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9 February 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Our first full assembly occurred last Friday and we had approximately 60 parents in attendance, which was excellent as our students love to show off in front of their families. It was our first round of 'Students of the Week' and the 'Neat Worker' awards and our children were proud recipients of both. Also, when I stand out the front of assembly, it is good to see everyone in uniform. This builds pride in our school and promotes a strong attitude to learning as well. If you care about your appearance you tend to care about your work and make a stronger effort. I have seen many students these past weeks putting in a wonderful effort and I hope this trend continues.

Bomb Threats

Unfortunately we live in a time when fools think it is funny to disrupt schools by calling and claiming bombs have been planted on their grounds. As you know, there has been a rash of these over the past few weeks. These particular calls are pre-recorded messages that are played across the phone to the poor school who receives it. It is not actually a person speaking live into the telephone. We all know that they are hoaxes, but we have to treat these threats as if they are real as children's safety is at stake. On Friday, we practised our evacuation procedure and it took exactly three minutes from when we sounded the alarm, to when every child was on the oval and accounted for. The drill went off brilliantly as the teachers knew what to do and the children responded in a very calm and organised manner. Our ten mums doing play group were able to get to the oval quickly as well, even after getting their little ones into prams and pushing them down across the grass. A fantastic effort by all involved. If we actually receive a hoax call, we are confident that we would be able to evacuate our children quickly and efficiently. However, a greater problem would occur once the media heard the story and parents were alerted. We would then have plenty of concerned mums and dads coming to school to check on their children. This is completely understandable but it could cause chaos. The point of an evacuation is to get people away from the buildings. An influx of parents would bring people into the buildings and potential danger. I would ask parents to refrain from coming into the school grounds if we get one of these calls. We would move children to the oval, the police and emergency services would arrive and cordon off the area and they would need the time and space to conduct a search. I know that it would be difficult not to come to the site, but in the long run it would enable the school to be cleared much more quickly and let us get back to our normal routine. Let's hope we don't ever have to be put in this position.

School Captains

A much better subject is that of our student leaders for 2016. On Thursday, our interviews took place. Eight well dressed and well prepared students answered all the questions that the panel put to them. Our panel had a parent representative, Mrs Silvertand; a student representative, Daniel T and a teacher representative, me. We were impressed by all the candidates but in the end chose the six who we thought would best represent our school this year. They are:

School Captains: Justin Sharma, Lipihka Silapurem

Vice Captains: Olivia Lupo, Jada Gilbert

Indigenous Captain: Olivia Hurst

Multi-cultural Captain: Ashmit Kumar

They will be presented with their badges on assembly on Friday week, February 19 at 8:45 am. All parents are welcome to attend.

House Captain Voting

All our Senior Leaders who were not elected into these positions above, are eligible to become House Captains for 2016. We will need four for each house. The voting for these positions will occur on the Monday of Week 4, 22 February. Now is the time for those students to begin thinking about what they might say and do to be elected into the roles.

February P&C Meeting

A final reminder that our first P&C Meeting is on tonight at 6:30pm in the staffroom. All are welcome.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Zoey** for sharing lots of good ideas with her classmates in all subject areas
Prep CD – **Noah** for working well in the classroom and using the High 5
Year 1L – **Asa** for being an enthusiastic learner
Year 1N – **Kara** for being a conscientious student
Year 2C – **Mathiva** for always providing valuable contributions during class discussions and group work
Year 2H – **Mason** for an excellent job with his writing
Year 2J – **Summer-Rose** for fantastic manners and always doing her best work
Year 3B – **Hannah** for being a caring and kind helper to her classmates
Year 3M – **Emma** for wonderful participation in classroom discussions
Year 4G – **Lukas** for his fantastic effort in Science
Year 4SH- **Adrit** for displaying exemplary work and behaviour skills
Year 4TK – **Anushka** for quietly and without disruption completing all her work to the best of her ability
Year 5P – **Ethan** for always giving 100% in all lessons
Year 5WI – **Jacinta** for being an interested student and demonstrating good listening skills
Year 6C – **Tyler** for her keen involvement in English lessons
Year 6N – **Sharmaine** for always engaging well and contributing to class discussions

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 5th February 2016.

- 1L – Chelsea
- 1N – Sharla Mae
- 2C – Arman
- 2H – Damien
- 2J – Sarah
- 3B – Saiya
- 3M – Anneke
- 4G – Riley
- 4SH – Ger Kler Htoo
- 4TK – Princess
- 5P – Stacey
- 5WI – Shikayla
- 6C – Maya
- 6N – Lipikha

FROM THE OFFICE

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

BOOK CLUB NEWS

New look Scholastic Book Club orders for Issue 1 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 12 February 2016. A collection box has been placed on the front counter at the Administration Office.



"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents" *Emilie Buchwald*

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION OFFICERS

Student Attendance

Regular attendance at school is a significant indicator of student success. It is simple really - the more a student attends the better their chance of achieving success during schooling. We regularly review the attendance of students and make contact with parents to discuss concerns. Our aim is to work with you to maximise the opportunities for success for all students.

The table below paints a vivid picture of the impact of student absence.

If a student misses...	That equals...	And over 6 years of schooling...
1 day each fortnight	20 days (4 weeks per year)	120 days – more than ½ year of learning time
1 day each week	40 days (8 weeks per year)	240 days – more than 1 year of learning time
2 days each week	80 days (16 weeks per year)	480 days – almost 2½ years of learning time
3 days each week	120 days (24 weeks per year)	720 days – more than 3½ years of learning time

For students to have every chance of being successful at school they need to attend every day. If you have concerns about the attendance of your son/daughter please discuss these with our staff.

Student Absences - How You Can Help

Bed at a reasonable hour, a good night's sleep and breakfast are great ways to set students up for success during the day at school. We value the support you provide in ensuring students are at school on time and ready to learn each day.

Our **Student Absence phone number 3632 9866** is available for parents/carers to ring in to notify us of an absence. This is an automated service where you will be asked to leave details including student name, the date of the absence/s and reason.

Each week School Participation Officers will review student absences and contact will be made with parents where it appears that there are unexplained or lengthy absences that will impact on student achievement. Success in 2016 will be built upon sustained, regular attendance at school. We thank you in anticipation of your strong support of this goal.

Together let's make Every Day Count

Kind regards,
Bambi and Karen
School Participation Officers

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Have you taken care of your Will? For a \$50 donation The Salvation Army can help.

Thursday 25 February 2016

The Salvos will offer a community service in which generous local solicitors put Wills together in exchange for a \$50 contribution to our community work. It's a great way to make sure you have a Will that reflects your wishes and help people in crisis at the same time.

Appointments are essential. To make an appointment call (07) 3865 1088 between 9am and 5pm, Tuesday to Friday, or email gayle.gelewski@aue.salvationarmy.org

For more information visit The Salvation Army North Brisbane Corps, cnr Handford & Roghan Rd, Taigum Qld 4018 or salvos.org.au/wills

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.

2016's theme for School Banking is Outback Savers.

The rewards for 2016 with their release dates are:

Term 1: ***Flying Snake Tail and Wildlife Writer Set***

Term 2: ***Mud Splat Handball and Outback Pat Bag Tag***

Term 3: ***Backtrack Eraser Pen and Jump and Skip Rope***

Term 4: ***Bush Fly Fan and Wiggly Glow Worm***

FROM THE P&C

UNIFORM SHOP – NEW LOCATION

The Uniform Shop has relocated and can now be found in Room 8 located under 'B' block.

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

Monday to Thursday mornings: 8.15am to 9.00am

The uniform shop now has EFTPOS.

DATES TO REMEMBER

 FEBRUARY 2016	
9 th	Afterschool Touch Football Years 5 & 6
10 th	School Banking
10 th	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
11 th	Afterschool Touch Football Years 3 & 4
12 th	Assembly - 8:45am in the Hall
12 th	Sport Trials
16 th	Afterschool Touch Football Years 5 & 6
18 th	Afterschool Touch Football Years 3 & 4
19 th	Assembly – School Captain Investiture
19 th	Interschool Sport – Round 1

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!

My apologies there will be No Playgroup on Friday 12th February due to previous commitments.

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

HOOK IN2 HOCKEY



Kedron Wavell Services Hockey Club will be running a program called Hook in2 Hockey. Early registration is essential for equipment orders. The program runs for 3 weeks starting at 9:00am on Saturday 13 February 2016 and costs \$65 per child.

Registration forms are available on our website: www.kwhockey.com , email: learnhockey@gmail.com or contact Laura / Kylie on 0423 840248.

We are located at Burringbar Park, Kitty Hawk Drive, Chermside.

KIDZ-N-CO DANCE PROGRAM

***Dance Classes for Boys & Girls
4-8 years with special needs***

We are very proud to be offering a dance program for children with special needs this year. We have two wonderful teachers with extensive training and experience in special needs as well as dance training. Classes will take place in a lovely air conditioned studio in Tennyson.

For further information please visit our website: www.kidznco.com

STRATHPINE SCORPIONS NETBALL



We are taking registrations now for the 2016 Winter Season. We are looking for players of all ages from Under 8's through to Open. Places are limited though, so don't delay.

Training & Game Day Location: Pine Rivers Netball Association, Les Hughes Complex, 119 Francis Road (Corner Baker Street), Lawnton.

For further information contact Mel at secretary@strathpinescorpions.com.au visit our website www.strathpinescorpions.qld.netball.com.au or follow us on FB

SENSORY EVENT DAYS

Sensory Movie Days

Sensory Movie Days are an inclusive event for families with special needs.

- Lighting is on dim, sound lowered
- Volunteers monitor fire exit doors
- Sensory Movie Days run once a month on a Sunday at 11am
- Tickets are \$8 each (except Ipswich \$6 each)
- Children 2yrs and under are free
- Companion ID Cards are accepted
- Sensory Movie Days are held at the following locations:
Morayfield, Maroochydore, Mackay, Capalaba, Browns Plains, Ipswich, Robina, Toowoomba, Lismore, Tuggerah and Cronulla

Movies screening include:

- 21 February – *Alvin and The Chipmunks Road Trip*
- 20 March – *Snoopy & Charlie Brown The Peanuts Movie*
- 24 April – *Kung Fu Panda 3*

For further information or to book please email Leah & Chanelle
sensorymovieday@hotmail.com

Sensory Stand-up Paddle Boarding

We are off to Lake Wivenhoe for Stand-up Paddle Boarding. Sunshine Coast Surf Schools & Sensory Movie Day have teamed up to offer families with special needs a Stand-up Paddle Boarding adventure. We have lots of volunteers that are experienced with working with special needs children. Siblings are welcome to participate, recommended for ages 5yrs – 99yrs. Life Jackets, Rash Shirts, and Paddle Boards included. Just bring sunscreen, togs and towel.

When: Saturday 27 February (5 sessions) and Sunday 28 February (3 sessions)

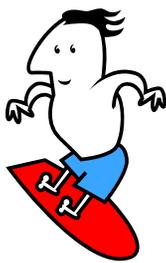
Where: Lake Wivenhoe – at the end of Logan's Inlet Road

Time: starts from 9:00am – 2:30pm

Cost: \$25 each (1 hour session)

For further information or to book please contact Leah 0431 387537 or email
sensorymovieday@hotmail.com Please leave your name, mobile number, child's first name and age.

Sensory Surfing



Sensory Movie Day and Sunshine Coast Surf School are offering families with special needs the opportunity to try Surfing in a safe and judgement-free environment. Siblings and parents are welcome to participate. We will have volunteers on the day, life jackets available to those who need them. Please remember to bring sunscreen.

When: Saturday 12 March 2016

Where: Woorim, Bribie Island

Time: sessions start from 9:00am

Cost: \$25 each (1 hour session)

Bookings required as numbers are limited.

For further information or to book please contact Chanelle 0422 416509 or email
sensorymovieday@hotmail.com Please leave your name, mobile number, child's first name and age.

Sensory Ten Pin Bowling



We would like to invite families with special needs to a game of Ten Pin Bowling without background music or flashing lights. Bookings are required and please bring a pair of socks.

When: Sunday 27 March 2016

Where: Caboolture Bowls & Indoor Golf

Time: 2:30pm

Cost: \$5 each player (Families are encouraged to play)

For further information or to book please contact Chanelle 0422 416509 or email sensorymoverday@hotmail.com Please leave your name, mobile number, child's first name and age.