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7 December 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

What a year it has been! We have had some disappointments and setbacks, but the year in general has been a good one. There were several firsts for us, chief amongst them, going over 400 for the first time. As I write this newsletter, we have 403 students enrolled. Other firsts for 2016 include:

- Flying the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags
- Having a National Student Champion (see below)
- Our Best Naplan results to date
- A 95% attendance rate
- Air Conditioned classrooms for most students
- Our best results in our parent, student and staff opinion surveys and
- Our best parent involvement in interviews, dances, cultural days and assemblies

These are tremendous results for our school and are a tribute to the diligence of our parents, the hard work put in by our students and the commitment of our teachers. A strong team effort is a good way to describe our year.

National Champion

Two weeks ago, Mya Sautia completed in the National Junior Athletics Championships held in Sydney. Not only did Mya win the 10 Year old shot put, she beat the second placed athlete by two metres and broke the existing record. We can legitimately say we have a National Champion and a National record holder. That is a brilliant effort by Mya and the result of many, many hours of training and practice. Mya's family thanks our community for the money we raised to help her travel, as she would not have been able to compete without it. I think that means we can call her our champion.

Year 6 Graduation

The Year 6 Graduation was a fantastic success. I don't remember seeing our hall as full as this ever. We had our new projector and screen to use for the first time which improved our ceremony with new visual elements, including the words to their song, which was a highlight. The other news I need to report is the names of our award winners, as follows:

Citizenship	Akhemi Mauricio
LOTE Award	Lipikha Silapurem
Music Award	Jada Gilbert
QUOTA Award	Kida Chalk

These award winners also have their names on the Honour Board.

Sports Award	Damascus Neemia
Aspley SHS Bursary	Daniel Tuivai
Principal's award	Corinthia Tuagalu
Academic Award	Jericho Ibasco
School Captains	Justin Sharma Lipikha Silapurem

Farewell Year 6

After seven years with us for many, our Year 6 students head off to their respective high schools with our blessing. They have been a very good year level and have set a fine example for the rest of our school. We all wish them the best of fortune on the next leg of their schooling adventure.

Thank you

It has been a favourite year of mine this one. I like Leap Years, they always seem to be good ones for schools for some reason. Our students have performed very well in many fields and enjoyed their time. Parents have been supportive and enthusiastic and my teachers, outstanding! My Christmas wish for you all is to have a happy, relaxing and safe holiday. See you in the new year.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Year

On the final assembly of each year, we hand out 'Students of the Year' Awards in two categories, achievement and effort. I know many of these were closely contested and teachers had difficulty separating many students, but here is the final list

Students of the Year

- Prep B** - **Academic:** Shenul
Effort: Mia
- Prep CD** - **Academic:** Noah
Effort: Megan
- Prep H** - **Academic:** Zoey
Effort: Zion
- Year 1L** - **Academic:** Harmanpreet
Effort: Kwot
- Year 1N** - **Academic:** Kara
Effort: Rame
- Year 2C** - **Academic:** Armanpreet
Effort: Cooper
- Year 2H** - **Academic:** Mason
Effort: Faith
- Year 2J** - **Academic:** Sarah
Effort: Kelser
- Year 3B** - **Academic:** Dylan
Effort: Saiya
- Year 3M** - **Academic:** Meghana
Effort: Sanjana
- Year 4G** - **Academic:** Dennise
Effort: Maayewin
- Year 4S** - **Academic:** Prabhjot
Effort: Harith
- Year 4TK** - **Academic:** Charlotte
Effort: Anushka
- Year 5P** - **Academic:** Ryedyn
Effort: Ehpalapakpaw
- Year 5WI** - **Academic:** Talia
Effort: Kavinila
- Year 6C** - **Academic:** Olivia
Effort: Maya
- Year 6N** - **Academic:** Jericho
Effort: Jasmine

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 2nd December 2016

- 1L - Jayden
- 1N - Sean
- 2C - Japji
- 2H - Reseira
- 2J - Charlie
- 3B - Tyler
- 3M - Iszabelle
- 4G - Ian
- 4S - Ger Kler Htoo
- 4TK - Byron
- 5P - Ryedyn
- 5WI - Jordan
- 6C - Ariet
- 6N - Justin

Year 6 Graduation Awards

Citizenship Award:	Akhemi
Principal's Award:	Corinthia
Academic Award:	Jericho
LOTE Award:	Lipikha
Music Award:	Jada
Sports Award:	Damascus
School Captains:	Justin and Lipikha
Aspley SHS Bursary:	Daniel
QUOTA Award:	Kida

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.

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 P&C

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

Prior to school commencing in 2017, the Uniform Shop will open on:

Wednesday 18 January – 8:30am to 12:00pm

Thursday 19 January – 8:30am to 12:00pm

The uniform shop accepts cash or EFTPOS.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following families:

1st Prize – Marino Family

2nd Prize – Wardrop Family

3rd Prize: Christiansen Family

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and donated to the raffle prizes. The P&C wishes everyone a happy and safe time over the Christmas break.

FROM THE LIBRARY



“There’s no such thing as a kid who hates reading. There are kids who love reading, and kids who are reading the wrong books.” **James Patterson**

SCHOOL BANKING

2017 Day Change

Next year our school banking day will be **Friday**. Please continue to bring in your weekly deposits to collect your Dollarmite tokens.

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



DECEMBER 2016

7th Dec	Final Assembly – Students of the Year
8th Dec	Class Party Day
9th Dec	<i>Last Day</i> – 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.

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

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

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



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 0437543906



BROTHERS RUGBY – 2017 SIGN ON



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



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

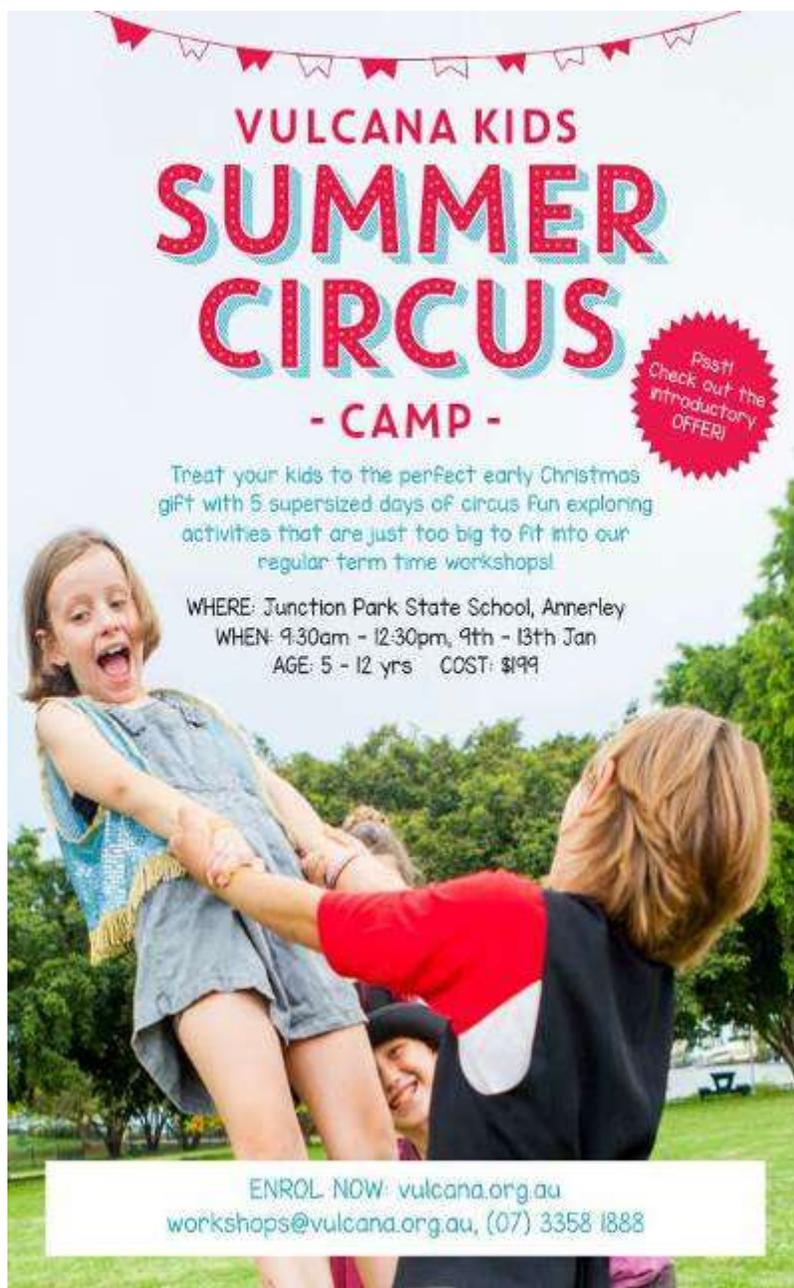
Camp Details: Scott Prince and a host of Australian Touch players will be present.

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.

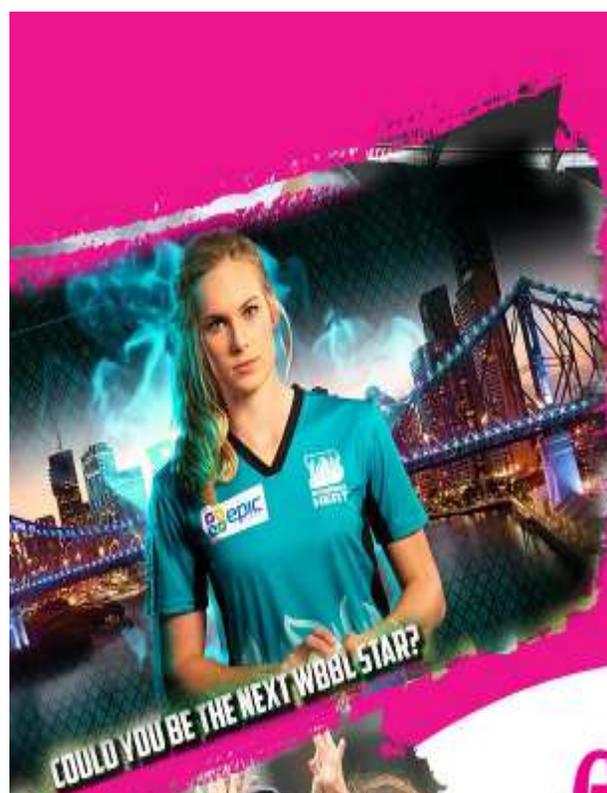
Please head to www.bmta.com.au to register! Numbers are limited... REGISTER NOW

Registrations close Friday 6th January 2017

VULCANA CIRCUS SUMMER CAMP

A promotional poster for the Vulcana Kids Summer Circus Camp. The background is a photograph of a young girl in a blue sequined dress being held up by a person in a red and black shirt. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, there's a string of red and white bunting. The main title 'VULCANA KIDS SUMMER CIRCUS' is in large, colorful, dotted letters. Below it, '- CAMP -' is written in a smaller font. A red starburst graphic contains the text 'Past! Check out the introductory OFFER!'. The body text describes the camp as a 'perfect early Christmas gift' with '5 supersized days of circus fun'. It lists the location as Junction Park State School, Annerley, the dates as 9th-13th Jan, and the cost as \$199. At the bottom, there's a white box with the enrollment information: 'ENROL NOW: vulcana.org.au workshops@vulcana.org.au, (07) 3358 1888'.

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HAVE FUN
MAKE FRIENDS
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GIRLS ONLY Cricket Camps

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

LIFELINE BOOKFEST

A great day out in the school holidays

For something to do at the end of school holidays, come along for a great day out to the Lifeline Brisbane Bookfest. You'll be able to buy lots of great books for the eager reader to start the year off with a bang.

Lifeline Bookfest Brisbane is the largest second hand book sale in Queensland with millions of books, magazines, records, puzzles, DVDs, CDs, vinyl, board games and much more for prices as low as a dollar.

The event is our major fundraising event for the 24 hour Lifeline 13 11 14 Crisis Support Line.

When: Saturday 14 January to Thursday 26 January 2017

Where: Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Times: 8:30am – 6:00pm Weekends and Australia Day

9:00am – 5:00pm Weekdays

For more information visit www.lifeline.bookfest.com.au, phone 3632 1034 or email marketing@uccommunity.org.au