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30 August 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Although there are only 14 days left till the end of this term, we will be involved in more than 16 major school events. This is aside from those which form the daily running of our very busy school.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Just a reminder that Parent-Teacher Interviews are on Tuesday next week from 3pm -6pm. At the end of term, these things tend to sneak up on us. At least with the Tuesday timeslot, it still allows for Monday to do any last reorganising and so on. I have to stress to parents, **please be on time and maintain the 15 minute limit per interview**. Nobody likes waiting for ages when they have a fixed appointment time. We'll be getting a visit from the coffee van at 4:30pm for anyone who needs a late afternoon 'pick-me-up'. All parents are welcome to attend and we would like to see each and every one of you attend an interview either on the Tuesday or at another time that you and your class teacher arrange.

Electricity Safety Week

Next week is Electricity Safety Week. We shall be incorporating the Safety Heroes Program into our school routines next week. Safety Heroes is an educational program delivered by Ergon Energy and Energex that helps teach primary school students how electricity works and how to behave safely around electricity and electrical equipment.

Students will be invited to participate in a range of activities in our library at lunch times with prizes being awarded to some lucky participants.

Enrolments

Just for your information, our current enrolment Prep to Year 6 is 400. I believe this is the highest ever number of students to be enrolled in our school at least. Currently our numbers stand at:

Prep	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
60	51	60	53	63	54	59	400

This places us at FULL capacity and emphasises the need for future **2017 Prep enrolments to be submitted as soon as possible**. We have only limited places available in Prep for next year and urge parents who intend to enrol their children that they do so as soon as possible.

Prep Orientation

We invite parents of students enrolling in Prep 2017 to our Orientation which will be held next Thursday at 9am in the library. The session is aimed at informing parents as to how to best prepare their students for Prep and what to expect. Information packs will be provided at the conclusion of the session. Enrolments will also be taken on this day.

Metropolitan North Sports

A number of our young athletes performed well at the recent Met North Sports Trials. Congratulations to all on their efforts – a special mention to Mya Sautia who has followed in the family tradition of being a champion at both Discus and Shot Put. In both of these events, Mya not only won the event but also broke the existing records. Mya will represent our school and region in the upcoming State titles.

Walking Wheeling Wednesday – Big Breakfast

It's Week 8 again and that's the week we have our Walking Wheeling Wednesday Big Breakfast. Starting at approximately 7:45am, our chefs will be cooking up a storm – bacon, eggs on bread for only \$2.00. Drinks are 50c. It's open to all, whether active traveller or not, as well as any parent who would like to eat breakfast with us at school.

Teacher-Aide Day

This week at school is when we recognise all our support staff. At schools there are plenty of people, apart from teachers, who keep the school running efficiently and add value to all the things we do. They include office staff, cleaners, teacher-aides, groundsman, volunteers and visiting specialists. Without them, schools would be lesser places, so thank you to all our wonderful support staff; we appreciate all the things that you do. On Thursday, we will be having a special morning tea for all of them, courtesy of the teachers.

Further events

As mentioned at the start of this week's newsletter, there are a significant number of events occurring of the next fortnight. Additional events include:

Week 8 (this week)		Week 9	
Monday		Monday	Graffiti & Lifeskills W/shop Yr 5&6 Maths Tournament
Tuesday	Youngstorm Program – Indigenous Students	Tuesday	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday		Wednesday	Guys Group @ Bunnings Musical - Full Dress Rehearsal @ Nudgee College
Thursday	World Teacher's Aide Day Celebration Mr Fisher returns from Ascot SS	Thursday	Prep Orientation Day PCYC Community Netball Cup
Friday	Interschool Sport Round 3	Friday	Interschool Sport Round 4 Seussical the Musical (& Sat 10 th) Final Camp Payment Due

Lynne Tunny
Acting Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** - **Tai** for writing and drawing what he liked about the story "Two Peas in a Pod"
- Prep CD** - **Anabelle** for good memory of sight words
- Prep H** - **Josie** for always being a friendly and responsible class member
- Year 1L** - **Sierra** for excellent work in describing and ordering coins in maths
- Year 1N** - **Ella** for an incredible effort made to improve her handwriting
- Year 2C** - **Miguel** for always having a positive attitude towards his school work
- Year 2H** - **Xavier** for improvement shown in his work and attitude towards school
- Year 2J** - **Keaily** for great effort and listening during class
- Year 3B** - **Jaime** for showing a good attitude towards his work in class
- Year 3M** - **Jermaine** for always participating in classroom discussions and for working well on his writing tasks
- Year 4G** - **Sophie** for a terrific effort during symmetry lessons
- Year 4S** - **Liam** for continually striving to do his best at all times
- Year 4TK** - **Byron** for his great writing skills when completing a chapter review for "Rowan of Rin"
- Year 5P** - **Sam** for writing an interesting narrative based on the poem "Waltzing Matilda"
- Year 5WI** - **Devashree** for using figurative language in her narrative based on "Waltzing Matilda"
- Year 6C** - **Ashmit** for great use of figurative language to convey meaning in texts
- Year 6N** - **Ebony** for an improved and consistent focus in all school work
- LOTE** - **Jack** for great listening skills during German lessons. Ausgezeichnet!
- EALD** - **Gree Na** for working positively with her friends and improving her English reading, writing and speaking skills

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 26th August 2016.

- 1L - Meisha
- 1N - Max
- 2C - Mathiva
- 2H - Reseira
- 2J - Aarnab
- 3B - PJ
- 3M - Iszabelle
- 4G - Maayewin
- 4SH - Matthew
- 4TK - Cameron
- 5P - Rielly
- 5WI - Shikayla
- 6C - Tyler
- 6N - Damascus

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.

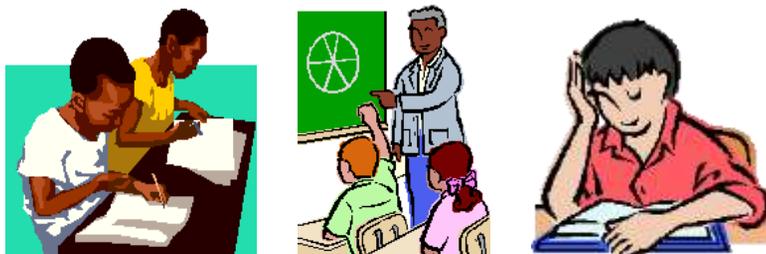
For auditing purposes all student absences must be explained.

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



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.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Just a reminder if all tickets (sold or unsold) in the Father's Day raffle could please be returned to the school by Wednesday 31st August 2016.

The raffle will be drawn on Friday's assembly, 2nd September 2016.

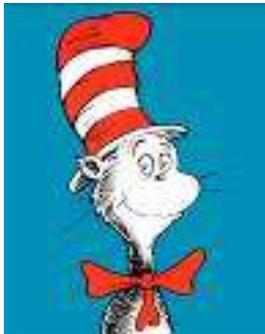
FROM THE LIBRARY



"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." *Emily Buchwald*

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

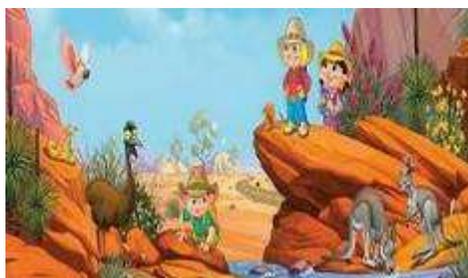
Performing Arts News



Tickets are currently on sale. Come and see the office ladies and they will be only too happy to help. Child / pensioner \$7, adult \$12 and a family (2 adults and 2 children OR 1 adult and 3 children) \$30.

Thank you to all for your support,
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 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 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



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

 AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2016	
30th	Youngstorm Program (Years 3 – 6)
31st	School Banking
31st	Walking Wheeling Wednesday
2nd Sep	Interschool Sport
6th Sep	Parent-Teacher Interviews (3-6pm)
6th Sep	Youngstorm Program (Years 3 - 6)
7th Sep	Seussical Musical – Dress Rehearsal at Nudgee College
8th Sep	Prep Orientation Day – 9:00am
8th Sep	PCYC Netball Community Cup
9th Sep	Year 6 Camp payments to be finalised
9th Sep	Interschool Sport
9th & 10th Sep	Seussical the Musical – 7:00pm at Nudgee College
13th Sep	Youngstorm Program (Years 3 – 6)
13th Sep	P&C Meeting 6:30pm in Staffroom
16th Sep	Interschool Sport
15th & 16th Sep	Extreme Science
16th Sep	Last Day of Term ~ Happy Holidays School resumes Tuesday 4 th October

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SALVATION ARMY – TWILIGHT COMMUNITY MARKETS

The Salvation Army North Brisbane Church, corner of Handford & Roghan Roads, Taigum will be hosting Twilight Community Markets on **Saturday 3rd September** between **5pm – 8pm**.

The Thrift Shop will be open, lots of stalls, Che-jazz Dancers Performing, Live Music, Sausage Sizzle, Face Painting and a Kids Jumping Castle.

To book a site for \$15, please RSVP before 31 August to annie.senden@gmail.com or FB for more information www.facebook.com/SalvationArmyNorthBrisbaneChurch

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

C&K BOONDALL COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN

Enrol now at C&K Boondall Community Kindergarten

C&K Boondall Community Kindergarten is a family orientated, community owned kindergarten. Don't wait – enrol today to secure your spot on the waiting list!

Health Care Card fee reductions available.

Visit us at 31 Carlyle Rd, Boondall. Phone: 3265 5439

admin@boondallkindy.com.au or www.boondallkindy.com.au

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CHILDREN LOVE DRAMA

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Our unique drama system develops confidence and communication skills in children and teenagers.

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Our acclaimed drama programme is implemented by dynamic teachers who work enthusiastically to bring out the very best in your child.

Affordable Fees! No Hidden Costs! Family Discounts!

Lower Primary (5-8), Upper Primary (9–12) and Youth Theatre (12–18).

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy

Please phone the Principal Margaret Treuel B.A., Dip. Ed. on 3353 0555

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

confident kids + teens

Resilience Skills for a Happy Life!

Book now for our September School Holiday Program!

Confident Kids ® + teens is an innovative coaching program for kids 5-14yrs that aims to boost confidence, emotional resilience, social skills and brain power. Students discover their strengths, and build resilient thinking skills to reduce stress, anxiety, worry, or negative thinking.

Essential tools to navigate the teen years!

Our team of experienced Psychologists will coach, encourage and support your child to be all they can be! Medicare and Private health fund rebates apply.

Register and Book online today at confidentkidsandteens.com.au Or contact us at info@positivefamilies.com.au or 07 3366 2241 for an Information pack.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Child & Family Wellbeing Service

What We Do

The Child & Family Wellbeing team works with families to support the emotional health of children and young people who live in the Brisbane North region. We offer **no-cost** assistance to families who have questions or are unsure about their child's social and emotional wellbeing.

Who Do We Help

We provide support to **any child under the age of 18** who is showing signs of stress, worry and/or mood and behaviour changes.

This service does not provide support to children or young people on child service orders. If you are unsure, we welcome any questions you might have and we will happily point you in the right direction if our service is not the right fit for your family.

Some Possible Signs That We Can Help

Worry, bullying or being bullied, clinginess, quick to anger, biting, trouble sleeping, complaining of illnesses but there are no physical signs, negative thoughts, refusing to go to school, feelings of hopelessness, stealing, running away, lack of energy, not wanting to bathe regularly, not eating/lack of appetite, lack of energy, more emotional than usual, difficulty concentrating.

We understand that a lot of these signs can be a named part of growing up. However if you are unsure or have any questions about your child's emotional or social wellbeing please feel free to call us and we can talk about what's going on.

How We Can Help

We can talk to you about ways to help your child at home or another place you feel comfortable.

Our Contact Details

P: 07 3170 4600

A: Ground Floor, 189 Coronation Drive, Milton QLD 4064

Operating Hours: 9am – 5pm, Monday – Friday

Please note, we do not operate as a crisis service

SING AND GROW MUSIC



Jabiru Communities Team is offering free Sing & Grow Music sessions in your home

Limited Opportunities for families with children aged 0-5 in North Brisbane!

For more information and to secure your spot please call: 3269 0044

For families who have a child that has not participated in a full 10 week Sing & Grow program

FAMILY FUN FAIR – QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION WEEK



Cost: Free

When: 2nd September 2016

Time: 2pm – 6pm

Where: Kedron Football Club, (100 Sixth Ave, Kedron 4031)

Contact Details: P: 3084 6600

W: <http://www.actforkids.com.au/our-services/family-intervention/>
E natashav@actforkids.com.au, yolandel@actforkids.com.au

Free – Face Painting, Jumping Castle, Petting Zoo, Bubble Fun, Sausage Sizzle, Art & Craft and more!

Other food will be available to buy at stalls.

BOONDALL BARRACUDAS SWIM CLUB

Boondall Barracudas Swim Club

Sign on Day

**3 Sept 16
10am-
2pm**

**Boondall State School Pool
All Welcome!**

Further information:
boondalbarracudas.teamapp.com
boondalbarracudas@hotmail.com

Boondall State School
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Boondall
Amateur Swimming Club
Barracudas

We're a
Get Started
club

Parents Citizens