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17 May 2016

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents

Today is the midpoint of Term 2. Even though the Easter vacation doesn't seem that long ago, nearly six weeks have passed. Naplan has been completed, Unit 3 of numeracy, literacy and history or geography is finished and the big thing at school is the opening of what we call the reporting period. Mrs Hoad is our report card administrator and she uses our OneSchool programme to shape the look and content of our Semester One Report Cards. When this preliminary work is done, she opens the reporting period, which means individual class teachers can start adding information to each of their student's reports. It's another five weeks before the report cards are sent home, but teachers will use all this time to assess, analyse and comment on student progress in each of the subject areas. It is quite a long process and one that takes up long hours of teachers' time, both at school and at home.

### Staffing Changes

This week, Mrs Tunny is on leave and Mr Leonard Jocelyn is acting Deputy Principal. Mrs Donna Baker is taking over his 2J in his absence. If you have been in the office lately, you'll have been aware of a major change there as well. Mrs Maxine Lecole, our Business Services Manager, is also on long service leave, but right through to October. Mrs Anne Maree Halafia is in her place and is settling in to what are big shoes to fill.

### Facilities Work

As I wrote last week, the work on landscaping the bitumen play area between 'B' and 'C' blocks was scheduled to start yesterday. The workmen arrived promptly and 6am and fenced off the area completely. With that done, we have suddenly become aware of how much of an inconvenience it will be through the duration of the work as the school is effectively cut into two. The bike cage is out of bounds and a temporary arrangement has been set up behind the toilets, adjacent to the back of the library where children can rack their bikes. As some sections of the work are completed, those areas may be reopened progressively to improve access, but for a while it will be a part of the school to avoid if possible. The good news is they are working very quickly. Yesterday all the bitumen was removed and it will be taken away today. If this pace continues, it may only be a few weeks before they are finished.

Mark Fisher  
Principal

# Students of the Week

<b>Prep B</b>	- <b>Tee Moo</b> for giving it a go
<b>Prep CD</b>	- <b>Anabelle</b> for careful rainbow writing
<b>Prep H</b>	- <b>James</b> for doing a good retell in English with creative illustrations to match
<b>Year 1L</b>	- <b>Auliana</b> for using her reading strategies when reading
<b>Year 1N</b>	- <b>Raijujar</b> for a great improvement in reading
<b>Year 2C</b>	- <b>Kaylee</b> for always being a polite and well-mannered student
<b>Year 2H</b>	- <b>Ronin</b> for extra effort at school
<b>Year 2J</b>	- <b>Jada-Lee</b> for participation in English tasks
<b>Year 3B</b>	- <b>Hannah</b> and <b>Kahan</b> for being a great helper with cleaning
<b>Year 3M</b>	- <b>Rune</b> for a fantastic retell of a narrative text
<b>Year 4G</b>	- <b>Riley</b> for contributing fantastic answers during every lesson and being organised
<b>Year 4SH</b>	- <b>Cooper</b> for always exhibiting great work skills and achieving fine results
<b>Year 4TK</b>	- <b>Charlotte</b> for showing enthusiasm towards her school work and for being an active participant in class discussions
<b>Year 5P</b>	- <b>Nathan</b> for working hard to complete his technology assessment
<b>Year 5WI</b>	- <b>Nate</b> for working in a responsible and independent manner during technology sessions
<b>Year 6C</b>	- <b>Kayla</b> for consistent effort and focus as a responsible, independent worker
<b>Year 6N</b>	- <b>Sebastian</b> for showing an improved commitment to his classroom work. Keep it up!
<b>LOTE</b>	- <b>Stacey</b> for outstanding commitment to learning German. Ausgezeichnet!
<b>EALD</b>	- <b>Poe Ku</b> for great improvement in her use of listening and speaking skills

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016

- 1L - Jasnoor
- 1N - Amelia
- 2C - Otis
- 2H - Mason
- 2J - Moowahpaw
- 3B - Charli
- 3M - Yasmin
- 4G - Dennise
- 4SH - Dreya
- 4TK - Cooper
- 5P - Stacey
- 5WI - Keshanna- Marie
- 6C - Madison
- 6N - Gus

## **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](mailto: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***

Kind regards,  
Bambi and Karen  
*School Participation Officers*

## **FROM THE P&C**

### **UNIFORM SHOP TIMES**

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

The uniform shop accepts cash or EFTPOS.

## 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](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

## FROM THE LIBRARY



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." ***Dr Seuss***

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 CHAPLAIN**

This week is Chappy Week! So I thought it would be good for me to remind you what I do as the School Chaplain at Taigum SS. Although I am not a professional counsellor I am here to provide support for students, parents, families and school staff. I provide emotional support to students by being a listening ear as they face a variety of issues including; family breakdown, bullying, anxiety, grief and loss.

I can support families in need by giving them food hampers donated by iSee church. I support kids spiritually by running SUPA Club. At SUPA Club we have a look at the Bible and the values it teaches us. Parent permission is required to attend SUPA Club.

I also aim to be a good role model and a really helpful person at Taigum SS by helping at interschool sport, going on the school camp, playing boardgames with kids at lunchtimes and reading stories to the preps.

In general, I want to help the kids at Taigum SS to be healthy emotionally, physically and spiritually.

PS. Don't miss the Principal Vs Chaplain's challenge at the School Dance this Thursday night!

Have a good one!  
Steve Unicomb

## FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

### PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

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

Rehearsals for Seussical Jr will be on this Wednesday, in the hall, from 3:00 – 4:30pm. Thank you to all the wonderful parents who have supported us so far in bringing children to rehearsals. The last Wednesday afternoon rehearsal for this term will be on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> breaks.

There are still a number of children who need to bring back the form. If you would still like to be in our cast, your due date was **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

As it is assessment week for all classes, there will be NO clubs this week. Clubs will usually be run every 1<sup>st</sup> break.

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**. We are starting to sound really good and I am impressed with the children who have made fantastic progress. Well done all band members.

We have one wonderful parent who has helped write our song into a different language. Are there anymore 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 have been handed out during music lessons. I have been asked by some senior students if we could have a lunch time concert on **June 9<sup>th</sup>**, 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 have sent out a letter with more information about this lunchtime concert idea.

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

## DATES TO REMEMBER

 <b>MAY 2016</b>	
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	Afterschool AFL – Years 1 & 2
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	Youngstorm Program (Years 3 – 6)
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	School Banking
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	Afterschool AFL – Years 3 & 4
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	Afterschool AFL – Years 5 & 6
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	School Dance at Salvation Army Hall
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	Book Fair begins
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	Interschool Sport – Round 1
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	Youngstorm Program (Years 3 – 6)
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	Afterschool AFL – Years 1 & 2
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	Book Fair ends
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	Afterschool AFL – Years 3 & 4
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	Afterschool AFL – Years 5 & 6
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	Under 8's Day
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	Interschool Sport – Round 2

## 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!

**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 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**Student Name:** ..... **Class:** .....

<b>Food available for the evening</b>	<b>No. required</b>	<b>Total amount</b>
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.**

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## **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](mailto: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