Dear Parents

School Opinion Surveys
The Parent School Opinion Survey which was open online for parent thoughts on our school and its operation, closed last Friday. We thank those who found the time to respond. The Student Opinion Survey period was also open and completed at school.

Sports
Bramble Bay Athletics
Over 50 of our students will take part in Bramble Bay Athletics this Thursday and Friday. Sarah Camilleri, Bambi Silvertand and Steve Buchanan will be attending as officials and managers. Wayne Moore, our PE teacher has been busy in the role of convenor for the 2 day event. We wish our young athletes well in their events this week.

Sporting Schools
It is fantastic to see the enthusiasm and participation of our students in this term’s free afterschool sports coaching which is made possible due to successful application via Sporting Schools for federal funding. This term our students in Yr 3-6 were invited to participate in Netball or Rugby League. Over 130 of our students are currently learning skills through excellent coaching from Netball QLD and the NRL. This will be the last round of funded afterschool sports this year as schools cannot exceed more than 3 terms/year in the project.

Interschool Sports
Interschool sport starts on Friday 19 August. This season has 10 games which will be held on 5 days. This means that students will participate in two games on each day. The dates for Interschool school in Term 3 are as follows:
Round 1 – Fri 19 August
Round 2 – Fri 26 August
Round 3 – Fri 2 September
Round 4 – Fri 9 September
Round 5 – Fri 16 September

Only students playing Rugby League will be required to travel as Netball will be played on our school grounds.

A non-refundable levy of $30 per child (Rugby League only) has been calculated to cover the expense of ground hire, referees and buses for the Rugby League season. Rugby League will be played at Sandgate DSHS. If your child would like to participate in Interschool sport, money and a signed permission form must be received by Wednesday 17 August 2016. Payments can be made via cash, EFTPOS or cheque at the school office.

PCYC Community Cup Netball
Permission notes were sent home last week with interested students from Yr 5&6 who wish to participate in the PCYC Community Cup. This will be held on Thursday 8 September at Bradbury Park. Mr Piet Kailola and police officers have commenced training the teams during Monday lunchtimes.

NRL Coaching
Coaches from the NRL are providing top notch training to our Interschool Rugby League teams in the weeks preceding the commencement of interschool sport. We thank them for providing their valuable time, skills and knowledge.

Events
A reminder to all that Wednesday next week (10 August) is the RNA Show Holiday and school will be closed for this day.

P&C Meeting
Our August P&C meeting will be held Tuesday 2 August at 6:30pm in the staffroom. We look forward to meeting some new faces. Please remember that all funds raised through P&C activities directly benefit your child. By being there you show you care!

2 August 2016
Absence notifications

Later this term, our teachers will be marking their class roles using a new system called ID Attend. This will replace role marking currently being completed using our Oneschool system. The new system will allow Admin to identify absent students and notify parents by SMS by 9:30am that morning. Staff training in the system will take place over the upcoming weeks.

Lynne Tunny
Acting Principal

Students of the Week

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<th>Alisha for writing a detailed sentence about her science investigation</th>
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<td>Mathayus for always listening to the teachers, being helpful and a great role model in the classroom</td>
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<td>Christian for consistent effort in class work and homework</td>
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<td>Beau for a terrific effort during procedure writing</td>
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<td>Dihan for making a pleasing start to Year 4 at Taigum State School and settling in well</td>
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<td>Zaki for a great effort writing a recipe (making a burger) for his teacher to eat</td>
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<td>Ben for fantastic participation and contributions during Maths</td>
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<td>Emre for consistently working hard in English sessions</td>
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<td>Conor for being a focused learner who always puts in 100% effort</td>
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<td>Justin for demonstrating a positive and responsible approach to his schooling</td>
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<td>Leilani for great efforts in her EALD speaking, listening and writing activities</td>
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BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 29th July 2016.

- 1L - Mathayus
- 1N - Ryan
- 2C - Cooper
- 2H - Mason and Faith
- 2J - Summer-Rose and Jada-Lee
- 3B - James
- 3M - Sanjana
- 4G - Robbie
- 4SH - Dreya
- 4TK - Anushka
- 5P - Ryedyn
- 5WI - Jack and Kavinila
- 6C - Janelle
- 6N - Kida

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.  
*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 you child will be performing.

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Well done to all band members. We have welcomed a new member this week on 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.

**On 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

“It’s not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings.” *Cloud and Townsend*

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.
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

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

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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!

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.

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

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.

C&K BOONDALL COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN

Enrol now at C&K Boondall Community Kindergarten

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30 MINUTE LESSON - $30

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A LESSON PLEASE CONTACT HAYLEY AT ADMIN@HAYLEYWILSONMUSIC.COM
2017 Enrolments for Year 7 through to Year 12 are now available.

We invite you to contact the school for Parent tours and enrolment interview times.

“Twilight Tour” with the Principal – Ms Miller
Wednesday 17th August 2016
4:30 – 6:30pm Lecture Centre
651 Zillmere Road Aspley
Register online www.aspleyshs.eq.edu.au or phone 3863 9222
BEARS SOFTBALL – BATTER UP PROGRAM

Softball Batter Up
Bears Softball Club

Come and have some fun and try softball!!
3 week program for kids 7-12 years old

When:
Sunday mornings – 9:00 – 10:00am
(first Sunday to 10:30am includes induction)
28 August, 4th and 11th September 2016

Where:
O’Callaghan Park, Jennings St, ZILLMERE

How Much:
$65 - Includes 3 week program, Softball glove and ball OR Softball bat for returning participants!

More info:
Email: getintosoftball@gmail.com
Tegan – 0419 757 537
Kim – 0411 752 948

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