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25 August 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Amazingly, we are only about three and a half weeks away from the end of another term and I can't believe where the time has gone. Of course, there is still much to happen before the September holidays, some of which, I'll speak about below.

Interschool Sport

I must apologise. Last week I wrote that the remaining two interschool sport dates for this term were August 28 and September 4. Unfortunately, one of those dates is incorrect. The actual dates for the last two are September 4 and September 11 –Weeks 8 and 9 of Term 3.

Prep Orientation Day

We had almost 40 adults (and many soon to be students) in attendance last Thursday for our Prep Orientation. This was a tremendous turnout and indicative of a solid Prep enrolment for 2016. Of course, it is the actual number of students in attendance on February 4 next year, that determines how many classes we will have. At this point, it is looking like two classes of around 24 to 25 to start the new year and probably 16 or 17 classes all up across the school. That would give us an enrolment of nearly 400, the largest number in at least 35 years.

Active School Travel

Two weeks ago, I asked everyone to make a huge effort to actively travel to school in the next few weeks, when the weather would be perfect for the purpose. Thanks to everyone's efforts, last week was our best of the year with 61% of all students at Taigum State School, walking, riding, catching public transport or car pooling to get to get to school. In numbers, that is 210 students being active. Our stand out performers last week were 3M who had 80% of their class actively travelling to school. Next Wednesday, September 2 will be our Big Breakfast for this term. We will send out flyers about it early next week. Coupled with that, we will be having another 'Ride to School with the Principal' activity. I will meet students at the 'Hidden World' Playground on Roghan Road at 8am that morning and we'll ride to school along the bike paths. The Brisbane City Council will be there to take photos and put us in the Active School Travel Newsletter for September. All are welcome to come and ride, or walk, if they wish.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Just a reminder of two things about our upcoming interviews. Firstly, it is only two weeks away, so please ensure you book soon so as not to miss out and secondly, the day is different from our traditional one in that it is a Tuesday this time around. In summary then, Parent-Teacher Interviews are being held on Tuesday 8 September from 3pm in our Assembly Hall. All are welcome.

Helping at Home

Teachers are regularly asked by parents how they can help their children at home with their work. I found this last week in an educational journal and it fits in well with our focus on reading. I hope you find it useful

Handy Home Hints: When Older Kids Struggle with Reading

When older kids struggle to read and write, the issue can become fraught for the whole family. Parents can lose their patience and blame the child or themselves and the child loses their confidence and begins shying away from reading at all. Grades fall and interest in school can flag. Kids who struggle to read often try to hide it from teachers and parents, and develop unhelpful strategies, which only exacerbate the problems.

Ways to encourage effective reading in older children, include:

- Ask your child what subjects they would like to read about.
- When reading with your child, limit reading time to 10 minutes of quality time – and make it fun.
- If reading together is traumatic in your house, do it in a café, or under a tree.
- Before reading aloud, orient your child to the text by talking about it beforehand. Look at unfamiliar words, for example.
- Encourage your child to predict what a word could be based on the meaning.
- Try 'echo reading'. Depending on the text, read a sentence, paragraph or page aloud first, and then get your child to read it.
- Try 'shared reading'. Take turns reading sentences or paragraphs. You read the first sentence and your child the next.
- Read aloud and encourage your child to mimic you by following along behind you. Trace your finger under the words in a fluent way to show where you are reading. Avoid reading word by word.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **George** for settling in well to his new class
- Prep CD** – **Reme** for always using his manners and taking care of others
- Year 1F** – **Arman** for always being a hard worker and responsible class member
- Year 1L** – **Shani-Lee** for excellent reading during Literacy groups
- Year 1N** – **Joshua** for always completing his homework
- Year 2HM** – **Gree Na** for a great improvement in her attitude in class
- Year 2J** – **Samuel** for fantastic work in Maths
- Year 3B** – **Adrit** for learning his times tables
- Year 3JM** - **Rhiana** for always putting extra effort into her work
- Year 3M** – **Khristiana** for trying hard in English writing a retell of a story
- Year 4G** - **Ethan** for contributions during lessons and trying his best
- Year 4S** – **Deeana** for always showing initiative and determination with her work
- Year 5C** - **Braydan** for getting involved and trying hard with 'warm ups'
- Year 5WI** – **Jet** for working enthusiastically on his Advance Australia Fair Analysis in English
- Year 5/6P** - **June** for contributing good ideas and thoughts to class discussions
- Year 6S** – **Tracy** for a consistent high standard in all academic areas and helpful tutoring

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 21st August 2015.

- 1F – Harun
- 1L – Damien
- 1N – Chelsea
- 2HM – Sanjana
- 2J – Cathy
- 3B – Riley
- 3JM – Joshua
- 3M – Anushka
- 4G – Riley
- 4S – Shay
- 5C – Hayden
- 5WI – Lipikha
- 5/6P – Tanisha
- 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.

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.

PREP ENROLMENTS - 2016

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

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

BOOK CLUB NEWS



Scholastic Book Club orders for Issue 6 have been sent home with students. Should your child wish to purchase any items, please ensure their order form and correct money are returned to the school on or before Wednesday 2nd September 2015.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

FATHER'S DAY GAMES NIGHT: PREP – YEAR 2

On Friday 4th September, I am running the Prep - Year 2 Father's Day Games night! It's on in the school hall from 6:00 - 7:30pm. It's for kids in Prep - Year 2 and their dad, or if their dad can't come, their grandfather, step-dad, foster dad, uncle or any other significant man in their life! It costs \$2.50 per person which includes a sausage sizzle dinner. If you have not received a flyer, please get one from the school office as you need to RSVP by Tuesday 1st September.

Have a good one!
Steve Unicomb

FROM THE LIBRARY



"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read." **Groucho Marx**

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

Father's Day Raffle

Just a reminder to all families who have not already done so to please return all Father's Day Raffle tickets, whether sold or unsold, to either the Uniform Shop or Administration Office. Thank you.

Have a good week.

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 / SEPTEMBER 2015	
26 th Aug	School Banking
26 th Aug	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
26 th Aug	PCYC Netball Community Cup (Year 5&6)
4 th Sept	Interschool Sport ~ Round 5
8 th Sept	Parent / Teacher Interviews
11 th Sept	Interschool Sport ~ Round 6
11 th Sept	Theatre Night 6pm – School Hall <i>Food from 5:30pm)</i>
18 th Sept	Taigum's Got Talent Finals - Assembly
18 th Sept	Last Day of Term <i>(School resumes on Tuesday 6 October)</i>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ZILLMERE FESTIVAL

Zillmere Festival - one place many cultures

Saturday 29 August - Saturday 5 September 2015

Various locations around Zillmere

All events are free!

The Zillmere Festival provides a vibrant program of free, fun and creative activities that celebrate the rich cultural diversity of Zillmere and its surrounds.

Held from 29 August to 5 September, the Zillmere Festival's program offers something to satisfy everyone's cultural taste buds including: colourful market stalls; international cuisine; world music and dance; and engaging children's activities.

It begins with Zest! Festival Market Day this Saturday at the Zillmere Station cul de Sac, off Murphy Road, 10am – 5pm. Bring your family and friends and come to one place to enjoy many cultures.

Zillmere Festival is proudly hosted by Jabiru Community Youth and Children's Services, with support from MDA, Brisbane City Council and the Queensland Government as part of Queensland Multicultural Week 2015.

Festival website

<https://mdaltd.org.au/zillmerifest>

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 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.

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

CRAIGSLEA STATE HIGH SCHOOL



The poster features a collage of images: a student in a lab coat, a group of students in a science lab, a student playing music, and a volleyball player. Text on the poster includes: 'CRAIGSLEA STATE HIGH SCHOOL Year 7 2016 Programs of Excellence', 'Excellence in Science: Second Round Examination Wednesday 7 October 2015', 'Signetone Music Workshop and Auditions Saturday 8 August 2015', and 'Craigslea Volleyball Academy Fitness & Skills Trials Monday 7 & Tuesday 8 September 2015'. At the bottom, it says 'For bookings contact Emily - emilys@craigsleahs.qld.edu.au or phone call: 3326 5222'.

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
Web: www.bearssoftball.com.au/softballbatterup.htm

