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18 August 2015

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents

Book Week is upon us and our library is having plenty of fun activities to encourage our students to enjoy books and further their reading. We build up through the week to our culminating activity –Book Week Dress Up Day. In my eleven years here, I haven't missed a Book Week Dress Up Day and I have always come in costume. Unfortunately, this Friday, I have a full day meeting at District Office that will keep me away from school. I am quite disappointed, but it will run just as well without me there. I'll have to see everyone's creative efforts through the photographs that I'm sure will be taken.

### Prep Orientation Day

Our annual Prep Orientation Day is running this Thursday, August 20, starting at 9:00 am in our hall. Prep orientation is particularly useful for first-time parents at our school, but also handy for parents who have had children in prep before. Mrs Tunny and I will be hosting the morning and we will go through all the procedures, routines and strategies that need to be covered so that each family feels comfortable with what will be happening on the first day of school in 2016. We expect the session to run for 45 minutes to an hour, after which, we will take interested parents on a tour of the school. If you have a 2016 Prep aged student, or know somebody who has, you are welcome to attend. We would like to see as many there as possible.

### Parent-Teacher Interviews

Just like Prep Orientation, this is a very important day for our parents. It is the chance for you to have a quality conversation about your child with his or her teacher, and although it is still three weeks away, the appointment notes have been sent home and need to be returned as soon as possible. This term we made a slight change to our regular schedule. Every parent-teacher night in the past has been on a Monday, but this time it will run on a Tuesday which may suit parents better. The actual date of that Tuesday is 8 September. The interviews will begin at 3pm, straight after school finishes, and will continue until 6 pm. All parents are welcome to attend. The interviews are held in our school assembly hall. If this day is unsuitable, please make an alternate date with your child's teacher.

### Interschool Sport

Normally our interschool sports days are every second Friday. However, one of the fields used for competition is unavailable this week, so the next netball and rugby league rounds will take place on August 28. That will be followed by the last round of the winter competition on September 11.

### Active School Travel

We didn't have any 'Walking Wheeling Wednesday' Active School Travel competition last week because of the Exhibition Public Holiday. However, with winter almost over, the conditions for walking or riding to school are almost perfect. Let's see if we can have our best result ever this week. So far our record is 59% of the whole school or about 215 students. It would be great to get to the 250 mark, which I'm sure is attainable.

Mark Fisher  
Principal

## Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Telia** for an excellent effort and positive attitude towards all tasks. Keep it up!
- Prep CD** – **Ryan** for consistently trying his best
- Year 1F** – **Mia-Bella** for being a hard worker and writing a wonderful retell of 'The Hare and the Tortoise'
- Year 1L** – **Indiana** for working well in reading groups and using strategies to become a more confident reader
- Year 1N** – **Olivia** for writing an entertaining recount of the weekend
- Year 2HM** – **Jordan** for a great improvement with listening
- Year 2J** – **Nikita** for fantastic contributions to class discussions
- Year 3B** – **Dennise** for always being an exceptional student
- Year 3JM** – **Rahanuddin** for a fantastic effort in every subject
- Year 3M** – **Blaize** for working hard in English and joining in with class discussions
- Year 4G** – **Ryedyn** for contributing some insightful answers during Geography
- Year 4S** – **Jose** for settling in well, and showing dedication to his work
- Year 5C** – **Tyler** for care in presentation of her work, being focused on neatness and accuracy
- Year 5WI** – **Quinn** for writing an interesting paragraph on the Eureka Stockade with a good topic sentence
- Year 5/6P** – **Harry** for showing great improvements in his multiplication number facts
- Year 6S** – **Henry** for always doing his best in all areas of work. A great attitude!

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

- 1F – Harun
- 1L – Kelser
- 1N – Aarnab
- 2HM – Derek
- 2J – Harsheen
- 3B – Ben
- 3JM – Andrie
- 3M – Prabhjot
- 4G – Riley
- 4S – Hunter
- 5C – Karima
- 5WI – Kevin
- 5/6P – Maya
- 6S – Vivek

## 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](mailto:admin@taigumss.eq.edu.au) or a note to your child's class teacher.

For auditing purposes all student absences must be explained.

## **PREP ENROLMENTS - 2016**

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

For further information you are encouraged to attend our Prep Orientation Day to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015, commencing at 9:00am in the hall.

## **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 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)

## **FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

### **FATHER'S DAY GAMES NIGHT: PREP – YEAR 2**

This extremely fun games night is for kids in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 at Taigum State School and their\_dad, step-dad, foster dad, grandfather, uncle or any other significant man in their life!

**When:** Friday 4 September 2015  
6:00pm – 7:30pm

**Where:** Taigum State School Hall

**Cost:** \$2.50 per person includes sausage sizzle dinner

*Each child in Prep – Year 2 has received a note from Steve. Could all students interested in coming along please return their completed form with number of people attending to the office by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September to assist with catering.*

## **FROM THE LIBRARY**



"Fill your house with stacks of books, in all the crannies and all the nooks." **Dr Seuss**

## 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.

## **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 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.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

| <br>AUGUST 2015 |                                       |
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| 19 <sup>th</sup>   | School Banking                        |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>   | Walking Wheeling Wednesday            |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>   | Prep Open Day - 9:00am                |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>   | Book Week Dress Up Day                |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>   | 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!

### OCTOBER TWILIGHT MARKETS

Sandgate Hawks Twilight Markets,  
Oktoberfest & Car Boot Sale

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### 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:

- **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](mailto:sensorymovieday@hotmail.com)

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.aspleyshs.eq.edu.au) or phone 3863 9222

## CRAIGSLEA STATE HIGH SCHOOL



### **Craigslea 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**

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

## SOFTBALL BATTER UP

**Bears Softball Club** – Come and have some fun and try softball at our 3 week program for kids 7-12 years old.

**When:** Sunday 9:00 – 10:30am

30 August, 6 September & 13 September

**Where:** O’Callaghan Park, Zillmere – off Jennings St.

**How Much:** \$50 – includes 3 week program, Softball glove and ball, or Softball bat for returning participants!

**More info:** Email: [getintosoftball@gmail.com](mailto:getintosoftball@gmail.com)

Web: [www.bearssoftball.com.au/softballbatterup.htm](http://www.bearssoftball.com.au/softballbatterup.htm)

## BOONDALL BARRACUDAS SWIM CLUB

**Sign On Day:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015

11:00am – 2:00pm

Boondall State School Pool,

Roscommon Rd, Boondall

**Club Nights:** Gates open 5:30pm

Swimming starts after Club Chat at 6:00pm sharp.

Friday nights Term 4, 2015 & Term 1, 2016

*For further information contact:*

- Sue – 0419 784901
- Tamie – 0439 854 390
- Kathy – 0417 739066
- Email – [boondallbarracudas@hotmail.com](mailto:boondallbarracudas@hotmail.com)

## SWIM SOLUTIONS



Does your child get deep water exposure?

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The advertisement features a central photograph of a swim coach wearing a white jacket and a red cap, assisting a child in a swimming pool. The background shows a large pool with lane markers and a building. The text is set against a red background.

Operating out of the Boondall State School pool, Swim Solutions run a comprehensive program to suit beginners, recreational and competitive swimmers. Our Learn to Swim and Squad programs run outside school hours Monday – Friday afternoons & Saturday mornings.

Swim Solutions Boondall also offer school holiday intensive and recreational programs.

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