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26 April 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Our two big events for last week really went off well. We do plan for that to happen, but it is gratifying when everything does work as is expected. The Parent-Teacher Interviews were very successful. The teachers in the hall hardly had a spare moment from 3pm to 6pm, indicating that many parents were taking the opportunity to talk with their child's teachers. Many teachers had so many interviews that they were still seeing parents on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. This is wonderful to see. The feedback from the interviews was positive as well.

Our Anzac Ceremony was also a tremendous success. This was the best I can remember for the last five or six years. Every time we host our ceremony, I sit out the front next to the school captains, hoping that we successfully get through each part as it goes along –the welcoming, the speeches, the wreath laying, the singing, the last post and the minute's silence. My overwhelming feeling at the end is one of relief, that we did it without too many mistakes. This year it ran like clockwork and I was especially proud of our captains and our choir who performed beautifully. I spoke with several of our guests and older audience members and they all loved the way our students ran the whole service. They said it was a very positive advertisement for our school. Of course, it didn't happen through luck but by hard work. I must thank Mrs Jan McColm for the organisation of the whole process, Mr Steve Buchanan for the setting up and Mrs Bambi Silvertand for the great morning tea afterwards. A fine school effort all round.

NAPLAN Week

We are now only two weeks away from the annual NAPLAN testing of our Year 3 and 5 students. Over three days, our students will sit four separate tests- Language Conventions and Writing on Tuesday; Reading on Wednesday and Numeracy on Thursday. Friday is set aside as a catch up day for students who have been absent on any of the days preceding. Naplan is important in that it produces the set of data used by various agencies to gauge the effectiveness of school across our country, mainly because it is the only set of standardised test that everyone in Year 3 and 5 do in each of our states and territories. Naplan testing is not the 'be all and end all' for individual students. It tests what they can do on one particular day of the year. Teachers use this information as part of their assessment schedule, but also use a number of other methods to gather data to report to parents. That said, students who do well in class and other class assessments, usually go pretty well on Naplan as well, so it is a reasonably good indicator of how a child is travelling. After the test week, the papers are shipped to professional markers who will have the results back to schools by July –August so we can pass them on to parents.

If your child is in one of these years levels, they will have done plenty of Naplan preparation and will know what to expect on the tests. The best thing parents can do to help at this time, is ensure that students are well fed and rested and don't miss any school in the test week and the days leading up to it. We had great results in 2015 and I can see no reason why that high standard cannot be maintained this year. I'll write more about Naplan in the next two weeks.

Don't Forget

School photos are tomorrow. Please ensure that your child is in school uniform and is here on time to be in their class photo. It is always sad to have students away in these group pictures. The staff photo kicks off the day at about 8:30 am and we go from Prep upwards after that. Also, next Monday is a holiday for Labour Day so school will not be open on that day. We resume on Tuesday 3 May for the second short week in a row.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Congratulations to the following students

Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Lachlan** for a very active participation in class, especially in Maths
- Prep CD** - **Patrick** for working in a quiet and responsible manner
- Prep H** - **Shabad** for doing a good illustration and recount in English
- Year 1L** – **Lesina** for being a respectful and friendly learner
- Year 1N** – **Anowar** for working hard to produce neat work at all times
- Year 2C** – **Arman** for always being a polite, hard working and engaged student
- Year 2H** – **Xavier** for outstanding behaviour and effort in class
- Year 2J** – **Mia-Bella** for fantastic manners and excellence in math
- Year 3B** – **Summer** for trying to be responsible for her own tasks and homework
- Year 3M** - **Kirat** for always trying her best and participating in classroom discussions
- Year 4G** – **Makenna** for innovation and creativity in making his erosion stopping machine
- Year 4SH** - **Andrew** for showing a great attitude to learning and to finishing his work
- Year 4TK** – **Coadie** for working hard and concentrating on completing his work.
- Year 5P** - **Mya** for always working hard during English
- Year 5WI** – **Hunter** for writing a good summary for History on early settlers in Brisbane
- Year 6C** - **RV John** for using effective listening skills in classwork throughout the week
- Year 6N** – **Ethan** for creating an interesting short story and working hard to develop his writing skills
- EALD** - **Moowahpaw** for displaying great confidence with her English sentences

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

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Our musical "Seussical Jr" is in full rehearsals from now on. Thank you to all parents who have supported us and returned the original signed form. Also, a huge thank you to all the parents who have offered to help with costumes and sets. I will be in contact with you personally as soon as I have sketched up set plans and costume ideas.

Have you booked the performance dates in your diary? **September 9th and 10th are our big show days for Seussical Jr.**

A reminder that auditions are on Wednesday (27th) and Thursday (28th) second break, in the music room. 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.

Remember that all clubs are still on this term.

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

Don't forget to come on **Monday morning 8:10am in the music room.** Band rehearsals will start again on Monday 9th May.

Are there any parents who can help me write the following words into *your* language for Harmony Day? We have many different cultures at this school, so we'd love to translate the song into many different languages. Just write it on a piece of paper and send it to me with your child. Remember to write on it which language/ country it comes from.

One little, two little, three little children.

Four little, five little, six little children.

Seven little, eight little nine little children.

Ten little happy children.

Taigum's Got Talent will be on again this term, so look out for a letter if your child is interested.

Thank you to all for your support,
Andrea Mackay
Music Specialist

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



"To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark." **Victor Hugo, Les Miserables**

FROM THE P&C

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

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

The uniform shop accepts cash or EFTPOS.

Easter Raffle : Unclaimed Prize

A raffle ticket sold to A. Harris has a number missing from the contact phone details. If you sold this ticket or know A. Harris, could you please ask them to contact the school as their prize needs to be collected.

Thank you and have a great week.

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

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

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Destiny RESCUE AUTHORIZED ADVOCATE EVENT

DATES TO REMEMBER



APRIL / MAY 2016

26 th	Youngstorm Program (Years 3-6)
26 th	Afterschool AFL – Years 1 & 2
27 th	School Photo Day
27 th	School Banking
27 th	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
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
2 nd May	Public Holiday – Labour Day
3 rd May	Youngstorm Program (Years 3-6)
3 rd May	Afterschool AFL – Years 1 & 2
4 th May	Afterschool AFL – Years 3 & 4
5 th May	Afterschool AFL – Years 5 & 6

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!

SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL

**SANDGATE DISTRICT
STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

OPEN DAY

**Saturday 14 May
9am-1pm**

Find out how Sandgate District State High School can "Expand the Horizon" for your son or daughter.

Sandgate District State High School | www.sandgatehs.eq.edu.au | 41 Brown Street, Deagon Q. 4017 | 07 3869 9888

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