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29 November 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

This is my second last parent newsletter for the year. Where has all that time gone? It only seems a few weeks ago that we were welcoming our new Preps and settling everyone else into their next year level. A lot has been achieved, but I'll leave that summary for next week. We have plenty of current items to talk of today.

Year 6 Graduation

If you have been into our office recently, you would have noticed the rather large blank space on the wall where our latest Honour Board usually hangs. It is, of course, off at the engravers having the names of our latest award recipients added to it. Unfortunately, not every name can be added so we confine it to just three of the winners- The Academic Achiever, the Sports Achiever and the Principals Award. We also add the names of our school captains. However, on the night, we will be handing these awards as well:

- The Music Award – for excellence in music lessons and participation in the various musical groups –band, choir, etc
- LOTE Award – For excellence in German
- The Quota Award – (Quota is a fund raising organisation) –given to the SEP student for application and enthusiasm in their studies
- Stirling Hinchliffe Citizenship Award- to the Year 6 student who best exhibits care, consideration and community spirit
- Aspley SHS Bursary – awarded a student attending Aspley SHS in the following year, who shows dedication and commitment to their studies.

As you can tell, much thought goes into these awards and decisions have been made after a lot of discussion, observation and assessment of the student's work. I know the names of all the winners, I can say they are worthy recipients who deserve these awards. I shall publish the list in next week's newsletter.

Final Assembly

Every Friday we hand out our Students of the Week to celebrate and recognise students who are working well or trying hard. On Wednesday we have our final parade of the year which is when we hand out our class Students of the Year. The Students of the Year awards highlight those students who have put in a tremendous amount of work from Day 1 of Term 1 to Day 50 of Term 4. Each class has two awards, one for Academic Achievement, the other for effort. Parents of the children receiving awards will be notified so they can attend if possible. We make this parade a Wednesday as it fits in much better with our school schedule and allows for as many students as possible to attend.

Coming Up

Just some more reminders of this busy time of year, so no one misses out on the important events happening around our school in the next ten days.

- Wednesday 30 November – Carols Night at the Salvation Army Church on Roghan Road. Food is served from 5:30pm with the Carols starting at 6pm
- Thursday 1 December – Years 4-6 Swimming Carnival running all day with McDonald's food for lunch for all grades
- Monday 5 December –Year 6 Graduation in the hall starting at 6:30pm
- Tuesday 6 December – Senior Leaders' Excursion to Splash, meet next year's teacher and report cards go home
- Wednesday 7 December – Final Assembly 8:45am in our hall
- Thursday 8 December – Class Party Day
- Friday 9 December – Last day of the year and clean up

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **The Whole Class** for being kind, helpful and hardworking. Thanks for a terrific year!
- Prep CD** – **Patrick** for always trying his best in all activities. Great swimming on Thursdays. Well done!
- Prep H** – **Josie** for always being a caring, respectful and hardworking class member
- Year 1L** – **Sophia** for being a friendly and respectful learner
- Year 1N** – **Jaida** for being an enthusiastic reader during guided reading lessons
- Year 2C** – **Azariah** for helping her fellow class members and always having a smile
- Year 2H** – **Charlotte** for a great sizzling start to her story
- Year 2J** – **Alvie** for a great retell and fantastic manners in the classroom for 2016
- Year 3B** – **Austin, PJ and Kahan** for volunteering to help teachers carry their belongings from cars to classrooms
- Year 3M** – **Ben** for an excellent technology project – well planned, designed and produced
- Year 4G** – **The Whole Class** for being awesome!
- Year 4S** – **Jacob** for achieving some great results with assessment this term
- Year 4TK** – **Ava** for always working quietly and completing all tasks confidently
- Year 5P** – **Shee Shee** for writing an excellent paragraph for her panel discussion
- Year 5WI** – **Devashree** for being a polite and hardworking student
- Year 6C** – **Daniel** for maintaining an excellent focus, listening well and actively participating
- Year 6N** – **The Whole Class** for being a kind hearted, supportive and hardworking group of students this year. Mrs Nuhn will miss you!
- EALD** – **Anmolpreet** for great work in all of her listening, speaking and writing activities

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 25th November 2016

- 1L - Meisha
- 1N - Jessica
- 2C - Rahman
- 2H - Mason
- 2J - Daniel
- 3B - Chelsea
- 3M - Alex
- 4G - Riley
- 4S - Richard
- 4TK - Khristiana
- 5P - Tahjuan
- 5WI - Shakota
- 6C - Aungnaingwin
- 6N - Jericho

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



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

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 for a wonderful year. I am so proud of all the children here at Taigum for the effort they have given to our music program and all the extracurricular activities. So let's finish with a fantastic celebration – our annual Taigum Christmas Carols.

Tomorrow night (**Wednesday 30th November**) you are all invited to come to the Salvation Army Church for our Christmas Concert. There will be food, provided by the P&C and the concert will start at 6:00pm.

Each year level will perform an item and there will be solos, duets and all music clubs will share their talents. The children can wear any Christmas type clothes. No hats or antlers, please as the children will be dancing. If you can, please stay until the end for a very special surprise...

And my final note...

To all our graduating families, or families who are moving on, I wish you all the best with the next chapter of your lives. To all our other families, have a very safe and happy holiday.

Thank you for a wonderful year.

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.

All orders placed will be distributed to children at first lunch break.

CHRISTMAS CAROL NIGHT



Christmas Carol Night will be held on Wednesday 30th November at the Salvation Army Church Hall, corner of Handford and Roghan Rds Taigum. Please join us for an evening of entertainment by our students and staff. We look forward to seeing many smiles from our audience.

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

FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL



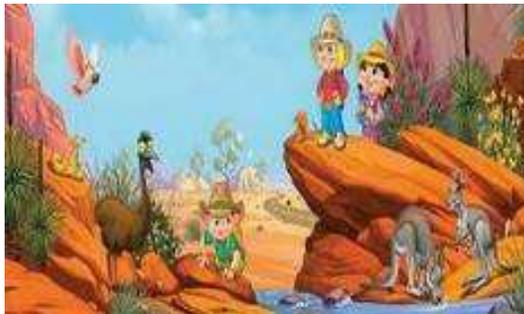
Icy cups will be on sale each Wednesday. Please have your child give their order and money to the class teacher. **Still only 50 cents** so why not enjoy a cool, refreshing treat during our warmer weather while helping to support our Student Council.

FROM THE LIBRARY



“Yes, I like reading. Why, yes, that does make me awesome. Thanks for noticing.”

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

DATES TO REMEMBER



NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2016

29 th	Youngstorm Program (Years 3-6)
30 th	School Banking
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

JABIRU – VACATION CARE



Ho-Ho-Holidays are nearly here!

Jabiru Kids has fun for everyone lined up over the December January holidays.

We've got some great activities planned, including introductions to deadly Australian creatures and weird sea-life. One of the highlights will be special guests helping children creating a cool art clock to take home.

We've got excursions to the movies and the Big Pineapple, and lots of fun things to do, including some water play days to keep things cool.

Jabiru Kids Taigum opens from 6.30am to 6pm over the holidays. We even serve breakfast!

The full program is available from Jabiru Taigum or online at www.jabiru.org.au

Jabiru vacation care is cheaper than you think, especially for people entitled to Child Care Benefit: call Jabiru's admin team for a quote on 3269 0044.

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!

Last date for playgroup is Friday 2nd December

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

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/>

NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN FOOTBALL CLUB

Join Our Club – Everyone Welcome

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

Boys, Girls, Men & Women

All skill levels

Low Fees

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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



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

The poster features a photograph of children playing football on a field with a white goal. Below the photo, the word 'December' is written in large blue letters. In the center is the North Star Football Club crest, which is a shield with a star and the text 'NORTH STAR FOOTBALL CLUB'. Below the crest, the words 'Holiday Clinic' are written in large blue letters. The text on the poster provides the following details:

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 0437543906

A group photograph of children and staff members sitting on a bench in front of a building.

BROTHERS RUGBY – 2017 SIGN ON



The poster features a green background with a photograph of three rugby players in action. On the left, a player in a yellow jersey (Australia) runs with the ball. In the center, a young boy in a blue and white striped jersey runs with the ball. On the right, a player in a blue and white striped jersey runs with the ball. The Brothers Rugby Club crest is on the right, featuring a shield with a rugby ball in the center, the motto 'FACERE ET DOCERE' at the top, and 'BROTHERS RUGBY CLUB' around the bottom. Below the image, the text reads: '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', and 'MAJOR CLUB SPONSORS' with logos for 'Roy White' and '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 J. Bot-out** School Mascot

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- CAMP -

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WHERE: Junction Park State School, Annerley

WHEN: 9:30am - 12:30pm, 9th - 13th Jan

AGE: 5 - 12 yrs COST: \$199



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WHO: Girls aged 5 - 15

WHAT: 3 day girls cricket camp

DATE: 17th, 18th & 19th January 2017

TIMES: 8am - 12pm

COST: \$99



For more information or to register visit:

BNJCAgirls.org.au



Valley DCC
Yoku Rd
Ashgrove

3 Locations
ALBANY CREEK CC
South Pine Sports Complex
South Pine Rd, Brendale

Sandgate - Redcliffe DCC
Racecourse Rd
Deagon