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1 September 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

We have only fourteen school days left in this term and each of the classes is busily working through their sixth unit of the year in literacy, numeracy, science and history/geography. I'm amazed the amount of content we get through with these five week per unit cycles. Schools never stop. Apart from all this happening, there is another layer of activities taking place most of the time. I'll outline several of these below.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Just a reminder that these are on Tuesday next week, from 3pm - 6pm. At the end of term, these things tend to sneak up on us. At least with the Tuesday timeslot, it still allows for Monday to do any last reorganising and so on. I have to stress to parents, the need to be on time and maintaining the 15 minute limit per interview. Nobody likes waiting for ages when they have a fixed appointment time. We'll be getting a visit from the coffee van at 4:30pm for anyone who needs a late afternoon 'pick-me-up'. All parents are welcome to attend and we would like to see each and every one of you attend an interview either on the Tuesday or at another time that you and your class teacher arrange.

Enrolments

Just for your information, our current enrolment Prep to Year 6 is 384. That is quite large by historical standards and with only 37 Year 6 students leaving at year's end and the possibility of 50 –55 Preps starting in 2016, that would give us roughly 400 students, which I imagine would be 17 classes, if these predictions hold true. At the moment, our school looks like this:

Year	Prep	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Number	53	59	56	69	51	59	37	384

Walking Wheeling Wednesday – Big Breakfast

It's Week 8 again and that's the week we have our Walking Wheeling Wednesday Big Breakfast. Starting at approximately 7:45am, our chefs will be cooking up a storm – bacon, eggs on bread for only \$2.00. Drinks are 50c. It's open to all, whether active travellers or not, as well as any parent who would like to eat breakfast with us at school. The other part of the morning's festivities is 'Ride to School with the Principal'. Anybody who wishes to ride with me to school on Wednesday, needs to be at the 'Hidden World' Park on Roghan Road by 8am. We will ride through the bike tracks behind the school and come up from the oval. Last time we had 22 taking part and this time I believe there will be more. The Brisbane City Council will be taking photos to include us in their Active School Travel Newsletter. Steve will be riding too. All students and parents are welcome to enjoy the trip which takes about 10 minutes.

Steve's Father's Day Fun

This Friday, September 4 is our chaplain Steve's Prep-Year 2 Father's Day Games Night in the Hall, starting at 6:00pm. It costs just \$2.50 for games, a feed and plenty of fun. Steve is keen to get dads or other significant males in families to come along and get involved in their child's education. This is a first for us and we hope that we see plenty in attendance.

Teacher-Aide Day

This week at school is when we recognise all our support staff. At schools there are plenty of people, apart from teachers, who keep the school running efficiently and add value to all the things we do. They include office staff, cleaners, teacher-aides, groundsmen, volunteers and visiting specialists. Without them, schools would be lesser places, so thank you to all our wonderful support staff, we appreciate all the things that you do. On Thursday, we will be having a special morning tea for all of them, courtesy of the teachers.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Max** for working hard to achieve his writing goals. Keep it up!
- Prep CD** – **Chelsea** for very good story writing
- Year 1F** – **Cooper** for writing a very descriptive retell of The Cocky, The Crow and The Hawk
- Year 1L** – **Thu Re Sar** for doing a fantastic job on your spelling test and working hard to learn the different sounds
- Year 1N** – **Naman** for conscientiously using his listening skills and working hard in Literacy groups
- Year 2HM** – **Zion** for always being organised and ready for work
- Year 2J** – **Kahan** for a great improvement in 'Daily 5 Writing'
- Year 3B** – **Dreya** for showing improvement in bookwork presentation and overall in English
- Year 3JM** – **Krystal** for contributing bravely to classroom discussions
- Year 3M** – **Perez** for settling in well to your new school and for trying hard when reading
- Year 4G** – **Kyasha** for using great strategies during reading!
- Year 4S** – **Ben** for consistently trying his best in class activities
- Year 5C** – **Jaelin** for working so hard in English and answering questions
- Year 5WI** – **Gus** for working out the Knights Tour Challenge
- Year 5/6P** – **Lukas** for always having a positive attitude and for being organised for every lesson
- Year 6S** – **Hadrian** for improving in English reading and writing, and asking thoughtful questions

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 28th August 2015.

- 1F – Kayla
- 1L – Mathivadhana
- 1N – Olivia
- 2HM – Gree Na
- 2J – Kady
- 3B – Cooper
- 3JM – Rebecca
- 3M – Khristiana
- 4G – Audrey
- 4S – Gurleen Kaur
- 5C – Sham
- 5WI – Tyrell
- 5/6P – Paris
- 6S – Hayley

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



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

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION OFFICERS

Attendance:

Our commitment to ensuring that students achieve their best continues and we would like to remind everyone that attendance every day is important. Missing 1 or 2 days may not seem like much, but the table below shows the impact on a students' education.

If a student misses...	That equals...	And over 5 years of schooling that's losing...
1 day each fortnight	20 days – (4weeks) per year	1 semester of learning time
1 day each week	40 days – (8 weeks) per year	1 year of learning time
2 days each week	80 days – (16 weeks) per year	2 years of learning time
3 days each week	120 days – (24 weeks) per year	3 years of learning time

Attendance at school plays a significant role in students' success. The higher the level of attendance - the better chance of achieving success. Thank you to all our parents who support their child in attending school every day. If you are having difficulties getting your child to attend school, please discuss this with us.

Many thanks
Bambi & Karen
School Participation Officers

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 and have a good week.

McDonald's Meal Day

We are holding a "McDonalds Day" at school on Wenesday 16th September. Order forms have been sent home with all students. If you wish to place an order please return the form (one form for each child please) with correct money to either the school office or uniform shop by Monday 14th September.

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

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

JABIRU VACATION CARE



Challenge yourself at Taigum State School this September holidays!

Jabiru Kids Taigum has planned a great program of activities for the September holidays.

We're going on an excursion to Inflatable World, and hosting a special Minecraft Dance Workshop. As well, there'll be a Restaurant Rules Day, a tournament, recycled creations and a day of singing, dancing and performing.

Jabiru Kids Taigum opens from 6.30am to 6pm over the holidays. We even serve breakfast!

The full program is available from Jabiru Taigum or online at <http://www.jabiru.org.au/kids>

Jabiru vacation care is cheaper than you think, especially for people entitled to Child Care

Benefit: call Jabiru for a quote on 3269 0044.

ZILLMERE PCYC - After School Swimming Lessons



If you would like to enrol your child in the 1st round of swimming lessons, please collect a form from the school office, complete and return with payment by the 14th October 2015.

1st Round of Swimming (Tues 20th Oct – Tues 3rd Nov)

Cost is \$25 for 5 lessons (held on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week for 5 lessons)

Venue: Taigum State School Pool

Learn to Swim Classes (Ages 6-7 years)

- 4:15 – 4:45 pm
- 4:45 – 5:15 pm

Stroke Correction Classes (Ages 8-12 years)

- 4:45 – 5:15 pm

All participants require goggles and Swim Caps

For further information please contact Piet Kailola at Zillmere PCYC on 3633 0244

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!

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/zillmerefest>

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



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.

WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL

JUNIOR SECONDARY



Parent Information Evening

Year 7 – 2016

Monday 14 September 2015

Commencing at 7:00pm

Assembly Hall

Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights

2016 Enrolment Applications are due now

For further details contact our

Enrolment Officer Ms Lock on 3350 0328

