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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

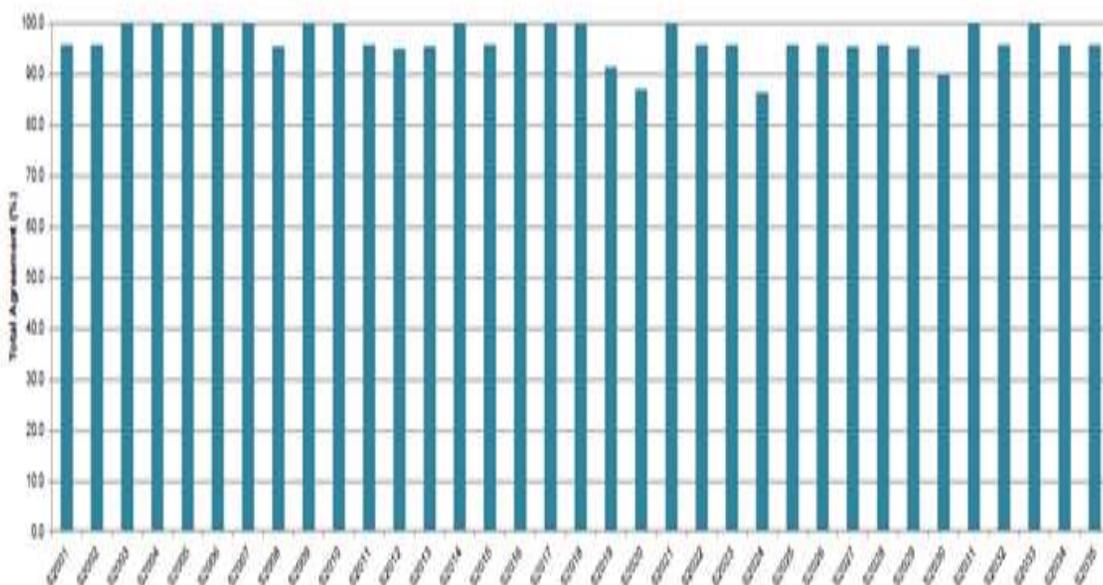
Dear Parents

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY — Parent/Caregiver School Report, 2016.

Taigum State School (1112)

Total Agreement Presents the aggregation of positive responses, that is, 'Somewhat Agree', 'Agree' and 'Strongly Agree'

Graph should be viewed in conjunction with the corresponding table as 'NA', 'D' and 'T's' are all displayed as zero.



The graph above is the results of the Parent Opinion Survey that went out in early August. I thought I would put it at the top of the newsletter, because it is a very strong endorsement from our parents, of the work we do. In all, there are thirty-five questions about the school's performance. Fifteen of them received 100% approval; another eighteen were over 90%; and only two dropped into the 80% band. The two in the eighties were as follows:

- I understand how computers and other technologies are used at this school to enhance my child's learning.
- This school asks for my input.

It is probably these two that deserve the most comment. Both are important and both are about our communication with parents. The computer question is particularly topical. We have been waiting for the wireless networking of the school, before we could explore new ways to use ICT. For the last ten years, we have relied on fixed desktop computers in our two or three labs. In the next two years, we will be able to use laptops, tablets and smartphones all over the school and in new and innovative ways. The second question about input from parents is often one that we and many other schools don't do as well. I think that the main reason is that many parents trust us to do the job of teaching their children and don't feel the need to give their input. If people wish to give us useful information about their children, we are always more than happy to accept it. Several avenues exist for feedback from parents, including the P&C meetings, parent-teacher interviews or simply coming to school and talking to a teacher. You are always welcome. Over the page, there is a table with all thirty-five questions that were asked. It will allow you to see how we scored on each of them. Two other surveys were carried out, one completed by students and one by staff. Both of these are also strong results so it appears that all those who deal with the school are reasonably happy with how things are going.

Queensland Champion

In the recent Queensland Track and Field Championships, one of our students, Mya Sautia won the shot put and placed second in the discus. So we can now genuinely claim a state champion in our school. This is a tremendous effort from Mya who is walking in the footsteps of her older sisters who were also talented athletes. Mya will be representing Queensland in the National Championships in Sydney later in the year and our Walking Wheeling Breakfast monies will be donated to her family to help fund her trip. Track and Field is an expensive sport in which to compete and it is our pleasure to be able to help Mya in this small way. There is, of course, a chance that we may yet have a National Champion!

Mark Fisher
Principal

S2001	My child likes being at this school.	S2019	I understand how my child is assessed at this school.
S2002	My child feels safe at this school.	S2020	I understand how computers and other technologies are used at this school to enhance my child's learning.
S2003	My child's learning needs are being met at this school.	S2021	Teachers at this school are interested in my child's wellbeing.
S2004	My child is making good progress at this school.	S2022	Staff at this school are approachable.
S2005	Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best.	S2023	Staff at this school are responsive to my enquiries.
S2006	Teachers at this school provide my child with useful feedback about his or her school work.	S2024	This school asks for my input.
S2007	Teachers at this school motivate my child to learn.	S2025	This school keeps me well informed.
S2008	Teachers at this school treat students fairly.	S2026	This school encourages me to take an active role in my child's education.
S2009	I can talk to my child's teachers about my concerns.	S2027	This school encourages me to participate in school activities.
S2010	This school works with me to support my child's learning.	S2028	This school provides me with useful feedback about my child's progress.
S2011	This school takes parents' opinions seriously.	S2029	This school provides useful information online.
S2012	Student behaviour is well managed at this school.	S2030	This school is environmentally friendly.
S2013	This school looks for ways to improve.	S2031	This school is well organised.
S2014	This school is well maintained.	S2032	This school has a strong sense of community.
S2015	This school gives my child opportunities to do interesting things.	S2033	This school celebrates student achievements.
S2016	My child is getting a good education at this school.	S2034	I would recommend this school to others.
S2017	My child's English skills are being developed at this school.	S2035	This is a good school
S2018	My child's Mathematics skills are being developed at this school.	S2019	I understand how my child is assessed at this school.

Students of the Week

Prep B	- Olivia for a detailed list of features of our classroom
Prep CD	- Leilani for an interesting sentence about the story "The Red Bridge"
Prep H	- Noah for doing a great job in recalling his sight words
Year 1L	- Mathayus for being a great classroom helper in the lessons taught by Miss Needham
Year 1N	- Rame for always working hard in class
Year 2C	- Harun for displaying and modelling excellent behaviour both in and out of the classroom
Year 2H	- Tapa for extra effort staying on task
Year 2J	- Naman and Harry for great results in the 3 minute addition number fact test. Well done!
Year 3B	- Zane for persevering and never giving up in swimming lessons with Mr Moore
Year 3M	- Meghana for terrific behaviour and excellent classroom participation
Year 4G	- Amber for giving 100% effort in all that she attempts
Year 4S	- Richard for writing a fantastic conclusion for his persuasive text in English
Year 4TK	- Princess for great effort with all the work she produces, and for her considerate ways toward others
Year 5P	- Jarell for demonstrating a positive and responsible approach to his school work
Year 5WI	- Emre for excellent work on his History story plan
Year 6C	- Daniel for always working hard and having a positive attitude
Year 6N	- Trevenna for her enthusiasm towards all of her school work and maintaining a positive attitude
EALD	- Tahjuan for always receiving the highest results in all of his spelling tests

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 28th October 2016.

- 1L - Juan
- 1N - Jessica
- 2C - Mathivadhana
- 2H - Damien
- 2J - Sarah
- 3B - Cathy
- 3M - Yasmin
- 4G - Ashlee
- 4S - Dreya
- 4TK - Krystal
- 5P - Mya
- 5WI - Jordan
- 6C - Hayden
- 6N - Jasmine

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 notify 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:

Prep Carnival: Friday 25 November (9:15– 11:00am)

Junior Carnival (Years 1 – 3): Thursday 24 November

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

2017 BOOKLISTS

2017 Booklists have been sent home with each student. If you wish to order your pack for collection from the school, please return your order with payment to the office by Friday 25 November 2015.

Packs will be available for collection from the school between Tuesday 17th and Friday 20th January 2017.

PREP – YEAR 6 ENROLMENTS – 2017

Children born between 1st July 2011 and 30th June 2012 are eligible for enrolment in Prep in 2017

If you have a child, or know a family living in our catchment area that have a child eligible for enrolment in Prep - Year 6 in 2017, could you please ensure that an enrolment form is completed and submitted to the school's administration office as early as possible.

To best support our staffing allocation for next year it is important that we have the correct number of students intending to attend Taigum State School enrolled.

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

If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter

Kind regards,
Bambi and Karen
School Participation Officers

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Performing Arts News

To all the parents / carers of students in years 3 – 5 who have a child wishing to learn an instrument in 2017, I would like to extend an invitation to come along to our Assembly on the 11th November to hear our band play. Some of our year 6 students will be demonstrating their instrument and interested students will receive more information. We would like to offer places to current year 3 and 4 students (year 4, 2017) first as they will hopefully be playing for the next few years. Other students will also get the opportunity to try out as long as we have enough instruments.

The choir will be performing on Assembly on the 18th November and 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)

Have you marked our Annual Christmas Carols in your calendar yet? This is a fantastic end of year celebration where all year levels have the opportunity to perform for you. All clubs will also be performing on that night. So, if you can, please come along. The concert is on Wednesday the 30th November at the Salvation Army Church.

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)	

If any parent can help out with printing our DVD labels, Chappy Steve can put the final touches on our DVD of Seussical Jr. Just call the office and leave your name and contact number. The DVD's can then go on sale for \$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.

Look forward to finishing the year on a high note.

Andrea Mackay
Music Specialist

FROM THE P&C

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

Monday to Thursday mornings: 8.15am to 8:45am

The uniform shop accepts cash or EFTPOS.

SALE ITEMS

New Skorts in all sizes are currently on sale for \$12

CHRISTMAS HAMPER



Christmas is just around the corner!

Our P&C are now preparing to organise this year's Christmas Hamper. If your family would like to make a contribution towards the hamper, please drop your donation/goods to either the uniform shop or office.

Thank you

FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL



Icy cups will be on sale each Wednesday. Please have your child 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 LIBRARY



"Reading gives us a place to go when we have to stay where we are." **Mason Cooley**



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Library, commencing at 2nd break (1:10pm) on Thursday 10th November and finishing at 1st break (11:30am) on Wednesday 16th November. Hundreds of books will be available to purchase before and after school, and at first lunch break (11:10am) during this time. All purchases benefit our school.

So come along and catch the reading bug!

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER



NOVEMBER 2016

1 st	Youngstorm Program (Years 3-6)
2 nd	School Banking
2 nd	WWW Breakfast – 8:00am
4 th	Interschool Sport
8 th	P&C Meeting – 6:30pm in Staffroom
11 th	Interschool Sport (<i>last round</i>)

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

