Dear Parents

Our School Opinion Survey period has been open since the beginning of Term 3. So far, only 18 parents have responded to it. The survey closes this Friday, so if you are keen to convey your opinion, you only have a few days left. I encourage all parents to respond as this is the major avenue the Education Department uses to gauge how well it is travelling from a parent's point of view. Our students have completed their surveys at school as have most of the staff. Results will be available in late October.

Arbor Day

Arbor Day isn’t until 11 October, but the Brisbane City Council is well ahead of the game by offering free trees to schools. We are entitled to 105, so we have ordered 10 of each of these species below (except Bower Vine), which are all reasonably small shrubs, ground covers or creepers. They will be delivered in good time for our students to be able to plant them round the school when the day arrives.

Species List:  
- Banksia (up to 2m) - Banksia species;  
- Bottlebrush (up to 1.5m) Callistemon species;  
- Bower Vine - Pandorea jasminoides (5 ordered);  
- Coastal Rosemary - Westringia species;  
- Creeping Boobialla - Myoporum parvifolium;  
- Cut Leaf Daisy - Brachyscome multifida;  
- Green Mat Rush - Carex appressa;  
- Honey Myrtle - Melaleuca linariifolia 'Claret Tops';  
- Native Violet - Viola hederacea;  
- Sedge - Carex appressa;  
- Thyme Leafed Honey Myrtle - Melaleuca thymifolia.

We intend to use them to increase the number of plants in our new garden beds in the area between ‘C’ and ‘D’ blocks; to refresh the gardens around the library; and to have a few shade trees planted on the edge of the ovals.

Interschool Sport

It may not be clear to everyone, but our Winter Interschool Sport season that began way back in May, is only half way through. It continues from Friday 19 August, after all the Bramble Bay athletics days are completed. All our students involved in Netball and Rugby League will again pull on their uniforms and participate in a further five rounds of competition, taking us all the way to the September school holidays. Our netballers will again be playing on our school oval and the rugby league player swill once more will be off to Sandgate District State High School. Those players will need to pay their money for the bus for these five rounds and the forms for the payment of this money and permission to travel, will be out this week. Unfortunately, students cannot travel unless they have paid this levy. Please keep an eye out for the notes.

Year 6 Camp

As I have already written, Year 6 Camp is not until Term 4, but we want to have all the forms collected and the monies paid this term so we are ready to go without any fuss when the date arrives. So far the deposits have been paid but now we are up to the first payment, which is due this Friday, July 29. If you are using this instalment method of payment, please take note of this date.

Staffing

From this Thursday, July 28 until Wednesday 31 August, (five weeks) I will be filling in as principal of Ascot State School, while the incumbent principal is on long service leave. Unfortunately for me, that means quite a drive up Sandgate Road during peak hour every morning. In my absence, Mrs Tunny will be the principal and Mr Cran and Mr Jocelyn will share the duties of deputy principal. I’m sure that most will not notice any change in the day to day running of the school. I shall be back on the first day of Spring, glad to be home, I’m sure.

Mark Fisher  
Principal
Prep B – Nimar for trying his best in all subject areas
Prep CD – Zara for working hard to follow classroom rules and for helping others in a kind and friendly way
Prep H – Janet for settling into Prep H
Year 1L – Tillie for trying hard during reading groups
Year 1N – Reme for writing an interesting recount of his weekend
Year 2C – Kaylee for being a responsible and helpful member of the class
Year 2H – Tailiya for settling into 2H so well and working hard at all tasks
Year 2J – Mia-Bella for great work in reading groups
Year 3B – Erem for congratulating others sincerely on their good work
Year 3M – Gree Na for fantastic improvement shown when working with coins and notes
Year 4G – Jayden for excellent insights during science discussions
Year 4S – Konnor for doing his best and showing a positive attitude to his work
Year 4TK – Tiana for trying hard to complete her work independently
Year 5P – Talia for being a helpful member in the classroom and for always trying her best
Year 5WI – Gurleen for always listening well and working hard
Year 6C – Hayden for taking care to present his work neatly
Year 6N – Trevor for settling into our school and becoming a valued, hardworking member of our class
EALD – Thu Re Sar for trying very hard at sounding out and reading new words

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 22nd July 2016.

- 1L - Asa
- 1N - Kiki
- 2C - on excursion
- 2H - on excursion
- 2J - on excursion
- 3B - Saiya
- 3M - Darzel
- 4G - Anjali
- 4SH - Mia
- 4TK - Princess
- 5P - Ladu
- 5WI - Deeana
- 6C - Conor
- 6N - William

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.
EINBUNPIN FESTIVAL COLOURING-IN

Congratulations to the following students who are finalists in the 2016 Einbunpin Festival Colouring-in Competition.

- Max – Year 1
- Poe-Ku – Year 3
- Yasmin – Year 3

The Festival will be held on Sunday 31st July at the Einbunpin Lagoon Parklands, Brighton Rd, Sandgate.

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.

**How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won’t affect my child?**

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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.

Every Day Counts

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

We have reached the point where our clubs are getting a little smaller. Please remember that clubs are on the following times. So come along, sing and play, and enjoy some fun with friends in the music room. If we have all children coming to rehearsals, we will be ready to perform on assembly soon. Keep an eye out on this newsletter to see when your child will be performing.

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We can all tell that the mornings are still a little cold, as band seems to be starting later. Please try to be here to start on time **Monday morning 8:10am in the music room.** We will be performing on assembly soon.

Rehearsals for Seussical JR **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 continue to encourage your child to make the musical their priority this term, as we need to put the whole show together.

Thank you to all those parents and caregivers who have already been “shopping” or sewing costumes. Your help and support is invaluable. If you have anything ready, please send it in, or bring it in on a Wednesday afternoon. There are still some children who need to return 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.

Next weekend, **Saturday 6th August,** we will have a set and backdrop painting day. If you can spare some time, (1 hour or more) please come along to the school hall, 10:30am, and have some fun “painting with numbers”. You don’t need to be an artist to come and help. **Many hands make light work.**

Thank you to all for your support,
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.

“The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.” *Nelson Mandela*
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 Wriggly 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 sky full of prizes to be won.**

The Dollarmites have discovered Prize Lights in the Outback sky and they want to share these special features with School Bankers.

**How to enter:**

- Complete your Dollarmites online activity or find out more, visit commbank.com.au/activities

**Competition Entry & Prizes**

- **50 Pencils & Pads:**
  - Math-e-Magician Pencils (100 x 5)
  - School Mate Pads (100 x 5)

- **200 Bean Bags:**
  - 1 x Prize Lights Bean Bags (50 x 4)

- **90 Water Bottles:**
  - 1 x Prize Lights Water Bottles (20 x 5)

- **50 Pens:**
  - 1 x Prize Lights Pens (10 x 5)

- **50 Plushies:**
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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.

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### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### 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!
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.

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

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
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

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.

NORTH STAR FOOTBALL CLUB ~ SUNDAY MARKETS

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LESSONS ARE AVAILABLE EVERY MONDAY TO THURSDAY
FROM 3:30pm-5:30pm

30 MINUTE LESSON - $30

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A LESSON PLEASE CONTACT HAYLEY AT ADMIN@HAYLEYWILSONMUSIC.COM
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,
AND LADIES and MEN of all skills

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

Club President - Graham McLeary  3269 6531
Club Secretary - Tracey Rhys   0417 700 198
info@brightonsoftball.com.au