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8 March 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority, better known as ACARA, is the organisation responsible for the Australian curriculum, Naplan testing and running the 'MySchool' website. Since the last set of Naplan testing in May 2015, they have been assembling a full spread of information about each school's performance. This is part on an email they sent to us last week.

'I am pleased to advise that ACARA has identified your school as having demonstrated substantially above average gain in NAPLAN results. On behalf of ACARA, I would like to extend my congratulations to you and your school community on this achievement. Gains of this magnitude are significant and worthy of highlighting and acknowledgement.'

The gains mentioned are those made by our Year 5s last year, compared to where they were in Year 3, two years earlier. This is a great result for them. They have improved in literacy and numeracy at a far higher rate than other students right across Australia. Our teachers have done a lot of work to get them there and this email is recognition for their efforts as well. Our teachers will continue to do the same this year and we expect to see the same sort of gains with our 2016 Year 5 students.

School Cross Country

The Inter-House Cross Country is being held on Thursday 17 March for all students in Years P-6. Parents are most welcome to come and join us at the Cross Country and cheer on our competitors. All children in Years 3-6 (including students born 2008 in Year 3) will participate in the Cross Country running in a variety of distances appropriate to their age group. We once again remind all students and parents that children will be running in their "Age Group" (i.e. all boys born in 2005 will run against each other in the same event, all girls born in 2005 will run against each other in the same event etc.) Students can choose to race competitively, try to beat a friend, or attempt to meet a personal goal (eg. make the entire distance without walking more than 30 seconds etc.). In line with Athletics, maximum participation is encouraged with points being awarded to all children who participate. Therefore the House that wins the Inter-House Cross Country trophy will be the House that exhibits the best team performance, not the House that has only one or two fast runners.

Our students in Years Prep – 2 will be participating in a Cross Country Fun Run over a distance of 500m. These students will also be encouraged to do their best and achieve their own personal goals. The students will be running against the fellow class mates (i.e. A Year Two boy will be racing against all of the other Year Two boys). Before the Cross Country students will be given the opportunity to practice their running and experience the course. Students are reminded if they are an Asthma sufferer and self-administer their medication that they are to bring their medication with them. Parents please assist us by reminding your child about this requirement. Students have also been advised to take a large water bottle with them so that they can have a drink after they have finished their event. The programme of events is below.

School Cross Country Programme –Thursday 17 March, 2016

Group	Born	Start Time	Race Distance
8yrs Girls	2008	9.00am	1000m
8yrs Boys	2008	9.15am	1000m
9yrs Girls	2007	9.30am	1000m
9yrs Boys	2007	9.45am	1000m
10yrs Girls	2006	10.00am	1500m
10yrs Boys	2006	10.15am	1500m
11yrs Girls	2005	10.30am	2000m
11yrs Boys	2005	10.45am	2000m
12yrs G/B	2004	10.50am	2000m

Morning Tea Break

Year 2 Boys/Girls	11.40am	500m
Year 1 Boys/Girls	11:45am	500m
Prep Girls	11:50am	500m
Prep Boys	11:55am	500m

Clean Up Australia Day

This activity ran last Friday before last, straight after assembly, and was organised and supervised by our Senior Leaders. They did a tremendous job and all the classes contributed to the large piles of rubbish that we collected. It was great to see such a coordinated effort that so many of our students could be part of. The school looked great as well. The hard part for all of us now, is keeping it that way.

P&C Annual General Meeting

Our P&C AGM is set for tonight at 6:15pm in our school staffroom. It is a great forum for parents to interact with school staff in a relaxed environment. The meetings are intentionally short but we get through plenty of business in them. All are welcome to attend and I hope to see many new faces.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Areej** for enthusiastic writing!
- Prep CD** - **Jett** for showing how to be a good reader
- Prep H** - **Zoey** for doing a great illustration and retell for her postcard in English
- Year 1L** – **Kwot** for conscientiously using his listening skills and actively participating in class discussions
- Year 1N** – **Kallen** for delivering an excellent book talk, using appropriate volume, pace, fluency and intonation
- Year 2C** – **Azariah** for always being a conscientious hard worker during class
- Year 2H** – **Damien** for consistently working hard every day
- Year 2J** – **Moowahpaw** for a great improvement in her Number Facts weekly test and always staying on task
- Year 3B** – **Dylan** for always putting thought and consideration into his answers
- Year 3M** - **Aroha** for writing a great Narrative story
- Year 4G** – **Amber** for making tremendous improvements on her Math Post Test
- Year 4SH** - **Shobhita** for showing a positive attitude to her work and improved concentration
- Year 4TK** – **Ben** for great work on his narrative, and working very hard to complete it.
- Year 5P** - **Tom** for consistently working hard when creating his persuasive text
- Year 5WI** – **Raymond** for writing a wonderful persuasive text with an interesting introduction
- Year 6C** - **Madison** for focused efforts in editing and improving her writing
- Year 6N** – **Hameed** for contributing meaningfully to classroom discussions during Geography
- LOTE** - **Kayla** for outstanding bookwork in German classes. Ausgezeichnet!

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 4th March 2016.

- 1L - Raine
- 1N - Ruby
- 2C - Harun
- 2H - Kareora
- 2J - Harry

- 3B - Jamie
- 3M - Holly
- 4G - Robbie
- 4SH - Liam
- 4TK - Jessica
- 5P - PJ
- 5WI - Deeana
- 6C - Ariet
- 6N - Hope

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION OFFICERS

Every Day Counts

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.

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

If a student misses...	That equals...	And over 13 years of schooling...
10 minutes / day	50 mins / week	nearly ½ year of learning time
20 minutes / day	1 hour 40 minutes / week	nearly 1 year of learning time
30 minutes / day	2 hours 30 minutes / week	nearly 1½ years of learning time
1 hour / day	1 day / week)	over 2 ½ 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.

Every Day Counts

**If you want your child to be successful at school then YES,
attendance does matter**

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 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.

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 Dollarmite 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



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

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 19th 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 18th 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.

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

8 th	Afterschool Touch Football Years 5 & 6
9 th	School Banking
9 th	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
10 th	Afterschool Touch Football Years 3 & 4
11 th	Assembly – House Captain Investiture
11 th	Interschool Sport – Round 4
15 th	Afterschool Touch Football Years 5 & 6
16 th	PCYC Sports Expo (Years 5 & 6)
17 th	Afterschool Touch Football Years 3 & 4
18 th	Interschool Sport – Round 5
23 rd	Year 2 Bunnings Workshop
24 th	Assembly – Easter Hat Parade (Prep-Yr2)
24 th	Aspley Eagles Challenge Cup (Yrs 5 & 6)
24 th	Last Day of Term 1
25 th	Public Holiday – Good Friday

COMMUNITY NOTICES

JABIRU – EASTER VACATION CARE

Naturally great fun at Jabiru for the Easter holidays!

Jabiru Kids has planned a great program of activities for the Easter holidays. We'll explore the natural world, making all sorts of things from natural materials from percussion instruments to rubber stamps.

Bring your scooter or skateboard for our Wheely Fun Day and enjoy the colourful fun of the Jabiru Colour Run.

Jabiru Kids Taigum opens from 6.30am to 6pm over the holidays. We even serve breakfast! The full program is available from Jabiru Taigum or online at www.jabiru.org.au

Jabiru vacation care is cheaper than you think, especially for people entitled to Child Care Benefit: call Jabiru's admin team for a quote on 3269 0044.

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

ORAL HEALTH SERVICE NEWS



Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service News

The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service will be offering treatment to the students of Taigum State School soon. Years Prep - 6 have been issued with a consent/medical history form. **If you wish your child to be treated please return the fully completed consent form (4 pages) to your class teacher by 16/3/16.** Due to the demands on our service **parents who return consent forms late will not necessarily have their children treated on site and may be offered treatment at another site.** Once dental staff receive a completed form an appointment for a dental examination will be made for your child. ***A Parent/legal guardian or carer must attend dental appointments with all children under the age of 15.***

If your child requires further dental treatment, the Parent or legal guardian will be required to sign for the proposed treatment plan before it can proceed.

You will be notified via the school newsletter of the date the Child and Adolescent Oral Health service will commence treatment at Taigum State School. For any enquires please contact dental staff on 0408 783 526.

CAR BOOT SALE

The Salvation Army North Brisbane Church, corner of Handford & Roghan Roads, Taigum, will be hosting a Car Boot Sale on Saturday 12 March 2016 between 6:30 am – 11:30am. Cost is \$10 per site.

To RSVP or for more information please contact Annie on annie.senden@gmail.com or FB at www.facebook.com/SalvationArmyNorthBrisbaneChurch

Our Thrift Shop will be open for bargains, there will be Community Markets, coffee and cake, morning melodies, a sausage sizzle and a jumping castle for the kids.

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**

- ✓ 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, click 'where can I play' and enter 'QLD Cricket'. Queensland Cricket contact: Matthew McEwan at 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.

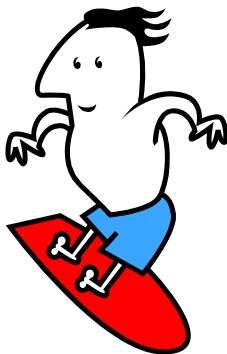
- Lighting is on dim, sound lowered
- Volunteers monitor fire exit doors
- Sensory Movie Days run once a month on a Sunday at 11am
- Tickets are \$8 each (except Ipswich \$6 each)
- Children 2yrs and under are free
- Companion ID Cards are accepted
- Sensory Movie Days are held at the following locations: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

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

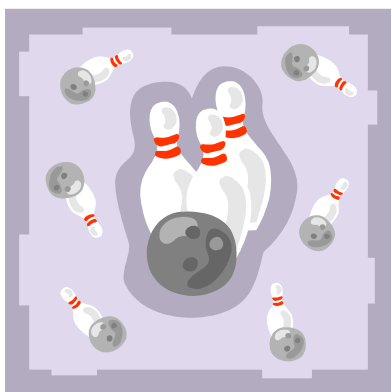
Time: sessions start from 9:00am

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 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 OUT

Best Friends Animal Rescue ~ Ladies Night

On the 19th 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.

BRACKEN RIDGE STATE HIGH SCHOOL – EXPO NIGHT



Expo Night - Tuesday 26th April 2016



Includes:

- Free Sausage Sizzle from 4.30pm
- Tours Commence from 5.00pm
- Principal's Address from 6.30 pm

Enrolment Information
Classroom Displays
Subject Demonstrations
Academic Staff available to answer questions

Bracken Ridge State High School Barfoot St, Bracken Ridge

Ph: 3869 7222 • Fax: 3869 7200

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