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**21 June 2016**

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

### **Dear Parents**

We've come to the end of another long and busy term. The past eleven weeks have been packed with school activities that I think have all been reasonably successful. We have had our Naplan tests for our Year 3 and Year 5 students; our first round of Parent-Teacher interviews; Under 8's Day was tremendous and we've also had two athletic carnivals, interschool sport and after school coaching. All through these, teachers have been busily teaching each student in all the various subject areas. No wonder it's time for a two week break. However, we still have a few days of this term left and there are still some important things to get done.

### **School Opinion Surveys**

Every year at this time, the Department of Education and Training surveys all schools in Queensland to judge the levels of satisfaction among the main groups who have a stake in state education. These groups of course are the parents, the students and the school staff. The staff will do theirs online at school. 120 students complete the student satisfaction survey. They are all the Year 5s, all the Year 6s and a handful of Year 4s. Their surveys will also take place at school. The Parent Opinion Survey is going out to every family. In fact, this afternoon, students who are the eldest in the family at school, will bring home a blue form. This form will explain the survey and the reasons for it and will also provide families with a username and password to complete the survey on any device hooked up to the internet. I encourage everyone who receives a survey, to fill it in so your views are known and noted. All responses are completely anonymous. Sometime later in the year, the school will get the aggregated results of the surveys so we can see how we are travelling.

### **NAIDOC Week**

NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The week is celebrated not just in the Indigenous communities but also in government agencies, schools, local councils and workplaces. It runs from the first Sunday in July until the following Sunday and unfortunately from a school point of view, that is the middle of the holidays. That means we have to celebrate NAIDOC week early or late. This year, we are doing both. On Thursday, our Year 5 and 6 indigenous students will be travelling to Zillmere State School to participate in a variety of fantastic cultural activities that are always well organised and worthwhile. On the first Friday after the holidays (July 15), we will be having a flag raising ceremony. For some years, I have been seeking an affordable way to erect two new flagpoles. Just a fortnight ago, I found a company able to do it economically and we now have two new flagpoles, making three in total. If you come to school you will see the Australian flag flying on the middle pole, flanked for the first time, by the Aboriginal flag on the left and the Torres Strait Islander flag on the right. I am proud to be flying these new flags and I'm sure our indigenous students feel the same way.

### **Athletics Carnival**

Normally in this newsletter, I'd be congratulating our winning House and our Age Champions for their efforts in our Carnival last Thursday. Unfortunately, we didn't finish all our events on Thursday so we had to catch them up on Friday. Consequently, we couldn't announce the results on last week's assembly so we have to hold it over to this week's. However, it will be a good way to end the term with these results being announced. Parents not on assembly on Friday, will have to wait until the first newsletter of Term 3 to find out. My apologies for the inconvenience.

### **Enjoy the Break**

Thank you to everyone for a great Term 2. I hope that you all enjoy some sort of break, even if it's just from the routine, over the next couple of weeks. School resumes on Monday 11 July when we all go round again for Term 3.

Mark Fisher  
Principal

# Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Madison** for a detailed explanation of our science experiment
- Prep CD** - **Charles** for an interesting drawing using shapes and explaining what a parallelogram is
- Prep H** - **Gurnoor** for being a friendly class member who is always willing to participate and contribute to classroom activities and discussions
- Year 1L** – **Jasnoor** for a great poetry performance using appropriate volume, pace and gestures
- Year 1N** – **Sharla** for conscientiously designing and creating an incredible 3D model of her bedroom in Technology
- Year 2C** – **Kaylee** for always being a polite, well-mannered and industrious student who completes her work to a high standard each and every time regardless of the difficulty or length of the task
- Year 2H** – **Kareora** for working to the best of his ability, staying on task, presenting his work beautifully and using his manners consistently
- Year 2J** – **Naman** for fantastic results in weekly spelling and number facts tests this term and exiting the Reading Intervention group
- Year 3B** – **Ezekiel** for trying really hard at high jump on Sports Day
- Year 3M** - **Harry** for wonderful participation in classroom discussions and for great number facts results
- Year 4G** – **Mia C** for performing well academically and ending Term 2 by attaining and maintaining her behaviour goals
- Year 4SH** - **Mia** for making a great start at Taigum State School, and showing a mature approach to her work
- Year 4TK** – **Joshua** for putting in great effort in his science project. He researched an endangered animal and presented his findings in the form of a poster. Well done Joshua!
- Year 5P** - **Ethan** for writing an excellent narrative
- Year 5WI** – **Devashree** for always using impeccable manners and for always being on task
- Year 6C** - **Olivia** for her independent approach to her schooling, her consistent efforts in all she does and for her love of Mathematics
- Year 6N** – **Corinthia** for consistently demonstrating a positive and responsible approach to her school work
- LOTE** - **Talia** for her outstanding results in German this semester. Ausgezeichnet!
- EALD** - **Amaan** for continual improvement in his English speaking, writing and reading efforts

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016

- 1L - Narquincia
- 1N - Jessica
- 2C - Eva
- 2H - Charlotte
- 2J - Keaily
- 3B - Emily
- 3M - Sanjana
- 4G - Chloe
- 4SH - Prabhjot
- 4TK - Rebecca
- 5P - Jada
- 5WI - Shakota
- 6C - Blessey
- 6N - Olivia

## 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](mailto:admin@taigumss.eq.edu.au) or a note to your child's class teacher.

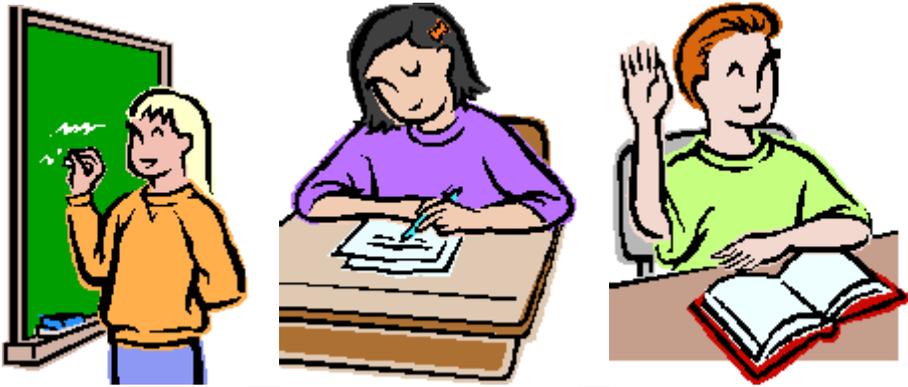
For auditing purposes all student absences must be explained.

### 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



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.

## SPORTS SHIRT RECALL

**Faulty hem:** We have been advised that a few sports shirts have a faulty hem where the stitching is coming undone causing the hem to fall down.

*If your child's shirt is affected please return their sports shirt to the uniform shop or administration office no later than Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.*

The supplier will carry out repairs during the school holidays and return all shirts in the first week of Term 3.

## FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

### **Performing Arts**

There will be NO afternoon rehearsal for Seussical JR, this Wednesday. Thank you for all those parents that have supported us so far in our fantastic show. We will continue our Wednesday afternoon rehearsals next term, so please keep that afternoon free. It will be at the same time, same place.

I have told the children that if they need to be at sports, to make that their priority this term. Please encourage your child to make the musical their priority next term as we need to put the whole show together.

I have just about finalised sets, props or costumes. Thank you for your patience and I will get back to you before or during the holidays, so we can get started. A *huge* thank you to all those parents who have already said they would help.

### **There will be no clubs this week as we have our Taigum's Got Talent, live auditions!**

Congratulations to all those wonderfully talented students who entered. I will let you know by Tuesday, 21 June, if you have made the finals. I will get a letter out to you giving you all the details for Friday's finals on assembly.

Clubs will continue in term 3, week 1.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Club	Keyboard Club	School Choir	Guitar Club	Recorder Ensemble
Year Level	5-6	1-6	5-6	4-6

The band will start again in WEEK 2, TERM 3 **Monday morning 8:10am in the music room.**

Congratulations to the wonderful students who performed on Harmony Day. I hear it was a fabulous concert. Thank you to Ashmit in year 6 for coming up with such a wonderful idea. A huge thank you, also, to Mr Kumar, for coming along and being part of this exciting celebration.

Thank you to all for your support,  
I wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday.  
Andrea Mackay  
Music Specialist

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

## **Term 3 Competition**

We are very excited to be able to share the details of our Term 3 competition with you!

### **Theme: Prize Lights!**

This year's competition ties in with our Outback Savers theme. The Dollarmites have discovered Prize Lights in the Outback sky!

Competition period 9:00am AEST on 11/07/2016 to 11:59pm AEST on 30/09/2016.

The winners' draw will take place at 12:00pm AEDST on 12/10/2016.

### **Competition Entry & prizes**



Students who make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 will have a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes including 50 camping kits, 90 instant cameras and 200 magazine packs.

Excitingly, this year we have a second prize pool available. Students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making their three deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of 50 Supernova prizes – PlayStation 4 packs.

A Competition page will be set up on the Commbank website and will be live at the start of the competition period. It will outline all competition details including the Stargazing online activity.

## **FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

Hi.

KRASH stands for Kids Really Are Special Here and is a school holiday program that the Salvation Army at Taigum is running over 3 days in the first week of the school holidays (June 28-30). 8:30am - 3pm on each of those days. The cost is only \$5 per day (It's bring your own lunch). There will be games, craft, bible stories, sports, playground and lots of fun! It's for kids in Prep - Grade 6. Go to the church office and ask for a registration form. There will be a limit on how many children we can take, so register early. [www.salvos.org.au/nbc/krash](http://www.salvos.org.au/nbc/krash)

Have a good one!  
Steve Unicomb

## FROM THE LIBRARY



"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."  
*Groucho Marx*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 2016	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Youngstorm Program (Years 3 – 6)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	School Banking
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
24 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 2

Happy Holidays!  
School returns on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### JABIRU KIDS – VACATION CARE



### **Science, circus, sport and more at Jabiru for the June July holidays**

Jabiru Kids has planned a great program of activities for the June/July holidays. We'll make art and music and create weird whirring widgets as well as play great games and do science and cooking activities.

Learn cartooning skills as visitors from Toonworld help us design superheroes, and get hands on at our Science centre excursion.

Jabiru Kids Taigum opens from 6.30am to 6pm over the holidays. We even serve breakfast!

The full program is available from Jabiru Taigum or online at [www.jabiru.org.au](http://www.jabiru.org.au)

Jabiru vacation care is cheaper than you think, especially for people entitled to Child Care Benefit: call Jabiru's admin team for a quote on 3269 0044.

### 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](mailto:bridges@kurbingui.org.au)

## TAIGUM TINY TIGERS PLAYGROUP

# **NO PLAYGROUP THIS FRIDAY, 24 JUNE**

### 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](mailto:saverplus@bsl.org.au)

### **CONFIDENT KIDS AND TEENS**

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

Book now for our June School Holiday Program!

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[info@positivefamilies.com.au](mailto: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](http://www.agkk.com.au)**

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### **NUDGEE JUNIOR GOLF – FREE TRIAL**

**Junior Golf**

Join Nudgee Futures Junior Golf Program and develop life skills, athletic ability, and most importantly a love for the game of golf.

Free come-and-try day, 11am Saturday 25th June.  
Bookings essential, send us a message through our Facebook page.

| Nudgee Futures Junior Golf Program |

## COMMUNITY PARK DAY

A chance for the community to join together, play, share, enjoy, meet others and share a BBQ

**Who:** Children, young people and families

**What:** Live music, touch football, group personal training session, craft, singing, reading, competitions, BBQ and more

**When:** 9:00am – 12noon, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016

**Where:** Hidden World Park, Fitzgibbon

*Supported by: Brisbane City Council, Zillmere and Bracken Ridge Library, Koobara Kindy, Kurbingui, Zillmere PCYC, Benevolent Society, Sing and Grow, Boondall Police Liaison Officers, Bracken Ridge McDonalds and QPS*

*Hosted by: Jabiru Communities Team*

For more information please contact Marvin or Crystal on 3862 8152

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