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30 November 2015

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents

The second last week of the school year is upon us. Believe it or not, that means that 38 have been completed, in what seemed the blink of an eye. This one though is a very full week and I'll spend the best part of this newsletter, filling in these details

#### Senior Swimming Carnival - Tuesday

With no more Year Sevens in primary, our Senior Swimming Carnival will include Year 3 students for the first time. However, it will be only the 8 year olds in Year 3 who'll actually compete for house points. All Year 4 to 6 students are eligible of course, and as I always say, the house that fields the most swimmers, usually wins the trophy. The goal then, for any team who wants to win, is not only to get everyone in their house to come, but to take part. There are races for all ability groups and anyone who gets in and gives it a go, scores points. Those who are really competitive will be vying for the Age Championship trophies and the House Trophy. With all those races occurring, it will be a long day, so we will start at 9am and go right through to about 2:30pm. Due to workplace health and safety rules, all will have to be out of the pool area during the breaks. This includes parents. The P&C are putting on a very nice lunch though, so it 'll be worth the wait.

#### Carols Night – Thursday

One of my favourite nights of the year on the school calendar. It's a time to farewell the old year with fondness and look forward to what's ahead. Mrs Mackay has been working tirelessly with all the classes in preparation for their songs, as well as organising the choir and some soloists to perform some other special numbers. She has also developed a secret staff song as a grand finale to the evening. Food starts at 5:30 pm and the singing from 6:30. It should be finished by about 8pm. Cost is \$5 per family, no matter how many.

#### Junior Swimming Carnival –Friday

The Junior Carnival will run on Friday from 11:30 am through to 3pm. This carnival is all about participation and that should be easy in this sort of weather. I couldn't think of a better place to be than our pool if it's 30 degrees or more. The Junior Carnival will have lots of fun events and we will have plenty of older students helping to make sure that our little ones are safe and having a great time. All parents are encouraged to come along and enjoy the inclusive atmosphere.

#### Walking Wheeling Wednesday

For the last official active travel day of the year we went out with a bang. The bike riding was a particular success. My group, which rode from the park, had 50 students and 5 adults. All up, 89 students rode or scooted to school on Wednesday, of course a huge new record and one that made it difficult to find a space in the bike cage. Every class tried brilliantly to have a strong ending to the year. Basically we had two-thirds of the school actively travelling. This was really apparent at 3pm, when the parent car park was quite empty. I was amazed at how few the cars were. I have to thank the parent helpers who rode with me and the parents, staff, student teachers and students who helped on the breakfast. It was a good day all round. The grand prize winner for the best class of 2015, based on 25 weeks of data is 5/6P. Believe it or not, after adding up all the figures for the year, 4S came out at 67.0% and 5/6P scored 67.1%. I'm guessing that is one or two students difference across the year. Our whole school average result for the year was 56%. Well done to all involved.

## Lost Property

At this part of the year, we always have a lot of lost property accumulated in our room under 'A' Block. Any named items are returned to their owners, but there is plenty unnamed to be collected. Please feel free to come and take a look.

## One More Newsletter

We have only one more newsletter left for the year. That is a big one in which we list all our award winners for 2015. As that is the case, it will not be going out until Wednesday, after our final assembly.

Mark Fisher  
Principal

## Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Vanessa** for settling in well to Prep B
- Prep CD** – **Jayden** for an excellent effort in all his work
- Year 1F** – **Mia-Bella** for wonderful classroom behaviour and commitment to writing. Well done!
- Year 1L** – **Faith** for being a friendly and respectful learner
- Year 1N** – **Joshua** for always contributing to class discussions
- Year 2HM** – **Samuel** for a great improvement in reading
- Year 2J** – **Bajedo** for great work in 'Daily 5'
- Year 3B** – **Cameron** for understanding and promoting anti-bullying ideas to classmates
- Year 3JM** – **Qunicy** for an outstanding Science assessment piece
- Year 3M** – **Blaize** for working hard on his writing, and producing some very creative work
- Year 4G** – **Poe Mi** for a huge effort all year, in all subjects
- Year 4S** – **Devashree** and **Kavinila** for continuously exhibiting excellent work habits and behaviour
- Year 5C** – **Jada** for effective explanations and use of scientific language in her assessment
- Year 5WI** – **Lipikha** for excellent effort and beautiful manners throughout this year
- Year 5/6P** – **Ehptrer** for working hard to write a historical narrative
- Year 6S** – **Avrille** for her continued dedication, persistence and focused approach to learning. Well done!

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015

- 1F – Cooper
- 1L – Indiana
- 1N – Tapa
- 2HM – Anneke
- 2J – PJ
- 3B – Anjali
- 3JM – Coadie
- 3M – Richard
- 4G – Chauncey
- 4S – Devashree
- 5C – Jada
- 5WI – Cody
- 5/6P – June
- 6S – Connor

## FROM THE OFFICE

### 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.

### 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.

### 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



"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 Every Day Count***

Kind regards,  
Bambi and Karen  
*School Participation Officers*

## 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

## 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



Just a friendly reminder requesting that all raffle tickets, sold or unsold, please be returned to the school. Thank you to all those families who have returned their raffle tickets so far.

Have a great week!

## 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

 DECEMBER 2015	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	School Banking
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
2 <sup>nd</sup>	PCYC Touch Football – Zillmere PCYC
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carols Night – Salvation Army Hall
4 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Swim Carnival (1:45 – 3:00pm)
7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Graduation – 6:15pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Leader Excursion
9 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly – Final Parade of 2015
11 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School <i>School resumes on Wednesday 27 January 2016</i>

## 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 Bambi Silvertand 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

[sensorymoverday@hotmail.com](mailto:sensorymoverday@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.

## 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](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries) or phone Council on (07) 3403 8888.

## FREE DENTAL CHECK-UPS



Has your child had a free healthy mouth check-up this year?

Metro North Oral Health Services is committed to improving the oral health of our children. If your child is starting school in 2016, or is finishing school at the end of 2015 please contact our friendly staff to book your child's free check-up.

Our dental clinics are open over the school holidays so call to arrange a free dental appointment today.

Simply call 1300 300 850 to arrange a free dental appointment at a location near you.

### **Who is eligible for free dental care?**

All children age 4 through to grade 10

2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

Children (or their parents) who hold a current:

o Centrelink Card

o Health Care Card

o Pension Concession Card

o Seniors card

Make an appointment at one of our clinics that specifically focus on treating children and adolescents by telephoning **1300 300 850**. These clinics are located in the grounds of the following schools:

**Bracken Ridge State School** Denham Street, Brackenridge

**Humpybong State School** Ernest Street, Margate

**Kallangur State School** Old Gympie Road, Kallangur

**Kippa-Ring State School** Elizabeth Avenue, Kippa-Ring

**Not all clinics are open every day. We will try to accommodate your booking at a clinic suitable to you**

