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9th September 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Is there a better way to (almost) end the term, than with a school musical? Although it was a huge amount of work for a multitude of people, both adult and child; and very time consuming for many weeks, the two performances on the weekend made it all worthwhile. It was a very professional production that went off without a hitch. Those in the audience each night enjoyed it immensely. If you were unable to attend, you missed a great couple of evenings. It was a great credit to Mrs Mackay that she could turn a script and a few of her ideas into a brilliant show in just five months. Some of those students on stage began their lives in refugee camps; many have English as their second language and almost all of them had no prior theatrical experience. That is an amazing achievement for our sixty performers, some of whom, are as young as seven.

The backstage and background efforts were immense as well. Mrs Mackay enlisted the help of almost all our staff members, some of their families and a number of parents to build sets, make costumes, apply make-up and act as stage crew on the performance nights. Everything that was seen on stage was made from scratch and didn't exist three months ago. That is quite a remarkable achievement.

So, in the end, the musical was much more than just a couple of shows. It was the culmination of all the elements that were set in play back in April when we first received the script. It was thousands of dollars and months of work. It was the coordination of the skills of many different people, woven into an integrated whole that provided wonderful entertainment and a fantastic school and community event. Well done to all involved!

Parent-Teacher Interviews

The musical was such a big part of the week that it seems a lifetime ago that our parent-teacher interviews occurred, even though it was just last Tuesday. We had a great turnout of parents right across the year levels from Prep through to 6. Most teachers had a constant flow of interested parents from 3pm until closing time near 6 o'clock. Many of those who couldn't make the Tuesday Block, caught up through the week. All our teachers reported, that overwhelmingly, the atmosphere was tremendously positive which is great news for our students because a strong parent-teacher-child triangle is the firmest foundation we can provide for a good education. Thank you to all those who were able to attend and a reminder that teachers are still available this week if you haven't had the opportunity to speak to them individually.

Prep Orientation Day

We had a good turnout for our Prep Orientation Day last Thursday. Mrs Tunney and I spent the morning explaining to our new parents how Prep works and how we organise our day at Taigum State School. Most of the morning was spent talking in the library, but the highlight for the parents was a walk through our existing Prep classes who were doing their 'Daily Five' reading activities. The contrast between the students doing the orientation and those who have done three terms of Prep was amazing. It beautifully illustrated the great work done by our teachers to get their children to that point so quickly.

Our Prep enrolments have been solid for this time of year, but we have many more to come, if past years are any indication. If you know of any students who have yet to be enrolled, please encourage their families to do so as early as they can so we can be fully prepared for day one of 2017, which is only a few months away.

Holidays

Term 3 is all but finished and we have two weeks of holidays from Friday. I hope you enjoy the change of routine and we will see you back at school on Tuesday 4 October, for Term 4.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

Prep B	- Jade for working hard on her book review
Prep CD	- Leilani for great writing
Prep H	- Shabad for working hard to complete his Maths task
Year 1L	- Jayden for working conscientiously on his retell of the Four Dragons
Year 1N	- George always caring about the environment by picking up rubbish around the school
Year 2C	- Mathiva for consistently working hard on all tasks
Year 2H	- Artin for amazing work and attitude at school
Year 2J	- Naman for always being on task and finishing his work on time
Year 3B	- Bajedo and Dylan for taking the time and effort to be involved in the musical
Year 3M	- Derek for a fantastic retell of The Lorax from the perspective of a Brown Bar-ba-loot
Year 4G	- Lukas for having confidence and giving it a go
Year 4S	-Matthew for displaying improved concentration and finishing set tasks to the best of his ability
Year 4TK	- Jessica for demonstrating resilience in games situations and showing good sportsmanship
Year 5P	- Rielly for working hard to create his 'Man from Ironbark' powerpoint
Year 5WI	- Raymond for working hard on his narrative writing this week
Year 6C	- Jonas for enthusiastic and effective involvement in Panel Discussions
Year 6N	- Yolanda for preparing and presenting a speech which thoroughly analysing and evaluating an author's style
LOTE	- Rielly for being very helpful during lessons
EALD	- James for always doing fantastic work in his reading, writing and speaking tasks

BOOK AWARDS

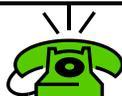


Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 7th October 2016.

- 1L - Tana
- 1N - Sean
- 2C - Keeran
- 2H - Reseira
- 2J - Daniel
- 3B - PJ
- 3M - Kady
- 4G - Beau
- 4SH - Jacob
- 4TK - Cooper
- 5P - Abbie
- 5WI - Johnathan
- 6C - Daesharn
- 6N - Yolanda

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.

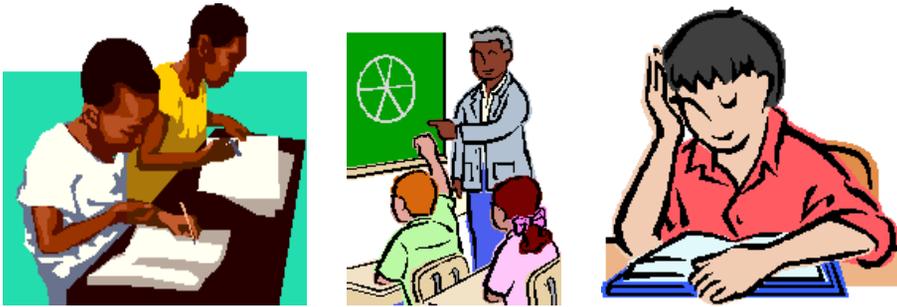
For auditing purposes all student absences must be explained.

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 CHAPLAIN

iSEE CHURCH – KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAM INVITATION



Wednesday 28th September at NORTH iSEE CHURCH, 203 Beams Road Taigum

The day is designed as a community day open to any children between the ages of 7-12. It will consist of games, activities and time to build friendships and have fun together in a safe and supportive environment. And we welcome parents to come and see what they've been up to at the end of the day as well.

Cost is \$7 which is paid on the day and families can register their children online for easy access at iseechurch.com/wackyolympics.

Steve Unicomb
Chaplain

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



“You know you have read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend.” **Paul Sweeney**

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

What a fantastic show! Congratulations to all our little actors, singers and dancers who did such a fantastic job in Seussical Jr on the weekend. We were all very proud of every student who was involved from the major lead roles to the chorus to the backstage crew.

There are so many people involved I can't thank them all individually. A HUGE thank you to all parents and staff who gave their spare time to help with all the different aspects of the production, but a special mention to Vicki Hicks for choreography, Adrian Mackay for the sets, Morgan Silvertand for the chairs, Fiona Stewart for costumes and Nicole Schreiber for makeup. Another enormous thank you and a huge shout out to Nudgee College for sponsoring us to hold our musical in their fantastic auditorium. Raoul Carmody and his AV team need a very loud round of applause.

Thank you to all those parents / carers and staff who supported our school and bought tickets to come and see the show.

Back to normal routine after the holidays.

All clubs will start again in week 2 of term 4. If you have not been to any clubs but would like to join, just come to the following sessions and we'll add your name to the program.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Before school	Instrumental Band (any student learning an instrument)			
1 st break	Keyboard Club (5 - 6)	School Choir (1 - 6)	Guitar Club (5 - 6)	Recorder Ensemble (4 - 6)
2 nd break		Drum Club (5 - 6)	Art Club (1 - 6)	

We wish you and your family a wonderful and safe holiday break.

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 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 with a blue background and a starry sky. The text reads: "A sky full of prizes to be won." Below this, it says: "The Dollarmites have discovered Prize Lights in the Outback sky and they want to share these spectacular prizes with School Bankers." There are three prize categories listed: "50 Camping Kits", "90 Instant Cameras", and "50 PlayStation 4 Packs". A larger prize category is also listed: "200 Magazine Packs". The graphic includes images of a camping kit, a camera, a PlayStation 4 console, and a magazine pack. At the bottom, it says: "To complete your Starazing online activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/termlights"

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

13 th	Youngstorm Program Years 3-6
13 th	P&C meeting 6.30pm in staff room
14 th	School Banking
15 th	Aspley Eagles Soccer Years 5 & 6
15 th & 16 th	Extreme Science
16 th	Interschool Sport
16 th	Last Day of Term School resumes on Tuesday 4th Oct

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!

HOMWORK 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

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

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

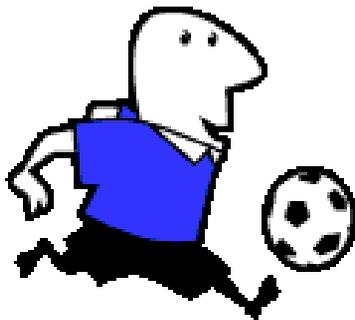
Cost: \$25 registration fee (paid at the Gala Day). This includes a STEEDEN Junior Touch Football for each child and morning tea.

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
- Referee & Coaching Courses
- Schools Tournaments
- Venue & Court Hire
- International Tours

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

NORTH STAR FOOTBALL CLUB – HOLIDAY CLINIC



September



Holiday Clinic

When: Monday 19th - Thursday 22nd September, 9am-3pm
Where: North Star FC, 24 Jennings Street, Zillmere

Cost: \$180 per person
(Second sibling \$150, Third sibling \$120)

What to bring: Football boots, shin pads, hats, water, lunch
(Canteen will be open selling snacks and cold drinks)

To register email developmentnorthstar@outlook.com
or call Tom on 0477257478 or Brad on 0417543006

