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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

On Wednesday last week, I had the pleasure of attending the Aspley State High School Speech Night. We at primary schools get to see the beginning of the formal education of students, but attending events such as these, allow you to see the end of students' formal school education and how much they have developed, diversified and flourished as they have taken more control of their learning paths. Some of the things these young adults can do are stunning. Nowhere was this better demonstrated than in the music programme. The quality of Aspley's bands and the wonderful sounds they produced are a long way from the off key noises some of our Year 4s make when they first blow into a trumpet or saxophone at the age of nine. The progression is great to see and it also tells me that what we do in our school is laying a foundation for future achievement. Seven of the high school students who received academic or vocational awards were former students of our school and I enjoyed being there to acknowledge their successes. I also enjoyed the address of Aspley High's principal Ms Jacquita Miller. Her speech was based on the word 'yet'. Those three letters seem somewhat insignificant, but in the right context, have a powerful meaning. Often we say, or we hear the phrase, 'I can't do it!'. Ms Miller sees this as a sign of giving up or giving in. However, if you add 'yet' to those four words you get, 'I can't do it yet', which has a totally new meaning. It is saying that you're trying, you're having a go, you're thinking long term and you have a goal in mind. Above all, it is a sign of optimism and optimism is a great quality to possess. The word can be added to all sorts of phrases- 'I haven't learnt that yet'; 'I don't know it yet'; 'I'm no good at that yet'. All of these are positive statements and show intent on the part of the learner. She wants a school of students who think 'yet' is a great word to add in many situations, and I agree with her wholeheartedly. 'Yet' is very appropriate to us as well. At primary school, our younger students need time and effort to succeed. Just because they can't do something today, doesn't mean they can't do it tomorrow, or next week, or even next year. We all get caught up a little bit with instant success, but mostly it comes with persistence, patience and hard work and that makes it all the better when it happens.

Some weeks, things seem to just fit together as if planned. Yesterday I was reading an article that is closely related to the idea of 'yet' in the paragraph above and is closely intertwined with how we learn and the difficulties we sometimes encounter when we do. The following is written by Alex Roberts who is a federal public servant working in the innovation area:

"Without the possibility of failure there is no success, they go hand-in-hand. After all, failure means you have grabbed the opportunity to succeed. If you haven't failed, then you probably haven't really tried doing something new (or you're so supernaturally good at everything it must be awful knowing you). Failure is a powerful teacher. You can learn a lot more from when something doesn't work, than from when something goes smoothly. Failure is also a great way of learning how to deal with the unexpected, and how to adjust, to improvise, and to find alternatives when things aren't working. Failing, then, is a core component of learning and doing. It is something we should ... well, not cherish, but not be ashamed of either. Certainly there are bad failures that we should and can avoid. But we need to distinguish between those and those that are a natural consequence of trying."

We have all had those moments when our child has come home and told us about how bad their school day was. How things just didn't go as they should. As caring parents, we try to minimise the consequences of these occurrences, but really in a way, we should be celebrating that they occurred in the supportive environment of a school and that if our child is smart, persistent and resilient, these setbacks will be used by them to change, to improve and to learn. As Alex Roberts says, failure is a powerful teacher, but it's what happens next that defines us as people. Do we say 'I can't do that' and give up or do we say 'I can't do that yet' and turn failure into success? I know the types of students we would like to produce and I hope that the efforts of our teachers and parents, nurture those qualities in our next generation, so they have the world at their feet. I'm optimistic that we can achieve this. It's happened already for some and for others it hasn't happened yet.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** – Kara for working hard during Mathematics
Prep CD – Jessica, Michael and Rame for being independent and responsible students
Year 1F – Azariah for outstanding participation and enthusiasm in every lesson. You are a Super Star!
Year 1L – Alvie for being a respectful and friendly learner
Year 1N – Chelsea for being a helpful friend
Year 2HM – Emma for an excellent improvement in reading
Year 2J – Samuel for writing entertaining and creative narratives during 'Daily 5' writing
Year 3B – Shobhita for writing a very good assessment task on a multi-modal writing text
Year 3JM - Jesse for always sharing interesting ideas and experiences with the class
Year 3M – Chloe for presenting a wonderful narrative multi-modal piece of assessment
Year 4G - Jordan for putting in a huge effort to catch up on his cereal package
Year 4S – Kavinila for displaying excellent work skills at all times
Year 5C - RV John for staying on task to complete his writing
Year 5WI – Kida for an excellent effort writing about the book, The Lorax
Year 5/6P - June for always working hard and striving to do her best
Year 6S – Samem for having the right mental attitude and achieving great results with difficult maths tasks

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 30th October 2015

- 1F - Eva
- 1L - Selena
- 1N - Chelsea
- 2HM - Gianni
- 2J - PJ
- 3B - Riley
- 3JM - Princess
- 3M - Champ
- 4G - Poe Mi
- 4S - Gurleen
- 5C - Tayah
- 5WI - Hameed
- 5/6P - Ehptrer
- 6S - Tiffani

FROM THE OFFICE

2016 CLASS PLACEMENTS

Class Placement requests for 2016 have been sent home with each child. If you wish to have your feedback considered, please ensure you return the completed form to school by Thursday 12 November.

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.

FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL



Icy cups will be on sale from the Tuckshop each Thursday at second lunch break. **Still only 50 cents** so come on over and enjoy a cool, refreshing treat during our warmer weather while helping to support our Student Council.

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.

The uniform shop will cease trading for 2015 on Friday 4 December (week 9), and reopen in 2016 on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st January between 9:00am - 11:30am.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER



Our P&C are now preparing to organise this year's Christmas Hamper. If you or your family would like to make a contribution towards the hamper, please drop your donation/goods to either the Uniform Shop or Administration Office. Raffle tickets will go on sale later in the term.

FROM THE LIBRARY



"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away. And in its place you can install, a lovely bookshelf on the wall." **Roald Dahl**

Book Fair

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

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Scripture Union 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 Unicom

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

 NOVEMBER 2015	
3 rd	Prep Parents Reading Information Session 2:15pm in the Library
4 th	School Banking
4 th	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
4 th	Year 1 Parents Reading Information Session 2:15pm in the Library
6 th	Assembly – Senior Leader Induction
10 th	Afterschool Swimming – Lesson 5
12 th	Afterschool Swimming – Lesson 6
13 th	Interschool Sport
17 th	Afterschool Swimming – Lesson 7
17 th	Prep Parents Numeracy Information Session 2:15pm in the Library
18 th	Year 1 Parents Numeracy Information Session 2:15pm in the Library
19 th	Afterschool Swimming – Lesson 8

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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!

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Karate & Self Defence classes can enhance calmness, focus and fitness. They provide positive life skills and assist with the goal setting for everything students do. They lay the foundations of self-discipline, providing a positive outlook for home and school.

Over 35 Years Experience
All Ages Welcome

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Bernie Sensei on 0409 474 494 or visit www.agkk.com.au

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

PADUA SCHOLARSHIPS

At least two Academic scholarships are offered for Years 7, 8 & 9 for 2017-2019, and at least two Academic scholarships are offered for Years 10, 11 & 12 for 2017 – 2019.

Registration via our website: -
www.padua.qld.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships

Cost: \$125
Closing Date: Monday 8 February 2016

