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20 October 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

With Mr Fisher currently on leave and enjoying the sights of Vietnam, it is my pleasure to report on the recent and upcoming activities in our school.

Upgrade of facilities

It is with much pleasure that we are able to inform parents that the first stage of air-conditioning our school will commence in January 2016. The first block to be air-conditioned is B Block which has been chosen as it is the teaching block most affected by heat in the summer months. We hope to then progressively install air-conditioning throughout the school as funds become available.

It would be remiss of me to not mention that this is only possible due to the tremendous efforts of a very small group of parents who attend our P&C meetings and tirelessly volunteer their services to fundraise. A very big thank you to these dedicated parents for volunteering their time. Their efforts benefit not only their children but all students in the school.

We have been notified that the Department will provide additional funding for the school to upgrade the bitumen area located between C and D Blocks. Currently, this area is used infrequently but we anticipate that the removal of bitumen and installation of shade, artificial turf, play areas and seated learning areas will create a new hub within our school environment. Planning has commenced on the design of this area with renovation occurring at the end of 2015/commencement of 2016.

Student Free Day

Our teachers and teacher-aides were very busy on Monday as they participated in a variety of Professional Development activities aimed at enhancing the teaching and learning of writing skills throughout the school from Prep to Year 6. Teachers will continue to work on future planning focussed upon the development of skills and knowledge examined on this day.

Year 6 Camp

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week, our Year 6 students will be enjoying the sun and surf of Alex Park Camp at Alexandra Headland on the Sunshine Coast. It is three great days of fun and adventure for our students who always have a great time except for the occasional chafing of body surfing.

Prep and Year 1 Parent Info Sessions

Our Master Teacher, Kathy Dickson, will soon be hosting Parent information sessions for Prep and Year 1 parents. There will be two sessions with the first of these focussing upon Reading and the second with an emphasis on Numeracy and how you can help your child. We are sure you will find these sessions both enjoyable and informative. Please look out for the invitations that will be sent home with your child this week.

Afterschool Swimming

Free afterschool swimming lessons for our registered Prep students commence this week with lessons running on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. These lessons are additional to our in-school lessons and we are sure the development of the students will be greatly enhanced. We value our students being watersafe and this is particularly important with the warm summer months and swimming season upon us.

Arbor Day

Several of our senior students will participate this week in the planting of trees to commemorate Arbor Day. Free trees for this purpose have been provided by the Brisbane City Council and we are sure they will provide much appreciated shade in future years.

Lynne Tunny
A/Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** – Lucas for working hard in all subject areas – a great start to Term 4!
Prep CD – Jasmine for an interesting and entertaining story
Year 1F – Japji for becoming more confident at swimming lessons
Year 1L – Mason for always being an active participant in whole class discussions
Year 1N – Keeran for being a respectful member of the class
Year 2HM – Meghana for correctly setting out her day pad during 'Daily 5'
Year 2J – Zane for a great effort and perseverance during 'Daily 5' writing
Year 3B – The Whole Class for achieving 20 minutes stamina in training for 'Daily 5'
Year 3JM – Beau for reaching the top of the behaviour chart by making good choices
Year 3M – Arian for showing pride in his work and for being a cooperative class member
Year 4G – Tnarlii for a consistent effort and always trying her hardest
Year 4S – Shay for showing respect for class rules, and great Maths work
Year 5C – Ebony for working hard and making an exemplary effort in her school work this week
Year 5WI – Justin for achieving an A+ for his Chance and Probability assessment task
Year 5/6P – Ariet for always trying to do her best work in everything she does
Year 6S – Nicholas for always engaging and participating well in class

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 16th October 2015

- 1F – Miguel
- 1L – Ysabella
- 1N – Sarah
- 2HM – Ben
- 2J – Ezekiel
- 3B – Charlotte
- 3JM – Jacob
- 3M – Eh Koh Ree
- 4G – Jada
- 4S – PJ
- 5C – Eh Tha Mee
- 5WI – Lipikha, Trevenna and Olivia
- 5/6P – Kiara
- 6S – Hayley

FROM THE OFFICE

2016 BOOKLISTS

2016 Booklists have been sent home with each student. 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 P&C

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

Monday to Friday mornings: 8.15am to 9.00am

The uniform shop now has EFTPOS.

FROM THE LIBRARY



"It is our choices... that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities." *J.K. Rowling*

Book Club News

Scholastic Book Club orders for Issue 7 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 Friday 23rd October 2015.

Book Fair

Start preparing now, Book Fair will return to Taigum on Thursday 19th November.

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

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	
21 st	School Banking
21 st	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
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!

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:

- ***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@craigislea.nsw.edu.au or please call : 3326 5222

Our Motto: Striving for Excellence
Our Vision: All Students to be Active Citizens in a Global Society.

