From the Principal

Dear Parents

I complete the trifecta of Opinion Surveys on this issue. Two weeks ago, I showed the graph of the Parent information, last week it was the Student Survey, and this week we finish with the Staff Opinion Survey summary.

Even at a quick glance, you will notice that these results are very good. There are 42 questions, 28 of which (or two-thirds) have a 100% satisfaction rating. Of the remaining 14, only one is below 90%. That is the bar marked by the arrow, which asks about maintaining a good work-life balance. Five more are on 95% satisfaction. They are, in order (marked with crosses):

- This school is well maintained.
- I feel the Developing Performance process helps me to improve my work at this school.
- Staff at this school are interested in my wellbeing.
- There is good communication between all staff at this school.
- This school makes reasonable demands of me in my job.

Some of the questions that received a 100% rating include the following: I enjoy working at this school; I feel this school is a safe place in which to work; I feel that social, cultural and racial diversity are respected at this school; This is a good school; Overall, I feel that working at this school is rewarding.

The overall average satisfaction rating is 99.1% which is well above the state average of 93%. I am very proud of all three surveys, which together, indicate that we are on the right track and that most people who interact with the school are in agreement and happy with our progress.

Fire Ants

Biosecurity Queensland will have their education van in our parent car park this Wednesday, November 16, from 8am to 9:15am. It is there to help the general public’s ability to identify fire ants and recognise their nests so they can be eradicated. It appears that several nests have been discovered in Bracken Ridge and Biosecurity Qld are hoping that this outbreak is contained wholly within that suburb. However, it is much safer to pass information on to nearby residents, in case these nests have spread to adjacent areas. If you are wondering about the type of ants present at your place, I suggest you spend some time at the van. If you miss it this Wednesday, it will be visiting all our local primary schools over the next weeks.

Remembrance Day

Some months ago, I was approached by the Geebung RSL Club to be part of their 2nd Light Horse WW1 Link Project. They have researched the lives of various soldiers who died in battle between 1914 and 1918 and presented each school in the project with a set of badges showing some of the history of those who came from our local area who were casualties of the First World War. So on Friday, 34 of our Senior Leaders wore badges representing their soldier. The badge had their name, their regiment, their ribbons and the date of their death. Each of our Senior Leaders wore their badges with pride, especially in front of our flags at 11 o’clock as we brought them down to half mast. Our present Year 5 Leaders will again where their badges next ANZAC Day in Year 6 and we will continue to pass the badges through the hands of our students each year to remember those who have fallen in battle.

Mark Fisher
Principal
Prep B – Hamish for working hard during Daily 5
Prep CD – Amaan for an outstanding effort to get started straight away on his work
Prep H – Setu for settling into Prep H
Year 1L – Derek for a great first week at Taigum State School
Year 1N – Mason for being an enthusiastic learner
Year 2C – Japji for becoming more independent and completing tasks on her own
Year 2H – Faith for a super effort with all her school work
Year 2J – Maria for great improvements in Reading and Spelling
Year 3B – Saiya for always doing the right thing in class, and treating others fairly and with kindness
Year 3M – Yasmin for a fantastic effort shown throughout her technology project
Year 4G – Dennise for giving 100% in everything she does
Year 4S – Deslyn for completing homework to the best of her ability
Year 4TK – Tiana for working independently in her Math work in 4TK classroom
Year 5P – Tom for always working hard and having a positive attitude
Year 5WI – Shikayla for making good word choices in her writing
Year 6C – Daesharn for applying himself in Mathematics to be more actively involved
Year 6N – Kevin for creating an effective persuasive text during English
LOTE – Jada for excellent results in this terms written test. Ausgezeichnet!
EALD – Reseira for great contributions in all of her English speaking, reading and writing tasks

BOOK AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 11th November 2016

- 1L - Michael
- 1N - George
- 2C - Harun
- 2H - Damien
- 2J - Aarnab
- 3B - Erem
- 3M - Tawera
- 4G - Ashlee
- 4S - Matthew
- 4TK - Charlotte
- 5P - Kyesha
- 5WI - Ryan
- 6C - Tayah
- 6N - Olivia

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

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**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 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.

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

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
Performing Arts News

Thank you to all the band children who did a fantastic job on Friday’s assembly. You inspired lots of students for next year.

I have given all children interested in learning an instrument a form to take home this week. 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. Please return you interest form by Monday 21st November so Mr Lincoln can “match” children to instruments.

The choir will be performing this Friday on Assembly (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. If you haven’t already done so, please return your permission slip by Friday.

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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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 1st 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 28th November 2016.

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**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.

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**FROM THE LIBRARY**

“A house without books is like a room without windows.” *Horace Mann*

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**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

The Scholastic Book Fair is now open in Room 26 until 8:30am 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!*

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**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.
**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.

*Find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking*

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

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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 Silvertand on: 3632 9888.

We Look Forward To Seeing You There!
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
BRACKEN RIDGE FUTSAL GROUP

We are trying to get a Futsal competition going in the Bracken Ridge area. If you are interested or would like more information on either of the following, please contact Christina on 0410 616 929

Friday Night Futsal: Mixed teen competition commences at 6:00pm followed by mixed adult social at 7:30pm. Individuals and teams welcome

Saturday - Euro Futsal School: Want to learn Futsal? Saturday at 10:30am, ages 3-8 and 9 and over. Learn Attacking, Defending, One Touch, Ball Control, Coordination, Team Building, Game Tactics and more.

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.
**NORTH STAR FOOTBALL CLUB – TRIAL DATES**

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**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
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

BAREFOOT NATURE PLAY – HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Get the kids out of the house, away from their screens and into the great outdoors these school holidays with Barefoot Nature Play.

We provide a great outdoor location and lots and lots of stuff (eg: pallets, pvc pipes, cardboard, paint, old chairs, tyres and lots more) and the children make the fun… creating, exploring, building, imagining and playing. Barefoot Nature Play provides a unique opportunity for ‘city kids’ to develop a play space that is truly their own. Each day at Barefoot is guaranteed to be different from the last and even the most indoorsey child can’t help but have a blast at Barefoot.

Whether it’s hot, cold, sunny, rainy or windy we are outside playing, creating, exploring and having fun. Children can come for a morning, an afternoon, a single day, a few days or the full five days.

Book now for the summer holidays. Register online at www.barefootnatureplay.com.au

Who: Primary school children

When: Monday 12 December – Friday 16 December 2016
Monday 16 January – Friday 20 January
7:30am – 4:00pm (Morning and afternoon sessions also available – see website for details)

Where: St Paul’s School, Bald Hills

Limited spaces available.
For more details and to register visit our website www.barefootnatureplay.com.au
2017
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OPEN 1ST JANUARY

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Visit the website for further sign - on details
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