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6 September 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

It's nice to be back after five weeks away. Ascot was an interesting place to work and I learnt a lot from my time there, but there's no place like home, as they say. I certainly don't miss the trip along Sandgate Road in peak hour either. I have picked a good time to come back, with this Week 9 being about the busiest of the term. Starting from yesterday, we had the District Maths Competition, followed by Parent-Teacher Interviews, Musical dress rehearsals, Prep Orientation Day, Opening night of Suessical on Friday and then the closing performance on Saturday. That's quite a full six days.

Maths Tournament

Each year in September, the District Maths Tournament is run to enable our strong maths learners to enjoy a competitive but fun environment where they can pit their maths skills against teams from many other schools. It is run in two sections. The first is the team event where all 5 members work together to solve often very difficult maths problems. The second session is the relay event where pairs take it in turn to complete shorter, slightly easier questions. Our students conducted themselves well and finished in the middle of the field- a commendable achievement. So I congratulate Jericho, Ashmit, Rico, Olivia, Akhemi, Gus, Justin, Lipikha, Tyler and Quinn on their efforts and look forward to next year's competition when we will again be participating.

School Musical

Months of work from Mrs Mackay and her cast is coming to a culmination this week with our two musical performances on Friday and Saturday nights, respectively. Suessical Jr should be a great night of fun and entertainment with everybody's favourite Dr Seuss characters like The Cat in the Hat, Horton, Gertrude McFuzz and many more. With the performances so close, this week has been non-stop for the children and teachers involved as final rehearsals to get everything right, are happening every day, including a full dress rehearsal at Nudgee College on Wednesday. We are all really looking forward to it. The details are as follows-Friday and Saturday, 9/10 September at Nudgee College, Boondall -7pm. Tickets are on sale in the Office and we'd like to see two full houses. They will be great nights.

Facilities Work

Some months ago, we received confirmation that money has become available to refurbish room 26, the old Uniform Shop. Representatives of the Department and our contractors were onsite on Monday and have given us the plans for the new work. The room will be completely gutted and rebuilt into three teaching spaces to cater for various sized groups. The louvres will be removed and replaced by proper windows and of course it will be repainted and carpeted and will end up an excellent addition to our teaching spaces. Work will start this week. Part two of the upgrade will extend to Room 25 above, which will get a facelift as well. We don't have a timeline for that as yet.

Camp Payments

A quick reminder that the final payment is due for the Year 6 students who wish to attend the Alex Park Camp in Term 4. It is not very far away now and we want to have numbers and payments finalised before the holidays so that we can concentrate on the organisation of the groups and the activities early in Term 4. This beach camp is always a fun few days and every student who attends has a fantastic time. We teachers like it too.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

Prep B	- Dhruv for explaining in detail why he likes the book Noni the Pony
Prep CD	- Phoenix for being an organised student in the classroom
Prep H	- Anmolpreet for working hard during warm ups
Year 1L	- Emma for excellent participation in maths. She always tries her best.
Year 1N	- Ezra for working enthusiastically during Daily 5 Café lessons
Year 2C	- Keeran for excellent work when finding important information in non-fiction texts
Year 2H	- Kareora for sharing his amazing talent with our class
Year 2J	- Jada-Lee for having a hardworking attitude towards all tasks
Year 3B	- Sukhman for enthusiastic effort in all that he does
Year 3M	- Jordan for fantastic work during our Daily 5
Year 4G	- Dennise for always being polite and having excellent manners
Year 4S	- Andrie for showing improved dedication to starting his work straight away
Year 4TK	- John for being a kind and thoughtful class member. He is also very helpful.
Year 5P	- Stacey for actively engaging in classroom activities
Year 5WI	- Rhys for working hard in numeracy groups
Year 6C	- Eh Tha Mee for enthusiasm across all subjects and a continuous positive attitude
Year 6N	- Sharn for working vigilantly during English to construct a well structured speech
EALD	- Ariana for great contributions in her listening, speaking and reading lessons

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 2nd September 2016.

- 1L - Aayushee
- 1N - Jessica
- 2C - Andre
- 2H - Kareora
- 2J - Charlie
- 3B - Zane
- 3M - Emma
- 4G - Riley
- 4SH - Konnor
- 4TK - Krystal
- 5P - Kyesha
- 5WI - Nate
- 6C - Hayden
- 6N - Hameed and Sharmaine

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.

FROM THE LIBRARY



“Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.”

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Performing Arts News



Tickets are currently on sale from the Administration Office. Come and see our staff 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

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 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

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

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

JABIRU – VACATION CARE



Take the fun challenge for the September holidays

Jabiru Kids is calling all kids to take the fun challenge for the September holidays. We'll zoom around on go-karts and explore the spooky sights on a guided tour of Boggo Road Gaol, compete with re-enactments.

We'll have Pokemon challenges, a Messy Day and lots of team challenges. Plus Slip & Slide fun, Bollywood experiences and a Mexican fiesta.

Jabiru Kids Taigum opens from 6.30am to 6pm over the holidays. We even serve breakfast!

The full program is available from Jabiru Taigum or online at www.jabiru.org.au

Jabiru vacation care is cheaper than you think, especially for people entitled to Child Care Benefit: call Jabiru's admin team for a quote on 3269 0044.

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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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

BOONDALL BARRACUDAS SWIM CLUB



SOUTH PINE TOUCH ASSOCIATION – GALA DAY



When: Thursday 22 September 2016

Where: South Pine Sports Complex, 620 South Pine Road, Brendale

Sign-on begins at 8:30am
Gala Day activities run from 9am to 1pm

Who: Children aged 6-12 yrs old

Cost: \$25 registration fee (paid at the Gala Day). This includes a STEEDEN Junior Touch Football for each child and morning tea.

What to bring: Water bottle, hat, sunscreen and clothing suitable to wear for games of Touch Football.

Gala Day Information: Children will be taken through a broad range of Touch Football specific skills and drills for the first half of the day. The day will conclude with children being split into teams, then playing full games of Touch Football. The aim of this day is for children of all abilities to get active, have fun and learn more about the game of Touch Football.

Registration is available now. For more information please contact Glen Walker on glen@qldtouch.com.au

FUTSAL – 2016/17 SUMMER SEASON



AFA presents 2016/17 Summer Season, Futsal Five a side indoor soccer.
There is a centre at Boondall – Ph: 0408 872 973. Nominations now OPEN!
Competitions Start September, 3 years to adults, Male and Female of all skill levels welcome.
GRAB 5 MATES AND START PLAYING TODAY!

What we offer:

- Representative Opportunities
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- Venue & Court Hire
- International Tours

Team and Player Registrations Now Open. Email: competitions@australianfutsal.com