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24 November 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

This week, in some respects, is like the calm before the storm. School years have peaks and troughs in them, as far as activities go, and this week is one of the troughs. Quiet times are welcomed of course, as that gives us time to catch our breath, finalise tasks and prepare for what is to come. As I wrote last week, teachers are all very busy doing report cards at present, so this week's calm couldn't have been timetabled any better. Next week, however, is a completely different matter.

Walking Wheeling Wednesday Big Breakfast

Tomorrow is our last official Walking Wheeling Wednesday for the year. To mark the occasion, we are having our traditional breakfast of bacon and eggs on bread and a drink - all for \$2.50. The serving will begin at 8am at the hall. For all those who wish to ride with me to school, I will be at the 'Hidden World Play' Park from 7:45am, ready to ride to school at 8. Last time, about 30 cyclists joined me for the ten minute trip through the bikeways to the back of our ovals. It's quite an easy ride and very safe. Several other adults will be in attendance to supervise and all are welcome. On assembly on Friday this week, we will announce this week's best active travel class and the best active travel class of the year. That class will be having the prize of a Pizza Party lunch next week.

Week 9

That brings me to the very full five days that comprise Week 9. Monday is quiet, except that I have to remind everyone that the library is no longer loaning books from that day. Tuesday is our senior school swimming carnival, starting at 9am and basically running all day through to 3pm. This carnival is fun but also competitive. The house that scores the most points, wins the overall trophy and the best swimmers in each year will win age champion awards that will be presented on assembly. It will be a very busy day indeed. The P&C are running lunch and those notes about food have already gone home. On Wednesday, 20 of our Year 5 and 6 students will be playing in the PCYC Touch Football competition at the PCYC fields on Zillmere Road. Thursday is our Carols Night. It will commence at 5:30pm for those wishing to eat first, with the carol singing starting from 6:30pm. It is on at the Salvation Army Church on the corner of Roghan and Handford Roads. The Carols Night is a highlight of our school calendar and a fun way to (almost) finish our year. Friday is the Junior Swimming Carnival which is all about participation. We want as many of our little ones in the pool as possible. That fun carnival will run from 11:30am through to 3pm. The assembly on Friday will be the last 'regular' assembly of the year, where we do our usual awards for neat work and Student of the Week. We will have one more parade, on the last Wednesday of the year, to do our final awards. I will talk more about that next week.

Classes for 2016

Class numbers and composition are being finalised this week and our staffing is close to being completely settled. I hope to be able in next week's newsletter, to list all the teachers and their classes for 2016, so parents have a view of what to expect in the new year. As I wrote last week, our students will get the opportunity to meet their new teachers on the final Tuesday of the year (December 8). I must remind students and parents that although we try to have every detail in place this year, the final date for our exact staffing and numbers of classes is Day 8, 2016 – Friday 5 February. However, as long as our enrolments don't change dramatically over the holidays, the classes we announce next week, will be the ones we run with next year.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** –Ezra for being a good Star Helper and leading by example
Prep CD - **Lawrence** for completing his work with a positive and enthusiastic attitude
Year 1F – **Jorjah** for being a hard worker in all lessons this week
Year 1L – **Maddelin** for trying hard during reading groups
Year 1N – **Ben** for working diligently to write great sentences
Year 2HM – **Alex** for enthusiastic story writing
Year 2J – **Cathy** for being a trustworthy and honest student at Taigum State School
Year 3B – **Byron** and **Zaki** for having the confidence to attempt more challenging spelling words
Year 3JM - **Ian** for demonstrating independent and quiet work to his peers
Year 3M – **Liam** for taking some accurate observations in Science
Year 4G - **Stacey** for her efforts in Technology and using her knowledge of materials in order to keep Eggbertina safe
Year 4S – **Cade** for displaying a positive attitude to his work, and sharing his wonderful sense of humour with his class and Teacher
Year 5C - **Larlayna** for giving her very best in all aspects of her school work
Year 5WI – **Caleb** for great participation in class discussions by giving well thought out answers
Year 5/6P - **Tyrone** for listening well and participating in discussions during English
Year 6S – **Amanda** for working hard to construct a quality persuasive argument

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 20th November 2015

- 1F - Japji
- 1L - Daijah
- 1N - Naman
- 2HM - Darzel
- 2J - Saiya
- 3B - Dennise
- 3JM - Azariah
- 3M - Mia
- 4G - Tnarlii
- 4S - Shikayla
- 5C - Hayden
- 5WI - Sahej
- 5/6P - Lukas
- 6S - Nicholas

FROM THE OFFICE

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.

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.

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 is currently being held in our Library. Hundreds of books are available to purchase before and after school, and at both lunch breaks until 1st break (11:30am) on Wednesday 25th November.

All purchases benefit our school.

So come along and catch the reading bug!



"The things I want to know are in books. My best friend is the man who'll get me a book I haven't read." **Abraham Lincoln**

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 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.

Thank you to all those families who have returned their raffle tickets so far.

Swimming Carnival & Carols Night

Remember food orders for the Swimming Carnival are due back by Friday 27 November, and orders for the Carols night are due back on Monday 30th November. Thanks to all those who have already returned their orders.

Have a great week!

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 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

 NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2015	
24th	Afterschool Swimming – Lesson 9
25th	School Banking
25th	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
26th	Afterschool Swimming – Lesson 10 Final Lesson
1st Dec	Years 4-6 Swimming Carnival
2nd Dec	PCYC Touch Football – Zillmere PCYC
3rd Dec	Carols Night – Salvation Army Hall
4th Dec	Junior Swim Carnival (1:45 – 3:00pm)
7th Dec	Year 6 Graduation – 6:15pm
8th Dec	Senior Leader Excursion
9th Dec	Assembly – Final Parade of 2015
11th Dec	Last Day of School School resumes on Wednesday 27 January 2016

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

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

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

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. For more information please email admin@holtkidsspytraining.com.au or call 0405 919 574.

SUMMER READING

It's game on with Summer Reading at Brisbane City Council libraries!

Council's Summer Reading program kicks off from 12 December 2015 to 24 January 2016.

Summer Reading returns these school holidays with Jack and Emily, who encourage children to enjoy the experience of reading by collecting stickers to complete their Summer Reading pocket book. Participants can collect stickers for their pocket book each time they attend a Summer Reading library event or finish reading a book. Children who have collected 10 stickers in their pocket book will receive an exciting prize as a reward.

Summer Reading offers terrific FREE events and activities including:

- Cartoon and writing workshops
 - Live performances
 - Storytelling activities

It's free to participate so don't miss out on the fun. Visit your local library this summer and get reading. For more information about the Summer Reading program, pick up a copy of *What's On in Libraries* (available late November), visit the website www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries or phone Council on (07) 3403 8888.

