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22 November 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

We are getting very close to the end of the year and this is exactly what I wrote on our staff newsletter last Friday. This is to remind teachers of what's going on so they can plan their time effectively and not miss anything important. The message is pertinent to parents as well. If you look at it this list below, you will see that there are only three days left in the year that don't have a major activity occurring on them. It is a very busy time indeed.

The Next Three Weeks

These are the things occurring in Weeks 8-10:

Week 8 (this week)

- 22 Nov PCYC Touch Carnival
- 23 Nov Choir and Music Performances
- 24 Nov Junior Swimming Carnival
- 25 Nov Prep Swimming Carnival, Year 5 to USC

Week 9

- 28 Nov Reporting period closes (the date for teachers to have report cards finished)
- 30 Nov Carols Night
- 1 Dec Senior Swimming Carnival, McDonald's Day

Week 10

- 5 Dec Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
- 6 Dec Senior Leaders excursion, Report Cards go home, 2017 classes meet their teachers
- 7 Dec Final Assembly-Students of the Year, Fire Ants Talks
- 8 Dec Party Day
- 9 Dec Last Day of Term 4 and clean up day

Kids Hope Oz

In 2006, we were approached to be a trial school for a programme called Kids Hope Oz. This was to be delivered in conjunction with the Salvation Army Church on Roghan Road and was aimed at mentoring primary school students who were having difficulties in their school or home lives. Our first child mentored was a boy named Chris and our first mentor was one, Steve Unicomb. Since then, we have had around 20 different mentors volunteer their time for about 30 of our students. Some mentors spent years with some of their students and I was constantly amazed by their commitment to the programme. Most of the mentors didn't miss a day, turning up week after week to talk, play, cook, help with homework, sympathise and guide our students. Every boy and girl in the programme benefitted greatly from being a part of it, as was its intended impact. Some of the unintended benefits occurred at the school level. We, of course, found a great person to be our chaplain. We met some other fantastic mentors who became part of school activities and we began a strong working relationship with the Salvation Army Church at Taigum. Sadly, after 10 good years, the programme has come to an end. I thank the mentors for their time, effort and for the enjoyment they brought to the children they worked with. It was a very worthwhile programme that will have ripples into the future. Steve still talks to Chris every so often, to help him along the way and I'm sure several others have maintained a close bond as well. Steve, of course, is still able to support children through our chaplaincy funding and we continue to work closely with the Salvos. We'll be down there next week for our Carols Night on Wednesday. Connecting with Kids Hope Oz was one of the best things we ever did.

Swimming Carnivals

As you can see in the list above, all our swimming carnivals will take place in the next ten days. For the first time ever, we are having three separate days. The first, on Thursday, is for Years 1 to 3. Each year level will have its own session at the pool (First session Yr 3, Second Yr 2, last session Yr 1) so each child gets a great chance to participate in as many events as possible. On Friday morning (9:30-11:00am), our Preps have their own mini carnival when each class can show off its skills. The last carnival is the 'big' one for the Years 4 to 6 students and will run all day Thursday week (December 1). Students will all get a chance to participate in swimming races for points for their house and for the age championships. That date will also host the McDonalds Day, so it will be a busy one.

White Ribbon Day

Friday is White Ribbon Day. White Ribbon Day is a national day for the prevention of violence against women. This year, White Ribbon Australia is asking men to stand up, speak out and act for the women in their lives, as violence against women is a man's issue too. One in three women have experienced physical and/or sexual abuse perpetrated by someone known to them, and on average, one woman is killed every week in Australia as a result of domestic violence. This White Ribbon Day, we ask communities across Australia to stand up, speak out, and act to prevent violence against women. Schools are a great place to begin the education of our youth about domestic violence, so that perhaps in the near future, it will be a thing of the past.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** - **Tai** for improved reading. Well done Tai
- Prep CD** - **Chelsea** for beautiful artwork
- Prep H** - **Isaiah** for working hard during reading groups
- Year 1L** - **Tillie** for being a conscientious worker during Daily 5 Cafe
- Year 1N** - **Koko** for always being a keen learner in the classroom
- Year 2C** - **Eva** for working hard in English to write an interesting new event
- Year 2H** - **Sha-taya** for her excellent work on her sizzling starts
- Year 2J** - **Moowahpaw** for great improvement in Maths this semester
- Year 3B** - **Hassan** for great improvement in number facts over the semester
- Year 3M** - **Harry** for trying so hard when completing his technology task and for never giving up
- Year 4G** - **Mia** for a creative idea for her Early Settler's Hut
- Year 4S** - **Mya** for always doing her best, being kind and having a positive outlook
- Year 4TK** - **Coadie** for his diligence with reading and spelling. Great improvement shown. Well done Coadie
- Year 5P** - **Hazmonn** for working hard to complete his Gold Rush diorama
- Year 5WI** - **Teneisha** for working hard on her work booklets and for being a polite, well-mannered student
- Year 6C** - **Jaelin** for improved sentence structure in writing his Bilby story
- Year 6N** - **Trevor** for a vast improvement shown in his enthusiasm and participation
- LOTE** - **Lipikha** for excellent reading of Eric Carle's "Brown Bear" in German. Wunderbar!
- EALD** - **George** for great effort in his English reading and writing activities

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 18th November 2016

- 1L - Narquincia
- 1N - Ruby
- 2C - Jessie
- 2H - Reseira
- 2J - Ben
- 3B - Tameika
- 3M - Sa Gay Thay
- 4G - Arian
- 4S - Harith
- 4TK - Indigo
- 5P - Poe Mi
- 5WI - Keshana
- 6C - Maya
- 6N - Quinn

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

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 24th 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 1st, 2nd or 3rd 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 24th 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

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

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Performing Arts News

Thank you to all the choir children who did a fantastic job on Friday's assembly. You make your music teacher proud.

The choir will go "on tour" this Wednesday (tomorrow). They will need to meet in the music room at 9:15am. Please remember to wear school uniform and bring a hat. Morning tea, lunch and water will be provided.

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. A separate note will be sent home today. All clubs will also be performing on that night. So, remember to come along to rehearsals. Clubs will finish on the 30th November. See you again in 2017.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROL NIGHT – FOOD ORDERS

Christmas Carol Night will be held on Wednesday 30th November at the Salvation Army Church Hall, corner of Handford and Roghan Rds Taigum.

Food order forms have been sent home with all students. Extra forms are available at the office. Available for purchase on the night are:

- Steak Burgers (steak, sauce, onion, lettuce, tomato, carrot and beetroot) - \$4.00
- Sausage on Bread (sausage, sauce, onion if requested) - \$2.00
- Water - \$1.50

Please complete your Food Order Form and return with payment to the office NO later than Monday 28th November. ***One order form per family please.***

Food will be available from 5:30pm on the night

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



“There are many little ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all.”
Jacqueline Kennedy

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 Dollarmite 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

DATES TO REMEMBER



NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2016

22 nd	Youngstorm Program (Years 3-6)
22 nd	PCYC Touch Football Carnival
23 rd	School Banking
23 rd	Choir & Music Club Performance Day
24 th	Junior Swim Carnival (Years 1-3)
25 th	Prep Swim Carnival
30 th	Carols Night – Salvation Army Hall
1 st Dec	Senior Swim Carnival (Years 4-6)
1 st Dec	McDonalds Day – orders due by 28 Nov
5 th Dec	Year 6 Graduation
6 th Dec	Senior Leader Excursion
7 th Dec	Final Assembly – Students of the Year
8 th Dec	Class Party Day
9 th Dec	Last Day – school resumes Mon 23 Jan

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!

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

GUYS N' DOLLS REVUE

CHRISTMAS BY THE SEA

Join us for a Seasons Greetings - "Sea-change"

Music Carols & Comedy all for your entertainment.

Where: Brighton Health Campus (Eventide) Auditorium

When: Sunday 4 December 2016 - 1:00pm Matinee

Saturday 17 December 2016 - 1:00pm Matinee

Price: Tickets at the door - \$15 Adults / \$10 Senior / Children under 12 FREE

For more information <http://guysndolls.net.au/>

ZILLMERE 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.*



Euro FutsalSchool

**5-A-SIDE INDOOR SOCCER
FUTSAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS
FOR BOYS & GIRLS, AGES 3 YEARS & UP
SATURDAY'S – (Bracken Ridge)
Second Venue - West End - (Sunday)**

REGISTER NOW

Kids of all skill levels welcome .

To Sign on or for more information.
Contact Maria on 0417 755 917
Visit –
www.brisbanecentralfutsal.com



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.

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

BAREFOOT NATURE PLAY – HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



creatIng URBaN oPportunities For NatURal gRowth

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 indoorsy 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

NORTH STAR FOOTBALL CLUB – HOLIDAY CLINIC



December



Holiday Clinic

When: Monday 12th – Thursday 15th December, 9am-3pm
Where: North Star FC, 24 Jennings Street, Zillmere

4 days of fun games, competitions, learning new skills and more.

Cost: \$180 per person
(if a sibling comes \$150 a third or more sibling \$120)

What to bring: Football boots, shin pads, hats, water, lunch
(Canteen will be open selling snacks and cold drinks)

To register email bradnorthstar@outlook.com
or call Brad on 0417543006



NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN FOOTBALL CLUB

Join Our Club – Everyone Welcome

Football Fitness Fun Friendship

Tiny Tots to Adults (3yrs to over 50's)

Boys, Girls, Men & Women

All skill levels

Low Fees

2017 Season – Sign Up now online www.northsidefootball.org.au

For further information ph: 0417 191 141 or email: president@northsidefootball.org.au

BROTHERS RUGBY – 2017 SIGN ON



The poster features a green background with a photograph of three rugby players (two adults and one child) running with the ball. The text is in white and yellow. The club's crest is on the right, and the website URL is prominently displayed in the center. Below the website, it lists player levels, a slogan, and the sign-on weekend. At the bottom, it lists major club sponsors: Roy White and Goldson.

2017
ONLINE REGISTRATIONS
OPEN 1ST JANUARY

The Family Club
Visit the website for further sign - on details
BROTHERSRUGBY.COM
Players from 3yrs old to Premier Grade
Your Pathway to the Wallabies
Play Rugby NOW!
Welcome Weekend: February 4th & 5th

MAJOR CLUB SPONSORS
Roy White
GOLDSON

BMTA JUNIOR TOUCH DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Brisbane Metropolitan Touch Association - Junior Touch Development Camp

Date: 16th - 19th January 2017

Venue: Brisbane Metropolitan Touch Association, Whites Hill Reserve, Boundary Rd, Camp Hill

Time: 8:30 am to 12:30pm each day

Age: Boys and Girls 7-12 years of age

Cost: \$135

Camp Details: Scott Prince and a host of Australian Touch players will be present.

These expert coaches will guide the children through a wide range of skills sessions, tactical coaching and game play. Along with the four days of high level coaching, all players will receive a bag, football, water bottle and more.

Please head to www.bmta.com.au to register! Numbers are limited... REGISTER NOW

Registrations close Friday 6th January 2017

A PAINTERS DREAM

www.apaintersdream.com

Email: apaintersdream@outlook.com

Find us on Facebook

School Holidays Art Workshop

9am – 11.30am Sandbag community hall, 153 Rainbow Street, Sandgate

All Equipment Provided! No experience necessary!

Morning Tea supplied too!!

2.5hrs step by step with the artist to create one of these amazing paintings, excellent ideas for Xmas gifts from your child.

12th December

19th December



Kids are welcome to attend on their own OR parents can sit and watch their kids create OR you can create something together/ each.

Painting for kids helps them learn to focus and relax, it's a wonderful grounding activity and helps them explore their creativity while learning patience and calmness. Best suited for ages 6 and above but depends on your child's interest in the class we are happy to take younger age groups if they wish to attend.

We have many more classes available; find all our classes on our website and Facebook page!

BRACKEN RIDGE STATE SCHOOL – MOVIE NIGHT



Movie: Gold Coin Donation Appreciated – all money raised will go towards supporting the BRSS Fathering Project

Come to the Bracken Ridge Open Air Cinema where we will be showing the movie "Elf".

Food will be available from 5.00pm with food vendors selling hot food, drinks and ice-cream. The movie will begin at dusk.

This is a wonderful opportunity celebrate the end of the year and the festive season and to enjoy a night out with the family. We would love to see as many people there as possible as it will add to the atmosphere. Bring your family and friends. This event is open to all community members.



When: Fri 2 December

Time: 5.00 pm - Food Vans arrive

Where: Year 2/3 Oval

The area in front of our school hall on Denham Street

BYO Chair!

Blanket



Home of **Will Ferrell** School Mascot