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**1 March 2016**

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

### **Dear Parents**

We talk about road safety all the time. We have nearly 400 children entering and leaving our school grounds every day. St Flannan's down the road have another 300 students doing the same. This creates quite a concentration of children in a reasonably small area. Beams Road and Handford Road are very busy thoroughfares and their intersection is quite tricky to navigate. To add to the hazards, there are many wide busy driveways emptying on to Handford Road. Children need to be cautious, aware and disciplined as they come to school. All road rules and pedestrian rules need to be followed.

Sadly, last Tuesday, one of our young students was struck by a car. She misjudged how much time she had to get across the road on her scooter and was hit. Luckily, the car wasn't travelling very quickly and our student suffered relatively minor injuries –bruises, abrasions and a broken toe. This was a very close call and one I don't want to see repeated. Our teachers will reinforce road safety this week, I will on assembly, and it would be timely to also do it from a home perspective. However, as much as we can say the right thing, it is up to each and every individual student to do the right thing.

### **House Captains**

The House Captain voting process took place last week and there were plenty of excellent speeches delivered by the fourteen students who ran for the positions. The end result is that I think we got the best people for the positions and I look forward to seeing them in action very shortly at our school cross country. I have invited their families to the investiture ceremony on Friday week and here are their names in their respective Houses:

	<b>Bribie</b>	<b>Moreton</b>	<b>Stradbroke</b>
Captains	Quinn Silvertand Kayla Fugill	Damascus Neemia Akhemi Mauricio	Rico Lasika Danica Walters
Vice Captains	None Ariet Kwot	Ehptrer Hein Ebony Stanyon	Jonas Spreckley Tyler Wray-Smith

### **Interhouse Cross Country**

Our school cross country is only a little over two weeks away on Thursday 17 March. We radically changed its format last year, introducing races for every child in every year level, instead of only having races for the upper school. On the day, much of our carnival will be about participation. Students from Prep to Year 3 will be having a 'fun run' to get used to cross country running and the distances they are required to do. Year 4s and up will also be running for places in our school team which will participate in the Bramble Bay Cross Country at St Pauls School, Bald Hills, after the Easter holidays (29 April). Those athletes have set distances to run at St Pauls -2km for 10 year olds and 3km for 11 and 12 year olds. 9 year olds also participated last year and ran 2km as well. They do not progress past the Bramble Bay Carnival but the winning 10, 11 and 12 years runners do. Our carnivals distances will be shorter. The 9s will run 1km, the 10s and 11s, 1.5km and the 12s will do 2km. I hope that by race day, the temperatures have dropped and we can have a really competitive carnival. I'll put out a full programme in the week before the event.

### **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

For many years, it has been our tradition to have parent-teacher interviews in the first term. As this term was short to start with and then we lost another day at its beginning, we have decided to run our first round of parent-teacher interviews early in Term 2. This also gives us more time to complete initial assessments and have some useful information to give to parents. For those who don't know our procedure, we have all the interviews for all year levels occurring in the assembly hall, starting just after 3pm and running until 6pm. Each interview is scheduled for 15

minutes which is usually more than enough time to have a meaningful discussion. Booking forms for these interviews are going home this Friday and this is the reason for this item in the newsletter. We want to give every parent the opportunity to come to school and talk to their child's teacher. Please ensure you get the form from your son or daughter on Friday.

Mark Fisher  
Principal

### Research - Which discipline or reward is best for your child?

A new study lends insight into how children react to discipline practices used by parents and teachers, and sheds light on their view of what's fair.

"A teacher who rewards or punishes a whole class for the good deed or misdeed of just one student is more likely to be seen as fair by 4-to-5-year-olds but as less fair by older children," said research investigator Craig Smith of the University of Michigan Centre for Human Growth and Development. "Likewise, the data suggests that most older children and adults will feel that the common practice of punishing everyone for the misdeed of one or a few is unfair."

The data found that preschool-age children were more apt to punish groups of people for the sins of one person in the group. It doesn't mean the little ones are necessarily harsher as people, but that they have a different idea of what's fair, Smith said.

They may actually be motivated by compassion. Based on feedback from the children in the study, they seemed reluctant to single out one person in a group for discipline. Researchers asked children ages 4 through 10 the fairest way to hand out rewards and punishments. The 4-to-5-year-olds overwhelmingly chose to give everyone the same things regardless of merit. In the primary school years, this shifts to the more mature view that people should get what they deserve, and it's unfair to reward or punish an entire group for the good or bad actions of one person. This is the view that most adults take, Smith said.

## Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Curtis** for an interesting sign explaining a school rule
- Prep CD** - **Chelsea** for quickly blending sounds in to words
- Prep H** - **Big E** for participating well in classroom discussions
- Year 1L** – **Juan** for excellent progress in reading
- Year 1N** – **Kiki** for achieving 100% in four consecutive spelling tests
- Year 2C** – **Andre** for voracious reading during Daily 5 and CAFE
- Year 2H** – **Maddelin** for working consistently well all week
- Year 2J** – **Ben** for fantastic work in Daily 5
- Year 3B** – **Saiya** for displaying a mature and responsible attitude to all her work
- Year 3M** - **Meghana** for contributing to classroom discussions and always doing her best work
- Year 4G** – **Richard** for contributing fantastic answers during lesson discussions
- Year 4SH** - **Harith** for showing excellent work skills and fine behaviour
- Year 4TK** – **Khristiana** for a great effort with her narrative writing
- Year 5P** - **Shee Shee** for always being an organised class member
- Year 5WI** – **Nate** for writing an excellent persuasive text on why we shouldn't spend too much money on toys and games
- Year 6C** - **Braydan** for working hard in Mathematics, explaining his answers
- Year 6N** – **Yolanda** for having worked hard to produce a high quality English assessment. Well done!
- LOTE** - **Devashree** for her fantastic "have a go" attitude and excellent participation skills. Ausgezeichnet!

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

- 1L - Michael
- 1N - Jessica
- 2C - Andre
- 2H - Damien
- 2J - Caelouve
- 3B - James
- 3M - Alex
- 4G - Arian
- 4SH - Mya
- 4TK - Cameron
- 5P - Tnarlii
- 5WI - Johnathan
- 6C - Karima
- 6N - Danica

## 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



School absenteeism can impact significantly on students' learning and wellbeing. Research shows that higher student attendance is associated with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

Schools monitor attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers any unexplained absences.

If your child does not want to go to school, or is missing too much school, please contact the school for assistance and support.

*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 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**

Just a reminder that the following clubs are on each week:

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

Have you seen you child's note for the club that they are in? Please remember to return them to me (Mrs Mackay) in the music room. 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. Congratulations to all the band members this week. We started learning "We Will Rock You". 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.

Keep up the great work. everyone.

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:

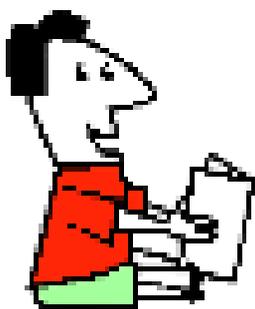
Term 1: ***Flying Snake Tail and Wildlife Writer Set***

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



"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift." ***Kate DiCamillo***

## FROM THE P&C

### UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

*Monday to Thursday mornings: 8.15am to 8:45am*

The uniform shop now has EFTPOS.

### REFRESHMENTS FOR SALE – INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Just a reminder that the P&C will be selling refreshments during Interschool Sport this Friday down at the oval. Remember to bring your money along.

### EASTER HAMPER DONATIONS



It's that time of year again when we are busy preparing for our Easter Hamper raffles. If your family would like to make a donation, please drop your Easter item to either the Uniform Shop or Administration Office. All donations are welcome.

## ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL & SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Hi all – as you are no doubt aware there is an election coming up on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March. As a school we are going to be an election site. Because of this the P&C decided to have a sausage sizzle and cake stall on the day. This is a great money raiser for the school and over the years our school has become known for the wonderful cake stall and sausage sizzle that we put on. What we are looking for people who would like to help out on the day cooking the on the BBQ, selling cakes, drinks and snags. We also need people who would like to donate their time by baking cakes, slices, biscuits etc. for the day. If you are not a baker or are unable to help but would like to do something, you may wish to make a donation of SR flour, butter, sugar, caster sugar, icing sugar, cooking chocolate, eggs or something similar. These items can be dropped in to either the office or the uniform shop. Baked goods can be dropped in to the uniform shop the day before the election Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. All donations will be greatly accepted. If you would like to help on the day please drop in to the uniform shop to put your name down. Alternatively you can complete the form below and return to the school office. Thank you all. P&C Committee.

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ELECTION DAY HELP – I would like to help my details are:-

Name:- \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number:- \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the time which best suits you

7am-9am - 9am-11am - 11am-1pm - 1pm-3pm

Or if you can only do an hour please write which is suitable to you:-  
\_\_\_\_\_am/pm.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

 MARCH 2016	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Afterschool Touch Football Years 5 & 6
2 <sup>nd</sup>	School Banking
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Afterschool Touch Football Years 3 & 4
4 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Sport – Round 3
8 <sup>th</sup>	Afterschool Touch Football Years 5 & 6
10 <sup>th</sup>	Afterschool Touch Football Years 3 & 4
11 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly – House Captain Investiture
11 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Sport – Round 3
11 <sup>th</sup>	Goodstart

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **KURBINGUI HOMEWORK HELP**

Kurbingui Homework Help group is commencing next week.

The aim of this group is to provide tutoring, mentoring and homework help for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth in the Zillmere and surrounds local area, it is also intended to develop confidence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people and help them socially and academically participate in school in a more meaningful way.

If you require further information please contact Sio Kite on 3156 4808 or email: [bridges@kurbingui.org.au](mailto:bridges@kurbingui.org.au)

## HOMWORK 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

A promotional poster for Queensland Cricket Easter Cup Carnivals. The background is dark with a grid pattern. On the right, there's a photo of two young girls in cricket gear, one holding a bat and the other a ball. Logos for 'in2 CRICKET MILD', 'T20 BLAST', 'BRISBANE HEAT', and 'QUEENSLAND CRICKET' are at the top. Text on the left lists details about the event, including age groups, activities, and registration information. At the bottom, there's a banner for 'KIDS CAN CREATE THEIR OWN CRICKET MOMENT' with the website 'PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU' and a photo of a group of children playing cricket.

**QUEENSLAND CRICKET  
EASTER CUP CARNIVALS**

- ✓ 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**

## 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!

## SENSORY EVENT DAYS

### Sensory Movie Days

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

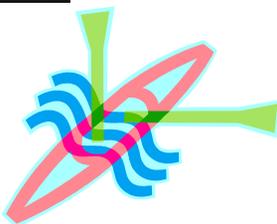
- Lighting is on dim, sound lowered
- Volunteers monitor fire exit doors
- Sensory Movie Days run once a month on a Sunday at 11am
- Tickets are \$8 each (except Ipswich \$6 each)
- Children 2yrs and under are free
- Companion ID Cards are accepted
- Sensory Movie Days are held at the following locations: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

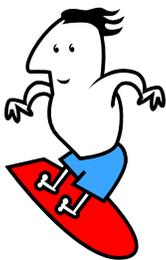
**Where:** Lake Wivenhoe – at the end of Logan's Inlet Road

**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.

**KOOBARA PLAYGROUP**

INVITE YOU TO COME AND JOIN US!!

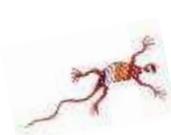
Monday: Bracken Ridge Baptist Church,  
47 Norris Road, Bracken Ridge  
10am-12noon

Wednesday: Koobara Kindergarten,  
421 Beams Road, Taigum  
9:30am-11:30am



**Local pickups  
available!**

Phone: 3265 7171



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands that our playgroups meet on.  
We explore through play!



Morning tea is provided (parents are welcomed to contribute).



## **LADIES NIGHT**

### ***Best Friends Animal Rescue ~ Ladies Night***

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of March we are holding a 'Ladies Night' in the Carseldine Tavernetta Grand Ballroom. We will be offering our guests the opportunity to shop with their favourite plans and assorted stallholders such as Tupperware, Party Lite, Younique, Thermomix, Chocolate Adventures and many more. Guests will have an opportunity to sample, browse, shop and even have mini makeovers and massages on the night. There will be a staffed bar and entertainment in the form of games and demonstrations at the various stalls.

For further information please contact our Fundraising Coordinator, Shelley Van't Veldt, on 0449725167

Best Friends Animal Rescue are a not for profit rescue group based in the homes of many foster carers around Brisbane, Ipswich and the Gold Coast. We are dedicated to saving the lives of at risk cats and dogs in the community, whether they be surrendered from private homes or strays passed on to us from the pound or local vets.

Whilst in our care we provide loving homes for the animals we take in and also complete all vet work they require. This includes fleaing, worming, vaccinating de sexing, micro chipping and any other required vet work based on the animals needs. Once this vet work is complete we actively seek the perfect forever home for each individual animal according to their needs and personality. We receive no funding and rely completely on fundraising and donations to survive.