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23 February 2016

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents

I really felt for our Year 4-6 Interschool Sport players last week. They'd been training for a couple of weeks, they'd brought back their forms and paid their monies, and for the first time this year on a Friday, it rained. To add insult to injury, after sport was cancelled at around 9:15 am, the rain disappeared and we had a beautiful fine day. As it turned out, it wasn't such a bad idea with the very high temperatures we experienced that day, not to play. However, the better news is that we have four more Fridays for sport before the Easter break.

### House Captain Voting

After our very successful School Captain process that culminated with their investiture ceremony last Friday, we are now into the next phase of our leadership development programme, with the choosing of our House Captains for 2016. On Monday, all those interested in applying for the positions will stand up in front of their House team mates and try to convince them of their merits as captains. After these speeches, the Year 5 and 6 students from each house will choose four of their number to be captains and vice captains. The House Captains will receive their badges on assembly on Friday 11 March (Week 7) and very shortly after that they will be involved in their first official duties at our school cross country event occurring in Week 8 on Thursday, 17 March. I will publish the names of the House Captains on next week's newsletter.

### Clean Up Australia Day

Friday this week is Clean Up Australia Day for schools. I was doing a little research and found to my surprise that Clean Up Australia Day has been going since 1989. We at Taigum have been doing it for about 12 years if my memory serves me correctly. It is good for the environment, good for the look of the school but more importantly, it helps shape young students values by highlighting personal responsibility. Every one of us helps to make our surroundings what they are. If we are to have a clean and tidy school, it takes every person on the grounds to make it that way. With this the case, we have this Clean Up Activity organised by our Senior Leaders to further emphasise the importance of students in the process. So on Friday, for about 15 minutes, each class will be supervised and supported by Senior Leaders to clean up a specific area of our school. The younger students will do near their classrooms, whilst the older ones will be responsible for the more difficult areas like the pool, ovals and car parks. At the end of the process, not only will we have a cleaner school, but students will be responsible for it.

*Please note: We will give each student disposable gloves to use and we will only be picking up 'safe' items during the clean up. Any large, dangerous or dirty items will be removed by school staff members.*

### Bike Safety

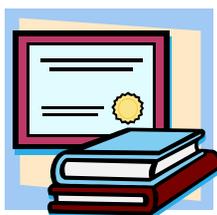
I talked about this on assembly two weeks ago and it is important for parents to hear the same message. Scooters are one of the best methods for getting to school. We have about 25 students using them every day. Scooters need to be on concrete to operate efficiently, meaning they have to share the footpath with pedestrians. I made the point emphatically last week, that people on foot on the paths have the right of way. Scooter riders, just like bike riders, can use the path at any time as long as they keep out of the way of pedestrians. Of late, we have had a few of our scooting students nearly running into parents walking home with their little ones. There is plenty of room for everybody, as long as we all follow the rules and show courtesy and consideration at all times.

Mark Fisher  
Principal

## Students of the Week

- Prep B** –Osman for being a kind and caring friend  
**Prep CD** - Luca for an interesting retell of “Hunting For Dragons”.  
**Year 1L** – Harmanpreet for always participating in class  
**Year 1N** – Jaida for using her Jolly Phonics knowledge to achieve a great result for her weekly spelling test  
**Year 2C** – Milana for settling in and immediately becoming an active participant in class  
**Year 2H** – Jett for being an organised class member and having a positive attitude  
**Year 2J** – Alvie for a great effort during the ‘Daily 5’ CAFÉ sessions  
**Year 3B** – Cathy for always presenting neat classwork and homework  
**Year 3M** - Kady for an enthusiastic attitude towards learning  
**Year 4G** – Bella-Rose for improving her concentration levels and listening in all areas this week  
**Year 4SH** - Perez for working hard on his Maths ‘Fact Family’ triangles  
**Year 4TK** – Ava for being a kind and hardworking student  
**Year 5P** - Abbie for always working hard during Maths  
**Year 5WI** – Jordan and Saiful for an excellent effort during writing time this week  
**Year 6C** - Brandon for answering questions in Mathematics. Good involvement  
**Year 6N** – Damascus for working hard to apply success criteria when producing his English assessment. Great effort!  
**LOTE** - Lipikha for great participation skills. Ausgezeichnet!

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

- 1L - Meisha
- 1N - Reme
- 2C - Mathiva
- 2H - Kareora
- 2J - Kayla
- 3B - Hassan
- 3M - Harry
- 4G - Rhiana
- 4SH - Jacob
- 4TK - Princess
- 5P - Ryedyn
- 5WI - Chauncey
- 6C - Kayla
- 6N - Olivia

## 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 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 MUSIC ROOM

We have had a wonderful response to our clubs this year. Currently we have 20 students in the keyboard club, 15 students in the recorder ensemble, 12 students in the guitar club and 33 students in the choir. Remember, the following clubs rehearse at first break.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Club	Keyboard Club	School Choir	Guitar Club	Recorder Ensemble
Year Level	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 first break.

A reminder that the band has started but we are only very small in number. So don't forget to come on **Monday morning 8:10am in the music room**. All children who have been learning an instrument in 2014 / 2015 are welcome to join.

Congratulations, goes to **6C** 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

## 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 LIBRARY



"When I say to a parent, "read to a child", I don't want it to sound like medicine. I want it to sound like chocolate." *Mem Fox*

## FROM THE P&C

### 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 / MARCH 2016	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Afterschool Touch Football Years 5 & 6
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 4 – PCYC AFL Coaching Clinic at Zillmere PCYC 1:30 – 2:30pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	School Banking
24 <sup>th</sup>	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
25 <sup>th</sup>	Afterschool Touch Football Years 3 & 4
26 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Sport – Round 2
26 <sup>th</sup>	Goodstart
26 <sup>th</sup>	Clean Up Australia Day
1 <sup>st</sup>	Afterschool Touch Football Years 5 & 6
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Afterschool Touch Football Years 3 & 4
4 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Sport – Round 3

## 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.

## QUEENSLAND CRICKET



**QUEENSLAND CRICKET  
EASTER CUP CARNIVALS**

**in2 CRICKET MILD** **T20BLAST** **B BRISBANE HEAT** **QUEENSLAND CRICKET**

- ✓ Girls and boys 7-13 years
- ✓ Meet Queensland Cricket players
- ✓ Equipment and umpires provided
- ✓ 2 days of action packed cricket
- ✓ 7 guaranteed preliminary rounds for every team + Grand Final round
- ✓ T20 Blast rules and equipment

**WHEN:** 2016 Easter Holidays [dates vary]  
**WHERE:** Brisbane North, Brisbane South, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast  
**TIME:** 9am-3pm [times may vary]  
**COST:** \$99/player [includes Brisbane Heat bag, shirt and hat]

**REGISTER:** For further information and registration, head to [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au), click 'where can I play' and enter 'QLD Cricket'. Queensland Cricket contact: Matthew McEwan at [matthewm@qldcricket.com.au](mailto:matthewm@qldcricket.com.au)

**KIDS CAN CREATE THEIR OWN CRICKET MOMENT**  
[PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU](http://PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU)

**play cricket**

## NORTH STAR FOOTBALL CLUB



**NSFC** **NORTH STAR FOOTBALL CLUB**

**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 9:30am – 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!

## 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)**



## 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.

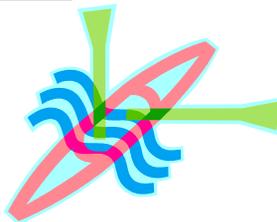
- Lighting is on dim, sound lowered
- Volunteers monitor fire exit doors
- Sensory Movie Days run once a month on a Sunday at 11am
- Tickets are \$8 each (except Ipswich \$6 each)
- Children 2yrs and under are free
- Companion ID Cards are accepted
- Sensory Movie Days are held at the following locations: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

### ***Movies screening include:***

- 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)

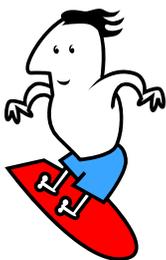
**Where:** Lake Wivenhoe – at the end of Logan's Inlet Road

**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.