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6 February 2017

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents

We had our first full assembly on Friday where we presented our weekly awards to students doing good work. Each week, there are two categories of awards we do without fail. They are the neatness awards and the Students of The Week. The neatness award is given to one child in every class from Years 1-6 to recognise their care, neatness and setting out of their book work. This is an important skill as it makes it much easier for the child to organise their thoughts, follow lengthy procedures and re-read the work they have done. The Students of the Week Awards are given to one student per class from Prep to Year 6. The awards may be because of academic work, sporting achievement, good manners, for helping others or any other meaningful contribution a student makes to his or her class. Both sets of winners have their photos taken and posted to our website. Parents of the winners are welcome to come and cheer their children's efforts.

### School Captains

Last week I wrote about the first part of the selection process for our captains that involved the student vote. This week we completed the second stage, the panel interview. Five students took part and were interviewed by Mrs Silvertand, Mrs Innes, Riley M (student) and me. All did a fine job but in the end, the panel came up with the following students as our captains for 2017-

Boy Captain: Tom F	Boy Vice-captain: Lincoln F	
Girl Captain: Talia S	Girl Vice-captain: Poe Mi P	

Two others captains are appointed as well, to represent our indigenous students and our students from other cultures. They are –  
 Multi-cultural Captain – Stacey G                      Indigenous Captain – Raymond R

Congratulations to all these students. I'm sure they will be worthy representatives of Taigum State School. They start in their roles immediately, but will not be officially invested until our assembly on February 17.

### Sport Trials

Our Interschool sport trials began last Friday and will be happening again this Friday. Interschool sport for this term is Touch Football and will once again be split between Taigum SS for the boys and Bracken Ridge SHS for the girls. The season will begin on Friday 3 March and will continue across 10, 17 and 24 March, with two games played per afternoon. Notes will be going home soon to parents of competitors. The form for the boys will only be for permission. The girls will need a permission note signed and payment of their levy to travel.

### February P&C Meeting

Our first P&C Meeting of the year is being held tomorrow night, Tuesday 14 February, at 6:30 pm in our staff room. All parents are welcome to attend. We try to make the meetings relaxed, informal and most of all, quick. There are usually 8 meetings per year. These meetings are a great way for parents to find out what's happening at school and to become involved in some of the decision making about our future direction. I hope to see many parents there tomorrow night.

Mark Fisher  
*Principal*

## Students of the Week

- Prep B - **Paige** for beautiful manners and trying hard to follow classroom rules
- Prep CD - **Nikirah** for good listening and checking for understanding
- Prep H - **Terryk** for contributing well to classroom discussions in History
- Year 1C - **Joe** for an excellent effort during reading groups and Daily 5
- Year 1H - **Leah** for using lovely manners and working hard every day
- Year 1N - **Megan** for working conscientiously in all subjects
- Year 2H - **Meisha** for great counting
- Year 2J - **Sophia** for an excellent effort and persistence at Maths
- Year 3B - **Bronwyn** for showing the teacher she is ready to work
- Year 3M - **Ysabella** for consistently following instructions and always being prepared to learn
- Year 3T - **Arman** for being a responsible class member who is always happy to help those around him
- Year 4S - **Holly** for always doing her best and showing determination to finish her work
- Year 4T - **Meghana** for always participating in class discussions and sharing her knowledge and thoughts
- Year 5G - **Rebecca** for working hard to learn new math concepts
- Year 5WI - **John** for being a hardworking and interested student
- Year 6C - **Keshanna** for actively listening and participating in class discussions
- Year 6N - **Riley** for consistently contributing meaningfully to the learning environment
- LOTE - **Abbie** for excellent revision during German Lessons. Ausgezeichnet!

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.

- 1C - Noah
- 1H - Chelsea
- 1N - Sai
- 2H - Koko
- 2J - Sophia
- 3B - Mason
- 3M - Azariah
- 3T - Sarah
- 4S - Bajedo
- 4T - Alex
- 5G - Anushka
- 5WI - Sophie
- 6C - Deena
- 6N - Mya

## 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 complete a form at the office to update your details.

## FROM THE LIBRARY



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

### BOOK CLUB NEWS

Scholastic Book Club orders for Issue 1 have been sent home with students. Should your child wish to purchase any items, please ensure their order form and correct money are returned to the school on or before Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

## FROM THE P&C

### UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

*Monday to Thursday mornings: 8.00am to 8:45am*

### SALE ITEMS

We currently have limited stock of old style school fleecy jackets on sale. Normally \$30 now selling for \$10.

Available in size 4, 12 and 16 only.

## SCHOOL PARTICIPATION OFFICERS

### Every Day Counts

#### **Student Attendance**

Regular attendance at school is a significant indicator of student success. It is simple really - the more a student attends the better their chance of achieving success during schooling. We regularly review the attendance of students and make contact with parents to discuss concerns. Our aim is to work with you to maximise the opportunities for success for all students.

The table below paints a vivid picture of the impact of student absence.

***How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?***

<b>If a student misses...</b>	<b>That equals...</b>	<b>And over 13 years of schooling...</b>
10 minutes / day	50 mins / week	nearly ½ year of learning time
20 minutes / day	1 hour 40 minutes / week	nearly 1 year of learning time
30 minutes / day	2 hours 30 minutes / week	nearly 1½ years of learning time
1 hour / day	1 day / week)	over 2 ½ years of learning time

For students to have every chance of being successful at school they need to attend every day. If you have concerns about the attendance of your son/daughter please discuss these with our staff.

#### **Student Absences - How You Can Help**

Bed at a reasonable hour, a good night's sleep and breakfast are great ways to set students up for success during the day at school. We value the support you provide in ensuring students are at school on time and ready to learn each day.

Our **Student Absence phone number 3632 9866** is available for parents/carers to ring in to notify us of an absence. This is an automated service where you will be asked to leave details including student name, the date of the absence/s and reason.

Each day School Participation Officers will review student absences and contact will be made with parents where it appears that there are unexplained or lengthy absences that will impact on student achievement. Success in 2017 will be built upon sustained, regular attendance at school. We thank you in anticipation of your strong support of this goal.

**Every Day Counts**  
**If you want your child to be successful at school then YES,**  
**attendance does matter**

## **SCHOOL BANKING**



Friday 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.

### **2017 Future Savers Rewards**



We're excited to launch the new reward items for 2017 from our Future Savers range.

- Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers, released Term 1
- 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case, released Term 2
- Smiley Emoji Keyring and Volt Handball, released Term 3
- Pencil + Tech Case and Epic Earphones, released Term 4

### **Win a family adventure holiday at Tokyo Disneyland**

This year, School Banking is running a Future Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker all the way to Tokyo, Japan. The winner gets an unforgettable family trip, for up to two adults and three children, where they'll explore Tokyo Disneyland with its amazing attractions, including the futuristic Tomorrowland, plus enjoy the fun rides at Tokyo DisneySea.

This prize includes:

Five nights' accommodation at the Sheraton Grande Tokyo Bay Hotel

Return economy airfares from the winner's nearest capital city to Tokyo, Japan

Three-day Magic Pass to Tokyo Disneyland & Tokyo DisneySea

AU\$1,000 spending money.

To enter, students have to make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017. This will automatically enter them into the competition for a chance to win.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

 FEBRUARY 2017	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Youngstorm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly
10 <sup>th</sup>	School Banking
10 <sup>th</sup>	Red Cross "Search for Safety" Year 6 (11:30am – 1:00pm)
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sport Trials 2:00pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	P&C Meeting – 6:30pm in Staffroom

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### KOOBARA COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA



*Everyone is Welcome!*

Koobara Kindergarten and Pre-Prep Community Afternoon Program is back and commences on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

**When:** Tuesday afternoon every fortnight

**Time:** 3:30 pm – 5:00pm

**Where:** 421 Beams Rd, Taigum

Please come along and join us all in preparing and sharing our evening meal, with Aunty Ruth Roma (our deadliest cook).

Join in the fun, with various activities for the children and parents. This event is for everyone so come and meet us for a fun afternoon.

The bus will pick-up and drop off with-in our local area, if you require transport. The bus picks up from Zillmere State School at 3:20pm.

**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. ADULTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN.**

For more information please phone Cindy or Chelsea on 3265 7171.

## NORTH STAR FOOTBALL CLUB



### WOMENS AND GIRLS FOOTBALL

#### \*NORTH STAR FOOTBALL CLUB\*

We are calling girls and women of ALL ages to come and join us at North Star.

We are entering a number of all-girls teams this year and are seeking players for:

- U8
- U11
- U13
- City 4 Women
- City 5 Women; and
- Over 30's Masters team

No matter your age, fitness or skill level, we have a team for you. Pre-season training has begun so please feel welcome to come down and see if you like it!

#### Pre-Season training times:

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|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| • Mondays    | 5.45pm – 7pm    | U13 and U15    |
| • Mondays    | 7pm - 8.30pm    | City 4/5 Women |
| • Mondays    | 7pm - 8.30pm    | Over 30 Women  |
| • Wednesdays | 5.30pm - 6.30pm | U11            |
| • Wednesdays | 5.45pm – 7pm    | U13 and U15    |
| • Wednesdays | 7pm - 8.30pm    | City 4/5 Women |

Please **GET IN TOUCH** with Kylie if you're interested

Email: [nsfcwomen@gmail.com](mailto:nsfcwomen@gmail.com)

Mobile: 0430 599 758

NORTH STAR FC   
[www.northstarfc.com.au](http://www.northstarfc.com.au)



### Little Stars Program

Our "Little ★ Program" will run from the 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2017 right through to the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2017 (excluding school holidays).

**When:** Every Saturday morning

**Time:** 8.00am – 8.45am

**Cost:** \$180 for the season

**What is included:** A "Little Stars Kit" which includes: shirt, shorts, socks and a ball

**What will they learn:** Ball skills, fitness, the benefits of eating healthy and lots more

We want your son or daughter to be North Star's

next big ★

Contact Brad Thompson: [bradnorthstar@outlook.com](mailto:bradnorthstar@outlook.com)

Limited spots available so be quick!!!