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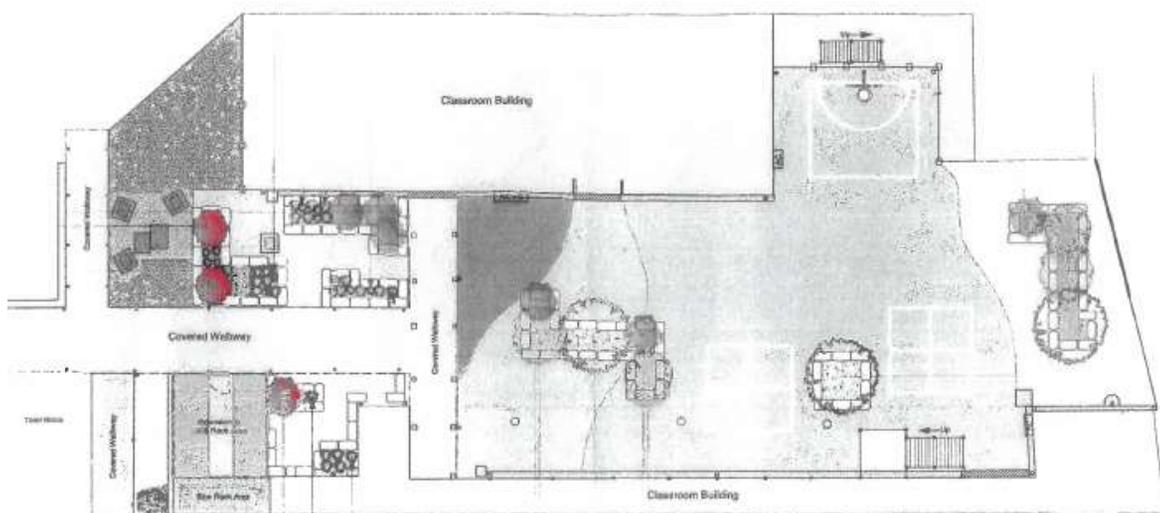
24 May 2016

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents

I have spent quite a few paragraphs in the last couple of newsletters, writing about the disruption the facilities work in the school will cause. What I should have been writing about is the improvement it will make to our school when it is finished. Below is the proposed plan of the project.

My apologies for it being a little hard to read, but I'll try to outline the major points. To get your bearings, the right edge of the plan starts at the staff car park and the left edge ends just near the toilet block. The main features are the 113 sandstone blocks that will form garden beds and seating areas. These are interspersed across the area which will be resurfaced in either exposed aggregate concrete or artificial grass. The concrete is in two colours to break up the look of the area. The bike cage will be doubled in size, and you might just be able to make out the half court basketball area (top right) and the two handball courts (bottom right). To finish it off, a section of the staff carpark fence will be removed to better facilitate access to the hall. All up, it will perform two functions- it will be a fantastic area in which our students can learn and play and it'll make that part of the school much more attractive to our parents and visitors. Sadly, it won't be quite ready for Under 8's Day on Friday, but it will be very close to completion a week or two later.



### Under 8's Day

Under 8's Day is again running at Taigum State School this year and Mrs Tunny has some fantastic activities lined up for our younger students. Zillmere State School will be our guests, as will the local police, fire brigade and a variety of local businesses. Friday assembly will run as usual, then we will have our Prep to Year 3s move out to the buildings at 9:30am to participate in the fun until about 10:45am. Parents are welcome to attend and participate. It promises to be a great morning of both education and entertainment.

### Free Dress Day

Next Wednesday is Free Dress Day with a State Of Origin theme. Funds raised will go to the Red Shield Appeal. That money helps those in most in need, and with winter coming on, there are plenty of people in our community who need that help. So I encourage all the blue and maroon minions to donate a gold coin to that very good cause. Of course, I have to finish this paragraph with 'Go Queensland!'

## Athletics Carnival

We have changed our method for staging the athletics carnival this year to make the actual Senior Carnival run more smoothly. High Jump is the big problem because of the time it takes, so next Thursday (June 2), we will run preliminary high jump rounds during our PE times. The schedule is as follows:

9:00–9:45 8/9 yrs boys and girls      10:00-10:45 10 yrs boys and girls

11:30-12:15 11 yrs boys and girls      12:15-1:00 12 yrs boys and girls

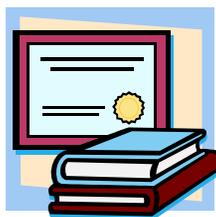
The best 8 jumpers from each of these competitions will jump in the finals on Senior Athletics Day, 16 June. Parents are welcome to come and watch.

Mark Fisher  
Principal

## Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Jacob** for a great job with English warm-ups  
**Prep CD** - **Jack** for making good behaviour choices  
**Prep H** - **Rashandeep** for settling in to Prep H  
**Year 1L** – **Vanessa** for writing a great retell about the Rainbow Fish  
**Year 1N** – **Gregory** for putting in a great effort when writing a character description  
**Year 2C** – **Japji** for providing valuable contributions during maths  
**Year 2H** – **Selina** for impressive all round school work  
**Year 2J** – **Aarnab** for contributing fantastic answers in class and displaying excellent behaviour  
**Year 3B** – **PJ** for excellent use of reading strategies and great comprehension  
**Year 3M** - **Anneke** for always participating well and doing her best work over all areas  
**Year 4G** – **Chloe** for always trying her hardest in every lesson. Well done!  
**Year 4SH** - **Mya** for continually striving to do her best. Well done!  
**Year 4TK** – **Jessica** for great work in her history assessment. She elaborated on her answers.  
**Year 5P** - **Tahjuan** for writing an excellent description of Hiccup  
**Year 5WI** – **Hunter** for making a conscientious effort to remain on task and be an independent worker  
**Year 6C** - **Hayden** for diligent work on preparing for his Multi-modal advertisement  
**Year 6N** – **Karman** for settling beautifully into our class. We hope you enjoy Taigum SS  
**LOTE** - **Jack** for great participation during German classes. Ausgezeichnet!  
**EALD** - **Harry** for continual improvement in EAL/D speaking and listening activities

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016

- 1L - Lesina
- 1N - Ezra
- 2C - Arman
- 2H - Xavier
- 2J - Sarah
- 3B - Zane
- 3M - Ben
- 4G - Sophie
- 4SH - Andrie
- 4TK - Ava
- 5P - Tahjuan
- 5WI - Chauncey
- 6C - Kayla
- 6N - Justin

## 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***

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 MUSIC ROOM

### PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

As there are many other activities which are run during break times, I have sent out a new rehearsal schedule. On **Mondays**, everyone in the musical will be needed in the hall for dance practice with the talented Mrs Hicks. On Tuesday to Thursday only the children involved in that particular song will need to be at rehearsals. (Please see rehearsal schedule)

I have told the children that if they need to be at sports, to make that their priority this term. Next term, they will make the musical their priority.

**Wednesday afternoon** rehearsals (3:00 pm – 4:30) will still be in the hall until week 10, 15 June. I understand that some students are still at other commitments.

There are still a number of children who need to bring back the form.

All clubs have started again 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 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 / JUNE 2016</b>	
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	Afterschool AFL – Years 1 & 2
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	Youngstorm Program (Years 3 – 6)
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	School Banking
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	Afterschool AFL – Years 3 & 4
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	Book Fair ends
<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
<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	Youngstorm Program (Years 3 – 6)
<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	Afterschool AFL – Years 1 & 2
<b>1<sup>st</sup> JUN</b>	Afterschool AFL – Years 3 & 4
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> JUN</b>	Afterschool AFL – Years 5 & 6
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> JUN</b>	Interschool Sport – Round 3

## 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](mailto: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!

## CONFIDENT KIDS AND TEENS

# confidentkids+teens

### ***Resilience Skills for a Happy Life!***

Book now for our June School Holiday Program!

Confident Kids ® + teens is an innovative coaching program for kids 5-14yrs that aims to boost confidence, emotional resilience, social skills and brain power. Students discover their strengths, and build resilient thinking skills to reduce stress, anxiety, worry, or negative thinking.

Essential tools to navigate the teen years!

Our team of experienced Psychologists will coach, encourage and support your child to be all they can be! Medicare and Private health fund rebates apply.

Register and Book online today at [confidentkidsandteens.com.au](http://confidentkidsandteens.com.au) Or contact us at

[info@positivefamilies.com.au](mailto:info@positivefamilies.com.au) for more details.

## **SMITH FAMILY – SAVER PLUS PROGRAM**

Is your child at school or starting next year?

Would you like \$500 to help pay for uniforms, books, excursions or a laptop?

To be eligible you need to:

- have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school now or starting next year
- have some form of household income, for example – your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment
- Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar up to \$500.

Saver Plus is looking for new participants so enquire about signing up today!

To find out more, phone or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355, or email [saverplus@bsl.org.au](mailto:saverplus@bsl.org.au)

## **SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL**



### **2017 Enrolments**

Sandgate District State High School would like to invite families who are yet to enrol their child in Year 7 in 2017, to contact the Enrolment officer on 3869 9888 to arrange an interview time as places are filling fast.