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31 May 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Last Friday was a very busy day, equally split between activities for the lower school and the upper. It started with our Under 8's Day in the first session. There were twenty-two separate activities for our Prep to Year 3s to enjoy, and they had a great time doing as many as they could fit in the time allowed. We had the Under 8s from Zillmere State School as our special guests and plenty of great visitors including the Carseldine Police, our Local Jetts Fitness Gym and Jabiru. I have to thank Mrs Tunny for her organisation of the event and our students for the great way in which they participated, especially our Year 6 helpers who were on hand to give any assistance necessary.

The second half of the day involved our Year 4 to 6 students participating in interschool sport. We have record numbers playing this season which is wonderful to see. As our school hosts the interschool netball, we are visited weekly by about 400 girls from nine schools and it is a great site them all playing on our courts. Unfortunately, those courts are getting very hard from a lack of rain, but we hope the forecast for a wet weekend comes to pass. Our six rugby league teams travel to Sandgate DSHS every week to play and it is always good to see them in their jerseys on Friday mornings, keen to be playing. We have another three weeks of competition this term. Parents are welcome to come down to our oval to watch the netball or travel to Sandgate to see the footy.

School Attendance

Student attendance has been a focus of our efforts over the last 18 months and it is beginning to pay dividends. As you may recall, our target is a 95% attendance rate, which we reached in the first term of 2016 after being in the low nineties through 2015. It is interesting to look at these figures more closely. I asked Mrs Silvertand to give me a breakdown of the numbers and she provided me with this information this week. We presently have 395 students enrolled and so far this year, 70 of them have not missed a day. A further 157 students have missed five days or less. Another 98 students have an attendance rate between 90 and 95%. That is the good news. Unfortunately, we have a group of about 70 students who have missed a great deal of schooling so far this year. The great bulk of those are in the 80 to 89% attendance level, but about 25 have missed a quarter to a half of school already. We know exactly who these students are and we are working closely with them and their families to improve their attendance. It is a simple formula. The more you come to school, the more chance you have to learn. Below is a summary of the figures I have just presented.

Attendance Rate	50-59%	60-69%	70-79%	80-89%	90-94%	95-99%	100%	Totals
No. of Students	2	5	20	43	98	157	70	395
% of total	0.5%	1.3%	4.8%	10.7%	24.9%	40%	17.8%	100%
Comment	<i>V. Poor</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Ordinary</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>V Good</i>	<i>Brilliant</i>	<i>The Target</i>

Harmony Day

Next Wednesday is Harmony Day and we will once again be putting on our Harmony Day lunch in the hall at 1pm. We encourage students from all the different cultures represented at Taigum State School, to bring along traditional dishes and wear traditional costumes so that we all might enjoy and appreciate the tremendous diversity we have within our school. I know last year, that I tried so many different foods that I could hardly move by the end of lunch. It was a fantastic smorgasbord.

Active Travel Big Breakfast

Wednesday next week is also our WWW Big Breakfast for Term 2, so not only will we be having a top lunch, but also a big morning meal. As always, the BBQ will be running hot from about 7:45 am, serving up bacon and eggs for \$2 for anyone who wishes to attend (students and parents). I will again be riding from the Roghan Road Park with anyone who wishes to ride with me. It might be a very chilly start to the day.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Cade** and **Hamish** for Welcome to Prep B
- Prep CD** - **Amaan** for always working to the best of his abilities
- Prep H** - **Isaiah** for being a good listener in the classroom
- Year 1L** – **Lucas** for being a safe and respectful class member
- Year 1N** – **Ruby** for working conscientiously to create a 3D model of her bedroom for Technology
- Year 2C** – **Miguel** for always being an active participant in class
- Year 2H** – **Sha-taya** for extra effort with her school work
- Year 2J** – **Keaily** for being focused and on task during math sessions
- Year 3B** – **Chelsea** for writing a sincere letter for a purpose
- Year 3M** - **Holly** for working hard on her Science assessment – The Sun, the Earth and us!
- Year 4G** – **Robbie** for doing an excellent evaluation of his initial design during Miss Needham's Biomimicry unit
- Year 4SH** - **Deslyn** for always doing her best, being organised, and displaying a beautiful, positive attitude
- Year 4TK** – **Quincy** for his excellent researching skills about the First Fleet and posing questions about the Industrial Revolution
- Year 5P** - **Joshua** for working hard to complete his Technology assessment
- Year 5WI** – **Keshanna** for being a responsible, independent worker
- Year 6C** - **Jada** for her diligent approach to school, showing her best in all she does
- Year 6N** – **Hope** for showing great leadership skills during assessment session
- LOTE** - **Sam** for not giving up in German classes this week although the activity was challenging. Ausgezeichnet!
- EALD** - **Ger Kler Htoo** for continual improvements in her English listening, writing and speaking skills

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 27th May 2016

- 1L - Asa
- 1N - Sean
- 2C - Harun
- 2H - Indiana
- 2J - Alvie
- 3B - Christian
- 3M - Gree Na
- 4G - Arian
- 4SH - Matthew
- 4TK - Zaki
- 5P - Mya
- 5WI - Jordan
- 6C - Tayah
- 6N - Danica

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.

LOST & FOUND



A small scooter has been handed in to the office. If your child has recently lost their scooter please see the staff at administration to enquire if it belongs to you.

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION OFFICERS

Every Day Counts

Like any school we are a busy place; however, we remain focused on maintaining the supportive learning environment in which each student is encouraged, by our committed staff, to be the best possible person they can be in their academic, cultural, sporting and general community pursuits. Our school community remains committed to maximising the potential of each student by enhancing educational opportunities in line with our motto of *Strive for Best*.

All members of our school community need to maintain a commitment to the personal actions listed below in order to maximise potential outcomes:

- Maintaining positive relationships
- High expectations
- Following routines, procedures and policies
- Classroom tone – engaged students
- Safe and orderly environment (in and out of the classroom)
- Focused learning

..... all of which are reliant on regular attendance at school.

We are now heading towards the end of term two so remember Every day counts! Students and parents need to remain focused on the importance of attending school in order to maximise learning opportunities. Students need to attend school every day to receive the greatest benefits from their education. Did you realise that skipping the last day of every term adds up to more than a whole term of schooling missed throughout a child's education? Skipping a whole week of school each term means your child will miss more than 15 months of their education! If you want to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter.

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.

SENIOR SHIRT – For Sale

Due to a recent change of school, I have for sale one (1) size 12, senior shirt with class names. Cost is \$35. If you are interested in purchasing this shirt please see me in the uniform shop.

Bambi Silvertand
Uniform Shop Convenor

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



“In the case of good books, the point is not to see how many of them you can get through, but rather how many can get through to you.” *Mortimer J Adler*

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Scholastic Book Club orders for Issue 4 have been sent home with students. Should your child wish to purchase any items, please ensure their order form and correct money are returned to the school on or before Friday 3rd June 2016. There is a collection box in the Administration Office.

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Have you got your new Musical timetable? If you don't, or you need a new one, please let me know.

We will have our usual **Wednesday afternoon rehearsal tomorrow. 3:00 – 4:30pm**. Thank you for all your support so far. I am very proud of how all the children are learning their parts and practicing hard. A *huge* thank you so far to Mrs Hicks, who has spent her “free time” choreographing all our dances, to make our show look fabulous!

Mrs Silvertand is in the process of measuring children for their costumes. That's exciting! Thank you to you, Mrs Silvertand.

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.

As we are in the middle of report card writing, I have not yet been able to finalise sets, props or costumes. Thank you for your patience and I will get back to you before the holidays, so we can get started. A *huge* thank you to all those parents who have already said they would help.

All clubs have started again this week. Clubs will usually be run every 1st 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 by the end of this week. **Our first round of Taigum's Got Talent will start Monday in week 10, 13/5/16**. I will let you know which year level will be on which day, as soon as I have all the notes in.

I have been asked by some senior students if we could have a lunch time concert on Monday **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 have sent out a letter with more information about this lunchtime concert idea. **At this point we only have 1 performer**, but we will still go ahead and have some fun.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER



MAY / JUNE 2016

31 st	Afterschool AFL – Years 1 & 2
31 st	Youngstorm Program (Years 3 – 6)
1 st	School Banking
1 st	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
1 st	Afterschool AFL – Years 3 & 4
2 nd	High Jump Preliminary rounds
2 nd	Afterschool AFL – Years 5 & 6
3 rd	Interschool Sport – Round 3
7 th	Youngstorm Program (Years 3 – 6)
8 th	Harmony Day Lunch
9 th	P-3 Athletics Carnival (9:30am – 12:30pm)
9 th	800M events (1:45 – 3:00pm)
10 th	Interschool Sport – Round 4

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KURBINGUI HOMEWORK HELP

The aim of Kurbingui Homework Help 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.

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

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!

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info@positivefamilies.com.au for more details.

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.

AUSTRALIAN GOJU KAI KARATE

Have you ever thought about Authentic Japanese Goju Ryu Karate classes? Such classes can enhance calmness, focus and fitness. They provide positive life skills and assist with the goal setting for everything students do. They lay the foundations of self-discipline, providing a positive outlook for home and school.

It has been shown that students who practice Karate apply themselves more conscientiously at school and home and are less likely to be bullied or become bullies, as they develop greater self-confidence and respect for others. They will learn the importance of learning from their mistakes, why good nutrition is important, responsible, legal and safe behaviour, the ability to avoid negative peer pressure and self defence while reinforcing the virtues of hard work, concentration, planning, self-discipline and family values.

Accomplishments in Karate are often seen in a positive light by prospective employers who rightly attach images of strength, trust and good character to those who study it.

Australian Goju Kai Karate, the premier Karate school, offers martial arts classes at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Families can train together in any of the classes.

The adult martial art classes are aimed at increasing confidence, flexibility, co-ordination, people skills, self defence, strength, stamina and improved general fitness. Training at AGKK is a life changing decision. Classes are energetic, positive, fun and versatile.

You are welcome to inquire about beginning or enhancing your Karate journey either by contacting: Bernie Sensei on 0409 474 494 or visiting www.agkk.com.au



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