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19 April 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

This week, of course, is focussed on Anzac Day. Our commemorative service will occur on Friday morning and we are expecting a number of guests to attend, armed forces personnel, returned service men and women, representatives of the RSL, police and members of our local community. It is a big event on our school calendar and an important one for our students to attend. Many of our Year 6 students turn 12 this year and 100 years ago there were men preparing to embark on the shores of Gallipoli, only a few years older than that. Almost every year, our ceremony has fallen on a beautiful sunny autumn morning. I'm always moved by how this contrasts to the terribly cold and unpleasant weather the first Anzacs would have encountered as they fought their way ashore in April, 1915. Our children need to know and understand this history. They need to realise that the way of life we enjoy today, is built on the hard work of many who have gone before us.

Our school Anzac Service will begin at 9am on Friday morning. All our students will be sitting on the grass area between 'D' Block and the ECDU. Parents are welcome to attend and we will have seating for you, set up under 'D' Block. There will be morning tea in the hall for parents and guests at 10am.

Public Holidays

With Anzac Day falling next Monday, we have a long weekend to finish this week. Just to confuse us further, the following weekend is also a long one, with Labour Day being Monday May 2. The end result is only eight school days in the coming two weeks, so we'll have a busy time and some of us, including me, will get the days mixed up.

Winter Sport Trials

Although the winter interschool sport season doesn't begin until Week 6 – specifically Friday 20 May, we need to gauge how many students will be playing so transport arrangements can be made, training organised and draws prepared. There is also the complication involved in rugby league being open to female students. We think this is a great opportunity for our girls, but we do need them to experience the game in practice situations so they can make the decision as to whether they are suited to the game or not. If they do like participating, they will be in a team, but if they find that rugby league is not the game for them, they will still have an opportunity to trial for netball.

Rugby League will be played at Sandgate District State High School and our students will be travelling there by bus and there will be a cost involved for this. The interschool netball competition will take place on our own school ovals and there will be no travel costs for those participants. The season consists of 5 Fridays this term – May 20, 27, June 3, 10 and 17 –each with 2 games per round. We then have school holidays and a 5 week break for athletics, before the season resumes for another 5 Fridays – 19, 26 August and the 2, 9 and 16 September.

School Photos

As I said last week, School Photo Day is Wednesday next week, 27 April. The photo forms went out before the holidays and need to be returned with correct payment to the photographer on the day. We are following our usual schedule which is youngest to oldest, so our Prep classes will be the first to be photographed at about 9 am, followed by the ones, twos, etc and finishing with the Year 6 students, some time around noon.

No Assembly this week

Due to the Anzac Ceremony, there will be no assembly on Friday of this week. We'll hold our student awards over until the following Friday.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Congratulations to the following students who received awards
on assembly - Friday 15th April 2016

Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Osman** for relating to others with qualities of kindness and empathy
Prep CD - **Leilani** for helping others in a happy and friendly way
Prep H - **Summer** for working hard on her writing in English
Year 1L – **Jasnoor** for a great first week at Taigum State School
Year 1N – **Jessica** for working hard to write an incredible retell of a story
Year 2C – **Jorjah** for writing an entertaining and original poem
Year 2H – **Tapa** for staying focused on all tasks
Year 2J – **Kayla** for fantastic manners and a great start to Term 2
Year 3B – **Bajedo** for being kind and supportive towards a classmate
Year 3M - **Darzel** for doing some fantastic work on his Daily Five activities
Year 4G – **Beau** for insightful and enthusiastic contributions during Geography
Year 4SH - **Prabhjot** for continuously exhibiting excellent work and behaviour skills
Year 4TK – **Indigo** for being a helpful class member. She always goes beyond the task and likes to stay in to complete more work..
Year 5P - **Emily** for creating an excellent climate graph in Geography
Year 5WI – **Emily** for using a sizzling start when writing her persuasive text in English this week
Year 6C - **Aunghaingwin** for enthusiasm in his role as an involved student
Year 6N – **Lipikha** for demonstrating strong leadership qualities and showing great care for her peers
LOTE - **Olivia H** for outstanding bookwork and effort during German lessons
EALD - **Thu Re Sar** for always doing his best in his English lessons

BOOK AWARDS



- 1L - Vanessa
- 1N - Anowar
- 2C - Andre
- 2H - Faith
- 2J - Charlie
- 3B - Sukhmandeep
- 3M - Derek
- 4G - Beau
- 4SH - Konnor
- 4TK - Byron
- 5P - Abbie
- 5WI - Devashree
- 6C - Akhemi
- 6N - Jericho

FROM THE OFFICE

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.

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.

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



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

FROM THE LIBRARY

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Scholastic Book Club orders for Issue 3 have been sent home with students. Should your child wish to purchase any items, please ensure their order form and correct money are returned to the school on or before Tuesday 26 April 2016. There is a collection box at the Administration Office.



"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." **Walt Disney**

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you all had a relaxing holiday, and are ready for another exciting term.

Clubs have started again this week. If anyone is interested in joining this term, please just come to one of the clubs.

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

Unfortunately there were be no instrumental lessons this week, however, our school band was very enthusiastic in learning a new piece "Old McDonald had a Band". Remember to bring your band practice booklets so I can put your name in the draw for a prize at the end of the term. Don't forget to come on **Monday morning 8:10am in the music room.**

We have 3 more new students starting our instrumental program. Congratulations, to our two new flute players and our new trumpet player. This makes up our full quota for our instrumental program. Please remind your child to practice at least 10 minutes a day (new students) and 15 for more experienced students.

Our musical "Seussical" rehearsals have begun. We will be auditioning for the main parts next Wednesday (27th) and Thursday (28th), so if your child (years 5-6) is interested in a main role, please remind them to come to come and pick up their audition piece. If your child is in the musical they will be bringing home a rehearsal schedule for the term.

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 who 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. I will be at the Parent Interview tonight so if you have any questions, please come and see me.

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.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Hi,

I'd like to tell you all about a family event being held on Saturday 30th April at Virginia State School.

It's a Christian Hip Hop concert featuring performances from some very cool artists. Please arrive by 5:45pm as the concert commences at 6pm and will conclude at approximately 8pm.

Admission is \$15/person (under 12yrs free), or \$50 for a family of 4.

Funds raised will support Destiny Rescue, a project in Cambodia that rescues child slaves.

It will be a great night and I look forward to seeing some of you there.

Have a good week!

Steve Unicomb
Chaplain

DESTINY HIP HOP CONCERT

Destiny  rescue

30TH APRIL 2016

\$50/FAMILY OF 4

\$15/PERSON

(under 12yrs free)

6-8PM

(arrive 5.45pm)

The Hall at Virginia State School

1678 Sandgate Road, Virginia

(Tickets available at the door)

Contact Sono - 0435 756 411



MURROCK - RECONSTRUCT - SISTER SONO - DAVID THE BIGHT SLAYER - VALIANT WARRIORS D42+SC11

DATES TO REMEMBER



APRIL 2016

19 th	Commonwealth Bank Account Opening Morning – from 8:30am (under D block)
19 th	Parent / Teacher Interviews from 3:00pm
19 th	Sandgate DSHS Experience Day (Year 6)
20 th	School Banking
20 th	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
21 st	School Captains to Anzac Day Commemorative Service (Brisbane)
22 nd	ANZAC Day Ceremony (9 – 10am)
25 th	Public Holiday – ANZAC Day
26 th	Youngstorm Program (Years 3-6)
26 th	Afterschool AFL – Years 1 & 2
27 th	School Photo Day
27 th	Afterschool AFL – Years 3 & 4
28 th	Afterschool AFL – Years 5 & 6
28 th	School Captains' Breakfast 7:30am Salvation Army Church
29 th	Bramble Bay Cross Country

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

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.

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!

****Please note due to the ANZAC Ceremony there will be
No Playgroup on Friday 22 April 2016****

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

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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Email: the.principal@bracridgshs.eq.edu.au Website: www.bracridgshs.eq.edu.au

WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL



Open Day Information Afternoon

Sunday 15 May 2016

2:00pm – 4:30pm

Assembly Hall

Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights

Organised Guided Tours of the School

An Address by the Principal

Opportunities to meet Teachers and Students

Afternoon Tea

Parents and Students of any year level are most welcome to attend

SANDGATE STATE SCHOOL – LITTLE DAY OUT

BIG Talent at Little Day Out

Little Day Out is an awesome local talent quest for primary school age kids. Register your act at ssslittledayout@gmail.com

Great prizes including Family passes to QPAC's Out of the Box Festival.

Don't miss 'Battle of the Clowns'

Peebo and Dagwood VS Domino the Jester

also *Circus Workshops *Juggling *Hoola Hoops

*Tightrope *Kids Craft *Face Painting

*Side Show Alley & more.

Where: Sandgate State School, 54 Rainbow St

When: Sunday 22 May

Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm