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**22 March 2016**

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

### **Dear Parents**

We have almost reached the end of the first term, which means we are already one quarter of the way through the year of 2016, which still seems new. Something quite special happened in this term we've just had. After two and a half years of effort, we have finally reached our goal of a 95% attendance rate. Three years ago, our attendance rate was 89%. It went to 90% in 2014 and up to 91.5% in 2015. Now we are up where we want to be, thanks to the work of parents, teachers, students and our participation officers who do all the follow up calling when students are absent. Our challenge is to keep this rate at 95% for the next three terms so we will be able to say that the whole of the year was great for attendance. Of course, the big winners here are the students. The more you are at school, the more time you have to learn. With so much happening in schools, it is terribly important to be here every day. On our last assembly for the term, on Thursday this week, we will be presenting some awards for families and individuals who have made the biggest gains in attendance. Theirs are quite remarkable improvements. Well done to all involved.

### **Easter Hat Parade**

The main reason we are having an assembly on Thursday, is to allow our young students in Prep to Year 2, to show off their Easter Hats. I am constantly amazed by the industry and creativity of our parents in the fantastic hats they produce. Mrs Mackay will be running this part of the parade and she has some music lined up for each class and I'm sure it will be tremendous fun for all involved. Parents are more than welcome to attend and I think our hall might be full to the brim on Thursday.

### **Walking Wheeling Wednesday Activities**

As I wrote last week, Wednesday will see the first of our 'Big Breakfasts' for the year. \$2 for eggs and bacon is a bargain in anybody's language. The BBQ will be going from 8am and drinks will also be on sale for 50c. The second activity of the day is the 'Ride with the Principal'. It starts at Roghan Road's Hidden Play Park at 8am also. Thirdly, we will survey every class to find the best 'Active Travellers' and they will be presented with the trophy on Thursday's assembly.

### **Bramble Bay Representatives**

Our students have had a good run at representative trials in the last three weeks. We have had four of our students successful in two different sports, making Bramble Bay teams for the upcoming Metropolitan North trials. The details are as follows:

11 years Netball – Mya

11 Years Rugby League – Lebron

12 Years Rugby League – Damascus and Latrell

I wish our students all the best at the trials.

### **Woolworths Earn and Learn**

Last year, all our parents were kind enough to collect their docketts in the Woolworths 'Earn and Learn' promotion. This week, the resources we were able to choose have arrived. We selected materials to complement our 'Daily 5' and 'CAFÉ' Reading Programmes – listening posts and lots and lots of great books to read. I thank Woolworths for their generosity in this regard. Our children are the biggest winners though. Anything that helps them to read is an invaluable asset.

### **Air Conditioning**

April 4 (In the Easter Break) is the date organised to finish the air-conditioning of our classrooms. This will entail putting units in 'C' Block, 'F' Block and a number of individual rooms

in other blocks so that all places our students regularly enter will be climate controlled. We probably won't need it straight away, but at least we will be set for the warmer weather at the end of this year.

### Easter Break

Easter is only a few days away. The break begins on Friday 25 March and runs through to Sunday 10 April. School resumes on Monday 11 April. Monday is not a Student Free Day, it is a school day so don't let any of our students try to trick you with that one. Due to the positioning of Easter this year, Term 1 was quite short. Term 2 makes up for this by being eleven weeks long (10 April – 24 June). I wish all parents and students a happy Easter and I hope you enjoy the change of routine. When everyone returns in April, it will be cooler and easier to learn, so I'm looking forward to a very productive Term 2.

Mark Fisher  
Principal

## Students of the Week

<b>Prep B</b>	- <b>Shenul</b> for an amazing job sounding out words
<b>Prep CD</b>	- <b>Phoenix</b> for his consistent positive enthusiastic participation in all school activities
<b>Prep H</b>	- <b>Josie</b> for working hard in presenting her English speech
<b>Year 1L</b>	- <b>Chelsea</b> for writing a fantastic retell of Just Jack
<b>Year 1N</b>	- <b>Max</b> for being a keen learner in the classroom
<b>Year 2C</b>	- <b>Eva</b> for always trying her hardest and using beautiful manners
<b>Year 2H</b>	- <b>Faith</b> for always working well on learning tasks
<b>Year 2J</b>	- <b>Bronwyn</b> for fantastic results in weekly Spelling Tests this term
<b>Year 3B</b>	- <b>Jasmine</b> for striving to improve in all of her work
<b>Year 3M</b>	- <b>Ava</b> for being a conscientious student
<b>Year 4G</b>	- <b>Dennise</b> for consistent effort in class and beautiful manners
<b>Year 4SH</b>	- <b>Ger Kler Htoo</b> for showing great work skills and excellent behaviour
<b>Year 4TK</b>	- <b>Ava</b> for being a considerate and helpful class member.
<b>Year 5P</b>	- <b>Brock</b> for always having a positive attitude
<b>Year 5WI</b>	- <b>Lebron</b> for an excellent attitude in maths groups throughout Term One
<b>Year 6C</b>	- <b>Tyrell</b> for working hard to answer questions in detail in Mathematics assessments
<b>Year 6N</b>	- <b>Olivia</b> for keeping a positive attitude and persevering with difficult tasks
<b>LOTE</b>	- <b>Olivia</b> for her outstanding effort in learning German and completing task cards with enthusiasm. Ausgezeichnet!
<b>EALD</b>	- <b>Nathan</b> for a great improvement in listening, reading, writing and speaking

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

- 1L - Kwot
- 1N - Reme
- 2C - Andre
- 2H - Paige
- 2J - Ben
- 3B - Dylan
- 3M - Jordan
- 4G - Amber
- 4SH - Andrew
- 4TK - Jessica
- 5P - Ladu
- 5WI - Saiful
- 6C - Olivia
- 6N - Gus

## FROM THE OFFICE

### CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

#### **House Results:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Moreton (1269 points)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Stradbroke (1165 points)  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Bribie (1093 points)

#### **Individual Results:**

#### **BOYS**

AGE	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Prep	James	Brayden	Tee Moo
Grade 1	Kwot	Kallen	Jayden
Grade 2	Mason	Harun	Keeran
8 years	Kahan	Jaime	Jordan
9 years	Derek	Jacob	Christian
10 years	Ian	Tom	Coadie
11 years	Raymond	Ryan	Johnathan
12 years	Latrell	Eh Tha Mee	Cody

#### **GIRLS**

AGE	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Prep	Alisha	Luca	Megan
Grade 1	Meisha	Narquincia	Auliana
Grade 2	Paige	Azariah	Summer-Rose
8 years	Hannah	Summer	Anneke
9 years	Dreya	Deslyn	Kady
10 years	Abbie	Keshanna-Marie	Ger Kler Htoo
11 years	Lipikha	Jada	Ketarna
12 years	Jada	Akhemi	Trevenna

***Congratulations to the above winners and to all students who participated on the day***

### **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***

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

Kind regards,  
Bambi and Karen  
*School Participation Officers*

## SCHOOL BANKING



***CBA staff to talk on assembly ~ Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April***

***CBA staff to hold an account opening session before school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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***

### ***Keep saving to win a Wildlife Adventure Holiday***

This year School Banking is running a wild Grand Prize competition. We're giving you the chance to win a family trip to Australia Zoo, where you'll get to meet Bindi and Robert Irwin, plus:

- Enjoy a full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour, where you'll get to pat wombats, cuddle koalas and feed wallabies, all while your personal photographer captures every amazing moment.
- Domestic return economy airfares to Sunshine Coast Qld, 4 nights accommodation, 5 days car hire and \$1000 spending money.

*Simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 and you'll automatically receive an entry into the competition for a chance to win.*

Find out more at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

## FROM THE LIBRARY



"Wear the old coat and buy the new book." ***Austin Phelps***

## FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

### Performing Arts News

Thank you to all students who have dedicated their lunch hours to come to one of the clubs. Congratulations on your commitment to our music program. 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.

The band has had a wonderful time playing 2 pieces. They all have copies to take home and practice over the holidays. Remember to bring your band practice booklets so I can put your name in the draw for a prize at the end of next term. Don't forget to come on **Monday morning 8:10am in the music room**. We will start again on the **second Monday** back of term 2. I will do a small music ear test, early next term, with the children who are on the waiting list for the instrumental program.

Congratulations to **the Year 6 girls** for winning the music trophy this week.

Our musical "Seussical" rehearsals have begun. There are 121 students, from years 3 – 6, who have joined up for our biennial musical. After the holidays we will have a proper rehearsal schedule and we will audition for the main parts. 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. Children have brought back their form and who have your support will get first choice of lead roles. We will be choosing lead roles from years 5 and 6.

We will finish our term with the annual Taigum State School **Easter Hat Parade**. On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>, all children in years Prep - 2 will have fun after the final assembly, and proudly show off their hat creations. Have you got a fabulous hat ready?

Keep up the great work, everyone.

With this newsletter I would like to wish all our families a safe and happy Easter break.

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.

The P&C would like to thank all students, teachers and parents who assisted in making the election day sausage sizzle and cake stall such a success.



Parents please ensure all Easter Hamper raffle tickets (sold or unsold) are returned to the school. Prize draw will take place on our final assembly for the term, Thursday 24 March.

We wish all our families a safe and happy holiday, and look forward to working with you again next term.

## DATES TO REMEMBER



### MARCH / APRIL 2016

23 <sup>rd</sup>	School Banking
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 2 Bunnings Workshop
24 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly – Easter Hat Parade (Prep-Yr2)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Aspley Eagles Challenge Cup (Yrs 5 & 6)
24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Public Holiday</b> – Good Friday
11 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>School resumes – First Day of Term 2</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Commonwealth Bank Account Opening Morning – from 8:30am (under D block)
19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Parent / Teacher Interviews
21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	School Captains to Anzac Day Commemorative Service (Brisbane)
22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	ANZAC Day Ceremony (9 – 10am)
25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Public Holiday</b> – ANZAC Day
27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	School Photo Day

## 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](http://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](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.

## EASTER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMP



### 2016 EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FOOTBALL CAMP

- Dates:** Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](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)

## 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:**

- 24 April – *Kung Fu Panda 3*

For further information or to book please email Leah & Chanelle [sensorymovieday@hotmail.com](mailto: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](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 Provided – Parents are welcome to contribute**

## 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

Email: [the.principal@bracridgshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:the.principal@bracridgshs.eq.edu.au) Website: [www.bracridgshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.bracridgshs.eq.edu.au)

## CRAIGSLEA STATE HIGH SCHOOL – OPEN DAY



**Craig'slea**  
State High School  
*... Striving for Excellence ...*



# Open Day 2016

**Sunday 17 April**  
1.30pm to 4.00pm

Academic Excellence  
Traditional Values  
Excellence Programs:  
*Science Music Volleyball*

*School Assembly Hall*

1.30pm	Meet the Staff and Students
2.00pm	Presentation: Year 7 2017
2.30pm	Tour the School
3.00pm	Afternoon Tea



For more information please call - 3326 5222 or email [admin@craigisleasths.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@craigisleasths.eq.edu.au)

Our Motto | *Striving for Excellence*  
Our Vision | *All Students to be Active Citizens in a Global Society*

## QUEENSLAND TOUCH FOOTBALL – HOLIDAY CLINIC



# JUNIOR HOLIDAY CLINIC'S

**29 MARCH**

**BROTHERS TOUCH ASSOCIATION**

Crosby Park, 103 Crosby Road, Albion.

**31 MARCH**

**BRISBANE METROPOLITAN TOUCH ASSOCIATION**

Whites Hill Reserve, Boundary Road, Camp Hill.

**4 APRIL**

**WESTS ARANA HILLS TOUCH ASSOCIATION**

Kev McKell Oval, 247 Dawson Parade, Keperra.

**6 APRIL**

**REDCLIFFE & DISTRICTS TOUCH ASSOCIATION**

Bradley Park, Cnr Herzell Street & Victoria Avenue, Redcliffe.

**8 APRIL**

**SOUTH PINE TOUCH ASSOCIATION**

South Pine Sports Complex, 620 South Pine Road, Brendale.

**Ages:** 6-10 years Boys and Girls

**Time:** Registration will commence at 8:15am, each clinic will start at 9:00am and conclude at 1:00pm

**Cost:** \$30 per participant. Morning Tea and a Queensland Touch Football is included in registration cost.

**What to Bring:** Hat, Sunscreen & Water Bottle.

Participants are welcome to bring additional snacks.



**To register, head to the Coaching Clinic tab on the  
Brisbane City Touch Football Website**

**For further information, please contact Glen Walker from QTF  
on 0427 610 703 or [glen@qldtouch.com.au](mailto:glen@qldtouch.com.au)**