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18 October 2016

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents

It has been a bit of disjointed start to Term 4 with two out of the three weeks so far being only four days. A public holiday and a Student Free Day have taken two of the Mondays out of our schedule. Whilst short weeks have their benefits, it's a couple of days that are hard to make up. From here on though, we have no more interruptions of this sort right through to the Christmas holidays.

### Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 students however, do have a big interruption to their normal routine this week, in the form of the Year 6 Camp. Interruption is probably not the right word as camp days are school days, just in a different location. The curriculum is vastly different as well, but just as important. Children on camp learn about independence, resilience, team work, sharing, responsibility and a number of other important life skills. With this being the case, camp often gives different students the chance to shine. Some of our students perform well in classrooms, others do well in outdoor settings. I am going on camp for two of the three days and it is always interesting to see which kids come to the fore in this environment. However, whether they do or don't, won't take away from the great experience they are going to have. A big part of the camp is the beach games and surf swimming. This is always a highlight. It appears that the weather is going to do the right thing with warm temperatures forecast for the next few days. We have plenty of other fantastic activities planned for both the daytimes and the evenings. They might be tired, sore and run off their feet, but they won't ever be bored I can assure you. What they will be is safe. We have a large number of staff present to ensure that everything runs smoothly and is well supervised. The teachers going include Mr Cran, Mrs Nuhn, Mrs Murphy and me, as well as Steve and three of our pre-service teachers. We all should have a fantastic few days.

### Tree Planting

Arbor Day was last week, but as our groundsman Steve was on leave, we have held off planting any trees until this week. Yesterday our Senior Leaders planted in the new garden near the tuckshop and tomorrow our Year 5s will add some more trees to our gardens around the library. All up, we have about 120 trees, mainly shrubs and groundcovers that we will use to beautify our existing environment. We do have a few larger shade trees that will go down on the ovals. Not only is it good for our grounds, it is also good for our students to actually plant the trees and look after them. It gives them ownership and a long-lasting link to our school.

### World Teachers' Day

Next Friday is World Teacher' Day across the globe. Our school will actually be celebrating a day early on Thursday as that is the day when most of our staff is on the site. Whatever curriculum we have and whichever methods we use, it is a teacher who enacts them in the classrooms. Great teachers make for great students who make for a better society. Everyone wins in this scenario. I love my role as principal of this school because a splendid group of teachers do a wonderful job of teaching that is producing excellent results for our students. I regularly thank my teachers for the work they do and on World Teachers' Day it would be fantastic if parents and students could do the same. A note from a mum or dad on the difference a teacher makes, gives huge encouragement to our staff members. We all get paid to do this job, but most are in it because they genuinely care about children. It is great when this is acknowledged and appreciated.

Mark Fisher  
Principal

## Students of the Week

Prep B	- Osman for working hard to improve his reading
Prep CD	- Megan for great letter writing
Prep H	- Sai for working hard in writing a letter in class
Year 1L	- Aayushee for writing a fantastic procedure on how to make a pizza
Year 1N	- Ryan for eager participation in Daily 5 and always having a positive attitude
Year 2C	- Cooper for always using beautiful manners both in and out of the classroom
Year 2H	- Thu Re Sar for lovely homework and extra effort with his school work
Year 2J	- Sarah for fantastic bookwork in all subjects and always contributing to classroom discussions
Year 3B	- Samuel for excellent effort with homework
Year 3M	- Emma for a fantastic effort shown towards completing her homework
Year 4G	- Ian for always following instructions and being eager to participate in Ms McLeod's lessons
Year 4S	- Dreya for showing an excellent attitude and doing great homework
Year 4TK	- Anushka for her wonderful manners and her diligence with all her work
Year 5P	- Georgia for consistently having a positive attitude
Year 5WI	- Shay for making a great effort on his character analysis
Year 6C	- Tyler for great participation in mathematics
Year 6N	- Yolanda for an increase in participation and contribution to classroom discussions
LOTE	- Rielly for being helpful to students during German lessons
EALD	- Saiful for great reading and writing contributions during his EALD lessons

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

- 1L - Sophia and Te Ana
- 1N - Ezra
- 2C - Azariah
- 2H - Faith
- 2J - Jada-Lee
- 3B - Hannah
- 3M - Jermaine
- 4G - Beau
- 4S - Harith
- 4TK - Indigo and Charlotte
- 5P - Emily
- 5WI - Talia
- 6C - Maya and Tayah
- 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](mailto: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.

## YEAR 5 BOOKLIST AMENDMENT

The Heinemann Australian Dictionary listed on the 2017 Year 5 stationery order is **not required**.

## WIRELESS UPGRADE PROJECT

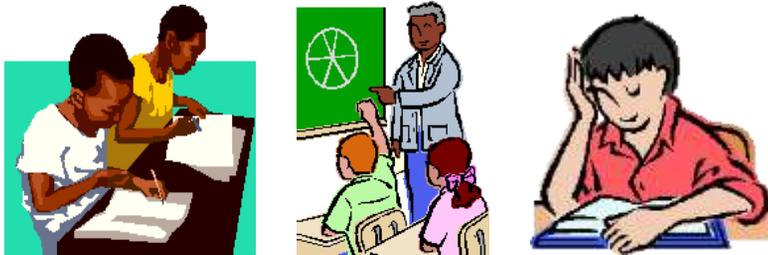
Over the next few weeks our school site will be undergoing a wireless upgrade. During this time there may be some interruptions to classes as access to rooms is required to complete this project. We apologise for any inconvenience and will endeavour to keep disruptions to a minimum.

## INTERSCHOOL SPORT

**Reminder:** Girls Interschool Touch Football has been moved to **Nudgee College**

## **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 STUDENT COUNCIL**



Icy cups will be on sale each Wednesday. Please have your student give their order and money to the class teacher. **Still only 50 cents** so why not enjoy a cool, refreshing treat during our warmer weather while helping to support our Student Council.

## 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



"I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book." **JK Rowling**

### BOOK CLUB NEWS

Scholastic Book Club orders for Issue 7 have been sent home with students. Should you or your child wish to purchase any items, please ensure the order form and full payment are returned to the school on or before Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016. A collection box is located at the Administration Office.

## 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 Dollarmite 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 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](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

## DATES TO REMEMBER



### OCTOBER 2016

18 <sup>th</sup>	Arbor Day Tree Planting
18 <sup>th</sup>	Youngstorm Program (Years 3-6)
19 <sup>th</sup>	School Banking
19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Camp
21 <sup>st</sup>	Interschool Sport
25 <sup>th</sup>	Youngstorm Program (Years 3-6)
26 <sup>th</sup>	School Banking
27 <sup>th</sup>	World Teachers' Day
28 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Sport

## 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**

# 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*

## NORTH STAR FOOTBALL CLUB

### North Star Football Club – 2017 Trial/Training Dates and Times

Age Group	Date	Time
Under 13s Div	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	6:00pm – 7:30pm
	15 <sup>th</sup> November	6:00pm – 7:30pm
	22 <sup>nd</sup> November	6:00pm – 7:30pm
	29 <sup>th</sup> November	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Under 14s Div	9 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	6:00pm – 7:30pm
	16 <sup>th</sup> November	6:00pm – 7:30pm
	23 <sup>rd</sup> November	6:00pm – 7:30pm
	30 <sup>th</sup> November	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Under 15s SYL Trials	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	6:00pm – 7:30pm
	17 <sup>th</sup> November	6:00pm – 7:30pm
	24 <sup>th</sup> November	6:00pm – 7:30pm
	1 <sup>st</sup> December	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Under 15s Div	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	6:00pm – 7:30pm
	17 <sup>th</sup> November	6:00pm – 7:30pm
	24 <sup>th</sup> November	6:00pm – 7:30pm
	1 <sup>st</sup> December	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Under 16s Div	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	6:00pm – 7:30pm
	17 <sup>th</sup> November	6:00pm – 7:30pm
	24 <sup>th</sup> November	6:00pm – 7:30pm
	1 <sup>st</sup> December	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Under 12s Div	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	6:00pm – 7:30pm
	15 <sup>th</sup> November	6:00pm – 7:30pm
	22 <sup>nd</sup> November	6:00pm – 7:30pm
	29 <sup>th</sup> November	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Under 9 Komodo Dragons (Academy)	19 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	9:00am – 10:30am
	26 <sup>th</sup> November	9:00am – 10:30am
	3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9:00am – 10:30am
	10 <sup>th</sup> December	9:00am – 10:30am

Age Group	Date	Time
Under 10 Komodo Dragons (Academy)	19 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	9:00am – 10:30am
	26 <sup>th</sup> November	9:00am – 10:30am
	3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9:00am – 10:30am
	10 <sup>th</sup> December	9:00am – 10:30am
Under 11 Komodo Dragons (Academy)	19 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	11:00am – 12:30pm
	26 <sup>th</sup> November	11:00am – 12:30pm
	3 <sup>rd</sup> December	11:00am – 12:30pm
	10 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00am – 12:30pm
Under 6s, 7s, 8s – Free training sessions	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	9:30am – 11:30am
	20 <sup>th</sup> November	9:30am – 11:30am
	27 <sup>th</sup> November	9:30am – 11:30am
	4 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am – 11:30am
Girls Development Under 12s – 16s	Every Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October – 12 <sup>th</sup> December	5:30pm – 6:30pm
Women's Development Training	Every Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November – 7 <sup>th</sup> December	6:30pm – 8:00pm
For any enquiries, please contact <a href="mailto:bradnorthstar@outlook.com">bradnorthstar@outlook.com</a>		
		