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**28 March 2017**

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

### **Dear Parents**

We have very quickly come to the end of the first term of school for 2017. What I remember it most for was the heat. Happily, with every teaching area air-conditioned, our students probably don't share that feeling. We started the year with 373 students, and as I write this, we currently have 388 on our books. With the beginning of the new term, we'll probably have a few new students come to our school and we may nudge the 390 mark. Last year, at this time we had 390 as well and we ended up over 400. There is quite a good chance that this will be the case again.

More importantly, there has been a great deal of learning done this term. This is especially evident with our Prep students who started with us ten weeks ago with no experience of school, no understanding of our routines and our ways and in some cases, with quite a few tears. The Prep classes now are organised, focussed and calm. Students are learning their sounds, their sight words, and their numbers and are beginning to read. It's quite a transformation. Mrs Tunny and I have just finished doing literacy data talks with all our teachers and I can confidently report that all year levels are really pushing reading as hard as they can, as they know this feeds in to all other areas of school work. It's been a good start to our year.

### **Cross Country**

Amazingly, given all the wet weather, we were able to run all our year levels through our school cross country last Thursday. Although the track was a bit heavy, everyone tried their best and we had record participation rates. I was particularly impressed with our students who aren't 'natural runners'. They really put in an effort in the muggy conditions. I didn't hear one complaint from them, even though many came across the finish line red-faced, breathing hard and looking like they wanted to drop – but they didn't. They proudly represented their houses, which brings me to the scores. In first place, with 1 179 points was Bribie; second on 1003 points was Moreton and Stradbroke came in third with 824 points.

Students who finished in the top few positions in their age groups will be considered for the Bramble Bay Cross Country. I say considered, because not only do they have to have finished at the top, they also had to have a reasonable time to be competitive at the next level. Also, only students in Years 4 – 6 can run at Bramble Bay, so our Year 3 students who did well will have to wait until next year. It is also important to note that the Bramble Bay race distances are longer than ours. 10 year olds run 2 kilometres and the 11 and 12 year old athletes have to run three kilometres. Students who Mr Moore thinks can compete well at Bramble Bay will receive their forms next week, in preparation for the event in Term 2.

### **P&C AGM**

Although it took us a couple of times to do it, we finally have our P&C executive in place for 2017. We had a great AGM last Monday that allowed us to not only choose the executive, but provided us with a group of enthusiastic helpers to run raffles, volunteer around the school and help out in any way they can. My sincere thanks go to all those present. I'm looking forward to good things from this group this year. Our executive is as follows:

President:	Dean Congram (Returning)
Secretary:	Catherine Adams (Returning)
Treasurer:	Fiona Stewart (New)

### **National Ride2School Day**

I didn't write about this last week due to lack of space. We had our ride to school and breakfast on the Friday before last, and all up, we had 52 bikes or scooters in our bike cage. That's about 14% of all students, a top result. 25 of those rode with me and some good parent volunteers from the Hidden World Park on Roghan Road. The best active travelling class for the week and winner of the Term 1 trophy, was 6C. 67% of their students were active travellers that week. Our next active travel week will be Week 8 of Term 2.

### **Enjoy the Break**

The holidays start on Friday afternoon. Easter is at the end, so we will see students back with us on Tuesday 18 April. Have a safe and relaxing break.

Mark Fisher  
*Principal*

## Students of the Week

<b>Prep B</b>	- <b>Tarnvir</b> for wonderful writing! She practises daily to improve
<b>Prep CD</b>	- <b>Kingston</b> for being a responsible worker and a supportive role model within the classroom
<b>Prep H</b>	- <b>Riley</b> for showing great sportsmanship during the Cross Country race
<b>Year 1C</b>	- <b>Po Eh</b> for an improved effort with his reading and spelling
<b>Year 1H</b>	- <b>Lazarus</b> for extra effort in class and with his reading
<b>Year 1N</b>	- <b>Patrick</b> for being a super student in the classroom
<b>Year 2H</b>	- <b>Koko</b> for great work in maths groups
<b>Year 2J</b>	- <b>Latika</b> for fantastic manners and a great term at Taigum State School
<b>Year 3B</b>	- <b>Moowahpaw</b> for being a responsible and friendly Taigum State School student
<b>Year 3M</b>	- <b>Ronin</b> for working hard in Science and correctly identifying the observable characteristics of living things
<b>Year 3T</b>	- <b>December Paw</b> for having a great first term at Taigum State School
<b>Year 4S</b>	- <b>PJ</b> for writing an excellent innovation and evaluation of his own poem
<b>Year 4T</b>	- <b>Saiya</b> for coming to school each and every day with enthusiasm for learning. She puts 100% into all tasks and is always willing to help others and her teachers.
<b>Year 5G</b>	- <b>Jamie</b> for fantastic insights into animal adaptations during Science
<b>Year 5WI</b>	- <b>Lukas</b> for using wonderful persuasive language in his writing
<b>Year 6C</b>	- <b>Jada</b> for detailed responses using clear mathematical language
<b>Year 6N</b>	- <b>Rielly</b> for seeking support in an effort to improve his math work
<b>LOTE</b>	- <b>Robbie</b> for excellent book work in German

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

- 1C - Caiden
- 1H - Leah
- 1N - Jamieson
- 2H - Rame
- 2J - Anowar
- 3B - Xavier
- 3M - Otis
- 3T - Jada-Lee
- 4S - PJ
- 4T - Zane
- 5G - Jessica
- 5WI - Khristiana
- 6C - Shikayla
- 6N - Ethan

## FROM THE LIBRARY



“Reading is dreaming with open eyes.”

## FROM THE OFFICE

### 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.

## PREP ORIENTATION DAY

Children born between 1st July 2012 and 30th June 2013

are eligible for enrolment in Prep in 2018

If you have a child, or know a family living in our catchment area that have a child eligible for enrolment in Prep in 2018, please let them know about our **Prep Orientation morning on Wednesday 31 May at 9:00am.**

It is important to please ensure that an enrolment form is completed and submitted to the school's administration office as early as possible. To best support our staffing allocation for next year it is important that we have the correct number of students intending to attend Taigum State School enrolled.

## 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.

## **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 2017 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*

### **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.

### ***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

28 <sup>th</sup>	Youngstorm
28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Parent / Teacher Interviews</b>
28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Art Gallery</b> – display in Library (3-6pm)
30 <sup>th</sup>	Aspley Eagles Soccer
31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Assembly – Easter Hat Parade (Prep – Year 2)</b>
31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b> – School resumes on Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### NORTHSTAR FOOTBALL CLUB

.....Bradthompson@ppfaaustralia.com.....facebook@ppfaaustralia.com.....

# PPFA SOCCER SCHOOL

## EASTER HOLIDAY CLINIC

Second week of the school holidays.  
Monday 10th to Thursday the 13th of April. 9am – 3pm  
At North Star Football Club, Zillmere, Jennings street.  
\$180 per child (includes PPFA t-shirt).  
6-10yrs/11-15yrs.  
This holiday clinic provides experienced coaching focusing on all aspects of the game catering for players at any level. Focusing on skills which will help them develop and prepare them for the future.

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## MORETON BAY KIDS TRIATHLON



### **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)

## 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

## FUTSAL HOLIDAY CAMP

5-A-SIDE INDOOR SOCCER

Fun and Games for Boys and Girls aged 5 years & up

- Full days from 9am to 3pm
- Half days from 9am to 11:30am
  - Lunch provided
  - Camp Shirt
- All Levels of Skills Welcome
  - Futsal
- Taekwondo Demonstration
- Special Guest (*Stay Tuned*)

**When:** 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April

**Where:** Bracken Ridge State School

**Enquiries:** Phone- 0417 755917 or register online [www.brisbanecentralfutsal.com](http://www.brisbanecentralfutsal.com)

## MISSING CHIAHUAHUA – ZILLMERE AREA

### LOST DOG

SMALL CHIHUAHUA

Last seen in Zillmere on 23/02/2017

**REWARD: \$1,000**

**No questions asked!**



Please, if you know any information or have seen him  
contact:-

PH: 0447 710 748

or 0417 347 824

## BRACKEN RIDGE STATE SCHOOL – OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT



Come to the Bracken Ridge Open Air Cinema where we'll be showing the movie "Secret Life of Pets". This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a night out with the family. There will be food vendors selling hot food, drinks and ice-cream. We would love to see as many people there as possible as it will add to the atmosphere.

**When:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Where:** Year 2/3 Oval (area in front of our school hall on Denham Street)

**BYO:** Chair / blanket

**Cost:** Gold Coin Donation

## CRAIGSLEA STATE HIGH SCHOOL – OPEN DAY

A poster for Craigslea State High School's Open Day 2017. The top left features the school's crest. The top right has the school name and tagline '... Striving for Excellence ...'. Below this, it says 'An Independent Public School'. The main text reads 'Open Day 2017' and 'Sunday 23 April 1.30pm to 4.00pm'. A list of activities includes Academic Excellence, Traditional Values, Excellence Programs (Science, Music, Volleyball), and School Assembly Hall. A photo shows students and staff interacting. The bottom section provides contact information: 685 Hamilton Road, Chermside West, Queensland 4032; Telephone: (07) 3326 5222; Email: admin@craigsleashs.eq.edu.au; Website: www.craigsleashs.eq.edu.au. The CIS logo is in the bottom right corner.

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## KURBINGUI HOMEWORK CLUB

Kurbingui  
youth development Ltd



***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