjoy reading and read outside of school?'. In every country in which this question was asked, those who answered yes to it had no problem with any other school subject and were generally high academic performers. The simple conclusion from this survey and from hundreds of studies is that good readers do well. Unfortunately, worldwide, only between 10% and 20% of all students enjoy reading, and in many countries the percentage is dropping. So if we can have our students enjoy reading and want to do it from a very young age, research tells us that we will have smart students in all subjects who will have little trouble at school. This is a huge challenge for schools and parents alike, but one that will be terribly beneficial to the next generation if we can achieve it.

Opinion Surveys

At the end of last term, the oldest student in every family took home an instruction sheet for the Parent Opinion Survey, which the department uses to see how its schools are going. We sent out nearly 300 of these and so far we have had ten parents complete them online. I know many would have forgotten all about them, but if you are keen to do the survey, the form is blue and it has a username and password that will give you access to the questions. If you need a new instruction sheet, I have some spares in my office. The survey closes on July 31 (Friday week).

Athletics Carnivals

Our Junior and Senior Carnivals were held this week and both went off very well. I saw plenty of participation, plenty of enthusiasm and plenty of good performances from our students. The results of these two days and the 800m events from last week have been tabulated and we will announce the results for the House Trophy and the Age Champions on assembly on Friday. I'll also have all the results in this newsletter next week.

Get Started Voucher Program Open for Applications

The Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing's Get Started Vouchers program is accepting applications for a voucher of up to \$150 to help pay an eligible child's sport or recreation club membership and/or participation fees. Parents or carers who hold a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card can apply straight away. Children who aren't eligible under this criterion can apply if they are nominated by two referral agents. The list of referral agents still includes principals, school guidance officers and police officers among other occupations but teachers are unable to nominate a child in this round. Vouchers are issued on a 'first-come first-served' basis and applications will close when all the funds are allocated or on 30 September. So submit your application as soon as possible.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Asa-Steven** for being a positive and supportive role model within the classroom. Well done!
- Prep CD** – **Emma** for settling in to her new school
- Year 1F** – **Jorjah** for working hard during literacy groups to improve her reading
- Year 1L** – **Daijah** for working hard in Maths groups
- Year 1N** – **Kareora** for participating enthusiastically in class discussions
- Year 2HM** – **Zane** for making a great effort in following school routine
- Year 2J** – **Hassan** for trying really hard during learning time
- Year 3B** – **Anjali** for the fantastic way you have settled in at Taigum State School
- Year 3JM** – **Konnor** for completing homework tasks quickly and carefully
- Year 3M** – **Prabhjot Kaur** for always using beautiful manners
- Year 4G** – **Ryan** for displaying excellent behaviour on the playground
- Year 4S** – **Kavinila** for always displaying excellent work habits. Well done!
- Year 5C** – **Ashmit** for consistently working hard in class and setting a good example with his enthusiasm and diligence
- Year 5WI** – **Sharmaine** for showing interest and enthusiasm for the new literacy unit on poetry
- Year 5/6P** – **Kiara-Lee** for always having a positive attitude and for being organised for every lesson
- Year 6S** – **Connor** for his display of sportsmanship on Athletics Day

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 17th July 2015.

- 1F – Armanpreet
- 1L – Kaylee
- 1N – Ben
- 2HM – Sanjana
- 2J – Zane
- 3B – Riley
- 3JM – Quincy
- 3M – Ava
- 4G – Poe Mi
- 4S – Jacinta
- 5C – Kayla
- 5WI – Olivia
- 5/6P – Tanisha
- 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

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 15th July to Tuesday 8th 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

FROM THE LIBRARY



"There is no substitute for books in the life of a child." *May Ellen Chase*

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

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.

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

 JULY 2015	
21 st	Athletics Carnival Yrs 4-7 (All Day) Junior Sprints (from 1:45pm)
21 st	P&C Meeting – 6:30pm in Staffroom
22 nd	School Banking
22 nd	Walking Wheeling Wednesday

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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:

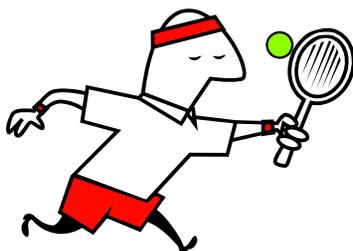
Taigum Tiny Tigers meets on Tuesdays from 9am – 11am

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!

GREATER BRISBANE JUNIOR TENNIS



For over 50 years, Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis (GBJT) has provided Junior Tennis Fixtures to children up to 18 years of age. As a parent run volunteer organization, we very much appreciate the support provided by Brisbane Schools in highlighting our fixtures and upcoming grading days for new players.

Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis (GBJT) conducts weekly Tennis Fixtures at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson and The University of Queensland for children up to 18 years of age.

Our next grading day for new players is to be held on Sunday 26 July at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson from 3pm to 5pm.

Further information is available at www.qbjt.org.au or by phoning Mrs Peta Davis on 3374 0516

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

BRIGHTON ROOSTERS SOFTBALL CLUB

We are seeking new players for next season

- BOYS & GIRLS from 5yrs, and LADIES and MEN of all skills

SIGN ON August 5, 2015 - 5.00pm to 8.00pm

COACHES/MANAGERS/UMPIRES ALSO REQUIRED

- Summer Season runs from Oct 2015 to Mar 2016 (Juniors and Seniors)
- Winter Season runs from May 2016 to July 2016 (Senior ladies only)
- All games are played at Betty Paxton Fields, Boardman Road Redcliffe
- Summer is one game each Saturday, Winter is 2 games fortnightly
- Fees and Uniform costs advised at sign on
- Training is Wednesday nights at Bracken Ridge High School during summer season from August to March. Generally Juniors are from 5.30 - 6.30pm and Seniors 7.00 - 8.30pm. (times are subject to coach availability each year)

Please visit our website www.brightonsoftball.com.au or call us if you have any queries.

Club President - Graham McLeary 3269 6531

Club Secretary - Tracey Rhys 0417 700 198

email info@brightonsoftball.com.au

SENSORY MOVIE DAY

Sensory Movie Days are inclusive events for families/carers with special needs.

- Lighting is on dim, sound lowered, volunteers monitoring fire exit doors
- Sensory Movie Days run once a month on a Sunday at 11am
- Tickets are \$8 each Children 2yrs and under are free
- Companion I.D. Cards are accepted

Sensory Movie Day is run at Morayfield Birch Carroll & Coyle cinema

Upcoming screenings include:

- ***Tomorrowland*** – Sunday 26 July
- ***Inside Out*** – Sunday 16 August
- ***Pixels*** – Sunday 13 September

For any further information please contact Chanelle on 0422416509 or sensorymovieday@hotmail.com

WATER POLO QUEENSLAND

Water Polo Queensland invites all budding and aspiring Water Polo players to attend its 2015 Come'N' Try Open Day. Join us at the Centenary Aquatic Centre (Gregory Tce, Spring Hill) on August 2 from 1:00 – 3:00pm for some fun Water Polo activities, skills and drills.

The event will be a great opportunity to meet local Brisbane Clubs, make new friends and learn some new skills. All stations are run by Water Polo Queensland staff, accredited coaches and volunteers.

There will be cool giveaways on the days with a free BBQ in the afternoon.

ALL AGES WELCOME

For any further information please contact events@waterpoloqld.com.au or phone 3367 1661

OCTOBER TWILIGHT MARKETS

Sandgate Hawks Twilight Markets,
Oktoberfest & Car Boot Sale

Saturday 17th October 2015
3:00pm – 8:30pm

We are on the lookout for marketeers. The event will coincide with our very own Oktoberfest and Car Boot Sale, so get your steins ready and think all things German.

Pretzels, steins of beer, bell ringing, dancing and lots of laughing!

If you would like to be a part of this, please send us an email request,

sandgatehawksmarketing@gmail.com and we'll send you a copy of the application form. Please fill it in, and get it back to us before July 31st to ensure your interest is registered. If you know of any German stallholders that may be interested, ask them to get in touch with us too.

If you have any questions in the lead up to this event, get in touch with us via the club on 3363 9666

ENOGERA PARENTING CENTRE – 1 2 3 MAGIC

A three session program for parents and carers to help manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years

The 1-2-3 Magic Parenting Course

Is an evidence-based, easy-to-learn effective parenting program for parents and caregivers of children aged 2-12 years old,. This program helps you learn to manage your child's difficult behaviour, encourage positive inter-actions, and help them to identify and deal with their own emotions.

1-2-3 Magic is about helping parents be in charge while maintaining a positive relationship with their children.

Learn:

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to sort behaviour
- How to handle challenging behaviours
- Choosing the right strategy for the behaviour of concern
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour

When: 28th July and 4th , and 18th of August

Time: 9:30am to 12:00pm

Where: Enoggera Parent Education Centre

Enoggera Primary School Campus

Laurel Street Enoggera

How do I Register

If you would like to attend these free parent sessions please either email your contact details to

Marie De Daunton

marie.dedaunton@dete.qld.gov.au

or call **The Enoggera Parenting Centre on 33559202**

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