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21 February 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

I often talk of the importance of having parents engaged in the education of our students. This usually means taking an interest in their work, collaborating with the teachers and helping students where they can. Last Friday, our assembly provided a different avenue for parents to be involved. We invited the parents of our school captains to be part of the ceremony by pinning the badges to their son's or daughter's chests. Each of our captains had their families there and it was great to see the pride in the eyes of parents or grandparents as the students received their certificates, letters and badges. I thank all those who came and made the investiture ceremony so special for our captains.

House Captains

We will have the chance do this sort of ceremony once again in three weeks when our House Captains will be presented with their badges on Friday March 10. The elections took place last Friday and we announced the results to the students yesterday. As being a Senior Leader was a prerequisite to becoming a House Captain, some of the positions are yet to be filled. As more students fulfil those requirements, they will have the chance to be Vice-Captains in the houses without one. However, I can announce the results of the positions that were filled. They are as follows:

	Stradbroke	Bribie	Moreton
Captains	Mya S Lebron M	Keshana H Abbie C	Riley M Jacinta N
Vice-Captains	Tnarli N Unfilled	Emily G Jada K	Unfilled Unfilled

I congratulate these students on their achievement of these positions and look forward to their first duty as leaders when we hold our school cross country in Week 9 of this term.

Clean Up Australia Day for Schools

It's turned out that almost this whole newsletter is about our student leaders. This Friday is 'Clean Up Australia Day for Schools' and we will be participating as a whole school from about 9:20am, upon the completion of our usual assembly. Our Year 6 Senior Leaders will be running the activity. Each has been assigned a class and an area and will supervise the distribution of disposable gloves to our students; getting the students to their areas; and providing the garbage bags for the collected refuse. We will only be picking up small pieces of 'clean' dry rubbish, so no child will have to touch anything too large or muddy or potentially dangerous at all. It's basically a well organised emu parade across the whole school site and will only take 10 to 15 minutes to complete. Nearly 400 students can get a lot done in a very short time. Our supervising senior leaders have met with me and will be meeting with class teachers through the week to get all the details finalised so on Friday it should run very smoothly.

Interschool Sport

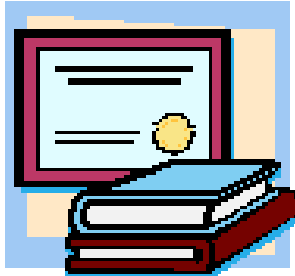
Interschool Sport begins on Friday week, March 3. Permission notes will be going home today for all students participating. Boys will be playing at school; their notes only need a signature. Girls will be travelling each week to Bracken Ridge State High School, so their notes will have to be signed and the \$28 payment brought into the office before the first round commences. Of course, next term the positions will be reversed with the boys travelling and the girls playing at school. Each student needs to be very aware of sun safety and makes sure they have hats and water bottles. Our session of sport trials in preparation for the season will occur this Friday.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B - **Felix** for a creative picture of a lion
- Prep CD - **Adonai** for working well during class activity time
- Prep H - **Abbigail** for always working hard to draw detailed illustrations
- Year 1C - **Luca** for delivering an excellent book talk about Koala Lou
- Year 1H - **Leilani** for lovely fluent reading
- Year 1N - **Tee Moo** for always presenting neat homework
- Year 2H - **Jasmine** for great effort in all school work she undertakes
- Year 2J - **Sharla Mae** for beautiful manners and always completing classroom tasks
- Year 3B - **Cooper** for always conducting himself responsibly and working hard
- Year 3M - **Kaylee** for immersing herself in her learning and trying her best in all tasks
- Year 3T - **Keaily** for being a helpful and considerate classmate
- Year 4S - **Hassan** for working hard in class, and showing great work skills
- Year 4T - **Sanjana** for being an active participant in class discussions and being a kind and thoughtful class member
- Year 5G - **Zaki** for giving 100% effort and enthusiasm during English lessons
- Year 5WI - **Alex** for being an interested student and for participating well in class discussions
- Year 6C - **Devashree** for having a responsible attitude to all aspects of school life
- Year 6N - **Brock** for working hard in math lessons and persevering through difficulties
- LOTE - **Keshanna** for excellent work in German lessons

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 17th February 2017.

- 1C - Kaia
- 1H - Ruby
- 1N - Tee Moo
- 2H - Harman
- 2J - Ruby
- 3B - Kayla
- 3M - Tapa
- 3T - Kelser
- 4S - Ezekiel
- 4T - Derek
- 5G - Jessica
- 5WI - Riley
- 6C - Keshanna-Marie
- 6N - Matthew

FROM THE OFFICE

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Student Absences - How You Can Help

Parents who have notified us of their email address will receive a message if their student is absent or late at the beginning of the day without notification. These messages will be sent to your email each morning. The email message looks like this:

Taigum State School records show is absent on .././..

Please reply by email student name / absence reason / absence date.

Students arriving at school after 8:45am must report to the office before going to their classroom. These students will receive a late slip to take to their class teacher. Failure to notify the office of your child's absence or late arrival will result in you receiving either the above email message, or a phone call from school staff to explain your child's absence

To explain an absence or lateness please reply by email message. 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.

As with previous years, success in 2017 will be built upon sustained, regular attendance at school. Thank you for your support with student attendance.

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



"Books hold a magical appeal for children that goes far beyond the stories they contain."
Dr Marion Blank

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Issue One orders have been placed and will be distributed to students once these items arrive at the school.

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

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 / MARCH 2017	
21st	Youngstorm
24th	Assembly
24th	Clean Up Australia Day
24th	School Banking
28th	Youngstorm
28th	Aspley SHS Arts Excellence Day (9am – 2pm)
3rd Mar	School Banking
3rd Mar	Interschool Sport – Round 1

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ASPLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL – TWILIGHT TOUR



Enrolment for 2018

Wednesday 8th March 2017

Tour our school and talk with staff. Doors open 4:30pm and Tour commences at 5:30pm

To register please phone 38639222
email enrolments@aspleyshs.eq.edu.au or
follow the link on our website.

KOOBARA COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA



Everyone is Welcome!

Koobara Kindergarten and Pre-Prep Community Afternoon Program is back.

When: Tuesday afternoon every fortnight (next date 21st February)

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.

KURBINGUI HOMEWORK CLUB



Do you need help with your school work or homework?

Where: Kurbingui Youth Development
425 Zillmere Rd, Zillmere

When: Every Monday during school terms

Time: 3:30 – 4:45 pm

Cost: FREE – Afternoon Tea provided

Call Travis or Kevin (3156 4800) for more information

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.