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7 June 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Even though our weekends were ruined by the extreme weather, I'm glad it didn't occur during school time as was the case last year. I was very happy that everyone, students and parents, were safely at home through the heavy rain and strong winds, rather than trying to get home from school or work. The school escaped untouched apart from some soil and bark being moved around by the water flow. We had no trees fall; no flooding and all our sun sails are still intact. We were reasonably lucky I think to avoid serious damage.

Junior Athletics Carnival

As I wrote last week, the Junior Athletics Carnival is running this Thursday. I hope by then that the gale force winds have abated. The event itself will begin at 11:30am and go through the middle session. It is designed as a full participation carnival, so every student gets a chance to try out every activity on a rotational basis. Our Year 5 and 6 students will act as leaders at each one of the stations the Prep to Year 3 students will be at. Mr Moore will spend the morning session training the upper school students so they know exactly what they will be doing. I'm not going to give away too much about the activities, but each one is designed to be a fun way to engage in athletic skills or events. You'll get an idea though from the names of some of them. These are the Prep-Year 2 events- Obstacle Course, Sack Race, Ten Pin Bowling, Hockey, Soccer Kick, Cricket, Egg and Spoon and Chicken Throw. These are the Year 3 events- Hurdles, Hoop Discus, AFL Kick, Long Jump, Shot and High Jump. Parents are welcome to attend what should be a relaxed and enjoyable tabloid sport competition.

800m Events

Following on the morning's tabloid sports for the Junior School, 8 to 12 year olds in Years 3 to 6 will be involved in our 800 m events which will be run on the bottom oval from 1:45pm. The 800 metres is by far the most difficult event for primary school students because it is quite a long distance for students as young as we have them. We expect every student to participate, but we don't expect them all to run all the way. I'm happy for children *to complete* the distance rather than *to compete* the distance. Every student who crosses the finish line scores points for their house, no matter what speed they do.

High Jump

Last week we ran the preliminary rounds of the upper school high jump competition that narrowed down the fields on carnival day to eight finalists per event. This is something we have done for the last few years to speed up our Senior Athletics Day. However, this year we did something quite different. Due to the wet weather on Thursday, we ran the events in the hall. Indoor high jump came to Taigum State School for the first time. It sounds strange but the ground outside was slippery and it was windy, so having the jumps inside the hall actually made the conditions safer and better in which to jump. The students really enjoyed the novelty of the venue and the competitions went nicely for each age group. The only disadvantage about being inside was the noise, but it was a small price to pay for safe jumping conditions.

Semester One Report Cards

On Friday of this week, we close our reporting period. The reporting period is an internal school timeline for completing the individual student reports and uploading them into OneSchool (the department's database). That means that on Monday of next week, we can start printing off class proof sets of reports to ensure their accuracy and ensure no mistakes have been made in their production. These sets of draft reports will be read by class teachers, specialists, by Mrs Tunny or me and then be ready to be printed, signed and distributed to students in the final week of term, which seems a long way off, but in reality is only 13 school days from now. The end result is that our students have only the next few days to impress their teachers with their academic work, their attitude and their behaviour if they want them to be recorded in this semester's report

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Alisha** for a huge effort with writing
Prep CD - **Savannah** for always trying her best
Prep H - **Noah** for being a friendly and respectful class member
Year 1L – **Matthew** for always using his manners
Year 1N – **Dexter** for working conscientiously in English and Maths
Year 2C – **Ysabella** for always being a polite and hardworking student
Year 2H – **Thu Re Sar** for extra effort with his sight words
Year 2J – **Harry** for fantastic work recognising 196 out of 200 Sight Words this week
Year 3B – **Jasmine** for entertaining us with a beautiful cultural dance
Year 3M - **Devine** for participating and working extremely well in English groups
Year 4G – **Ian** for excellence in effort and all that he does
Year 4SH - **Jacob** for working hard and achieving good results with his Math test
Year 4TK – **Jamie** for his great contributions to class discussions
Year 5P - **PJ** for outstanding behaviour and effort in class
Year 5WI – **Johnathan** for presenting an entertaining speech as Hiccup from How to Train Your Dragon
Year 6C - **Daniel** for being a positive role model to his peers in both the classroom and playground
Year 6N – **Gus** for consistently demonstrating good sportsmanship and kindness to his peers
EALD - **George** for continual improvements in his English listening, speaking and handwriting skills

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 3rd June 2016

- 1L - Michael
- 1N - Sharla
- 2C - Armanpreet
- 2H - Damien
- 2J - Alvie
- 3B - Shanae
- 3M - Sa Gay Thay
- 4G - Riley
- 4SH - Alex
- 4TK - Khristiana
- 5P - Jada
- 5WI - Keshanna
- 6C - Tyler
- 6N - Lipikha

FROM THE OFFICE

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.

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.

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.

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



"A great book should leave you with many experiences, and slightly exhausted at the end. You live several lives while reading." ***William Styron***

DATES TO REMEMBER



JUNE 2016

7 th	Youngstorm Program (Years 3 – 6)
8 th	School Banking
8 th	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
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
14 th	Youngstorm Program (Years 3-6)
14 th	P&C Meeting 6:30pm (Staffroom)
16 th	Senior Athletics Carnival
17 th	Interschool Sport – Round 5

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!

CONFIDENT KIDS AND TEENS

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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!

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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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- Learn Self Defence
- Gain Self Discipline
- Build Confidence
- Increase Focus

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