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24 April 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

As this is a shortened week because of ANZAC Day, we are sending out our parent newsletter today, instead of the usual Tuesday. That gives us a couple of extra days to inform everyone of what's happening this week, especially our school photos which are scheduled for Wednesday. Today, of course, is our school ANZAC Day Ceremony, and as always, it went off very well. It is tremendously important that our children are aware of the significance of this day in our history and in our culture. A first for us this year was the 34 students who wore badges representing soldiers, from our local area, who served and died in World War One. Their badges include the service ribbons of the soldiers, their regiments, and sadly, their dates of death. Our Year 6 students wore them very proudly.

School Photos

School Photo day is Wednesday and the photographers will be here from about 8am through to second lunch. They will begin with the staff photo at 8:30 and then work through each of the seventeen class groups. There will also be arrangements for individual and family photos, depending on the packs that parents have paid for. As photo day is straight after the Tuesday public holiday, it may be easy to forget the photos are being taken, but we need everyone to be in full school uniform if classes are to look their best.

Bramble Bay Cross Country

Our cross country runners did a tremendous job in our school race before the holidays, so much so, that Mr Moore nominated a total of 45 of them to run at Bramble Bay if they thought they were able to handle the longer distances (9-10 years: 2km, 11-12 years: 3km). We have had a strong response so we will be providing a bus to and from St Pauls School for our runners. As the athletes need to inspect the course in the morning, the bus will be leaving here at 8am sharp. It will return at 12:15pm. Students will be at the venue for four hours so they will need hats, water bottles, sunscreen and morning tea. Parents are welcome to attend the races and take their child to and from the venue if they wish.

After School Netball and Rugby League

Mrs Tunny has again been successful in securing Federal Grant Funding for after school sport coaching. We will be hosting both Netball and Rugby League coaches. The netball begins this Thursday for our Year 5-6 girls and rugby league will begin on Tuesday next week. Both sports coaching sessions will run from 3pm -4pm on their respective afternoons.

School Captain Breakfast

Every year, the North Brisbane Salvation Army Church puts on breakfast for the School Captains of the local schools. During that time, they highlight the good work they do in our community and launch their annual 'Red Shield Appeal'. This year the breakfast is on April 27, which is Thursday this week. All our captains are invited and need to be at the church on Roghan Road by 7:30 am.

Facilities Upgrade

Over the holidays we have had some small but significant facility upgrades. The Year 1 Rooms in 'D' Block now have a new staircase and hand railing leading to their classrooms. This replaces the old run down set and is very strong and way more attractive. Secondly, we have replaced our damaged third flagpole with a new and identical model so that now we have three, white, evenly spaced poles, just in time for our ANZAC Ceremony.

Labour Day Holiday

Don't forget that next Monday is Labour Day, a public holiday, so school will start on Tuesday and we'll have our third short week in a row. After that, it's an uninterrupted term right through to the mid-year holidays on the 23 June.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

Prep B	- Atilla for working well in reading groups
Prep CD	- Mia for her cheerful attitude in class and helpfulness
Prep H	- Carole-Marie for working hard to show good listening skills
Year 1C	- Anmolpreet for always displaying a positive attitude towards her school work
Year 1H	- Zion for being an amazing member of 1H who always tries his best
Year 1N	- Zoey for being an active learner in all lessons
Year 2H	- Mathayus for always being positive and helpful in all classes and lessons
Year 2J	- Sean for improved behaviour and listening skills in Maths activities
Year 3B	- Taiten for an extra big effort on Cross Country Day
Year 3M	- Grace for working so well in Science investigating day and night
Year 3T	- Charlee for always having a great attitude towards class work
Year 4S	- Iszabelle for always working to the best of her ability, and displaying excellent manners
Year 4T	- Cruz for his great effort with his writing
Year 5G	- Richard for outstanding effort and contributions during symmetry lessons
Year 5WI	- Ian for working hard during Maths Problem Solving time, and John for a terrific narrative about a box
Year 6C	- Saiful for embracing the Year 6 Reading Challenge
Year 6N	- Joshua for reading many books in order to receive points for our Year 6 reading challenge. Keep it up!
LOTE	- Ava for excellent book work in German

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 21st April 2017.

- 1C - Luca
- 1H - Zion
- 1N - Charles
- 2H - Meisha
- 2J - Ashlee
- 3B - Kareora
- 3M - Noah
- 3T - Arman
- 4S - Kady
- 4T - Ayush
- 5G - Azariah
- 5WI - Liam
- 6C - Devashree and Jada
- 6N - Mya

FROM THE LIBRARY



“A book is a device to ignite the imagination.”

Alan Bennett

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.

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Performing Arts News

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you all had a relaxing holiday, and are ready for another exciting term. Clubs will start again in week 3. If anyone is interested in joining this term, please just come to one of the clubs. We have added a NEW CLUB – Dance Club. Also the year 1's may come and join some of our clubs this term.

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

The School Band will start again in week 4, after all our public holidays. Remember to come on **Monday morning 8:00am in the hall.**

Look out for this terms special music events. There will be letters sent home soon.

Taigum's Got Talent
Harmony Day Concert
School Dance

A huge thank you to all the people who attended the Art Gallery. What a wonderful display of fantastic art. Thank you to all our little artists who created something special. Congratulations to 6N and 4T who won the "most votes" award and a special mention to Prep H for their display.

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

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

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.



We're excited to launch the Term 2 reward items for 2017 from our Future Savers range.

- Tablet Case
- 3D Chalk Set

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.

COMMBANK YOUTH APP

The new CommBank Youth app is an innovative digital banking tool to help teach Australian children real-life money skills in an increasingly digital world.

With the CommBank Youth app, students can:

- Check their Youthsaver account balance
- View their School Banking deposits in the transaction history
- Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they have earned
- Set savings goals and monitor their progress
- Create a list of chores they can do to earn pocket money.

The CommBank Youth app also allows students to enter their School Banking day as a reminder.

Keep track of Dollarmites tokens for redemption

Once a student has reached 10 Dollarmites tokens, the CommBank Youth app will inform them that they're ready to redeem a reward item. Students will be directed to visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking where the latest Rewards Card is available to download and print.

Parents wanting further information about the CommBank Youth app, please visit commbank.com.au/youthapp

For troubleshooting enquiries contact us on 13 2221.

Getting started

The CommBank Youth app is now available to download from the App Store on any iOS device (version 9.0+). Please note, only one child can log on per device. The CommBank Youth app is currently not available on Android devices. To log on, students will require their NetBank client number and password. If they don't have one, a parent/guardian can set this up by visiting a CommBank branch with identification like their driver licence and child's birth certificate.

DATES TO REMEMBER

 APRIL / MAY 2017	
24th	ANZAC Day Ceremony – 10am
25th	ANZAC Day – Public Holiday
26th	School Photo Day
27th	Sporting Schools Netball (Yr 5&6)
28th	Assembly
28th	School Banking
28th	Bramble Bay Cross Country
1st May	Labour Day – Public Holiday
2nd May	Youngstorm
2nd May	Sporting Schools NRL (Yrs 3-6)
4th May	Sporting Schools Netball (Yr 5&6)
5th May	Assembly
5th May	School Banking
8th May	P&C Meeting – 6:30pm in Staffroom

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

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

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CARSELDINE URBAN VILLAGE – BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Carseldine project will revitalise the former Queensland University of Technology (QUT) campus grounds to deliver an urban village incorporating bushland and open space with residential, commercial and retail opportunities catalysing investment in the local community and delivering jobs and economic growth.

A major component of the village design will include the retention of existing vegetation. Around two-thirds of bushland is being retained (22 hectares) including significant tracts of vegetation adjoining Cabbage Tree Creek. Protection of both flora and fauna are of great importance and this has been incorporated into the land use plan following previous detailed studies.

The government office precinct (and the 900 public servants who work there), Carseldine Markets, C&K childcare centre and Kedron Wavell ballpark will remain in place and these spaces and uses will form an integral part of the activation and success of the urban village.

Economic Development Queensland wants to engage with the community about place making and community development opportunities within the Carseldine Urban Village. This will build on the existing land use plan to identify a vision for a viable, socially inclusive and sustainable development now and in the future.

The result of this engagement will be an integrated master plan focused on wellbeing, the future life of the urban village and requirements for success, including types of housing, sport and recreation, green and open space, education, employment, community services and organisations.

For further enquiries please contact Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning on (07) 3452 7930

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Helen O'Grady Drama Academy
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RSPCA - Million Paws Walk 2017

Now in its 24th year, this fundraising event aims to raise money and awareness for animal care in Queensland. In 2016, the RSPCA received more than 50,000 displaced, abandoned, injured and lost animals through our animal care centres in Queensland alone. These animals require basic yet vital veterinary treatment and care before they can be put on the road to finding a new 'forever' home.

This year, the main Brisbane walk will once again be held at the South Bank Parklands on Sunday 21 May, and we look forward to welcoming more than 25,000 dog owners and their pooches to the event across Queensland. New to the event this year we have introduced our Million Paws Challenge, encouraging participants to get active with their dog in the lead up to the event. With 10 achievements to unlock, challengers have the opportunity to earn some great prizes whilst striving to reach a million paws!

For a list of the walk locations across Queensland and to register please visit <http://www.millionpawswalk.com.au>

We hope to see you there!