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14 March 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

We are fast approaching the end of term but there is still much to do before we hit the Easter break. Next week we have our school cross country and in Week 10 there are the Parent-Teacher Interviews, the Art Show, the Aspley Eagles Soccer Competition and the Easter Hat Parade. However, our closest event occurs this week, on Friday – National Ride2School Day.

National Ride2School Day

All around the country, students are encouraged to ride to school this Friday. For several years, we have been part of the Brisbane City Council's Active Travel Campaign, so a ride to school day for us is nothing out of the ordinary. So, on Friday, we want as many students as possible to ride to school. This can be on a bike or on a scooter. If neither of these is available, walking would be just as good. In fact, all this week, each class teacher is monitoring how many of their students is an active traveller, and recording the results. The most active class will win our 'Active Travel' Trophy and keep it for the term. It will be presented on this Friday's assembly. Also this Friday, we are having our 'Big Breakfast'. It's \$2.00 for bacon, eggs and bread and 50c for a drink. Students and parents are welcome to join us from about 8am onwards, in front of the hall. Finally, any keen student cyclists can join me as we ride to school from the 'Hidden World' Park on Roghan Road. Students need to be there just before 8 am, at which time we head off along the bike paths behind the school and come up onto our oval. It's a lot of fun and all students and parents are welcome to come along.

Parent-Teacher Interviews and the Art Show

I have spoken a couple of times about Parent-teacher interviews but this item is more concerned with our inaugural Art Show. Usually for P-T interviews, parents come up and often have to wait for long periods, especially if they have more than one interview to attend. This year, we will have our Art Show on in the library. Every student in our school has contributed a piece to it, so I encourage parents to come down to the library and enjoy the student art work. It will be open from 3pm to after 6pm so everyone who wants to have a look will have an opportunity to do so.

Coding

This is a word that is bandied about a lot in the media, particularly in respect to employment in the future. Coding suggests something mysterious but I can assure you it is not. Coding is simply a form of instructions. Usually the code is instructions for a computer or a simulation or a robot to do a set task. Some of you may be old enough to remember the logo programming language that was used in schools for a short time about 20 years ago. All that logo did was draw shapes and patterns on a screen. You started with a small triangle, called the turtle, in the centre of the screen and by typing FD 10, it would move 10 mm forward. Typing RT 90 would make it turn 90° to the right. So if you joined these two commands and repeated them four times, it would draw a square – Repeat 4[Fd 10 Rt 90]. This is a very simple example, but after a time, your skill level would improve and enable you to use the dozens of other commands to draw very complicated and intricate patterns. Logo is a type of coding, though the ones we talk of today are usually written in other programming languages. Whichever language is dealt with, students learn critical thinking, logic and problem solving skills. All these languages can be complex, but at an entry level, most of us can do basic operations with them. Our students are already coding, using games and simulation apps on our Ipads. Mrs Rodgers and Mrs Innes having been working with students as young as Year 2 and they readily pick up how coding works and can do tasks with relative ease. Right now, we are concentrating on a small number of students in small groups to develop their skills, while we teachers learn as well. As time goes by, we will grow this to include all students. It's an interesting and exciting field, one in which we have just scratched the surface. The next few years will see some amazing things. Of that, I'm sure.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

Prep B	- Seth for being a 'Jolly Phonic' sound champion
Prep CD	- Madison for being kind and always helping her friends
Prep H	- Emily for demonstrating great listening skills
Year 1C	- Kaia for perseverance and effort during English tasks
Year 1H	- Areej for trying hard and presenting all her work beautifully
Year 1N	- Lachlan for working conscientiously to learn his phonic sounds
Year 2H	- Kara for great effort in her English Cooking Procedure lesson
Year 2J	- Grace for a great start at Taigum and for great manners
Year 3B	- Alysha for great improvement in a Maths assessment
Year 3M	- Jessie for being a wonderful helper and friend
Year 3T	- Reseira for working hard to achieve your writing goal
Year 4S	- Mix Dar for making a wonderful start at Taigum State School
Year 4T	- Anneke for always trying her best in Math and actively participating in class
Year 5G	- Ava for participating and working to her best abilities in maths
Year 5WI	- Riley for achieving excellent results in his data assessment task
Year 6C -	Kavinila for active participation in lessons to engage with learning opportunities
Year 6N	- Sam for settling back into Taigum beautifully and having a go in all his lessons
LOTE	- Deana for great participation skills during German class

BOOK AWARDS



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

- 1C - Alisha
- 1H - Jacob
- 1N - Megan
- 2H - Harmanpreet
- 2J - Chelsea
- 3B - Cooper
- 3M - Ysabella
- 3T - Naman
- 4S - Zion
- 4T - Cathy
- 5G - Joshuaia
- 5WI - Dennise
- 6C - Devashree
- 6N - Abbie

FROM THE LIBRARY



“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn the more places you’ll go.” *Dr Seuss*

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Scholastic Book Club orders for Issue 2 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 March 2017.

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.

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

FROM THE P&C

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

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

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Performing Arts News

Remember to come to clubs each morning tea. Our numbers have dropped a bit but many children are still interested in continuing. If you remember, please check to see if your child has brought back their club notes. I have plenty of spares if your child still wishes to join.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1 st break	Keyboard Club	School Choir	Guitar Club	Recorder Ensemble
Year Level	5-6	2-6	4-6	3-6
2 nd break			Art Club	
Year Level			1 - 6	

Congratulations to all the band children who have done a wonderful job setting up, helping each other and playing wonderful music. For those children just starting to learn an instrument, they are welcome to join the band as soon as they know about 5 - 6 notes. Remember band will be on every **Monday morning 8:00am in the hall**. Lessons will still be WEDNESDAYS so don't forget to bring your instruments on that day too.

Congratulations on our newest three recruits. They are playing bass clarinet, saxophone and trombone. We still have some instruments left so if your child would like to play trumpet, tuba, trombone or euphonium, please let me know and I can organise the letters and information for you.

Congratulations to 6N (again!) for being this week's star musicians for outstanding behaviour and beautiful singing. Who will be the music stars this week?

We have an exciting event coming up this term. For the first time, Taigum State School will be presenting their very own Art Gallery, where every student will be displaying a piece (or two) of their artwork. Come along to a fantastic ONE NIGHT ONLY Art Gallery evening. This will be on the same afternoon as the Parent / Teacher Interviews, so while you wait, or have finished, come and visit our gallery. More information will be sent home soon.

Thank you to all for your support,
Andrea Mackay
Music Specialist

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

 MARCH 2017	
14th	Youngstorm
17th	National Day of Action Against Bullies
17th	Prep Vision Screening
17th	Interschool Sport – Round 3
21st	Youngstorm
23rd	Cross Country (9am – 1pm)
24th	Interschool Sport – Round 4
28th	Youngstorm
28th	Parent / Teacher Interviews
30th	Aspley Eagles Soccer Club
31st	Assembly – Easter Hat Parade (Prep – Year 2)
31st	Last Day of Term 1 – School resumes on Tuesday 18th April

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

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

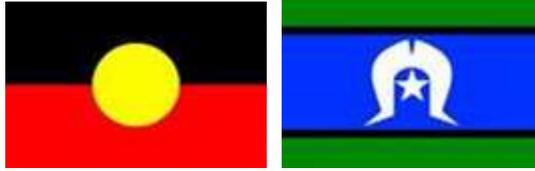
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TRAINING & GAME DAY LOCATION

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

We look forward to welcoming you to our club.

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

NORTHSTAR FOOTBALL CLUB



Want to play the World Game but missed the sign-on and open day? It's not too late to join...

North Star is looking for players to join in the fun of Miniroos - Our U6-U11 teams need YOU!

Please email nsminirooms@gmail.com or bradnorthstar@outlook.com for more information.



We also still have positions available in all our 2017 Junior Divisional teams -

U12 to U15 Divisional (boys and girls)

Please contact Rob Wildin on rob_wildin@optusnet.com.au or Brad Thompson on bradnorthstar@outlook.com for any further information

All training sessions are held at O'Callaghan Park,
Zillmere

Please check our Website and Facebook page
for more information.

Register online at www.northstarfc.com.au