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16 February 2016

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents

We start this week with 391 students and two or three new ones set to begin in the next week. At present our students are in 16 classes from Prep through to Year 6 and we have one extra teacher on our staff to put on a new class. We have been waiting until this time to see where the numbers fell so we could place our teacher where she is needed most, with the only proviso being, that that class be in the lower school. As it turns out, Prep is the largest year level with 58 students in the two existing classes. From next week, those students will be spread across three classes with the formation of Prep H, under the leadership of Ms Carmen Hill. You may recall that Ms Hill replaced Mrs Bell for a term last year, so she is familiar with both Prep teaching and our methods at Taigum State School. We have had her helping in Prep since the beginning of the year so she is also familiar with our 2016 students. We are currently preparing Room 21 as the home of the new class. It is upstairs in 'D' Block beside our Year 2s. We were using it as a computer lab but they are being moved out. The room is fully carpeted, it has a huge TV and is air-conditioned. Over the next few days, it will be completely fitted out ready for the new class to start on Monday week, 29 February (Week 6). We propose the new Prep arrangement to be 21 students in Prep B, 21 in Prep CD and 16 to start in Prep H. That will mean three nicely sized classes that will suit the range of programmes we intend to run in Prep this year. This week, we will be contacting all Prep parents who have a student in the new class and give them further details about Prep H and the move.

### The QSchool App

Our Education Department has provided a free app to help schools communicate with their parent and community groups, called QSchools. Last week, we sent a note home with every student to inform our parents of this app. It is available in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. Just search for QSchools and install it. After that, you merely pick Taigum SS as your favourite school and you are immediately able to access a great deal of up to date information. As I write this, I have the app open on my phone and when I tap Taigum State School, I see School Notifications, Contact Details, School Location, News Feed, Calendar Events, Newsletters, Forms and Documents and Annual Reports. The app picks up this information from our website and then relays it to your phone. Probably the most frequently used section would be the school Notifications as this gives you details of what is happening right now. Today it tells me about TRL training after school and interschool sport. The Calendar Events is also a useful tab showing all the school events this term in detail and a rough outline of the rest of the year. Can I recommend you download the app and have a look, it is a very useful little programme.

### Active School Travel

Anyone who used our parent car park in the first few days of school will be aware that it is not large enough to cope with all the cars that tried to enter. If every student were driven to school, our car parks would be hopelessly inadequate. Luckily, this is not the case and since that first week, many more students have elected to walk or ride to school. Which brings me to my point, Taigum State School is an 'Active Travel School'. This means we promote getting to school by other means than a car. The chief one of course, is walking. Taigum is pretty flat and an easy place to walk around. Most of our students live within a 2km radius, so we talking about a 15 minute trip. Cycling and scooting are also great ways to go. There are many cycle paths, particularly in Fitzgibbon, which are easy and fun to use. Other options include public transport and car-pooling.

In Week 8 of each term, we have an Active Travel breakfast and a ride to school with the principal. The best class of active travellers on that day will win the 'Active School Travel Class Trophy' which they keep for the term. We will also be involved in 'Walk Safely to School Day' and 'Ride Safely to School Day'. If you look in the 'Forms and Documents' section of the QSchool App, you will find the heading 'Active School Travel' which will bring up a map of our local area with bike paths marked and lines showing travel times to school. Active Travel improves fitness, is fun to do and decreases traffic congestion round our school. Three good reasons to do it!

Mark Fisher  
Principal

# Students of the Week

- Prep B** –**Tee Moo** for providing us with a detailed list for our play activities  
**Prep CD** - **Khye** for being a kind, considerate, helpful and hardworking student.  
**Year 1L** – **Mathayus** for being a helpful and polite member of the class  
**Year 1N** – **Rame** for always being a keen learner  
**Year 2C** – **Jorjah** for a great improvement in her school work and attitude towards learning  
**Year 2H** – **Paige** for excellent attention to her work  
**Year 2J** – **Naman** for great work in Maths tasks  
**Year 3B** – **Zane** for trying very hard to show that he is listening and paying attention in class  
**Year 3M** - **Sanjana** for always displaying excellent manners and working well in class  
**Year 4G** – **Leinad** for always working hard in Maths  
**Year 4SH-** **Konnor** for making a great start to Year 4 and showing dedication to finishing set tasks  
**Year 4TK** – **Cooper** for helping younger students in the computer lab. He displayed patience and kindness  
**Year 5P** - **Lincoln** for working hard in English to create a great persuasive paragraph  
**Year 5WI** – **Audrey** for working consistently well in numeracy groups  
**Year 6C** - **Akhemi** for excellent spelling efforts each week  
**Year 6N** – **Caleb** for showing improvement in his behaviour and taking responsibility for his learning  
**LOTE** - **Sahej** for an excellent effort and participation in German class. Ausgezeichnet!

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

- 1L - Sunpreet
- 1N - Rame
- 2C - Keeran
- 2H - Sha-taya
- 2J - Aarnab
- 3B - Cathy
- 3M - Gianni
- 4G - Anjali
- 4SH - Azariah
- 4TK - Charlotte
- 5P - Poe Mi
- 5WI - Kavinila
- 6C - Jada
- 6N - Corinthia

## 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](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.

## SCHOOL PARTICIPATION OFFICERS

### ***Every day counts at school.***

School absenteeism and truancy can impact significantly on students' learning and wellbeing.

Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. Children do better when they go to school all day, every day.

Under the law, you must make sure your child is enrolled and attends school on all school days unless there is a reasonable excuse. Schools must monitor attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers any unexplained absences.

School Participation Officers will:

- monitor student attendance
- let you know if your child is not at school
- follow-up any unexplained absences
- help with strategies to encourage your child to go to school

### ***Is your child at school today?***

### ***Together let's make Every Day Count***

Kind regards,  
Bambi and Karen  
*School Participation Officers*

## FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

### **PERFORMING ARTS**

The year has started on a fantastic note. All our clubs are up and running and the students are enjoying just making music. The following clubs are on offer.

<b>Day</b>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Club</b>	Keyboard Club	School Choir	Guitar Club	Recorder Ensemble
<b>Year Level</b>	5-6	2-6	5-6	4-6

All children who are attending these morning tea clubs will bring home a note with more information. If you wish your child to join one of these clubs, it's not too late. They can join anytime. Just remind them to come to the music room at morning tea.

Our school band will start next week. All children who have been learning an instrument in 2014 / 2015 are welcome to join. Those children will bring home an information letter. The school band will rehearse on **Monday morning 8:10am in the music room.**

All children who are in the instrumental program this year have had a meeting with Mr Ken Lincoln this week. They now have a lesson time and all lessons will be **each Monday** between 1:30pm – 3:00pm. Just a reminder, if you have not paid your \$40 for the year, please do so as soon as possible. If your child does not wish to continue, let us know as we have a long waiting list of children eager to learn and only limited spaces. If you did not receive your loan agreement form for 2016, I can organise another form.

Congratulations, goes to **5P** for winning the "Music Class of the Week" award last Friday. Keep up the great work.

Thank you to all for your support,

*Andrea Mackay*

Music Specialist

## 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



"You know you have read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend." **Paul Sweeney**

## 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 8:45am*

The uniform shop now has EFTPOS.

### SENIOR and SPORT SHIRTS

*Orders due Wednesday 24 February 2016*

Just a reminder that orders for our Sports shirts (Years 4-6), and Senior shirts (6C and 6N) are closing soon. As we only place one (1) order for both shirts each year, if you wish to purchase a shirt/s please complete and return the order form with payment to the uniform shop or administration office on or before Wednesday 24 February 2016.

NO orders will be accepted without full payment.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

 FEBRUARY 2016	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Afterschool Touch Football Years 5 & 6
17 <sup>th</sup>	School Banking
17 <sup>th</sup>	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
18 <sup>th</sup>	Afterschool Touch Football Years 3 & 4
19 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly - School Captain Investiture
19 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Sport – Round 1
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 4 – PCYC AFL Coaching Clinic at Zillmere PCYC 1:30 – 2:30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Afterschool Touch Football Years 5 & 6
25 <sup>th</sup>	Afterschool Touch Football Years 3 & 4
26 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Sport – Round 2
26 <sup>th</sup>	Clean Up Australia Day
26 <sup>th</sup>	Goodstart

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### HOMEWORK HELP



### *Zillmere Library ~ Homework Help*

We would just like to remind everyone about our Homework Help program. Any students needing help with reading, writing, assignments or school work are welcome to join us in the library for this free service for primary and high school students throughout the school term.

Homework Help is available every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 -4:45pm at Zillmere Library. If any staff or parents need any more information please call us on 07 3403 1455.

## NORTH STAR FOOTBALL CLUB



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**CLUB SIGN ON**  
**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN UP**

Register online at  
[www.northstarfc.org](http://www.northstarfc.org)

North Star FC has player vacancies in all age groups from U6 to seniors, girls and boys, men and women

North Star has FIVE full sized fields available there is plenty of room for everyone to come have a go!

***A Good Sports club promoting Healthy Lifestyle!!***



E: Enquiries - [office@northstarfc.org](mailto:office@northstarfc.org) or P: Terry - 0402 449 578  
A: Jennings St (off Zillmere Rd), Zillmere • W: [www.northstarfc.org](http://www.northstarfc.org)

## 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!

## **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](http://www.kidznco.com)

## **AUSTRALIAN GOJU KAI KARATE**

Have you ever thought about Authentic Japanese Goju Ryu Karate classes? Such 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.

It has been shown that students who practice Karate apply themselves more conscientiously at school and home and are less likely to be bullied or become bullies, as they develop greater self-confidence and respect for others. They will learn the importance of learning from their mistakes, why good nutrition is important, responsible, legal and safe behaviour, the ability to avoid negative peer pressure and self defence while reinforcing the virtues of hard work, concentration, planning, self-discipline and family values.

Accomplishments in Karate are often seen in a positive light by prospective employers who rightly attach images of strength, trust and good character to those who study it.

Australian Goju Kai Karate, the premier Karate school, offers martial arts classes at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Families can train together in any of the classes.

The adult martial art classes are aimed at increasing confidence, flexibility, co-ordination, people skills, self defence, strength, stamina and improved general fitness. Training at AGKK is a life changing decision. Classes are energetic, positive, fun and versatile.

**You are welcome to inquire about beginning or enhancing your Karate journey either by contacting: Bernie Sensei on 0409 474 494 or visiting [www.agkk.com.au](http://www.agkk.com.au)**

**KARATE WITH PURPOSE**

- **Improve Fitness**
- **Learn Self Defence**
- **Gain Self Discipline**
- **Build Confidence**
- **Increase Focus**

**ALL AGES WELCOME**

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## 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](http://www.kwhockey.com) , email: [learnhockey@gmail.com](mailto:learnhockey@gmail.com) or contact Laura / Kylie on 0423 840248.

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

## 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](mailto:secretary@strathpinescorpions.com.au) visit our website [www.strathpinescorpions.qld.netball.com.au](http://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](mailto: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)

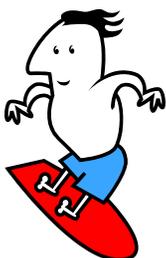
**Where:** Lake Wivenhoe – at the end of Logan's Inlet Road

**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](mailto: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

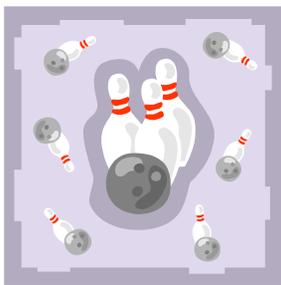
**Time:** sessions start from 9:00am

**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](mailto: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 [sensorymovieday@hotmail.com](mailto:sensorymovieday@hotmail.com) Please leave your name, mobile number, child's first name and age.