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9 September 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Though it is our main role, schools aren't just about the education of students. It is important that we take on the wider task of being a hub for our community. Part of the way we accomplish this, is to have events and activities that bring our parents to our school to celebrate things apart from academic success. A couple of those occurred last week and we have one coming up on Friday evening.

Walking Wheeling Wednesday, Ride to school With the Principal

Last Wednesday, we really did have an event that stretched beyond our students, though they were fully involved. The Big Breakfast was attended by about 200 students and parents and the atmosphere was tremendous. Our P&C volunteers were involved, our groundsman was on the BBQ, our student teachers helped to serve and there were plenty of smiles all round and some tasty breakfast as well. On the ride side of the activity, we had 29 students and 6 adults involved on the ride itself, but many more parents were there at the park to see us off and offer support and encouragement. I also have to note all the other parents, not there, who motivated their own children to participate in riding to school on the day. We had a record number – 59 in total. So many that we had trouble fitting all the bikes and scooters in the bike cage. A great morning was had all round.

Steve's Father's Day Fun

We had about a hundred parents and students attend Steve's Father's Day Evening in the hall last Friday night. They were treated to games, fun and food and by all accounts, everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. We were very happy with the turnout, especially as it was only targeted at Prep to Year 2 students and their families. Next year, we think we might open it up to all year levels, such the success it was.

Theatre Night

This is the third of our community activities and it looks like being the largest by far. Mrs Mackay, in her short time with us, has really galvanised our arts programme with the musical last year and the theatre night in 2015. We are quite concerned as to how we are going to fit everyone into the hall, such has been the response. As they say in the theatre, it will all work out on the night, but I know we'll be packing the chairs in as closely as we can to allow for the projected 400 to be in attendance. If you are coming, the details are as follows: Food is being served from 5:30pm (steak sandwiches, sausages) and the performances begin at 6pm. We expect the evening to conclude at about 8pm. It should be fantastic but I do think everyone will have to have a little more patience than usual, as I'm sure there will be a few bumps in the road through the night.

Opinion Surveys

This week we received preliminary results on the opinion surveys done by parents, students and staff in July/August. Once the full results are available, I shall publish them all, but here are a few of the highlights.

Parent Survey Items	Percentage who Agree
My child likes being at this school.	94.1
My child feels safe at this school.	94.1
Teachers at this school treat students fairly.	94.1
Staff at this school are approachable.	93.8
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This school provides me with useful feedback about my child's progress.	
This school is well organised.	94.1
This school celebrates student achievements.	94.1
I would recommend this school to others.	88.2
This is a good school.	94.1

Student Survey Items	Percentage who Agree
I like being at my school.	88.9
I feel safe at my school.	87.0
My teachers motivate me to learn.	91.3
My teachers expect me to do my best.	93.3
Student behaviour is well managed at my school.	88.4
I am getting a good education at my school.	91.3
I can access computers and other technologies at my school for learning.	86.7
My teachers encourage me to do my best.	87.0
My school celebrates student achievements.	89.1
This is a good school.	90.2

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Lesina** for participating in whole class discussions and working hard to learn her sight words
- Prep CD** – **Angel** for modelling good behaviour for the class
- Year 1F** – **Sha-taya** for working very hard on writing her retells this term
- Year 1L** – **Paige** for staying on task and reading well during stamina reading
- Year 1N** – **Tapa** for striving to improve his work in English
- Year 2HM** – **The Whole Class** for excellent behaviour on their excursion
- Year 2J** – **Erem** for excellent note taking skills in Daily 5
- Year 3B** – **Cooper** for having a good attitude to his work and a sense of humour
- Year 3JM** – **Amber** for making consistent improvements in her bookwork
- Year 3M** – **Champ** for consistent effort in class activities and being an active participant in discussions
- Year 4G** – **Brock** for continuously trying his very best in maths. Keep up the fantastic work!
- Year 4S** – **Jack** for improved application to his work and achieving fine results at present
- Year 5C** – **Eh Tha Mee** for focused efforts in Mathematics where he is actively involved
- Year 5WI** – **Rico** for always having worthwhile suggestions during classroom discussions
- Year 5/6P** – **Ketarna** for always completing her homework
- Year 6S** – **Preston** for a positive attitude to his school work

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 4th September 2015

- 1F - Japji
- 1L - Mason
- 1N - Sarah
- 2HM - Anneke
- 2J - Jaime
- 3B - Dennise
- 3JM - Azariah
- 3M - Anushka
- 4G - Shee Shee
- 4S - Cade
- 5C - Ebony
- 5WI - Corinthia
- 5/6P - Maverick
- 6S - Tracy

FROM THE OFFICE

YEAR 6 CAMP PAYMENTS DUE

Just a friendly reminder to those families who have a child attending this year's Year 6 camp. The **balance of payment (\$165) is due this Friday, 11th September 2015.**

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.

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 LIBRARY



"I have always imagined that paradise will be a kind of library." **Jorge Luis Borges**

FROM THE P&C

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

Monday to Friday mornings: 8.15am to 9.00am

McDonald's Meal Day

We are holding a "McDonalds Day" at school on Wednesday 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	
9 th	School Banking
9 th	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
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!

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.

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*

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

JUNIOR INDOOR NETBALL



Friday Afternoons/Evenings. We don't play during school holidays.

Only \$7 per player per week

Play indoors rain, hail or shine

Nominate a team or as an individual (we will try our best to get you into a team)

Umpire, scoring and timing all provided

First round to commence on the 9th October 2015

All games played at Inside Sportz, Gympie Road, Strathpine (Same complex as Uptiles & Lollipops)

Great stepping stone into Indoor Junior State Titles

Nominate now at www.insidesportz.com.au

For further inquiries ring 3205 5644 or email netball@insidesportz.com.au

