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10 May 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

About six years ago, we had an enrolment spike that lifted our numbers to around 390. At that time, I predicted we'd make the 400 mark. It didn't happen. The highest we got was 393. Several times since then we have gone up and down but never passed 393, until last week when we hit 395. That number is the highest the enrolment of Taigum State School has been since the late 1970s, and it's set to rise again as we know of several more students enrolling in the next few weeks. It's possible that my 400 students prediction will come true, more than half a decade after I first said it. All of this growth, of course, is due in large part to the concentration of high density housing we have in our catchment area, but it is still good to know that parents are happy to send their children to Taigum State School.

School Dance

Our first school dance for 2016 is coming up next week on Thursday, May 19. As always, it is being held at the Salvation Army Church on Roghan Road. That is a tremendous venue and the Salvos are great supporters of our community and our school in particular. The theme for this dance is the 'Rio Olympic Games' so you can come as a competitor, a spectator, a local or a person of your own choice. I think we might see plenty of bright colours on the night. If you are keen to eat, food will be served from 5:30pm onwards. The dancing begins at 6:30pm and finishes at 8pm. More information and food order forms will be going home this afternoon. I encourage everyone to come as it's a really safe, fun night.

Representative Sport

We have had several of our students taking part in representative sport trials in the last couple of weeks. Touch football is one of our school's strengths and we have two students who have made it into the Bramble Bay Team, Jada in Girl's Touch and Latrell in the Boy's Team. Congratulations to them both. We also had 14 students take part in the Bramble Bay Cross Country, which was a very difficult assignment for several reasons. Firstly the distances were longer; secondly the day was very warm and lastly, there were a lot of competitors in each race. However, all our athletes gave their best effort and we should be proud of each of them for finishing, if nothing else, in those tough conditions. Their results are below:

Girls 9 Years Kady 38th out of 55
 Girls 10 Years Abby 22nd out of 85
 Girls 11 Years Lipikha 72nd, Ketarna 81st out of 85
 Girls 12 Years Jada 24th, Akhemi 25th out of 65
 Boys 9 Years Derek 18th, Christian 40th out of 66
 Boys 10 Years Ian 40th, Tom 80th, Coadie 95th out of 106
 Boys 11 Years Raymond 16th out of 88
 Boys 12 Years Latrell 10th, Eh Tha Mee 38th out of 73

Latrell had a great week, our highest cross country finisher and making the Touch team.

Naplan Testing

Our Naplan testing is taking place all this week and it has started strongly at school today with plenty of eager and well rested students ready to do their best in the language conventions and writing tests. All year, our teachers have been wondering whether the writing task would be a persuasive text or a narrative (story). As it turns out, it was a narrative required for this year's task and the question called for them to write an imaginative story based on some points that they were given and a number of pictures that they could use to motivate their creativity. It looked like a good question to me and most of our students should have no trouble in completing it. I hope to be equally confident of our students' abilities when I see the reading and maths tests in the next two days.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

Prep B	- Curtis for recognizing and drawing 2D shapes
Prep CD	- Braidyn for always doing his best with his class work
Prep H	- Jamieson for working hard during Daily 5
Year 1L	- Chelsea for being a friendly and respectful learner
Year 1N	- Stanny for providing great detail when re-telling a story
Year 2C	- Jessie for being a helpful member of the classroom and always trying his best
Year 2H	- Paige for working so hard with all her writing
Year 2J	- Kelser for great work in Math
Year 3B	- Ayush for enthusiastically participating in persuasive writing tasks
Year 3M	- Tawera for contributing some wonderful ideas to our persuasive writing
Year 4G	- Maayewin for contributing an answer during English
Year 4SH	- Marzieh for displaying great skills and applying herself to her work
Year 4TK	- Rebecca for her effort with her homework and wanting to complete extra homework
Year 5P	- Poe Mi for always having a positive attitude in class
Year 5WI	- Ryan for writing an excellent story on a missing key
Year 6C	- Tayah for her involvement in Mathematics, developing her understanding
Year 6N	- Olivia for showing consistent effort during classroom discussions and in her school work
LOTE	- Keshanna for outstanding bookwork in German. Ausgezeichnet!
EALD	- Maayewin for great effort in Homework Club and improvement in English reading and writing

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 6th May 2016

- 1L - Auliana
- 1N - Ella
- 2C - Japji
- 2H - Artin
- 2J - Sarah
- 3B - Poe Ku Gay
- 3M - Rune
- 4G - Anjali
- 4SH - Liam
- 4TK - Anushka
- 5P - Ladu
- 5WI - Shikayla
- 6C - Hayden
- 6N - Quinn

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 Dollarmite 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."

MONSTER BOOK FAIR



Monster Book Fair – Reading is so much fun it will give you Goosebumps! is coming to the library during May!

Monster Book Fair will commence on Friday 20th May and run until Wednesday 25 May. Parents and students will be able to purchase books during the following times:

Mornings 8:15 – 8:45am

First Break 11:00 – 11:30am

Afternoons 3:00 – 3:30pm

CLOSED WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 25/5/16

Students will visit the library with their class to preview the items and write a wish list. Items can then be purchased during the above times.

There will be hundreds of great books for all ages and stationery on sale during the book fair. The book fair is a great fundraiser for our library and profits are used to purchase wonderful new resources for our classrooms.

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.

Thanks to everyone who bought tickets in the Mother's Day raffle. Like all raffles there can only be a few winners and we would like to congratulate the following families.

M Lindbow – Warner – 1st Prize

M Nadala – Taigum – 2nd Prize

K Mullins – Prep B – 3rd Prize

We hope all our mums had a wonderful day last Sunday.

Further news – for families with students in grade 4 and up – you will by now have had your student bring home their sports or senior shirt. We do apologise for the length of time they took, but the end result is that the students are happy and they all look fantastic in their new shirts.

Don't forget that if you would like to know what's happening around the school there is a P&C meeting tonight starting at 6.30pm in the staff room located next to the school office.

Have a great week everyone!

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

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

The show "Seussical Jr" has now been cast and all cast members were given a note. 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 have started last week and will continue until week 9. The last Wednesday afternoon rehearsal for this term will be on **Wednesday 15th June**. Rehearsals will run **from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm**. I understand that not all children can make this rehearsal as they have other commitments. That is not a problem as we still rehearse during 2nd breaks.

There are still a number of children who need to bring back the original form. If you would still like to be in our cast, your due date is **Monday 16th May**. If they do that they will be in the show automatically. (I just need to know that they have your permission)

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 have started again this week.

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.

If your child is interested in **Taigum's Got Talent** they would have brought home a note with a form to fill out. Please return this to me as soon as possible. Forms will be handed out during music lessons this week.

I have been asked by some senior students if we could have a lunch time concert on **June 9th**, as part of our Harmony Day celebrations. What a great idea. If you, or you and your child, have a cultural dance, cultural song, or play music from your culture, I would love to hear from you. I will be sending out a letter with more information about this lunchtime concert idea.

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

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

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.

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!

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)

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.ed.qld.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

ASPLEY EAST KINDERGARTEN – FAMILY FUN DAY



Lots of FREE fun!

Kids art activities,
barn yard baby animals,
face painting,
performers.

Historical displays,
market stalls,
BBQ.

Register as a member of our Kindy Alumni at
www.aspleyeastkindy.com.au/alumni
and contribute a story or photo
of your time at Aspley East Kindy.

To keep up to date with the 50th year celebrations,
go to our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/aspleyeastkindy
or contact
Lee Andrews, 50th Celebrations Coordinator
Ph: 0419 745 983 or Lee4055@yahoo.com.au

TAIGUM STATE SCHOOL – SCHOOL DANCE



**Taigum State School
Presents
Rio Olympic Dance
Night**



19th May 2016

Salvation Army Church – Cnr Rogan and Handford Road Taigum
Dance starts 6-30pm finishes 8-00pm - food from 5-30pm (Pre-orders)

Entry Cost \$5-00 per family

Food will be pre-ordered prior to the evening – This way your order will be there waiting for you on the night. Please select what your family requires – place correct money in an envelope and drop back to the office no later than Tuesday 17th May.

Student Name:**Class:**

Food available for the evening	No. required	Total amount
Sausage with bread roll \$2-50
Steak Burger – onion, lettuce, carrot, beetroot \$5.00
Hot Chicken and Gravy Roll \$3-50
Drinks: Water- Coke– Coke Zero– Diet Coke–Fanta - Lemonade		
(please circle)	\$1-50

TOTAL PAID \$.....

Chips and drinks available throughout the night.

DATES TO REMEMBER



MAY 2016

10 th	Afterschool AFL – Years 1 & 2
10 th	P&C Meeting 6:30pm
10 th	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5 <i>Language Conventions & Writing</i>
11 th	School Banking
11 th	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
11 th	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5 <i>Reading</i>
11 th	Afterschool AFL – Years 3 & 4
12 th	NAPLAN Year 3 & 5 <i>Numeracy</i>
12 th	Afterschool AFL – Years 5 & 6
13 th	NAPLAN <i>Testing Catch Up Day</i>
13 th	Interschool Sports Trials
17 th	Youngstorm Program (Years 3-6)
17 th	Afterschool AFL – Years 1 & 2
18 th	Afterschool AFL – Years 3 & 4
19 th	Book Fair begins
19 th	School Dance at Salvation Army Hall
19 th	Afterschool AFL – Years 5 & 6
20 th	Interschool Sport – Round 1