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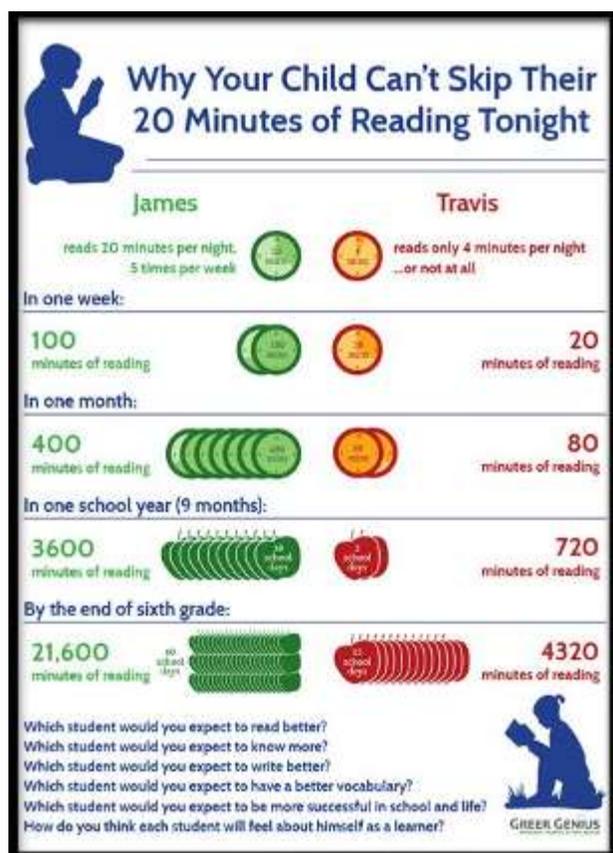
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21 March 2017

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents

I risk sounding like my own parents when I start a sentence with ‘these days’, but I’ll do it anyway. These days, we are used to being able to get anything fast. We hear a song we like, we download it from iTunes; a TV show can be found on Netflix, a book can be in front of you on your Kindle in 90 seconds. With 3D printers, you can make lots of items that once would have taken months to track down. High speed internet has given us high speed shopping, high speed bill paying, instant news, information about anything at the press of a few buttons. Thirty years ago, this stuff was fantasy and now it’s reality. Unfortunately, not everything fits into this speedy delivery machine that our world has become. Some things still take time and don’t have an instant fix no matter how hard we try. Fitness and weight loss come quickly to mind as examples. We can do crash diets or crash exercise programmes which will make some difference, but worthwhile changes take a much longer time and need regular work to maintain them. Which brings me to the school angle, our Master Teacher, Mrs Dickson, found this diagram, below. Students, who have difficulty reading, can improve greatly from participating in



an intensive reading programme over a term at school. They will make strong gains in the short term, but will soon plateau. Reading is a physical as well as a mental process, so like every other physical activity you wish to improve, it takes practice. Researchers have settled upon 20 minutes per night as a reasonably attainable goal. 20 minutes is not a lot in one sitting, but as the diagram shows, when done every school night, it quickly builds to a rather substantial amount. After just one week, it’s more than an hour and a half. A month’s worth of 20 minutes gives us over six and a half hours of reading and a school year provides a whopping 60 hours or two and a half days of heads in a book. The last step in the diagram shows how much that would add up to over the period of Year 1 to Year 6, 21 600 minutes which is 360 hours or 15 full days of reading. Anyone capable of maintaining that schedule and effort, would end up being a tremendous reader. If you then look to the right of the diagram you see the child who doesn’t spend much time with reading practice. Using 4 minutes per night as the basis for this student, you can see after all the

years of primary schooling, they have only read a fifth of what the disciplined reader has done. The disciplined reader would reach 4 320 minutes early in Year 2, so they are years ahead when they get to high school. Remembering that the older a child gets, the harder it is for them to bridge this gap, we tend to find that the poorer readers don’t get much better. As reading is the basis not only for the subject of English, but for many others, the poor reader struggles across the board. They are the ones that don’t do well academically, don’t enjoy school as much and are likely to drop out early. Reading is crucial to success and being a good reader starts right from the beginning of school.

If a parent asks me what they can do to help their child, I invariably say get them reading, or encourage them to look in books, read signs, look at advertising brochures, etc. In other words, give them time to experience the printed word and talk about it with them, and of course, read to them as well and model that you value books and reading. When they improve, get into the 20 minute training programme and you will see, borrowing a line from Paul Kelly, 'From little things, big things grow.'

Mark Fisher  
Principal

## Students of the Week

<b>Prep B</b>	- <b>Nathalie</b> for a wonderful presentation of "There's a Hippopotamus on My Roof"
<b>Prep CD</b>	- <b>Grace</b> for always trying her best in all class activities
<b>Prep H</b>	- <b>Sagato</b> for making a good personal connection to "Splat the Cat"
<b>Year 1C</b>	- <b>Khye</b> for working hard to improve his reading and spelling by using strategies
<b>Year 1H</b>	- <b>Rafael</b> for extra effort with his writing and his reading
<b>Year 1N</b>	- <b>Kingdeep</b> for producing scientific drawings with excellent attention to detail
<b>Year 2H</b>	- <b>Mathayus</b> for always working diligently in all Science activities
<b>Year 2J</b>	- <b>Amnowar</b> for a fantastic improvement in classroom behaviour and manners
<b>Year 3B</b>	- <b>Rahman</b> for being a star in class tests most Fridays this term
<b>Year 3M</b>	- <b>Alvie</b> for consistently using her personal best efforts on a daily basis
<b>Year 3T</b>	- <b>Kelser</b> for working very hard towards your writing goal and being a focussed learner
<b>Year 4S</b>	- <b>Jared</b> for showing dedication to finishing set tasks. Well done!
<b>Year 4T</b>	- <b>Vaisaili</b> for following the routine of class with ease. She has settled in beautifully to Taigum State School showing great responsibility
<b>Year 5G</b>	- <b>Azariah</b> for working hard to accomplish learning activities efficiently
<b>Year 5WI</b>	- <b>Amber</b> for showing improved number knowledge and for consistently working hard in maths group
<b>Year 6C -</b>	<b>Shay</b> for engaging in writing, and asking questions to develop his understanding
<b>Year 6N</b>	- <b>Ethan</b> for constructing logical and evidence based justifications throughout his assessment
<b>LOTE</b>	- <b>Dennise</b> for outstanding bookwork in German

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

- 1C - Khye
- 1H - Zara
- 1N - Anabelle
- 2H - Harman
- 2J - Reme
- 3B - Indiana
- 3M - Kaylee
- 3T - Kean
- 4S - Holly
- 4T - Christian
- 5G - Arian
- 5WI - Amber
- 6C - Jada
- 6N - Matthew

## FROM THE LIBRARY



"To read without reflecting is like eating without digesting." **Edmund Burke**

## 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 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 <sup>st</sup> break	Keyboard Club	School Choir	Guitar Club	Recorder Ensemble
Year Level	5-6	2-6	4-6	3-6
2 <sup>nd</sup> break			Art Club	
Year Level			1 - 6	

If there are any children who have started learning an instrument and would like to come and join the band, please come and see me for a note. We would love to have you join our little group. Remember band will be on every **Monday morning 8:00am in the hall**. Lessons will still be WEDNESDAYS so do not forget to bring your instruments on that day too.

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 3T for being this week's star musicians for outstanding behaviour and beautiful singing. Who will be the music stars this week?

**Have you marked your diaries?** 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, **next Tuesday (28<sup>th</sup> March)** so while you wait, or have finished, come and visit our gallery. You do not need to have an interview to come along to our Art Gallery.

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

## SCHOOL PARTICIPATION OFFICERS

### Every Day Counts



Like any school we are a busy place; however, we remain focused on maintaining the supportive learning environment in which each student is encouraged, by our committed staff, to be the best possible person they can be in their academic, cultural, sporting and general community pursuits. Our school community remains committed to maximising the potential of each student by enhancing educational opportunities in line with our motto of *Strive for Best*.

All members of our school community need to maintain a commitment to the personal actions listed below in order to maximise potential outcomes:

- Maintaining positive relationships
  - High expectations
  - Following routines, procedures and policies
  - Classroom tone – engaged students
  - Safe and orderly environment (in and out of the classroom)
  - Focused learning
- ..... all of which are reliant on regular attendance at school.

We are now heading towards the end of term one so remember ..... Every day counts! Students and parents need to remain focused on the importance of attending school in order to maximise learning opportunities. Students need to attend school every day to receive the greatest benefits from their education. Did you realise that skipping the last day of every term adds up to more than a whole term of schooling missed throughout a child's education? Skipping a whole week of school each term means your child will miss more than 15 months of their education! If you want to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter.

*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*

***NOT OPEN THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> due to Cross Country***

### SENIOR SHIRT UPDATE

Unfortunately it appears that delivery of the senior shirts will not occur until early in Term 2.

## 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](http://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

 <b>MARCH 2017</b>	
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	Youngstorm
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Cross Country (9am – 1pm)
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	Interschool Sport – Round 4
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	Youngstorm
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Parent / Teacher Interviews</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Art Gallery</b> – display in Library (3-6pm)
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	Aspley Eagles Soccer
<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Assembly – Easter Hat Parade (Prep – Year 2)</b>
<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Last Day of Term 1 – School resumes on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### 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 [nsminiroos@gmail.com](mailto:nsminiroos@gmail.com) or [bradnorthstar@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto:rob_wildin@optusnet.com.au) or Brad Thompson on [bradnorthstar@outlook.com](mailto:bradnorthstar@outlook.com) for any further information

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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](http://www.northstarfc.com.au)

## SWIM SOLUTIONS – EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM



A collage of six photos showing children and adults swimming and interacting in a pool. The text 'EASTER HOLIDAY' is overlaid on the top-left photo. The 'swim solutions' logo is in the center. The text 'INTENSIVES' is overlaid on the bottom-right photo. A red circular badge on the left says 'PRICES START FROM \$12.50/LESSON T&C APPLY'. The main text reads 'LEARN TO SWIM & SQUAD'. Below this, it lists two blocks of dates: 'Block 1: Monday 3rd April - Thursday 6th April' and 'Block 2: Monday 10th April - Thursday 13th April'. Contact information includes '0410 551 335 | boondall@swimsolutions.com.au' and 'www.swimsolutions.com.au'.

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## MORETON BAY KIDS TRIATHLON



The advertisement features the 'MORETON BAY triathlon' logo at the top left. Below it, the text 'KIDS TRI' is prominently displayed, followed by 'DISTANCES FOR KIDS AGED 7-13 YEARS'. On the right, a photo shows a young girl wearing a black and white triathlon jersey with 'BOSS' and 'BAY' logos, and a white cap. At the bottom, an orange banner says 'ENTRIES OPEN' and 'MORETONBAYTRI.COM.AU'.

MORETON BAY triathlon

**KIDS TRI**

DISTANCES FOR KIDS AGED 7-13 YEARS

ENTRIES OPEN MORETONBAYTRI.COM.AU

### **EVENT DETAILS**

Sunday 23 April 2017 at Pelican Park Clontarf

#### **Distances:**

**Kids:** 7-9yrs 100m swim / 2k ride / 500m run

**Kids:** 10-11yrs 200m swim / 4k ride / 1k run

**Super Sprint:** 12-13yrs or 14+ 300m swim / 7k ride / 2k run

**Sprint:** 14+ 750m swim / 20k ride / 5k run (teams available)

For more info, visit [www.moretonbaytri.com.au](http://www.moretonbaytri.com.au)

## FITZGIBBON COMMUNITY CENTRE – NEIGHBOUR DAY



Get to know your neighbour, say hi, share a cup of tea or come along to a local event.

**When:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
2pm – 4pm

**Where:** Fitzgibbon Community Centre, Roghan Rd, Fitzgibbon

Afternoon tea, family friendly games and activities, face painting & music

## SANITARIUM WEET- BIX KIDS TRYathlon

### **EVENT DETAILS**

Sunday 21 May 2017 at Pine Rivers Showgrounds/Lawnton Aquatic Centre

#### **Distances:**

**Age 7-10 years:** 75m swim / 3km ride / 500m run

**Age 11-15 years:** 150m swim / 6km ride / 1km run

For more info, visit [www.tryathlon.com.au](http://www.tryathlon.com.au)

## STRATHPINE LIBRARY – HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Coding Kids is running a coding program at Strathpine Library during the Easter school holidays.

We will be running:

- Learn to code with Scratch for Years 2-6 students

- Learn to code with Python for Years 5-6 students.

Students will be building animations and computer games and in the process learn about computational and systems thinking.

For further information please feel free to contact Emily on 0449 162 677