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18 November 2015

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents

2015 is rapidly coming to a close but school continues apace. We have a very busy three weeks ahead of us and I have outlined a few of those things in the upcoming paragraphs. There will be more updates each week until we get to break up day on Friday 11 December.

### Staffing

Over the last few weeks, we have been gathering enrolment information with a view to form classes for 2016. At present, it appears that we will have somewhere in the vicinity of 390 – 400 students here next year. This should allow us 16 classes. We have been in close contact with Regional Staffing Officers and our staffing is now complete and ready for the start of the new school year. The staffing summary is as follows:

Leaving: Mr Josh Martin, Ms Anita Fitzpatrick

Coming: Ms Melinda Teasdale (Nundah SS), Mrs Michelle Nuhn (Contract teacher already on staff), Mr Doug Christison (Graduate teacher)

We also have a couple of extra teachers in part time roles to aid in teaching and intervention through 2016.

We have a draft plan as to where we will slot the new (and existing) staff and that will be published closer to the end of the year when we have more certainty about other variables that will have an impact on these decisions (eg: Year level numbers, permanent part time arrangements, late changes, etc). However, students will meet their new teachers for 2016 on the last Tuesday of school – December, 8.

### Students of the Year

On the final assembly of 2015, on Wednesday December 9, two students from each class will be awarded 'Students of the Year'. One will receive the award for academic excellence, the other for attitude, effort and work habits. These awards are selected on a whole year's worth of work and much thought goes into them. Their presentation is the highlight of the final assembly and I invite all interested parents to attend. It will begin at 8:50am and finish about an hour later. I will put further reminders in the remaining few newsletters.

Walking Wheeling Wednesday Big Breakfast and Ride to School with the Principal

Next Wednesday, we will be having our final 'Big Breakfast' for the year. Food will be served from 8am and will, as always, consist of bacon, eggs and bread. Drinks will also be on sale. For all those who want to ride or scoot, I will be at the 'Hidden World Play' Park on Roghan Road from 7:45am, ready to ride through the bike tracks into the back of the school at 8am. Anyone who wishes to join me is very welcome. Last time we had approximately 45 children and adults make the trip, which is always great fun. Our class competition for active travelling is in its second last week and we will announce the best class of the year on next week's assembly. That class will win a pizza party lunch, scheduled for the following week, and keep the trophy until next year.

### Special Events

This time of year always includes several special events or activities that bring our school year to a fitting conclusion. Some I have already mentioned but here is the full list- there are quite a few.

November 19 – Water Polo Clinics for Years 4, 5 and 6

November 25 - Walking Wheeling Wednesday Big Breakfast

December 1 – Senior Swimming Carnival

December 2 - PCYC Touch Competition

December 3 – Carols Night  
 December 4 – Junior Swimming Carnival  
 December 7 - Year 6 Graduation, High School Orientation Days  
 December 8 - Meet 2016 teachers, Report Cards handed out, Senior Leaders' Excursion  
 December 9 – Final Assembly and Awards  
 December 10- Party Day  
 December 11 – Cleaning Up Day, Last Day of School.

Mark Fisher  
*Principal*

## Students of the Week

**Prep B** – **Amelia** for working hard and participating in classroom discussions  
**Prep CD** – **Anowar** for excellent letter writing  
**Year 1F** – **Caelouve** for working hard during maths lessons to improve his accuracy when solving number problems  
**Year 1L** – **Kelser** for working well during 'Daily 5'  
**Year 1N** – **Keeran** for being a responsible member of the class  
**Year 2HM** – **Ben** for a great improvement in reading  
**Year 2J** – **The Whole Class** for fantastic work in 'Daily 5' reading and writing  
**Year 3B** – **Joshua** for showing improvement in class spelling and number facts in Week 6  
**Year 3JM** - **Andrew** for being quiet, studious and friendly all year long  
**Year 3M** – **Lukas** for working hard to complete his science experiment  
**Year 4G** - **Emily** for a wonderful oral presentation to persuade us to buy her cereal package  
**Year 4S** – **Alaina** for always trying her best, and showing compassion for others  
**Year 5C** - **Jaelin** for trying so hard in his writing and for presenting neatly  
**Year 5WI** – **Hameed** for participating fully in class discussions and presenting insightful ideas  
**Year 5/6P** - **Anna-Maria** for having a positive attitude when completing challenging tasks  
**Year 6S** – **Connor** for having a positive and determined attitude towards completing difficult English assessment

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015

- 1F - Jada-Lee
- 1L - Paige
- 1N - Ben
- 2HM - Ava
- 2J - Hassan
- 3B - Cooper
- 3JM - Joshua
- 3M - Arian
- 4G - Mya
- 4S - Dominic
- 5C - Kayla
- 5WI - Danica
- 5/6P - Blessey
- 6S - Miguel

## 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 and 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## FROM THE LIBRARY



### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Library, commencing at 2<sup>nd</sup> break (1:00pm) on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November and finishing at 1<sup>st</sup> break (11:30am) on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Hundreds of books will be available to purchase before and after school, and at both lunch breaks during this time. All purchases benefit our school.

***So come along and catch the reading bug!***



"I write to give myself strength. I write to be the characters that I am not. I write to explore all the things I'm afraid of." **Joss Whedon**

## **SCHOOL PARTICIPATION OFFICERS**

### **Every Day Counts**

*Children do better when they go to school all day, every day  
They learn better  
They make friends  
They are happier  
They have a brighter future*



***Together let's make Everyday Count***

Kind regards,  
Bambi, Chloe and Karen  
*School Participation Officers*

## **FROM THE P&C**

### **UNIFORM SHOP TIMES**

*Monday to Thursday mornings: 8.15am to 9.00am*

The uniform shop now has EFTPOS.

**The uniform shop will cease trading for 2015 on Thursday 3 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 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](http://www.suqld.org.au/camps). You can also talk or email me for more info [steveu@chappy.org.au](mailto: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](http://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

## DATES TO REMEMBER

 NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2015	
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	Afterschool Swimming – Lesson 7
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	Prep Parents Numeracy Information Session 2:15pm in the Library
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	School Banking
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 1 Parents Numeracy Information Session 2:15pm in the Library
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	Afterschool Swimming – Lesson 8
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	Afterschool Swimming – Lesson 9
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	Afterschool Swimming – Lesson 10 <b><i>Final Lesson</i></b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	Years 4-6 Swimming Carnival
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	PCYC Touch Football – Zillmere PCYC
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b>	Carols Night – Salvation Army Hall
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Junior Swim Carnival (1:45 – 3:00pm)
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Year 6 Graduation – 6:15pm
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Senior Leader Excursion
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Assembly – Final Parade of 2015
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Last Day of School <b><i>School resumes on Wednesday 27 January 2016</i></b>

## 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.

## 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!

### 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:

- ***Hotel Transylvania 2*** – Sunday 6 December

For any further information please contact Chanelle on 0422416509 or [sensorymovieday@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.padua.qld.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships)

Cost: \$125

Closing Date: Monday 8 February 2016

## GOJU KAI KARATE



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

To enquire about beginning or enhancing your Karate journey please contact Bernie Sensei on 0409 474 494 or visit [www.agkk.com.au](http://www.agkk.com.au)

## HOLT KIDS SPY TRAINING



### ***STICK TO THE SHADOWS***

New to 2015 Holt Kids Spy Training is the all new fun, fitness program for Primary School aged kids! Sessions held at Spy Headquarters Aspley State School. Park at Horn Rd and Follow the Signs.

Girls and Boys progress to become Super Spies during 45 minute sessions after school!

Spy training activities include:

- Nerf Gun Target Shooting
- Obstacle Course Including Inflatable Obstacles
- Self defence
- TRX training systems
- Core Strength building
- Laser Tag
- Foam pit
- Walkie Talkies + more!

During the term sessions will run MON & WED (Prep-Year 2) and TUE & THU (years 3-6). Maximum 15 kids per session. One session for \$15 or 5 for \$60 (more pricing options with bulk sessions available on website). If your child signs up for five or more sessions they will also receive a free Spy Training watch!

\*45 minute sessions with five mins break between sessions. Options each afternoon include 3:30-4:15pm or 4:20-5:05pm.

Holiday Spy training camp is on January 11-15th....5 Days for just \$20 per session or \$75 for all five. These sessions run for 1 hour, 2:30-3:30pm (Prep-Yr 2) and 3:30-4:30pm (Years 3-6).

Kids who participate in the whole Holiday program (all five days) will receive a pair of Holt Bolt Sunnies!

Register your child now at [www.holtkidsspytraining.com.au](http://www.holtkidsspytraining.com.au). For more information please email [admin@holtkidsspytraining.com.au](mailto:admin@holtkidsspytraining.com.au) or call 0405 919 574.

