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19 July 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

The first week of Term 3 started well and we have settled into a good pattern from the very first session on Monday. Students are keen and enthusiastic to be back at school and are ready for learning. At this point in the year, it is appropriate to reinforce our expectations of what we expect from our students. Firstly, every child should be at school every day. Any school day missed is an opportunity for learning missed. Secondly, we expect all students to arrive at school on time and ready to learn. This means getting to school between 8:15 and 8:45am each day, being in school uniform, having all their books and stationery items and an appropriate lunch. This is preparation for success. Thirdly, we expect every child to learn, just as we expect every teacher to teach. Good teaching and good learning equals great classrooms. Finally, we demand the highest standards of behaviour. Well organised and self-disciplined students do well at school. Poorly behaved and disorganised students put themselves at a great disadvantage. I am pleased to note the overwhelming majority of our students meet these expectations every day. That creates a great school.

Our New Flags

Late last term I wrote about our ability to now fly all three official national flags of Australia. I think it important that we are all aware of the significance of this and what each of the flags represents.



The Australian Flag was designed in 1902 and consists of a Union Jack, representing our British settlement on a blue background reminiscent of the sea. The Southern Cross represents our geographical position in the world and the last item, the large white seven pointed Commonwealth Star signifies the six states and the territories that make up our country.

The Aboriginal Flag was designed by Aboriginal artist Harold Thomas in 1971. It was created as a symbol of unity for Aboriginal peoples during the land rights movement of the early 70s. It was recognised under Federal legislation in 1995. The black represents Aboriginal people, the red is the earth and the spiritual relationship to the land and the yellow is the sun, the giver of life.

The Torres Strait Island Flag was designed by islander Bernard Namok in 1992. It too was recognised as an official symbol of our country in 1995. It is emblazoned with a central white dhari, a traditional headdress, surrounding a five point star that represents the five major island groups in the Torres Strait. The white is a symbol of peace. The two green bands are the lands of Australia and New Guinea, the blue band is the sea and the thin black lines are the Torres Straits peoples.

All three flags will now fly over our school grounds each day, representing all our students and their cultural backgrounds, as well as looking great especially in the strong winds which we have encountered in the last few weeks.

Bramble Bay Athletics Carnival

The Bramble Bay Track and Field Days will be Thursday 4 August (Field Events) and Friday 5 August (Track Events). These days fall in Week 4. Early next week, those students chosen to represent our school will get their paperwork. It will have to be returned to school with payment before the date of the carnival. Mr Moore will be doing some training of our athletes in the next two weeks so they will all be ready to do their best.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| Prep B | - Kaia for working well in reading groups |
| Prep CD | - Ariana for being responsible and respectful |
| Prep H | - Violet for working hard in class |
| Year 1L | - Tyler for writing a comprehensive recount of her weekend |
| Year 1N | - Amelia for participating enthusiastically during class discussions about science |
| Year 2C | - Harun for exceptional behaviour and a positive attitude to school work at all times |
| Year 2H | - Indiana for amazing effort with all her school work |
| Year 2J | - Alysha for welcome back to Taigum and fantastic manners |
| Year 3B | - Zane for striving to get all of his spelling words and number facts correct |
| Year 3M | - Nikita for always participating in classroom discussion and having a go |
| Year 4G | - Ashlee for a terrific job during Procedure Writing |
| Year 4SH | - Cooper for showing outstanding computer skills, and helping the Teacher |
| Year 4TK | - Byron for coming to school with a smile and working diligently in group activities |
| Year 5P | - Matthew for demonstrating a positive and responsible approach to his school work |
| Year 5WI | - Deeana for demonstrating an enthusiastic attitude to work; particularly striving to improve her problem solving skills, and Kavinila for being a polite, hard working class member |
| Year 6C | - Ariet for applying herself to her schooling and taking pride in her work |
| Year 6N | - Ethan for consistently working hard and displaying a positive work ethic in all subjects |
| LOTE | - Poe Mi for being a dedicated, quiet, hardworking student in German classes. Ausgezeichnet! |
| EALD | - Rahman for great effort in his reading and phonics lessons |

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 24th June 2016.

- 1L - Meisha
- 1N - Koko
- 2C - Andre
- 2H - Faith
- 2J - Daniel
- 3B - Cathy
- 3M - Ava
- 4G - Ian
- 4SH - Harith
- 4TK - John
- 5P - Nathan
- 5WI - Deeana
- 6C - Jonas
- 6N - Yolanda

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 15th July 2016

- 1L - Chelsea
- 1N - Koko
- 2C - Eva
- 2H - Sha-taya
- 2J - Harry
- 3B - Chelsea
- 3M - Meghana
- 4G - Dennise
- 4SH - Matthew
- 4TK - Ben
- 5P - Shee Shee
- 5WI - Jacinta
- 6C - Jada
- 6N - Corinthia

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.

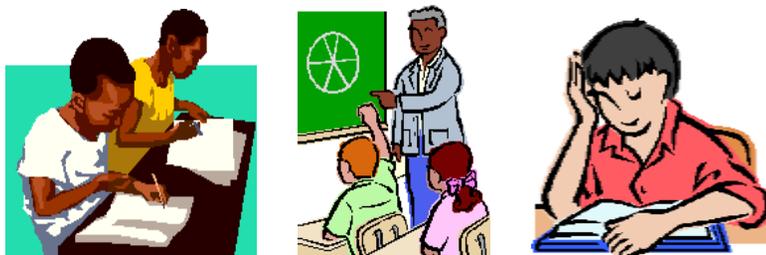
For auditing purposes all student absences must be explained.

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



Student Attendance

Regular attendance at school is a significant indicator of student success. It is simple really - the more a student attends the better their chance of achieving success during schooling. We regularly review the attendance of students and make contact with parents to discuss concerns. Our aim is to work with you to maximise the opportunities for success for all students.

The table below paints a vivid picture of the impact of student absence.

| If a student misses... | That equals... | And over 6 years of schooling... |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 1 day each fortnight | 20 days (4 weeks per year) | 120 days – more than ½ year of learning time |
| 1 day each week | 40 days (8 weeks per year) | 240 days – more than 1 year of learning time |
| 2 days each week | 80 days (16 weeks per year) | 480 days – almost 2½ years of learning time |
| 3 days each week | 120 days (24 weeks per year) | 720 days – more than 3½ years of learning time |

For students to have every chance of being successful at school they need to attend every day. If you have concerns about the attendance of your son/daughter please discuss these with our staff.

Student Absences - How You Can Help

Bed at a reasonable hour, a good night's sleep and breakfast are great ways to set students up for success during the day at school. We value the support you provide in ensuring students are at school on time and ready to learn each day.

Our **Student Absence phone number 3632 9866** is available for parents/carers to ring in to notify us of an absence. This is an automated service where you will be asked to leave details including student name, the date of the absence/s and reason.

Each week School Participation Officers will review student absences and contact will be made with parents where it appears that there are unexplained or lengthy absences that will impact on student achievement. Success in 2016 will be built upon sustained, regular attendance at school. We thank you in anticipation of your strong support of this goal.

If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter

Together let's make Every Day Count

FROM THE P&C

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

Monday to Thursday mornings: 8.15am to 8:45am

The uniform shop accepts cash or EFTPOS.

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Welcome back to term 3. I spoke to lots of children this week and they have had a wonderful holiday. They all seemed relaxed and ready to start another exciting term.

A huge round of applause to the winners of the Taigum's Got Talent, which were held on the last Friday before the holidays. Tom (5P) and Chelsea Fry (3B), Jada Gilbert (6C), Keshanna Heriwini Ohlsen (5W1) and Ethan Powell (6N). What a wonderful display of talent. Not to mention the fabulous job our judges did. Thank you to Miss Hill (Jessie J), Mrs Gillies (Delta Goodrem), Mrs Nuhn and Mr Christianson (The Madden Brothers) and Mr Haigh (Ronan Keating), for their support and crazy costumes. The atmosphere was rockin'!

Clubs have all started again this term. So come along, sing and play, and enjoy some fun with friends in the music room.

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

Welcome back to all our wonderful band members who practice on **Monday morning 8:10am in the music room.**

Rehearsals for Seussical JR have also started again. Each child has a new rehearsal schedule and **Wednesday after school rehearsals are on each week until week 8, 3:00pm – 4:30pm.** Thank you for all those parents that have supported us so far in our fantastic show. Please encourage your child to make the musical their priority this term, as we need to put the whole show together.

I have finalised sets, props or costumes, so if you have indicated that you would like to help with costumes, I have sent you an email. If you didn't get the message, please let me know. We'll be starting back drop painting soon, so if you can "colour by numbers" you're more than welcome to come along.

Every child should have received their next musical letter, please return this to me this week, so I know that your child is available for all rehearsals and the two shows on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th September.

Thank you to all for your support,
Looking forward to another exciting term,

Andrea Mackay
Music Specialist

FROM THE LIBRARY

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Scholastic Book Club orders for Issue 5 have been sent home with students. Should you or your child wish to purchase any items, please ensure the order form and correct money are returned to the school on or before Friday 29th July 2016. A collection box is located at the Administration Office.



"It is what you read when you don't have to that determines what you will be when you can't help it." **Oscar Wilde**

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

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

A promotional graphic for the 'Prize Lights' competition. The background is dark blue with a starry sky. At the top, it says 'A sky full of prizes to be won.' Below this, there's text explaining the competition. On the right side, there are three prize icons: a PlayStation 4 console, a PlayStation 4 game pack, and a 90-minute movie. On the left side, there are icons for a 50 Dollarmites token and a 200 Dollarmites token. The text includes: 'The Dollarmites have discovered Prize Lights in the Outback sky and they want to share these spectacular prizes with School Bankers.', 'Keep saving to discover the Prize Lights!', 'Simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the 500 Prize Lights, including camping kits, outdoor furniture and reusable jerry cans.', 'With every more of your deposits the fun (and big) prizes are by yours with exciting 100 or more exclusive banking deposits during Term 3, you'll also have a chance to win one of 50 Superbowl passes - PlayStation 4 packs.', 'To complete your Star-gazing online activity, go to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights'

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

|  JULY 2016 | |
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| 19th | Youngstorm Program (Years 3 – 6) |
| 20th | School Banking |
| 20th | Walking Wheeling Wednesday |
| 22nd | Year 2 excursion – Pine Rivers Heritage Museum |
| 26th | Youngstorm Program (Years 3 - 6) |
| 26th | Sporting School Netball (3:00 – 4:00pm) |
| 28th | Sporting Schools NRL (3:00 – 4:00pm) |

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

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!

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

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



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.

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GEEBUNG KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL – OPEN DAY

The poster for the Geebung Kindergarten and Preschool Open Day is colorful and festive. It features a banner with two blue birds and a string of colorful pennants. The text is arranged in several circular and oval shapes, each with a different border color. The main text is in red and black. The C&K logo is in the bottom right corner.

GEEBUNG KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL

OPEN DAY

COME DOWN
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* have three or more children, of the same
age, enrolled in the same year
* hold a current Health Care Card, Veterans
Affairs Card or Australian Government
Pension Concession Card with automatic
Health Care Card entitlements

Saturday, 23 July 2016
9am - 11am

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Brighton Roosters Softball Club



SIGN ON August 3, 2016 - 5.00pm to 8.00pm

at the Brighton Roosters Football Club - 10th Ave, Brighton

FREE COME AND TRY DAY – 22nd JULY at
NASHVILLE STATE SCHOOL OVAL – 3.00pm – 4.30pm.
Douglas Street, Brighton

**We are seeking new players for next season
- BOYS & GIRLS from 5yrs,
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COACHES/MANAGERS/UMPIRES ALSO REQUIRED

- Summer Season runs from Oct 2016 to Mar 2017 (Juniors and Seniors)
- Winter Season runs from May 2017 to July 2017 (Senior ladies only)
- All games are played at Betty Paxton Fields, Boardman Road Redcliffe
- Summer is one game each Saturday, Winter is 2 games fortnightly
- Fees and Uniform costs advised at sign on
- Training is Wednesday nights at Bracken Ridge High School during summer season from August to March. Generally Juniors are from 5.30 - 6.30pm and Seniors 7.00 - 8.30pm. (times are subject to coach availability)



**Please visit our website or call us if
you have any queries.**



www.brightonsoftball.com.au

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