

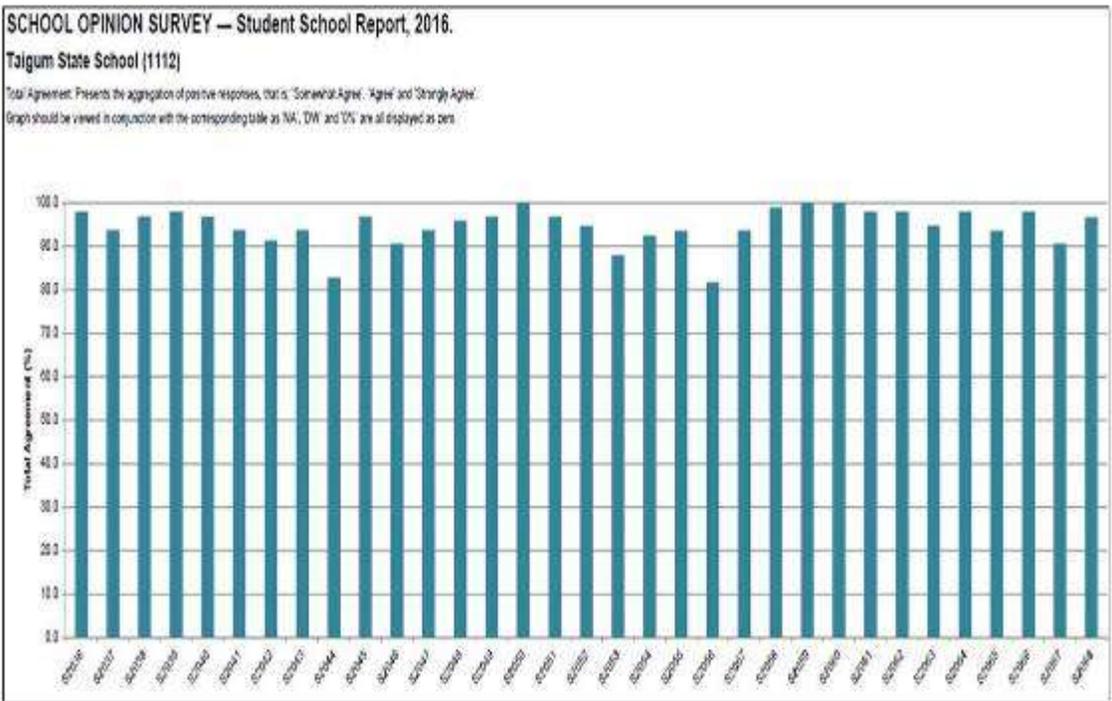
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8 November 2016

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents



S2026	I like being at my school.
S2027	I feel safe at my school.
S2028	My teachers motivate me to learn.
S2029	My teachers expect me to do my best.
S2030	My teachers provide me with useful feedback about my school work.
S2031	Teachers at my school treat students fairly.
S2032	I can talk to my teachers about my concerns.
S2033	My school takes students' opinions seriously.
S2034	Student behaviour is well managed at my school.
S2035	My school looks for ways to improve.
S2036	My school is well maintained.
S2037	My school gives me opportunities to do interesting things.
S2038	I am getting a good education at my school.
S2039	My English skills are being developed at my school.
S2040	My Maths skills are being developed at my school.
S2041	I understand how I am assessed at my school.
S2042	I can access computers and other technologies at my school for learning.

S2043	I am encouraged to use computers and other technologies at my school for learning.
S2044	I use computers and other technologies at my school for learning.
S2045	I enjoy using computers and other technologies at my school for learning.
S2046	I feel accepted by other students at my school.
S2047	My school work challenges me to think.
S2048	My teachers challenge me to think.
S2049	My teachers encourage me to do my best.
S2050	My teachers clearly explain what is required in my school work.
S2051	My teachers help me with my school work when I need it.
S2052	My teachers use a variety of resources to help me learn.
S2053	My teachers care about me.
S2054	My school encourages me to participate in school activities.
S2055	My school encourages me to be a good community member.
S2056	My school celebrates student achievements.
S2057	I would recommend my school to others.
S2058	This is a good school.

Last week I highlighted the results of the Parent Opinion Survey. This week, I have the graph and table showing the results for our Student Opinion Survey. These results are quite good as well. As a reference, this year's percentages across the board are about ten points higher than last year's. Overall then, our students are generally happy to be at our school. All but three of the questions asked, received a satisfaction level between 90 and 100%. As I said last week, the ones that are low are the ones of most interest though. They are as follows:

S2044- Student behaviour is well managed at this school (82.8%)

S2053- I am encouraged to use computers and other technologies at my school for learning (87.9%)

S2056- I feel accepted by other students at my school (81.6%)

The computer question matches the responses from our parent survey. As I stated, we believe this concern is justified in light of how 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*

## 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

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](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 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**

# TAIGUM STATE SCHOOL Junior SWIM CARNIVAL 2016

## **Year 1-3 Junior Swimming Carnival**

Parents/Friends the Year 1-3 Junior Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 forward to seeing you at the Junior Carnival and helping us cheer on our young swimmers.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>st</sup> July 2011 and 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

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](http://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

## FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

### **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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 where 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.

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

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<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> 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. **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." **Dr Seuss**



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Library, commencing at 2<sup>nd</sup> break (1:10pm) on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November and finishing at 1<sup>st</sup> break (11:30am) on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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

8 <sup>th</sup>	Youngstorm Program (Years 3-6)
8 <sup>th</sup>	P&C Meeting – 6:30pm in Staffroom
9 <sup>th</sup>	School Banking
10 <sup>th</sup>	Bookfair commences – 1:10pm (second lunch break) and continues until Wednesday 16 Nov (11:30am)
11 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Sport ( <i>last round</i> )
15 <sup>th</sup>	Youngstorm Program (Years 3-6)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	PCYC Touch Football Carnival

## 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](mailto:bridges@kurbingui.org.au)

ZILLMERE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY



Join us for

**ZILLMERE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE'S**

 **Community Christmas  
Party**

**DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> • 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

## 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
	11 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am – 11:30am
Girls Development Under 12s –16s	Every Monday	5:30pm – 6:30pm
	10 <sup>th</sup> October – 12 <sup>th</sup> December	
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>		
		

## 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](http://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 18<sup>th</sup> 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**



**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***