

12 April 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust you enjoyed the two weeks of Easter vacation and the routine change it brought. We now have 11 weeks of school work ahead of us. Term 2, from a teaching point of view, has always been my favourite and you can really get a lot done. The students are settled, they know the routine and the weather is getting cooler. It is easy to concentrate on academic pursuits and students are engaged and enthusiastic, in the main. Of course, for Years 3 and 5, it is an important time with the annual Naplan testing occurring in Week 5 (May 9-13). As always, there is plenty happening this term and the full itinerary is included in the planner in this newsletter. It is as up to date as we can make it, but there will be additions as we go along.

Youngstorm

When you look at the term overview, you will notice that every Tuesday lunchtime, for the whole eleven weeks, is taken up by the 'Youngstorm' Programme. The 'Youngstorm' programme is an innovative approach to working with our indigenous students in Years 3 to 6. It is the brainchild of former Brisbane Bullets basketball star, Leroy Loggins. If you're my age, you may remember Leroy as a very high profile sportsman. Since retiring, he has chosen to use his celebrity to help indigenous students to close the academic gap with their non-indigenous school mates. The first session will occur this week, and Leroy's team will then be here on every Tuesday until the end of the year. I look forward to seeing the great results that will come from his efforts.

Facilities Update

I'm pleased to report that all the classroom teaching blocks that were not air-conditioned, are now. Over the Easter break we had units installed in 'A', 'C' and 'F' Blocks and the Prep building. That means the home classroom of every student is now climate controlled. Some areas still don't have A/C such as the hall, office, staffroom and library but these are not places that students spend too much time in. Unfortunately, this work wasn't in time to alleviate the high temperatures of Term 1, but they are now ready for next summer and all those following. I'm sure our students will enjoy the change and have that reflected in strong school results.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Don't forget our first set of Parent –Teacher Interviews for 2016 are taking place on Tuesday next week, April 19. These start in the hall at 3pm and go through to 6pm in the evening. By now, you should have received notification from your class teacher about your time. If you haven't, please ensure you follow up with him or her as we would like to be able to talk to every parent about their child's progress.

ANZAC Day

Anzac Day falls this year on a Monday. Therefore our school Anzac Service will occur on the previous Friday, April 22 at 9am. As this is our usual assembly time, that week we will not have a parade in the hall, but assemble on the grass area between 'D' Block and the ECDU, for our ceremony. This will be followed by morning tea for all those who wish to attend. I will put out more details of our service closer to the date. On Thursday 21 April, our School Captains will be representing Taigum State School at the students' Anzac Ceremony in Anzac Square in town.

School Photos

I know this is a day that many students and parents enjoy as these photos capture a day in a student's life that they can look at and enjoy for years to come. School photos this year will take place on Wednesday 27 April. The first class photo is taken around 9 am, so it's not only important to be here on the day, but also to be on time. This is just an early reminder to put this date into your diaries.

Mark Fisher
Principal

TERM 2 CALENDAR

TAIGUM STATE SCHOOL TERM 2, 2016 PARENT CALENDAR

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 11-15 April		P&C Meeting – 6:30pm	School Banking Walking Wheeling Wednesday		
Week 2 18-22 April		Yr 6 students to Sandgate DSHS Experience Day Parent/Teacher Interviews	School Banking Walking Wheeling Wednesday	School Captains & Jan McColm to Anzac Day Commemorative Service	9-10am ANZAC DAY CEREMONY
Week 3 25-29 April	ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY	Youngstorm Program Yr 3 –6 1-1:40pm Sporting Schools AFL Yr 1&2	School Photo Day School Banking Walking Wheeling Wednesday Sporting Schools AFL Yr 3&4	7:30am School Captains' Breakfast Salvation Army Church Sporting Schools AFL Yr 5&6	Bramble Bay Cross Country
Week 4 2 –6 May	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	Youngstorm Program Yr 3 –6 1-1:40pm Sporting Schools AFL Yr 1&2	School Banking Walking Wheeling Wednesday Sporting Schools AFL Yr 3&4	Sporting Schools AFL Yr 5&6	
Week 5 9-13 May NAPLAN WEEK		NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 Language Conventions & Writing Sporting Schools AFL Yr 1&2 P&C Meeting – 6:30pm	NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 Reading Test School Banking Walking Wheeling Wednesday Sporting Schools AFL Yr 3&4	NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 Numeracy T Sporting Schools AFL Yr 5&6	NAPLAN Yr 3 & 5 Testing Catch up Day
Week 6 16-20 May		Youngstorm Program Yr 3 –6 1-1:40pm Sporting Schools AFL Yr 1&2	School Banking Walking Wheeling Wednesday Sporting Schools AFL Yr 3&4	Sporting Schools AFL Yr 5&6	Interschool Sport Round 1 Girls at Taigum SS Boys at Sandgate DSHS
Week 7 23-27 May		Youngstorm Program Yr 3 –6 1-1:40pm Sporting Schools AFL Yr 1&2	School Banking Walking Wheeling Wednesday Sporting Schools AFL Yr 3&4	Sporting Schools AFL Yr 5&6	Under 8's Day Interschool Sport Round 2
Week 8 30 May-3 June		Youngstorm Program Yr 3 –6 1-1:40pm Sporting Schools AFL Yr 1&2	School Banking Walking Wheeling Wednesday Sporting Schools AFL Yr 3&4	Sporting Schools AFL Yr 5&6	Interschool Sport Round 3
Week 9 6-10 June		Youngstorm Program Yr 3 –6 1-1:40pm	School Banking Walking Wheeling Wednesday Harmony Day Lunch		Interschool Sport Round 4
Week 10 13-17 June		Youngstorm Program Yr 3 –6 1-1:40pm P&C Meeting – 6:30pm	School Banking Walking Wheeling Wednesday		Interschool Sport Round 5
Week 11 20 -24 June		Youngstorm Program Yr 3 –6 1-1:40pm	School Banking Walking Wheeling Wednesday		Last Day of Term 2 <i>School resumes on Monday 11 July</i>