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2 May 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome to the last of our short weeks. After this, we have seven unbroken weeks of teaching and learning leading into the June/July vacation. I trust you all enjoyed the magnificent Brisbane Autumn weather over the long weekend.

Naplan Testing

While most of the school will go on uninterrupted as I have just said, our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sitting their annual Naplan Tests next week. They have been preparing for them for some time. Their testing timetable is as follows:

- Tuesday – Language Conventions and Writing (2 tests)
- Wednesday – Reading
- Thursday - Numeracy
- Friday - Catch up day if absent Tuesday – Thursday

The rest of the school will be busy in class and no special activities or events will occur through these days to ensure the school is quiet and calm. The best things parents can do for their Year 3 or 5 child is make sure they get a good night's sleep every day of next week; have a good breakfast each morning; and come to school on time and relaxed about the work they have to do. On Friday, we send the completed tests in for marking and we expect to get our results back early in Term 3.

Student Safety

Student safety is our paramount concern at school. We do everything we can to keep our environment free of risks as much as possible. One of the ways we accomplish this is through the design of the grounds, specifically our entry and exit points as these are the places that can be quite dangerous. For students on foot, we have three safe entry points – the main pedestrian gate on Handford Road (in front of the hall) for students coming across the road crossing; a southern gate that allows students to walk behind the parent car park; and a northern gate that leads between the Prep building and the staffroom that enables children to walk in and avoid the staff carpark. Students on bikes can also use these and the entry at the bottom of the oval if they come on the bike tracks. This design means that no child has to cross a car entry point in either carpark. Cars and kids are separated for safety. Dropping off students by car occurs in the parent car park, particularly the 2 minute zone and there is a pedestrian crossing and gate to allow this to safely happen. The whole thing is quite well thought out and as long as everyone follows the rules, it works reasonably efficiently most days.

Unfortunately, not all follow the rules. Many students walk through the staff car park. Several parents drive in to the staff car park and drop off students there as well. We have made the car park out of bounds to children at all times. They are not allowed on it at any time of the day. During school hours, they follow this instruction to the letter. Sadly, some of our parents are not supporting this through their actions. I cannot make parents follow the rules, only ask them to in the interests of safety. I supervise the parent carpark in the afternoon peak times to keep our students focussed on road safety. I trust parents to do the same.

Cross Country

On Friday, we sent our biggest ever team to the Bramble Bay Cross Country, 28 students in all. Many of those who competed ran further than they have ever before as the 9 and 10 years races were 2kms and the 11 and 12's were 3 km. Every runner who started finished their race, which is a strong effort in itself. Many of our runners came in the middle of the field, but several came in the top 25. They were:

- Kahan -6th in the Boys 9 years
- Harry 23rd in the Boys 9 years

- Derek – 16th in the Boys 10 years
- Mackenna – 23rd in the Boys 10 years
- Abbie -8th in the Girls 11 years
- Raymond – 6th in the Boys 12 years

Abbie and Raymond made the Bramble Bay team and will compete in the Met North Carnival on June 6. Congratulations to all who took part.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

Prep B	- Kayla for working hard to write words by sounding them out
Prep CD	- Karlos for excellent phonemic awareness
Prep H	- Arush for being friendly and kind, and always using his manners
Year 1C	- Alisha for working hard in all areas and always having a positive attitude
Year 1H	- Gurnoor for trying hard with his reading and writing every day
Year 1N	- Jamieson for being an enthusiastic learner in the classroom
Year 2H	- Mitchell for completing set tasks
Year 2J	- Sukhpal for settling in well to his new class and completing all tasks
Year 3B	- Mia-Bella for improvement in class spelling words
Year 3M	- Taliya for being an honest and trustworthy student
Year 3T	- Charlotte for being a kind and respectful classmate
Year 4S	- Tawera for always trying his best in class
Year 4T	- Nikita for being a kind and considerate class member. She works diligently in all areas of her school work.
Year 5G	- Jessica for a spectacular effort in Science with her structural and behavioural adaptations for her creature, Adrit for diligent work in all lessons
Year 5WI	- John for excellent work in maths groups; particularly in subtraction work
Year 6C -	Deeana for her analysis in deconstructing advertisements in English
Year 6N	- Ben for working diligently throughout English lessons
LOTE	- Cooper for being very helpful during German classes

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 28th April 2017.

- 1C - Po Eh
- 1H - Braidyn
- 1N - Charles
- 2H - Jessica
- 2J - Althea
- 3B - Bronwyn
- 3M - Selena
- 3T - Charlee-Jay
- 4S - Jasmine and Tameika
- 4T - Sanjana
- 5G - Prabhjot
- 5WI - Blaize
- 6C - Deeana
- 6N - Poe Mi

FROM THE LIBRARY



“No two persons ever read the same book.”
Edmund Wilson

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 P&C

UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

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

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE



We are preparing for our Mother's Day Raffle. If your family would like to make a donation, please drop your item to either the Uniform Shop or the School Office. All donations are very welcome.

Please don't forget to return ALL your Raffle tickets (sold or unsold) by Wednesday the 10th of May.

We really appreciate your support and wish you good luck at the draw.

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Performing Arts News

Clubs will start again today. 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 next Monday. Remember to come on **Monday morning 8:00am in the hall**. We'll have some new members. If anyone has started learning this year and would like to join our band, please come and see me.

Taigum's Got Talent forms have been handed out. If your child has missed out remind them to come to the music room and see me. Depending on how many entries we get will depend on when the first round of heats will be. All heats will be at lunch times over a few days. Look out for the special finals event on the last day of term. The finalists will be performing on Assembly 23rd June. There will be special guest judges so come along and finish the term on a very exciting note.

We are looking for any cultural groups who would like to perform on our Harmony Day, Friday 2nd June, on Assembly. Please call the office or let your child know to come and see me for a form.

Our school disco will be on June 15th at the Salvation Army Church. Come along and have a great time and support our school P&C.

Congratulations to 5WI for winning last week's music award. They are such a respectful and hardworking class during music lessons.

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

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



MAY 2017

2 nd	Youngstorm
2 nd	Sporting Schools NRL (Yrs 3-6)
4 th	Sporting Schools Netball (Yr 5&6)
5 th	Assembly
5 th	School Banking
8 th	P&C Meeting – 6:30pm in Staffroom
9 th	NAPLAN Testing Yr 3 & 5
9 th	Youngstorm Program
9 th	Sporting Schools NRL (Yrs 3 – 6)
10 th	NAPLAN Testing Yr 3 & 5
11 th	NAPLAN Testing Yr 3 & 5
11 th	Sporting Schools Netball (Yrs 5&6)
12 th	Assembly
12 th	Year 6 Transition Day – Sandgate DSHS
12 th	NAPLAN Catch-Up Testing Yr 3 & 5
12 th	CANTEEN Puppet Show (Hall) 9:30am – Prep & Yr 1, 10:15am – Yrs 2 & 3
12 th	NRL Qld Coaching (2-3pm)
12 th	School Banking

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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SUNDAY 7th MAY
11AM - 4PM
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SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL



OPEN DAY - Saturday 13 May

Time: 10:00am to 1:00pm

Where: 41 Braun Street, Deagon, 4017

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Enquiries: p: 3869 9888

w: www.sanddistshs.eq.edu.au

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

SMITH FAMILY – SAVER PLUS



The advertisement for Saver Plus features a collage of images showing students in a classroom and a family looking at a document. The text is set against a dark blue and orange background.

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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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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!

GOJU KAI KARATE

Free offer in Goju Ryu Karate

The AGKK Karate family is pleased to offer students and family member's one free first lesson this Term (All ages welcome)

There are a limited number of spaces available for this offer, and the places will go fast. Please note that a student does not need any experience in karate to sign up for this free lesson offer. The lesson is obligation free and provides helpful essential life skills which are proven to boost - confidence, friendships, respect, self-discipline and self defence skills.

In our Karate family we develop the right mental attitude for achieving their goals and happiness in life. Classes at Taigum, Albany Creek, Bracken Ridge State Primary Schools and Scarborough Southern Cross Catholic College. We are a positive group of people working together in our Karate family reinforcing those essential life skills in all aspects of a student's day to day living.

Students who train in Goju Ryu build great character and strength of mind and body now and many years ahead.

Positive Disciplined Goju training will help you gain positive momentum throughout your life. In good thoughts, helpful actions and words.

In our Karate family children are taught courtesy, respect for their elders, confidence and self-control at home and school. By training in Goju Ryu Karate a student learns to take responsibility for their actions and learn from their mistakes. These life skills are important for future success at school, home, work and relationships in the future. In our Karate family we see the significance of team work, creating leaders, respectful sportsmanship, dignity in all actions and self-control. If you would like yourself, children and families to participate in this offer or need any further information please ring **Bernie Sensei on 0409 474 494** - 5th Dan Shihan trained and graded in Japan www.agkk.com.au

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