

12 July 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school for the beginning of both Term 3 and Semester 2 of 2016. I trust you had an enjoyable break from routine over the last couple of weeks. I know all our staff did. Of course, now is the time to get straight back into the work of schools - literacy and numeracy, science and technology, history and geography and all the other facets that make up a well-rounded education for our students. We start this term with 393 children enrolled and we'll probably pick up one or two over the next weeks, as is usually the case around this time of year. Also what is usual, is putting the term overview in this newsletter. It sets out all the activities that we know of over the next ten weeks. It is correct as of today, but there will be some additions as we go along, I'm sure. I'll detail a few of them below.

P&C Meetings

Because of the way Tuesdays fall in relation to the dates in the term, we end up with three P&C meetings between now and the September holidays. The first of those is tonight, July 12. We then have the August meeting on Tuesday 2nd and the September meeting falls on Tuesday 13th in the final week of term. All parents are welcome to attend our meetings, which are held in the Staffroom and begin at 6:30pm. We don't waste any time so they are usually finished within an hour. If you have the time to attend, your presence would be greatly appreciated.

What's Coming Up?

As always, it's a busy term and one of the highlights will be our school musical, entitled 'Seussical the Musical' – a singing and dancing extravaganza based on the characters from the Dr Seuss stories we know so well. Mrs Mackay has been planning and practising with students almost from Day 1 and the two performances are scheduled for Week 9, Friday 9th and Saturday 10th September, with a dress rehearsal in that week as well. We also have our second round of Parent-teacher Interviews in Week 9, on the Tuesday (September 6). What a week that will be.

Another very important task for our Year 6 students and families is the organisation of the Year 6 Camp. Although the camp isn't until October, the forms and the payment have to be completed this term. You will notice five specific dates, all Fridays, when payments are due. We have tried to spread payments across the term to make it easier for families' budgets.

As far as sport is concerned, the term is roughly divided into halves. The first four or five weeks will be taken up with athletics, leading to the Bramble Bay Carnival in the first week of August. The second half of the term will see the resumption of the winter sport interschool programme, netball and rugby league commencing on August 19.

Finally, a very big day in preparation for 2017 (already!) is the Prep Orientation Day on Tuesday 8 September.

School Opinion Surveys

In the week before the holidays, all families received instructions as to how to complete the Parent Opinion Survey online. As of yesterday, the website is ready to accept your input about your thoughts on our school and its operations. The survey website will remain active for a month, leaving plenty of time to respond if you wish to. Parent responses are voluntary and completely anonymous. The Student Opinion Survey period is also open now and it will be done at school.

Outdoor Learning Area

Our new outdoor learning area between 'C' and 'D' blocks is now completely finished. Over the holidays, the contractors painted and lined the court playing areas for handball and basketball. Judging by the numbers of children playing on them over the last two days, the work was greatly appreciated by our students. The green surface of the courts looks great and really does finish off the whole area well. I hope you enjoy using it over the coming years.

Mark Fisher
Principal

TERM 3 CALENDAR

TAIGUM STATE SCHOOL TERM 3, 2016 PARENT CALENDAR

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 11-15 July	School Opinion Survey period opens	Youngstorm Program Yr 3 –6 1-1:40pm 6:30pm P&C Meeting	School Banking		8:50 Assembly Year 6 Camp deposit due
Week 2 18—22 July		Youngstorm Program Yr 3 –6 1-1:40pm	School Banking Guys Group Yr 4 (Steve Unicomb— Chaplain)		8:50 Assembly Yr 2 Excursion—Pine Rivers Heritage Museum
Week 3 25—29 July		Youngstorm Program Yr 3 –6 1-1:40pm Sporting Schools Netball	School Banking Guys Group Yr 4 (Steve Unicomb— Chaplain)	Sporting Schools NRL	8:50 Assembly Year 6 Camp 1st payment
Week 4 1-5 August	School Opinion Survey period closes	Youngstorm Program Yr 3 –6 1-1:40pm Sporting Schools Netball 6:30pm P&C Meeting	School Banking	Bramble Bay Track & Field Sporting Schools NRL	Bramble Bay Track & Field 8:50 Assembly
Week 5 8-12 August		Snr Leader Ekka Excursion Youngstorm Program Yr 3–6 1-1:40pm Sporting Schools Netball	RNA Show Holiday	School Banking (due to Public Holiday Wednesday) Sporting Schools NRL	8:50 Assembly Year 6 Camp 2nd payment
Week 6 15-19 August		Youngstorm Program Yr 3 –6 1-1:40pm Sporting Schools Netball	School Banking Guys Group Yr 4 (Steve Unicomb— Chaplain)	Sporting Schools NRL	Book Week Dress Up Day 8:50 Assembly <i>Interschool Sport Round 1</i>

Week 7 22-26 August	Senior Leader Applications Yr 5 Open	Youngstorm Program Yr 3 –6 1-1:40pm	School Banking Guys Group Yr 4 (Steve Unicomb— Chaplain)		8:50 Assembly <i>Interschool Sport Round 2</i> Year 6 Camp 3rd payment
Week 8 29 Aug - 2 Sept		Youngstorm Program Yr 3 –6 1-1:40pm	School Banking Guys Group Yr 4 (Steve Unicomb— Chaplain)		8:50 Assembly <i>Interschool Sport Round 3</i>
Week 9 5—9 Sept		Parent /Teacher Interviews Youngstorm Program Yr 3 –6	School Banking Guys Group Yr 4 (Steve Unicomb— Chaplain) Guys Group at Bunnings Dress Rehearsal – Seussical the Musical at Nudgee College	9:00am Prep Orientation Day PCYC Netball Community Cup	8:50 Assembly <i>Interschool Sport Round 4</i> Year 6 Camp Final payment Seussical the Musical 9th and 10th September at Nudgee College
Week 10 12—16 Sept		Youngstorm Program Yr 3 –6 1-1:40pm 6:30pm P&C Meeting	School Banking Guys Group Yr 4 (Steve Unicomb— Chaplain)	Extreme Science	8:50 Assembly Extreme Science <i>Interschool Sport Round 5</i> Last day Term 3 School resumes on Tuesday 4th October