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14 February 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Last week I wrote a whole piece about the importance of our P&C meetings, and that our first meeting was coming up the next day. Unfortunately, the correct date was February 14, which of course was not last Tuesday, but today. My apologies for this error. Our February meeting is tonight and all are welcome to attend, 6:30pm in our staffroom.

Bullying and the 'High Five'

We all agree that school is no place for bullying and we go to great lengths to ensure we keep it to a minimum. I am not naïve enough to say it doesn't happen, but it doesn't happen much. Part of any anti-bullying policy is making sure that everyone knows what bullying is and has strategies to deal with it if it occurs. On assembly last week, Mrs Tunny went through a powerpoint presentation entitled, 'Is it Bullying?' The students and parents present really enjoyed it and picked up the message very well. It talked about three levels of behaviour that I'll list below.

1. When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and do it once, that is RUDE
2. When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once, that is MEAN
3. When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it, even when you tell them to stop or show them you're upset, that's BULLYING

The summary of these points is that bullying is usually not a one-off, it is a number of incidents over time. If two children have a fight out of the blue, for example, that's simply a disagreement and not necessarily bullying, unless there is a great difference in age or size between the two. We commonly see disagreements between children and we deal with them. Bullying, I'm happy to say is much more uncommon. However, should bullying incidents occur, we have our school 'High Five', which we draw as the five fingers of a raised hand. The first finger and first strategy is 'Ignore' – pretend you didn't hear it, don't make eye contact, take deep breaths, and so. The second finger is 'Talk Friendly' – use a calm voice, have confident body language, maintain eye contact. Finger three is 'Walk Away'. Stand tall, head up and move, preferably towards another group of people and don't look back. Finger four is 'Talk Firmly' – use an assertive voice, tell them to stop what they are doing and what the consequences are if they continue. Lastly, finger five or the thumb- 'Report' Walk away and tell a staff member or go to a safety zone and report until somebody listens.



Most of our students in Year 1 through Year 6 can recite the 'High Five' and know exactly what each finger refers to. As the year goes on our Preps and new students will learn as well. My final word is about reporting. If any bullying occurs, we need to know about it. Please encourage your child to report anything to do with persistent bullying behaviour.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

Prep B	- Billy for always working to the best of his abilities
Prep CD	- Liam for successfully applying a sorting rule to different collections
Prep H	- Sharanpreet for always helping and doing a great job during pack up time
Year 1C	- Hailey for settling in well to her new school and always working hard in all subjects
Year 1H	- Noah for being a happy class member and always participating in class discussions
Year 1N	- Tai for always being ready to learn
Year 2H	- Harman for working conscientiously during Daily 5
Year 2J	- Kwot for great listening skills in Art
Year 3B	- Lara for showing lots of enthusiasm for learning activities
Year 3M	- Yana for following directions well and working conscientiously
Year 3T	- Charlii for working hard in all learning areas and being an active participant during class discussions
Year 4S	- Samuel for always trying his best and displaying excellent work skills
Year 4T	- Harry for his knowledge of historical explorers (Christopher Columbus)
Year 5G	- Kyeron for showing great leadership when helping a younger student in need
Year 5WI	- Harith for showing persistence in problem solving activities
Year 6C	- Jack for using effective listening to enable him to provide clear Mathematical explanations
Year 6N	- Tom for using positive language and being a supportive and helpful classmate
LOTE	- Ger Kler Htoo for wonderful book work

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 10th February 2017.

- 1C - Josie
- 1H - Olivia
- 1N - Zoey
- 2H - Jessica
- 2J - George
- 3B - Miguel
- 3M - Andre
- 3T - Mathiva
- 4S - James
- 4T - Meghana
- 5G - Indigo
- 5WI - Robbie
- 6C - Kavinila
- 6N - Emily

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 complete a form at the office to update your details.

FROM THE LIBRARY



"Between the pages of a book is a lovely place to be."

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 15th February 2017.

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.

If a student misses...	That equals...	And over 6 years of schooling...
1 day each fortnight	20 days (4 weeks per year)	120 days – more than ½ year of learning time
1 day each week	40 days (8 weeks per year)	240 days – more than 1 year of learning time
2 days each week	80 days (16 weeks per year)	480 days – almost 2½ years of learning time
3 days each week	120 days (24 weeks per year)	720 days – more than 3½ 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 week 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 2016 will be built upon sustained, regular attendance at school. We thank you in anticipation of your strong support of this goal.

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

Together let's make Every Day Count

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 BANKING

Taigum State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.



The rewards available during 2017 are:

Term 1-

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers

Term 2-

- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case

Term 3-

- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball

Term 4-

- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking day is Friday. Each week you need to bring your deposit book to the office before school.

Should you wish to open an account for your child/ren we will be holding a School Banking Information Session at our school:

Time: 8:00am – 9:00am

Date: Wednesday 22 March 2017

Location: Under D block

Please join us and find out more about the School Banking program and how your child can get involved.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank account for your child you prior to this morning, you can also visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. A School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session to show you how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver's licence and your child's birth certificate, but if you don't have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.

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	
14th	Youngstorm
14th	P&C Meeting – 6:30pm in Staffroom
17th	Assembly – School Captain Investiture
17th	House Captain – Speeches and voting
17th	School Banking
21st	Youngstorm
24th	Assembly
24th	School Banking
24th	Clean Up Australia Day

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KOOBARA COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA



Everyone is Welcome!

Koobara Kindergarten and Pre-Prep Community Afternoon Program is back and commences on 7th 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

Mobile: 0430 599 758

NORTH STAR FC



www.northstarfc.com.au



Little Stars Program

Our "Little ★ Program" will run from the 18th of February 2017 right through to the 9th 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

Limited spots available so be quick!!!

STRATHPINE SCORPIONS NETBALL CLUB



LIMITED POSITIONS LEFT!!

Strathpine Scorpions Netball Club is a small, family orientated club with a proud tradition of offering participants the affordability to play netball.

Fees for 2017 are: \$280

Included in your fees are team photos, club break up and entry fee for PRNA carnival.

A discount of \$10 per sibling is offered also. (redeemable after registrations completed)

Registrations can be done online, follow the links on our Facebook or website pages.

CLUB CONTACTS

SECRETARY: Melissa Tynan 0416 160 029
secretary@strathpinescorpions.com

TRAINING & GAME DAY LOCATION

Pine Rivers Netball Association, Les Hughes Complex, 119 Francis Road (Corner Baker Street), Lawnton.

We look forward to welcoming you to our club.