Dear Parents

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The computer question matches the responses from our parent survey. As I stated, we believe this concern is justified in light of how are computers are used at present. In 2017, with our new high powered wi-fi network and new handheld devices like I-Pads and tablets, our students’ experience with ITC will take on a new dimension. Not only will the machines be portable within classrooms and buildings, the wireless coverage will also allow for some outside usage of these devices to improve their engagement and enjoyment value. These changes are being planned now and will come into being early in the new year.

The other two questions are about student behaviour. My feeling is that student behaviour is well managed but I don’t hear or am told everything that happens in a room. Obviously, if some students are being annoyed by the behaviour of someone else or feel they have been treated unfairly, they will respond negatively to this question. The response to the behaviour question is similar right across the state, no matter what school we look at. The state average for it is 79%, so ours is slightly better. Needless to say, we will continue to try and catch as much poor behaviour as we can. The acceptance response is also based on student perceptions which might not be exactly like the reality of our school. I note the amazing turn out we had on Harmony Day as evidence of this. We don’t have that many complaints about non-acceptance from our students apart from the more minor ones when students don’t allow others to join in their games and such like. Sexism and racism are rare and most of our students exhibit a high degree of tolerance, which is to be commended. We will keep an eye on this situation though, and make sure we don’t let our standards drop.

**Fundraising for Mya**

Thank you to all the parents and students who supported our Walking Wheeling Big Breakfast last Wednesday. Your good attendance at the BBQ, allowed us to raise $500 which will help Mya and her family as she competes in the National Athletics Championships in Sydney later in the year. We will present Mya with her cheque on assembly this week and the Bayside Star is coming to take some pictures and do a story on her achievements.

**Book Fair**

Book Fair starts on Thursday and I know this is a highlight for all those of our students who enjoy books and reading. It will run until the 16 November so there is plenty of time to come and browse and buy if you wish. The main point I need to make about the fair is that it will take place in Room 26, right at the front of the school. You may know the room better as the old uniform shop. It has been completely refurbished so you can come in and read in air conditioned comfort. All are welcome.

Mark Fisher
Principal

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**Students of the Week**

- Prep B – Lachlan for amazing reading!
- Prep CD – Levi for working hard on his letter writing
- Prep H - Kerehama for constructing a great house for his Math Assessment
- Year 1L – Matthew for writing a great procedure
- Year 1N – Amelia for working conscientiously during history, comparing daily life in the past with today
- Year 2C – Mathiva for always using beautiful manners
- Year 2H – Ronin for persistence and effort at school
- Year 2J – Summer-Rose for great improvement in handwriting tasks and bookwork
- Year 3B – Bajedo for making an effort to keep his homework neat and his book in good condition
- Year 3M - Nikita for terrific reading and retell in reading groups
- Year 4G – Jayden for a terrific job when identifying properties of ochre
- Year 4S - Adi for always trying his best, and showing initiative in class
- Year 4TK – Princess for excellent focus and behaviour during lessons
- Year 5P - Brock for working hard to complete his Gold Rush diorama
- Year 5WI – Saiful for working well in English
- Year 6C - Dylan for great progress in reading
- Year 6N – Olivia for doing her best to create an effective persuasive argument
- LOTE - Kayla for her dedication to learning German. Ausgezeichnet!
- EALD - Sai for always doing great work in her reading, writing and speaking activities
Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 4th November 2016

- 1L - Asa
- 1N - Kallen
- 2C - Miguel
- 2H - Artin
- 2J - Ben
- 3B - Poe Ku
- 3M - Harry
- 4G - Rhiana
- 4S - Perez
- 4TK - Ben
- 5P - Jarell
- 5WI - Johnathan and Hunter
- 6C - Tyler
- 6N - Hameed

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.

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
Year 1-3 Junior Swimming Carnival

Parents/Friends the Year 1-3 Junior Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 24\textsuperscript{th} November and you are invited to come along and cheer for your child and see them compete at this fun and exciting event. The format for this Year’s Junior Swim Carnival is attached below for your information. The emphasis for this Carnival is placed on participation and fun as our students are exposed to competitive swimming. Every child who swims will be rewarded for their efforts with students achieving a 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2\textsuperscript{nd} or 3\textsuperscript{rd} place being rewarded with extra points for their House. Parents please note that children will not have the opportunity to swim in every event on the day however they will swim in at least 2 individual races as well as a relay race. The events that the students will swim in will reflect some of the work our students have been undertaking during their swimming lessons this term.
We look forwarded to seeing you at the Junior Carnival and helping us cheer on our young swimmers.

Thursday 24\textsuperscript{th} November 2016

Program

9.45-11.00am Year 3 Session
11.00-11.30am Lunch
11.30-12.45pm Year 2 Session
1.00-1.45pm Lunch
1.45-3.00pm Year 1 Session

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 1\textsuperscript{st} July 2011 and 30\textsuperscript{th} 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.
The Salvation Army wants to help families in our community have a great Christmas! If you're struggling financially, The Salvos can help with Christmas presents and food! Ring the Salvation Army at Taigum on 3865 1088 for more details or come down on Wednesday November 16th, between 10am and 12noon for an interview. The Salvation Army at Taigum is on the corner of Handford and Roghan Rds.

SU Qld run some great Christian camps during the school holidays. SchoolzOut camp is just for grade 6's and it runs the week after school finishes in December. Father/Son Gents camp is for boys in grade 5-9 and their dads and is happening Jan 6-10. To register and see even more camps go to www.suqld.org.au/camps

Have a good one!
Steve Unicomb

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
Performing Arts News
I have given all children interested in learning an instrument a letter to take home this week. I would like to extend an invitation to you to come along to our Assembly this Friday 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. The choir children will get a permission letter to take home today.

Have you marked our Annual Christmas Carols in your calendar yet? This is a fantastic end of year celebration were all year levels have the opportunity to perform for you. All clubs will also be performing on that night. So, remember to come along to rehearsals.

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Is there any parent out there who can help out with printing our DVD labels, so 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. Re-live 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 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
McDONALDS DAY

On Thursday 1\textsuperscript{st} December the P&C will be holding a McDonalds Day to coincide with the Senior Swimming Carnival.

Orders are open for all Year Levels (Prep – Year 6), and order forms have been sent home with each child today.

If you wish your child to participate please return the completed order with correct money to the school office by Monday 28\textsuperscript{th} November 2016.

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. \textit{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

“You’re never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child.” \textit{Dr Seuss}

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Library, commencing at 2\textsuperscript{nd} break (1:10pm) on Thursday 10\textsuperscript{th} November and finishing at 1\textsuperscript{st} break (11:30am) on Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th} 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.

\textit{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.
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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 Silverand 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
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
NORTH STAR FOOTBALL CLUB – TRIAL DATES

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AFS INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS AUSTRALIA

Would you like to be a Host Family to an AFS exchange student arriving in February?

Are you ready to get an unforgettable experience, get to know another culture, make a lifetime friendship by adding a new member to your family from different country?

If your answer is YES, then log on to our website www.afs.org.au/host and get to know our amazing students arriving in February.

We have students from a variety of different countries eagerly awaiting any kind of information regarding their future host families who will host them here in Australia for the length of their program.

If you believe you can be such host family for 5 or 11 months, then please contact the Hosting Coordinator at the AFS National Office: on 1300 131 736.

FITZGIBBON COMMUNITY CENTRE – FAMILY EVENT

Sandbag’s Unplugged Café comes to the Fitzgibbon Community Centre

**When:** Friday 18th November 2016

**Time:** 5:30pm – 8:00pm

**Where:** Fitzgibbon Community Centre, 545 Roghan Rd, Fitzgibbon

Bring a picnic, enjoy the music with family and friends, get to know people in your local area, their culture & traditions.

**Alcohol Free Event**

Food & Refreshments available for purchase. Lions Club BBQ & Vegetarian options

Free: Musical Entertainment & Face Painting

For more information call SANDBAG on 3869 3244
WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Orientation Day for students in Year 7 2017
Monday 5 December 2016
Assembly Hall
Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights
8:30am for 8:45am start
3:00pm finish
(Morning Tea provided for parents at 10:00am)

Students to bring/wear:
Primary School Uniform
Notepad & pens
Morning Tea & Lunch

Combined Shop Hours – Monday 5 December
Stationery & Clothing  1:00pm – 5:30pm
(Pre-purchase your requirements prior to Orientation Day.
Shop opens Monday – Thursday 8:15am – 11:15am)

Applications still welcome.
Enrolment Enquiries: Contact: Sandra Lock
Enrolment Officer on 3350 0328