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13 October 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

The Spring weather is beautiful at present and that is reflected in how many of our students are actively travelling to school in this new term. We had 56% of our children walking, riding or using public transport last Wednesday and that was only the second day back at school after the holidays. The winning class, 4S, had a 77% active travel rate and 5/6P (75%) and 5C (73%) were very close behind. This is wonderful to see. Of course, the spring will soon become summer and we once again have to remember to be sunsafe. Every child needs a hat to be in the playground, and sunscreen, sunglasses and water bottles are also a good idea.

Student Free Day

Next Monday, October 19 is a Student Free Day. As the name indicates, we do not run classes for students on that day. It is set aside for professional development time for teachers. At our school, our staff will be looking at the English curriculum with a view to improve the way we are able to teach writing. This has been a priority of ours for some time and the day will be well spent. Jabiru will be open, so child care arrangements can be made with them this week.

Year 6 Camp

Next week is particularly busy for our Year 6 students. They have only one normal school day, Tuesday, as from Wednesday to Friday they will be enjoying three excellent days at the Alex Park Camp at Alexandra Headland on the north coast. They will be accompanied by Ms Pavouris, Mr Cran, Mrs Murphy, Steve and one of our student teachers, so there will be plenty of supervision for the wide variety of activities that they will be involved in. They spend plenty of time in the surf and the pool as well as indoor activities and the 'Steve Special' – CSI. Ask your son or daughter about that one when they get home. Speaking of when they get home, one of the best parts of camp happens afterwards on Friday afternoon, many students spend their weekends catching up on sleep, giving their parents a nice quiet time.

Play Group

We run a Play Group every Friday morning from 9am to 11am in Room 8 in 'B' Block which is just beside the parent car park. Mrs Silvertand is the coordinator and all parents are welcome to attend. Much fun is had by all and the young children get valuable educational and social play time.

Earn and Learn

Thanks to all our parents for their commitment to collecting the 'Earn and Learn' stickers these past months. We redeemed nearly \$2000 in rewards and have spent that on purchasing 200 junior reading books for our Prep students to use in their Daily 5 reading. Congratulations to all who contributed to our collection.

Long Service Leave

Mrs Tunny has just returned from a month of long service leave, touring Italy. Tomorrow, I start my long service leave and will head over to Vietnam. We spent Monday doing the hand over. Mrs Tunny will be acting principal until my return on Monday in Week 4 (Oct 26) and Mr Cran will be the acting deputy principal during this time as well. I'll see you all again in two weeks.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Congratulations to the following students who received their award on assembly on Friday 9 October 2016.

Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **The Whole Class** for teaching Mrs Bell the 'Daily 5'
- Prep CD** – **Althea** for settling in well and making new friends
- Year 1F** – **Bailey** for being a hard worker during 'Daily 5'
- Year 1L** – **Jessie** for excellent reading during 'Daily 5'
- Year 1N** – **Bronwyn** for being a busy worker during the 'Daily 5' CAFÉ lessons
- Year 2HM** – **Harrison** for giving lots of great ideas during class discussions
- Year 2J** – **Basil** for showing improvement in his reading
- Year 3B** – **Leinad** for being on task all week and participating enthusiastically in all activities
- Year 3JM** – **Jamie** for writing an excellent, informative historical text
- Year 3M** – **Ava** for participating well in our first week of the 'Daily 5'
- Year 4G** – **Ethan** for concentrating well in class and producing some awesome art work
- Year 4S** – **Devashree** for showing enthusiasm for learning
- Year 5C** – **Jaelin** for showing great choices in behaviour and effort in the classroom
- Year 5WI** – **Danica** for being a keen participant in numeracy this week
- Year 5/6P** – **Caleb** for always contributing to class discussions during English
- Year 6S** – **The Entire Class** for being extremely helpful and welcoming this week. Thank you all

Congratulations to the following students who will receive their award on assembly on Friday 16 October 2016.

Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Max** for reading his home reader to his dog
- Prep CD** – **Kallen** for producing good quality work
- Year 1F** – **Harry** for working hard in maths lessons every day
- Year 1L** – **Kaylee** for always doing her best work during class
- Year 1N** – **Tapa** for modelling good behaviour for the class
- Year 2HM** – **Anneke** for joining in confidently in class discussions
- Year 2J** – **Kady** for valuable contribution during 'Daily 5' writing
- Year 3B** – **Byron** for doing some deep thinking during science
- Year 3JM** – **Makenna** for using similes to create a vivid retelling
- Year 3M** – **Bella-Rose** for trying hard to complete homework
- Year 4G** – **Tom** for always giving 100% in all lessons
- Year 4S** – **Lincoln** for a great effort on his spelling and number facts
- Year 5C** – **Madison** for having the courage to answer questions confidently in class
- Year 5WI** – **Damascus** for listening well and participating in discussions during English lessons
- Year 5/6P** – **Maverick** for working hard to make a simple circuit in science
- Year 6S** – **Dushyant** for always trying to expand his vocabulary when producing written work in class

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 18th September 2015

- 1F – Caelouve
- 1L – Paige
- 1N – Bronwyn
- 2HM – Jordan
- 2J – James
- 3B – Charlotte
- 3JM – Princess

- 3M - Marzieh
- 4G - Tnarlii
- 4S - Kavinila
- 5C - Jada
- 5WI - Hope
- 5/6P - Ketarna
- 6S - Hayley

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 9th October 2015

- 1F - Mia-Bella
- 1L - Maddelin
- 1N - Nate
- 2HM - Darzel
- 2J - Tameika
- 3B - Ben
- 3JM - Beau
- 3M - Khristiana
- 4G - Johnathan
- 4S - Nathan
- 5C - Hayden
- 5WI - Lipikha
- 5/6P - Lincoln
- 6S - Piper

FROM THE OFFICE

2016 BOOKLISTS

2016 Booklists have been sent home with each student today. If you wish to order your pack for collection from the school, please return your order with payment to the office by Friday 27 November 2015.

Packs will be available for collection from the school between Wednesday 20th and Friday 22nd January 2016.

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 – YEAR 6 ENROLMENTS – 2016

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

If you have a child, or know a family living in our catchment area that have a child eligible for enrolment in Prep - Year 6 in 2016, could you please ensure that an enrolment form is completed and submitted to the school's administration office as early as possible.

To best support our staffing allocation for next year it is important that we have the correct number of students intending to attend Taigum State School enrolled.

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



"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." *Frederick Douglass*

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Scripture Union Qld (who employ me and most school chaplains in Qld) run some great camps in the school holidays. If your kids are looking for a fantastic week of amazing fun, here are some camps they might like to go on during the Christmas holidays. All these camps are Christian camps and will have discussion about God, Jesus and the Bible.

SchoolzOut Camp: Grade 6 only (in 2015): 14th - 18th December: \$280

Camp Capers: Grade 5-7 (in 2016): 4th - 8th January: \$305

Father/Son Gents Camp: Grade 5-8 (in 2015. boys only) and their dad: 7th - 11 January: \$280 each

Ubertweak (Computer Camp): Grade 5-12 (in 2015): 10th - 15th January: \$250

I'll be going on a camp in the Easter holidays called **Gents Ignition**. It's for boys in Grade 5-6. 4th - 8th April: \$225. This camp fills up quick and a lot of kids miss out, so register early!

To register for any of these camps go to www.suqld.org.au/camps. You can also talk or email me for more info steveu@chappy.org.au.

For the kids in Grade 6, I'd like to mention that The Salvation Army at Taigum has a youth group called Salvage on Friday nights for high school kids. We invite the grade 6's to come along in Term 4. At Salvage they play crazy games, make great friends, discuss relevant topics and learn about the Bible. It's on 7pm - 9pm each Friday night during the school term and it's usually free. More info and the term calendar can be found here www.salvos.org.au/nbc/youth

At the Salvos at Taigum, we also have EPIC for kids in Grade 3-6. It's on this Friday night from 5:30pm - 7pm. It's cost \$4 which includes dinner & games.

Have a good one!
Steve Unicomb

FROM THE P&C

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

Monday to Friday mornings: 8.15am to 9.00am

The uniform shop now has EFTPOS.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

 OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2015	
14 th	School Banking
14 th	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
16 th	Interschool Sport
19 th	Student Free Day
20 th	Afterschool Swimming – Round 1, Lesson 1
21 st	Year 6 Camp (21 – 23 Oct)
22 nd	Afterschool Swimming – Round 1, Lesson 2
27 th	Afterschool Swimming – Round 1, Lesson 3
29 th	Afterschool Swimming – Round 1, Lesson 4
30 th	Interschool Sport
3 rd Nov	Afterschool Swimming – Round 1, Lesson 5 Final Lesson

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 Fridays 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.

SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL



Sandgate District State High School would like to invite families who are yet to enrol their child in Year 7 in 2016, to please collect an enrolment pack, which is available from your Primary School office. Upon completion of all relevant paperwork please contact the Enrolment Officer on 3869 9888 to arrange an interview time, as places are filling fast.

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:

- **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

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Year 7 2016 Programs of Excellence



Excellence in Science
On Application
Telephone - 3326 5222

Signature Music
On Application
Telephone - 3326 5222

Craigislea Volleyball Academy
Follow Up Trials
Monday 26 October 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*



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