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25 October 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

As I wrote this newsletter last week, I was just about to go on the Year 6 camp. One week later, we successfully negotiated those three days with all the students having a fantastic time. They are long days and both adults and children get very tired. I'm sure many of our Year 6s slept for much of their weekends. We teachers averaged about five or six hours each night so I know I enjoyed quite a sleep in on Saturday. But, back to school matters for this week.

Wi-Fi Work

The contractors have been busy over the last few days installing our school-wide wi-fi network. So far the library and F Block are up and running and the installation has moved to A, B, and C blocks. As the work cannot be done with students in the rooms, many classes have had to be moved. Some of those classes have been relocated to the hall, the music room and the staffroom. It's been quite an inconvenience for each group but mostly it will mean being out of the normal room for one or two days at the most. Most classes have taken this in their stride. All our Year 3s and 4s from C Block will be back in this afternoon and it looks like our Year 2s will only miss Wednesday in their own classes. By the middle of next week, it will all be complete and all classes will be in their usual spots, enjoying strong wireless access in almost every part of the school.

Walking Wheeling Wednesday Big Breakfast

We have a special WWW breakfast each term to highlight our active travel policy. Normally we aim to do this in Week 8. This term, Week 8 is very busy so we have decided to bring the breakfast forward to Week 5, which is next week. So our Walking Wheeling Big Breakfast date is Wednesday 2 November, starting just before 8am. As usual, I will be on my bike at the Hidden World Playground on Roghan Road, to meet any cyclists who would like to ride to school with me. I'll arrive at the park at 7:45am and depart at 8am so we can be at school by about 8:15 and enjoy the breakfast. All students and parents are welcome to join me. We travel along the bike tracks behind the school and come out on the oval. The breakfast will consist of bacon and eggs and is \$2 per head. Drinks are on sale for 50c. The breakfast is a fun way to encourage students to walk, ride or use public transport to get to school, instead of using cars. Anybody who has to go into our parent car park will know that the fewer cars the better. Next Wednesday should be a much better day for anyone picking up or dropping off there.

P&C President Resignation

Sadly, our Parents and Citizens Association President, Mr Brian Adams has had to resign from the position. I thank Brian for his contribution to the committee, his volunteer work around the school, and the support he has given to the teachers and staff. He has been a hard worker over the past few years and I shall miss his presence. Our Vice-President, Mr Dean Congram will be in the chair to finish off the last meeting for the year in early November.

World Teachers Day

Don't forget that Friday is World Teachers Day, though we are celebrating it one day early on Thursday as that is the day when we have the most staff on the site. If you get a chance, a little thank you to your child's teacher will be greatly appreciated.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

Prep B	- Sumeet for wonderful independent writing during Daily 5
Prep CD	- Jett for excellent participation in reading groups with Mrs Dickson. Great 'Eagle Eye'
Prep H	- James for excellent participation in reading groups
Year 1L	- Ionatana for writing an excellent procedure on how to make a Banana Split
Year 1N	- Katelyn for having a positive attitude towards her work during handwriting lessons
Year 2C	- Kaylee for always having a positive attitude towards her school work
Year 2H	- Selena for working well on all of the tasks given to her
Year 2J	- Mia-Bella for fantastic reading and improvement in Spelling
Year 3B	- Jasmine for being an excellent role model for her social group
Year 3M	- Sanjana for excellent participation in classroom discussions
Year 4G	- Richard for a fantastic job during English lessons
Year 4S	- Prabhjot for continually striving to do excellent work at all times, and displaying beautiful behaviour
Year 4TK	- Charlotte for her enthusiasm towards all her school work and for being kind and considerate towards others
Year 5P	- Sam for working hard in English to create a good paragraph using precise vocabulary
Year 5WI	- Audrey for being a super speller
Year 6C -	Larlayna for a very positive attitude to classroom learning
Year 6N	- Quinn for making a conscious effort to improve his participation and displaying an enthusiastic approach to all his class work
LOTE	- Shee Shee for making an outstanding effort to catch up willingly on her German lessons after being at other activities. Well done on taking initiative and on your commitment to your learning
EALD	- Jasmine for great effort in being a leader of the Year 3 girls in her group

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 21st October 2016.

- 1L - Ionatana
- 1N - Althea
- 2C - Arman
- 2H - Mason
- 2J - Sarah
- 3B - James
- 3M - Aroha
- 4G - Robbie
- 4S - Dihan
- 4TK - Krystal
- 5P - Lincoln
- 5WI - Lebron
- 6C - Blessey
- 6N - *no nomination – at Camp*

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.

WIRELESS UPGRADE PROJECT



Over the next couple of 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.

SWIM CARNIVAL DATES



Please note the following changes to our swimming carnival dates:

Junior Carnival (Prep – 3): Thursday 24 November

Senior Carnival (Years 4 – 6): Thursday 1 December

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?

If a student misses...	That equals...	And over 13 years of schooling...
10 minutes / day	50 mins / week	nearly ½ year of learning time
20 minutes / day	1 hour 40 minutes / week	nearly 1 year of learning time
30 minutes / day	2 hours 30 minutes / week	nearly 1½ years of learning time
1 hour / day	1 day / week)	over 2 ½ years of learning time

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.

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

Bambi and Karen
School Participation Officers

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Performing Arts News

This term, I would like to see all clubs perform on assembly, but we are running out of time with so many events happening around the school. However, we have booked in our school band to perform in week 6, 11th November and the School Choir will perform in week 7, 18th November.

The 11th November, when the band is performing, will also be our recruitment / information session for anyone in year 4 – 6 NEXT YEAR (2017) who would like to learn an instrument. If your child is interested in learning brass, woodwind or percussion but you cannot attend the session, you won't miss out as all information will be sent home.

The choir performance on the 18th November will be a practice performance for the following week when they go on tour and have an end of year celebration. (More information will follow)

All clubs will also have the opportunity to perform at our annual Christmas Concert on the 30th November at the Salvation Army.

Remember it's not too late to join a club.

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 (4 - 6)	Recorder Ensemble (4 - 6)
2 nd break		Drum Club (5 - 6)	Art Club (1 - 6)	

Chappy Steve is putting the final touches on our DVD of Seussical Jr. Your child will be bringing home an order form soon. DVD's will be \$3 just to cover costs. You may order as many as you like. Relive the many happy memories and talented moments of this great show.

Looking forward to finishing the year on a high note.
 Andrea Mackay
 Music Specialist

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



"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book." **Dr Seuss**

BOOK CLUB NEWS – EXTENSION



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 Wednesday 26th 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 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 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

DATES TO REMEMBER



OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2016

25 th	Youngstorm Program (Years 3-6)
26 th	School Banking
27 th	World Teachers' Day
28 th	Year 2 excursion
28 th	Interschool Sport
1 st Nov	Youngstorm Program (Years 3-6)
2 nd Nov	School Banking
2 nd Nov	WWW Breakfast – 8:00am
3 rd Nov	Interschool Sport
8 th Nov	P&C Meeting – 6:30pm in Staffroom

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!

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

ZILLMERE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY



Join us for

**ZILLMERE
COMMUNITY CENTRE'S**

 **Community Christmas
Party**

DECEMBER 21ST • 1pm-5pm

SANTA IS COMING...

Children aged 0-10
will receive a present.

\$3 per child goes towards the purchase of presents.

Food, drinks and Christmas goodies!

Zillmere Community Centre:

Address: 54 Handford Rd, Zillmere QLD 4034

Phone: (07) 3865 2880

RSVP

Registration and payments to be
made by

Friday 9th of December

