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3 May 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Had you been watching the AFL on Saturday, you may have seen a young man named Aliir Aliir debut for the Sydney Swans against the Brisbane Lions. Aliir is one of our past students who came to us from Sudan via several years in a refugee camp in Kenya. He probably got his first taste of the game while at Taigum State School as an 11 year old. Ten years on, he is in the top grade. That's quite a journey for the young man and a success story of which to be proud. Six weeks ago, another past student Jayden Nikorima, played a few 'A' Grade NRL matches for the Sydney Roosters. I wonder if there is any other primary school in the country that can claim a player in both of the biggest winter sporting competitions in the nation. In the words of the telemarketers, 'Wait –there's more!' Alexandra Lascu was our school captain in 2008 and she is the current captain of the Australian Women's Indoor Cricket Team. It is great to see students take advantage of the opportunities they get at primary school, and build on them as they mature into adults, especially if they can make a career out of them.

Naplan

As I wrote last week, Naplan testing will occur in Week 5, that's just seven days away. We hear the word Naplan a lot and we spend a deal of time at school working towards it, but parents really don't see much of the tests at all, except for the results. All materials get returned after use so it is difficult to get an idea of what our students are required to do. Today, I thought I'd show a few examples of questions from past years so you can get an idea of what to expect.

Example 1 – A Year Three Language Conventions Question

The spelling mistake in this sentence has been underlined. Write the correct spelling for the underlined word in the box.

We went to scool.

Example 2- A Year Three Numeracy Question

Which one of these equals 564?

5 + 6 + 4 50 + 60 + 40 500 + 40 + 6 500 + 60 + 4

Example 3 – A Year Five Language Conventions Question

Shooting netball goals – *Fill in the missing word*

First, Jess holds the ball high above her head. Then Jess stands with her feet _____ apart.

- a. slight
- b. slightly
- c. sligher
- d. slightest

Example 4 - A Year Five Numeracy Question

David and Sarah both bought a T-shirt and hat. They each spent the same amount of money.

David's T-shirt cost \$28.90 and his hat cost \$21.10. Sarah's T-shirt cost \$30.95.

How much did Sarah's hat cost?

\$19.05 \$19.15 \$20.95 \$21.10

These are only four of many types of questions our students are asked. If you are interested in looking at the full range, the Naplan website contains practice examples of Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 tests in all areas. The address is: <http://www.naplan.edu.au/naplan/the-tests.html>

Homework Help

Homework can be one of those things that can cause problems at home for a variety of reasons. There are some avenues for help though, outside your child's teacher. One of those is the Zillmere Library Homework Help Program. Any students needing help with reading, writing, assignments or school work are welcome to join helpers in the library for this free service for primary and high school students throughout the school term. They have workbooks, iPads and computers available as needed. The sessions are run by senior school students from St Patricks School and St Rita's and staff are available for extra help. 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 on 07 3403 1455.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

Prep B	- Shenul for great mapping skills
Prep CD	- Braidyn for planning an interesting adventure for Lizard
Prep H	- Caiden for doing a great job on his Math task
Year 1L	- Talitha for being a respectful and friendly learner
Year 1N	- Koko for designing and producing a great ant in Technology
Year 2C	- Keeran for always being focused on his school work
Year 2H	- Artin for improvement in his attitude towards his work
Year 2J	- Charlie for great work in Daily 5
Year 3B	- Sukhmandeep for having great ideas and responding to questions in English
Year 3M	- Zion for some fantastic ideas during persuasive writing
Year 4G	- Dennise for writing a fantastic evaluation of the poem "My Funny Punny Family"
Year 4SH	- Matthew for absolutely trying his best at all times. Well done!
Year 4TK	- Krystal for being a motivated learner and working diligently in all her school work
Year 5P	- Stacey for always working hard during literacy groups
Year 5WI	- Devashree for being an organised and dedicated student
Year 6C	- Blessey for her excellent focus and efforts in her learning across subjects
Year 6N	- Kida for working hard and contributing to classroom discussions
LOTE	- Kevin for great participation and excellent memory of work learned
EALD	- Shobhita for great improvement in reading, writing and speaking

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 29th April 2016

- 1L - Harmanpreet
- 1N - Jaida
- 2C - Eva
- 2H - Paige
- 2J - Naman
- 3B - Ezekiel
- 3M - Sam
- 4G - Amber
- 4SH - Azariah
- 4TK - Quincy
- 5P - Matthew
- 5WI - Lebron and Gurleen
- 6C - Jada
- 6N - Ebony

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



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.

If a student misses...	That equals...	And over 6 years of schooling...
1 day each fortnight	20 days (4 weeks per year)	120 days – more than ½ year of learning time
1 day each week	40 days (8 weeks per year)	240 days – more than 1 year of learning time
2 days each week	80 days (16 weeks per year)	480 days – almost 2½ years of learning time
3 days each week	120 days (24 weeks per year)	720 days – more than 3½ 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.

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

Together let's make Every Day Count

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



“Being positive and persevering teaches children to overcome fear and persist in the face of adversity. Failure should be seen as an integral part of learning, an opportunity to try again or choose a different way.”

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Book Club has been ordered and delivery is expected early next week.
Thank you for your continued support.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Scholastic Book Fair will commence on Thursday 19th May and run until Wednesday 25 May. Parents and students will be able to purchase books before and after school, and during lunch breaks. Opening times to be advised soon. Hundreds of books will be available to purchase during this time, and all purchases benefit our school.

So come along and catch the reading bug!

FROM THE P&C

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

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

The uniform shop accepts cash or EFTPOS.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Just a reminder if all tickets (sold or unsold) in the Mother's Day raffle could please be returned to the school by Thursday 5 May 2016.

The raffle will be drawn on Friday's assembly.

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Firstly, I need to thank the choir for singing so beautifully at our Anzac Day performance. Congratulations, to all those brave students who auditioned for a main role in Seussical Jr. Well done to everyone. The show has now been cast and all cast members were given a note on Friday. This note informed you of the role your child will be playing and that we will be starting Wednesday afternoon rehearsals in the hall. Rehearsals will start tomorrow **Wednesday 4/5/16 from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm**. There are still a number of children who need to bring back the original form. If they do that they will be in the show automatically. (I just need to know that they have your permission)

My apologies for the poor spelling and grammar errors in the last musical note. I do need to slow down and proof read a little better next time. Thank you for understanding.

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

Remember that all clubs are still on this term. As from this term on we will take any year 1 student who is interested in joining the choir. Just come along on Tuesday 1st break and I'll add your name to the list.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Club	Keyboard Club	School Choir	Guitar Club	Recorder Ensemble
Year Level	5-6	1-6	5-6	4-6

If you are in the band, 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

DATES TO REMEMBER

 MAY 2016	
3rd	Youngstorm Program (Years 3-6)
3rd	Afterschool AFL – Years 1 & 2
4th	School Banking
4th	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
4th	Afterschool AFL – Years 3 & 4
5th	Afterschool AFL – Years 5 & 6
10th	P&C Meeting 6:30pm
10th	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5 <i>Language Conventions & Writing</i>
10th	Afterschool AFL – Years 1 & 2
11th	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5 <i>Reading</i>
11th	Afterschool AFL – Years 3 & 4
12th	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5 <i>Numeracy</i>
12th	Afterschool AFL – Years 5 & 6
13th	NAPLAN <i>Testing Catch Up Day</i>
13th	Interschool Sports Trials

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

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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.sandgatshs.eq.edu.au | 41 Brown Street, Deagon Q. 4017 | 07 3869 9888

WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

A celebration of women, by women!

MDA, Jabiru, PCYC and QPS Crime Prevention, Zillmere Community Centre and Brisbane City Council are hosting an event to celebrate women and mothers. All women are welcome: young and old, those born here and newly arrived.

Please come along, bring a friend, a favourite plate of food to share and music to play from your cultural background or country. Please supply music in mp3 format, this may be emailed to Grace prior to the event.

Where: Zillmere PCYC (340 Zillmere Rd, Zillmere QLD 4034)

When: Saturday 14 May 2016

Time: 12 noon – 4:00pm

Cost: FREE

RSVP: Grace Samuel (ph: 3198 2500 or 0411 207 973, email graces@mdaltd.org.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