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15 March 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

We are quickly approaching the end of Term One, but there is still quite a bit to happen at school before Easter is upon us. Tomorrow, all our Year 5 and 6 students are heading to the Zillmere PCYC for a sports expo; Thursday is our whole school cross country ; and Friday brings the final round of our summer interschool sport season. Next week, we have our Walking Wheeling Wednesday Big Breakfast and Ride with the Principal to School, as well as our Easter Bonnet Parade for our little ones. All this is taken place, of course, in the background to the ongoing work in our classrooms, which will continue to 3pm on Thursday afternoon.

School Dental Van Visit

The School Dental Van will be onsite at Taigum State School early next term and Qld Health has asked me to pass on information about their new procedures. Here are the main points:

Metro North Oral Health (MNOHS) is committed to improving the oral health of our children. To do this we want to enhance the important role that parents/guardians and carers play in helping us provide the best oral health care that we can for their child.

*MNOHS requires a parent/legal guardian or a nominated adult representative to attend dental appointments with all children under the age of 15 years (we strongly recommend that an adult attend appointments with all children regardless of their age). **A parent/ legal guardian must attend the examination appointment.** This is so that you can be involved in making decisions about your child's oral health care and discuss any issues that may be of concern. Your involvement is important to us and to your child's health. Please remember to bring your child's Medicare Card to every appointment. If you have any queries regarding this service, or would like to discuss this please telephone oral health services (ph: 3646 7838) or email MNOHS_Directorate@health.qld.gov.au*

Please take careful note of these changes as they require an adult to be present in the van at school during treatment.

QParents

Very shortly, we will be emailing or sending a physical copy of the application form for parents to sign up to the QParents online portal. One signed up, parents will be able to access information about their own child's attendance, behaviour and academic performance. This information will come directly from Oneschool, the programme all teachers and administrators use to record data about students. The sign up process is not simple. There are a few steps to it, particularly about confirming your identity. It is like the process used when you open a bank account –you need 100 points of identification. Once this is done though, the rest is pretty straightforward and you can get student information almost immediately. Although it can all be done online, school staff can help you here if you have any problems. Please keep an eye out for the invitation email in the next week or two.

WWW Big Breakfast

As I mentioned above, this activity is taking place next week, in conjunction with 'Ride to School with the Principal'. The breakfast will be run from the hall and will begin selling bacon and eggs on bread, and drinks from around 8am. The food is \$2.00, the drinks are 50c. This will continue through until 8:45 when the bell rings to go into school. All are welcome to eat, whether or not they have been active travellers on that day.

The second part, the ride with the principal, will again start from the Hidden Play Park on Roghan Rd. I will be there from 7:45am and expect to depart for school at 8am sharp. We travel along the Roghan Rd footpath and then along the bikeways to the back of the school. There will be several adults supervising and everyone is welcome, whether riding, scootering or walking.

Also on the Wednesday, we will survey each class to see which one has the most 'Active Travellers' and they will hold the 'Active Travel Trophy' until the end of Term 2, when we will do this all again.

Elections on Saturday

An election booth for the ward of Deagon will be running at our school, in the hall, on Saturday from 8am to 6pm. The P&C will be doing a sausage sizzle and having a cake stall. There will also be a booth at the Community Hall on Roghan Road in Fitzgibbon Chase and another at Zillmere State School. Don't forget to vote!

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Olivia** and **Leah** for participating enthusiastically in science discussions
Prep CD - **Dakota** for always working responsibly and having a try at all activities
Prep H - **Zion** for creating a great idea for a new Russell The Sheep book
Year 1L – **Meisha** for having a go and using her sounds when writing
Year 1N – **Kai** for using the strategies needed to be a successful reader, and showing a great improvement with his reading
Year 2C – **Rahman** for displaying an improved positive attitude and effort towards school work
Year 2H – **Selena** for excellent story writing
Year 2J – **Charles** for fantastic ideas in class discussions during Maths
Year 3B – **Austin** for great improvement in spelling through effort and persistence
Year 3M - **Sa Gay** for working extremely well on her retell and comprehension
Year 4G – **Arian** for always being a quiet achiever and a pleasure to teach
Year 4SH - **Yuvraj** for consistently trying his best and showing excellent behaviour
Year 4TK – **Cameron** for always participating in class discussions and for his diligence in all areas of his school work.
Year 5P - **Jarell** for writing a wonderful narrative
Year 5WI – **Jack, LeBron, Jacinta, Devashree, Deena, Shikayla** and **Johnathan** for consistently completing great homework and handing it in on time all term
Year 6C - **Latrell** for his strong commitment to homework and improved spelling results
Year 6N – **Ben** for showing enthusiasm and working hard to complete his Geography assessment
LOTE - **Keshanna-Marie** for outstanding work in German. Ausgezeichnet!
EALD - **Jose** for working hard in all class activities

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 11th March 2016.

- 1L - Narquincia
- 1N - Max
- 2C - Cooper
- 2H - Kareora
- 2J - Mia-Bella
- 3B - Tameika
- 3M - Devine
- 4G - Dennise
- 4SH - Deslyn
- 4TK - Indigo
- 5P - Jada
- 5WI - Devashree
- 6C - Bailey
- 6N - William

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 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 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.

SCHOOL BANKING



CBA staff to talk on assembly ~ Friday 15th April

CBA staff to hold an account opening session before school on Tuesday 19th April (under "D" block)

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



"I'm wondering what to read next." ***Matilda, Roald Dahl***

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Performing Arts News

All clubs are running very smoothly. Thank you to all the students (and parents) who have made the commitment to one of these clubs. We are having a great time just playing music. Remember the clubs are on:

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 your child's note for the club that they are in? Please remember to return them to me 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 some new members who have joined our band this week. It's all starting to come together. 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 when they are ready.

Congratulations to **2C** for winning the music trophy this week.

Now to some very exciting news; we have had over 100 students, from years 3 – 6, join up for our biennial musical. This year we are going to put on a fabulous show called **Seussical JR**. The story is all about Horton the Elephant with Cat in the Hat as the story teller. It features some wonderful characters from the Dr Seuss stories. Rehearsals have started today, so we are all very excited. If your child has signed up, they would have brought home a letter with more information. If you, as a parent, are interested in helping in anyway (costumes, sets, props) please call the school office and leave your name and contact details.

Keep up the great work, everyone.

Thank you to all for your support,

Andrea Mackay
Music Specialist

FROM THE P&C

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

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

The uniform shop accepts cash or 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

15 th	Afterschool Touch Football Years 5 & 6
16 th	School Banking
16 th	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
16 th	PCYC Sports Expo (Years 5 & 6)
17 th	Afterschool Touch Football Years 3 & 4
18 th	Interschool Sport – Round 5
18 th	National Day of Action Against Bullies
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 has commenced.

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.

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.

EASTER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMP



2016 EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOOTBALL CAMP

- Dates:** Tuesday, 29th March – Friday, 1st April
Time: 9am – 3pm
Place: North Star Football Club
Jennings Street, Zillmere
Cost: \$180 per child
(If siblings are attending the second sibling pays \$150, if a third sibling is attending he/she only needs to pay \$120)
Bring: Hat, Football Boots, Shin Pads, Water, Lunch (the canteen will be open and selling snacks and cold drinks)
Includes: Great coaching from our qualified coaches!!

REGISTER YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN NOW!!!



**LOADS OF FUN FOOTBALL GAMES AND A CHANCE
TO LEARN SOME NEW SKILLS!!**

To register email developmentnorthstar@outlook.com or call Tom on 0477245478

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 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 Provided – Parents are welcome 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 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

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