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4 August 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

I've spoken at length about reading this term in previous newsletters. This is of course because reading in our society, is the basis for a huge proportion of what we learn. The ability to read unlocks the door to a whole new world for students especially. They go from relying on what they are told or see, to be able to choose what they wish to learn and are presented with thousands of options as to how to do it. Students who read well and enjoy it, do well at school. It is a simple equation in the end. At school, we are always looking for better ways to have all students engage with reading. To that end, we are rolling out the 'Daily Five' and 'CAFÉ' Reading Model in our lower school this term. To explain, The Daily 5 is a framework for structuring literacy time so students develop lifelong habits of reading, writing, and working independently. Students select from five authentic reading and writing choices, working independently toward personalised goals, while the teacher meets individual needs through whole-group and small-group instruction, as well as one-on-one conferring. The five choices are: Read to Self, Work on Writing, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, and Word Work. Daily 5 classrooms produce productive, highly engaged students who are developing a true love of literacy.

The Literacy CAFE model helps students understand and master the four key components of successful reading: Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency, and Expanding Vocabulary. It is a menu of activities and strategies to develop these four components. The CAFE System is delivered through the structure and framework of The Daily 5, which builds the behaviours of independence and stamina.

It sounds very fancy on paper, but it is quite simple and straightforward to run in a classroom, once the students are taught how to do it. Most of our lower school staff and many of our support teachers have visited Woodridge North State School who have had Daily 5 and Café running for some time. We have seen it operating in practice and all who went were very impressed with the system's effectiveness. We saw classrooms where every child was actively involved in literacy, 100% of the time. It was very impressive. Right now, both our Prep classes are bringing it online in their rooms and our Year 1s and 2s will soon all be doing it too. In the next few years, we will extend the model into the higher grades so that everyone will be doing exactly the same thing in literacy every day and students will be able to comfortably move through the year levels with this type of consistency.

Book Week

On a related topic, Book Week is coming up starting August 17. We will have a variety of activities planned for that week, culminating in our now traditional, Book Week Dress Up Day on Friday 21 August. This is a highlight of our school calendar and it's a great way to draw attention to how important books and book characters are to our lives. Every year, our students impress me with their choices and I look forward to seeing them once again in 2015. I still haven't decided on my costume but I'll be ready once the day comes.

Show Holiday and Prep Orientation Day

A couple of reminders about what is coming up. Next Wednesday, August 12 is the RNA Show holiday and all schools in the Brisbane Metropolitan area will be closed. In two week's time, on Thursday August 20, we will be having our Prep Orientation Day. This is an early reminder and I shall write much more about it next week. However, if you have a Prep student coming in 2016, or you know somebody who does, ensure you make the time to attend this meeting. It is very informative, especially for first time families.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Tyler-Marie** for working hard to improve her writing and practice her sight words
Prep CD – **Harman** for writing a very interesting rhyme
Year 1F – **Bailey** for trying his best in reading groups to learn his sight words
Year 1L – **Mathivadhana** for always using her manners
Year 1N – **Jainil** for showing a great improvement in reading
Year 2HM – **Derek** for trying hard at reading
Year 2J – **Erem** for great work during 'Daily 5'
Year 3B – **John** for always trying to be ready on time for lessons
Year 3JM – **Mya** for being attentive, polite and hard working
Year 3M – **Maayewin** for always displaying excellent behaviour
Year 4G – **Mya** for working diligently in all areas
Year 4S – **Cade** for showing persistence in finishing set tasks. Well done!
Year 5C – **Hayden** for demonstrating effective work habits as he has settled quickly into our class
Year 5WI – **Hope, Jet** and **Sebastian** for working independently on their maths booklet and using good work habits to successfully complete their grid sheets
Year 5/6P – **Latrell** for always participating in class discussions
Year 6S – **Hadrian** for working hard in maths especially when plotting co-ordinates on a Cartesian plane

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 31st July 2015.

- 1F – Eva
- 1L – Charlie
- 1N – Naman
- 2HM – Rune
- 2J – Ayush
- 3B – Dennise
- 3JM – Rhiana
- 3M – Blaize
- 4G – Raymond
- 4S – Ladu
- 5C – Tyler
- 5WI – Kevin
- 5/6P – Lukas
- 6S – Dushyant

FROM THE OFFICE

PREP ENROLMENTS - 2016

Children born between 1st July 2010 and 30th June 2011 are eligible for enrolment in Prep in 2016.

For further information you are encouraged to attend our Prep Open Day to be held on 20th August 2015.

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.

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



"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." *Margaret Fuller*

BOOK WEEK

We're getting close to that time of year when all who love reading and children's books have a huge celebration known as Children's Book Week (17 to 21 August). As part of our celebrations we will be having our Dress-up parade on Friday the 21 August. We encourage all children to dress as their favourite storybook character.

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 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?

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

|  AUGUST 2015 | |
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| 5th | School Banking |
| 5th | Walking Wheeling Wednesday |
| 7th | Interschool Sport |
| 10th & 11th | Bramble Bay Athletics |
| 11th | Senior Leader / ESL EKKA Excursion |
| 12th | EKKA Public Holiday |
| 20th | Prep Open Day - 9:00am |
| 21st | Book Week Dress Up Day |
| 26th | PCYC Netball Community Cup (Year 5&6) |

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!

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:

- ***Inside Out*** – Sunday 16 August
- ***Pixels*** – Sunday 13 September
- ***Pan*** – Sunday 18 October
- ***Blinky Bill*** – Sunday 15 November
- ***Hotel Transylvania 2*** – Sunday 6 December

For any further information please contact Chanelle on 0422416509 or

sensorymovieday@hotmail.com

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 by phoning the club on 3363 9666.

ASPLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL



2016 Enrolments for Year 7 through to Year 12 are now available. We invite you to contact the school for Parent tours and enrolment interview times.

Our **Twilight Tour**, with the Principal, Ms Miller, will be held on Wednesday 19th August 2015 between 5:00pm – 7:00pm in the Lecture Centre, Aspley SHS, 651 Zillmere Rd, Aspley.

If you are interested in attending, please register online at www.aspleyshs.eq.edu.au or phone 3863 9222

CRAIGSLEA STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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Year 7 2016 Programs of Excellence



Excellence in Science
Second Round Examination
Wednesday 7 October 2015

Signature Music
Workshop and Auditions
Saturday 8 August 2015

Craigislea Volleyball Academy
Fitness & Skills Trials
Monday 7 & Tuesday 8
September 2015

For bookings contact Cathy - admin@craigisleashs.eq.edu.au or please call - 3326 5222

Our Motto | Striving for Excellence
Our Vision | All Students to be Active Citizens in a Global Society



Craigislea State High School 2016 Year 7 Enrolments

Year Seven Enrolment Interviews are well underway for 2016. Interviews are available on the following dates: 10 & 27 August and 10 September. Enrolment packs may be collected from the 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**

Second Round Examination – Wednesday, 7 October 2015

- **Signature Music Program**

Workshop and Auditions – Saturday, 8 August 2015

- **Craigislea 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 by early October 2015 and successful applicants will be notified.

SANDGATE/REDCLIFFE DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INC.



Junior Cricket Sign On 2015 / 2016 Season

U8 to U17 Age Groups – In2CRICKET Program

When: Saturday 8 August

Time: 10:00am to 4:00pm

Where: Clubhouse – Racecourse Rd, Deagon

For further information please contact Michael Duff on 0401 692956,
or Tracey Hoffman on 0402 276300

**** Returning players will be able to register on-line****

