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9 May 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Right now we are at the beginning our Naplan testing week for 2017. With such a lot of hype attending Naplan in the media, it is interesting to note that this tends to be a pretty quiet week. The Years 3 and 5 students calmly go about doing their four tests, while the rest of the school tries to stay out of their way. We don't run any extra activities in the week, so it's often pretty relaxed. Next Monday, after all the tests are done, we'll take the papers down to the post office, and Naplan will be finished for another year.

Every Day Counts

Periodically, I need to remind everyone that all students should be here every day. As a primary school student myself, I can remember plenty of years when I didn't miss a single day in the entire year. Most of my peers were the same. If I had to guess, I'd probably say I missed about 3 weeks in total from Year 1 through to year 12. That meant I didn't miss important lessons, I knew what was going on all the time and I got to see my friends almost every day. This was important because 45 years ago Facebook didn't exist and many of us didn't even have home phones. There were two reasons for being absent –serious illness or serious injury. No others. Alas, the same can't be said today. Our students still get sick and injured and they are legitimate excuses, but such things as birthdays, holidays, visiting family, and so on, are not. The trouble with allowing students to have days off when they are not really needed, is that it can become a habit. Often I think, parents are unaware that the problem is as serious as it is. Missing one day doesn't seem so bad, but if the frequency of these one or two days off grows, it can become quite a large period of absenteeism. For example, 1 day off a fortnight doesn't sound too bad, but across a year, that works out to 20 school days missed or fully 4 school weeks. Over the 13 years of compulsory schooling, this amounts to 260 days or nearly one and a half years missed in total.

Students need to be here to learn. The more they're here, the more they learn. Please try and make going to school the default position in your household, that is, unless there are serious reasons that keep your children home, they should always be here. They will be the greatest beneficiaries of this policy.

Social Media Safety

I regularly see Prep students using mobile phones. There is nothing inherently wrong with this but it does mean that by the time these students reach Grade 5 or 6, they have had years of experience in an online environment. That environment is huge, it's inhabited by millions or users and is very hard to control. Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc) in particular is potentially very dangerous as it is unfiltered, uncensored and can be directed at certain people very easily. In the wrong hands, social media is a perfect tool to bully those susceptible to it. At school, we are always cautioning students about its use and have mandatory reporting requirements if we see it being used to hurt other students. We also partner with a variety of organisations to provide education in this area. We have had regular police cyberbullying talks and this month, I'm happy to partner with Aspley State High School which is putting on an after school presentation for all parents entitled, 'Social Media Safety'. On Monday, all our Year 5 and 6 students were given a flyer to advertise the event and that flyer is also contained in our online newsletter. If you didn't see the flyer, the session is on at 5:30pm on May 23 in the Aspley SHS Hall on Zillmere Rd. All are welcome to attend.

Walk to School Day -19 May

In Term 1, we had National Ride to School Day. This term we have National Walk to School Day. Here at Taigum State School, we have a large proportion of students walking to school every day. Most of these are in Years 3 to 6 and that's quite understandable as many parents

think by this age, they are quite competent to carry out this task safely. Of course, the more children walking to school, the better it is for everyone. We all know the phrase 'Safety in Numbers'. I have given out stickers advertising Walk to School Day to all our Preps and Year 1 students. If you are a parent of a child in these levels and you're not comfortable with them walking on the day, I encourage you to walk with them. The benefits of exercise are well known, and the traffic decreases markedly around the school when children and adults are on two feet rather than four wheels. Give it a go, it's worth it even if it's only one day.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

Prep B	- Billy for 100% effort in all classroom activities
Prep CD	- Irie for helping other students in a kind and friendly manner
Prep H	- Jasper for working really hard to complete his cutting activity independently
Year 1C	- Shabad for improved effort in his reading and writing
Year 1H	- Zara for trying her best to stay on task
Year 1N	- Curtis for working conscientiously during Daily 5 activities
Year 2H	- Mathayus for always being a delightful, well mannered student
Year 2J	- Reme for successfully completing the Maze Sequence and writing 186 lines of code in digital technology
Year 3B	- Charles for showing a determined effort to improve his attitude and work
Year 3M	- Joseph for working hard to complete classroom tasks
Year 3T	- Eshani for being a learner and always trying your best during lessons
Year 4S	- Devine for always trying his best, showing beautiful manners and being helpful
Year 4T	- Cathy for being a self-motivated learner and for great effort with her homework. She always likes to do more than the requirements.
Year 5G	- Coadie for a fantastic attitude during maths lessons and decimal work, and Charlotte for being a diligent worker and contributing to class discussions
Year 5WI	- Amber and Joshua for using sizzling starts in their narrative writing
Year 6C -	Hunter for strong efforts in Mathematics. Great work!
Year 6N	- Poe Mi for consistently demonstrating a positive and diligent approach to her schooling
LOTE	- Mia for completing extra German work at home

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 5th May 2017.

- 1C - Gabindamar
- 1H - Phoenix
- 1N - Tee Moo
- 2H - Meisha
- 2J - Sharla
- 3B - Alysha
- 3M - Grace
- 3T - Faith
- 4S - Greena and Hassan
- 4T - Yasmin
- 5G - Ger Kler Htoo
- 5WI - Mia and Amber
- 6C - Keshanna-Marie
- 6N - Tnarlii

FROM THE LIBRARY



"Books give a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything."

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Scholastic Book Club orders for Issue 3 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 10th May 2017.

BOOK FAIR



Book Fair is coming to the library during May!

Commencing on Thursday 18th May it will run until Wednesday 24th May. Parents and students will be able to purchase books during the following times:

Mornings 8:15 – 8:45am
First Break 11:00 – 11:30am
Afternoons 3:00 – 3:30pm

CLOSED WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 24/5/16

Students will visit the library with their class to preview the items and write a wish list. Items can then be purchased during the above times.

There will be hundreds of great books for all ages and stationery on sale during the book fair. The book fair is a great fundraiser for our library and profits are used to purchase wonderful new resources for our classrooms.

So come along and catch the reading bug!

FROM THE OFFICE

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.

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

Our clubs are running very smoothly and we have lots of excited children coming to the music room and making wonderful music together.

Our Keyboard club is working on a song called "The Happy Song" and are already playing with two hands together. The choir is singing 3 different songs; "Mary Had a Little Blues", "At the Zoo" and "Naughty" from Matilda. Our guitar club is just starting to learn "Allelujah" from Shrek and the recorder ensemble is playing "Au Clar de la Lune" using 3 different recorders. Well done to all the students who have come to all rehearsals. You are sounding great.

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

On a late note, thank you to the soloists, the choir and the New Zealand singers who did a fantastic job at our ANZAC Day ceremony. You made our school proud.

The School Band had a wonderful rehearsal on Monday morning. We are playing "Old McDonald Had a Band" and "We Will Rock You". We welcomed 3 new players; a flute player, a bass clarinet player and a trombone player. Thank you to all the band members who showed them how we set up and supported them with learning new notes. Remember to come on **Monday morning 8:00am in the hall**. 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.

Our Harmony Day Concert will be on Friday 2nd June, on Assembly. We have had some offers of performers from India, Sri Lanka, Cook Islands, and New Zealand. Keep an eye out on the newsletter to see if they'll be at the concert.

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. The Theme will be **Winter Wonderland**. Let your imaginations go wild. (Frozen characters, Ice Age characters, a Snowman, a Snowflake, an Iceberg, a Skier, an Ice Skater, an Ice Hockey Player or just Winter clothes or all white clothes)

Congratulations to Prep H for winning last week's music award. They were very creative dancers, being fish, chickens and elephants. Every child was engaged and having a go. Well done.

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

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.

Raffle to be drawn on assembly Friday 12th May. We really appreciate your support and wish you good luck at the draw.

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION OFFICERS

Student Attendance – Every Day Counts

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 2016 will be built upon sustained, regular attendance at school. We thank you in anticipation of your strong support of this goal.

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	
9th	NAPLAN Testing Yr 3 & 5
9th	Youngstorm Program
9th	Sporting Schools NRL (Yrs 3 – 6)
10th	NAPLAN Testing Yr 3 & 5
11th	NAPLAN Testing Yr 3 & 5
11th	Sporting Schools Netball (Yrs 5&6)
12th	Assembly
12th	Year 6 Transition Day – Sandgate DSHS
12th	NAPLAN Catch-Up Testing Yr 3 & 5
12th	CANTEEN Puppet Show (Hall) 9:30am – Prep & Yr 1, 10:15am – Yrs 2 & 3
12th	NRL Qld Coaching (2-3pm)
12th	School Banking
16th	Youngstorm Program
16th	Sporting Schools NRL (Yrs 3 – 6)
18th	Book Fair (18 th – 24 th May)
18th	Sporting Schools Netball (Yrs 3 & 4)
26th	Under 8's Day
31st	Prep Orientation – 9:00am

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL



OPEN DAY - Saturday 13 May

Time: 10:00am to 1:00pm

Where: 41 Braun Street, Deagon, 4017

Find out how Sandgate District State High School can "**Expand the Horizon**" for your son or daughter.

Enquiries: p: 3869 9888

w: www.sanddistshs.eq.edu.au

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

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Helen O'Grady Drama Academy
www.helenogrady.com.au

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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WOMEN'S CELEBRATION

A celebration of women by women.

Women around Brisbane are invited to celebrate women and mothers with dance, laughter, fun and friendship.

Young, old, those born here or newly arrived – all women are welcome!

When: Saturday 13 May 2017

Time: 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Where: Zillmere PCYC – 340 Zillmere Road, Zillmere

Cost: FREE

Please bring a friend and a plate of food to share.

Children welcome.

If you have music from your cultural background, please supply in .mp3 format to Grace prior to the event.

Grace Samuel p: 3198 2500 + 0411 207 973

e: graces@mdaltd.org.au

We look forward to seeing you there!

ASPLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL – MASTER CLASSES

Aspley High Here We Come!

Aspley High School 2018
Here We Come!
Family Sunday and Master Classes
Sunday May 28th 2017



Family Sunday and Master Classes
Aspley High Here we Come 2018

An invitation from Jacquita Miller Principal of Aspley High.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all families who have already enrolled for 2018 here at Aspley High School. We are really looking forward to working with you and your child over the next six years of their learning.

Our Family Sunday's have become a very important part of our community calendar and I am pleased to invite you to our first one for 2017 on May 28th. This is an excellent opportunity to visit our school again. Registration is open to those who are already enrolled and those who are considering enrolment.

Family Sunday caters for both parents and children. The children have a great morning – they are able to choose two classes (select on line from Robotic Science, Soccer, Visual Art and Cooking). Parents are invited to meet with the senior leadership team and learn more about Aspley High in a fun and interactive "lesson" using the Community of Inquiry strategy we use in our Junior Secondary classes. There is also an opportunity to attend a session about Reading and Literacy in High School and a tour of the school.

Please go to our website to register. If you have any questions, please phone Caroline, our enrolments officer on 38639222.

I am looking forward to seeing you on the 28th May.

Sunday May 28th
8.30 am – 11.30 am
8.30 registration. 9.00 am classes start.
High School "Master" Classes (limited places in each class)



Bracken Ridge Little Athletics

Is hosting a



Community Lapathon

All funds raised go directly to



Preventing & treating child abuse & neglect
www.actforkids.com.au

The best dressed super hero will win a prize!

**Run, walk, fly or push a pram.
Complete as many laps as you can in 30mins.**

FREE bottle of water & apple snack bag for all participants

When: Sunday, 28th May, 2017

**Where: McPherson Park,
Denham St,
Bracken Ridge**

\$5 entry fee—kids under 3 free

Registration: From 8:15am—9am

Pay by bank transfer prior to event.

**Bendigo Bank:
BSB 633-000
A/C: 127943314.
Put your name in description & bring receipt OR pay by cash on the day.**

Pre register or register on the day between 8:15am - 9am.

Check in required for all participants on arrival to receive armband.

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ASPLEY SHS SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENTATION



Social Media Safety

Aspley State High School and Aspley State High P&C are pleased to invite our parent community to a Social Media Safety Parent Information Night.

Venue: Aspley State High School Hall

Date: Tuesday 23rd May 2017

Time: 5:30pm (for 6:00pm start)

Content: Practical Steps to Protect Your Child

- What the possible dangers are
- What makes your child vulnerable
- Steps to reduce their risk
- Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Skype, Online Games and more

Message from Jacquita Miller, Principal Aspley State High School

Parenting and educating in this “virtually connected on-line world” is challenging. When parents and schools work together to support responsible use of new technologies, growing up in the [www.generation](#) can be safer. We know that the lines between home and school, real world and virtual world are not drawn as clearly as when we were growing up. This makes adolescence so much more complex for our children. Aspley High is pleased to be hosting this information evening to support our families in navigating this next phase of family and school life.

Please join us for light refreshments hosted by the Aspley State High School P&C at 5:30pm and the Eyes Open Social Media presentation at 6:00pm

Register by email to: sredm18@eq.edu.au