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16 May 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

As I predicted last week, the Naplan testing passed without incident and most of our Year 3 and 5 students completed each one quite calmly. Those tests have been collected and sent off to be marked. We should get some preliminary results in 5 or 6 weeks, with the full data set coming out early in Term 3. With Naplan behind us, we can concentrate on all the other things that happen at school.

Prep Orientation Day –May 31

One of the most important things we do at school every year, is to ensure our newest and youngest students are ready and prepared to begin their formal schooling when they get here early in the next year. Although January 22, 2018 is quite some distance off, it is never too early to start the readiness process. In just over two weeks' time, we will be having our Prep Orientation Day on Wednesday May 31. Prep orientation is particularly useful for first-time parents, but also handy for parents who have had children in Prep before. Mrs Tunny and I will be hosting the morning and we will go through all the procedures, routines and strategies that need to be covered so that each family feels comfortable with what will be happening on that first day of school in 2018. We expect the session to run for 45 minutes, after which, we will take interested parents on a tour of the school. If you have a 2018 Prep aged student, or know somebody who has, you and they are welcome to attend. We would like to see as many there as possible in our library at 9:00 am on 31 May. Information packs will be provided at the conclusion of the session and enrolments will also be taken on this day.

Great Start for the New P&C Committee

It took a couple of AGMs to get our P&C formed for 2017, but they have quickly got up to speed and are working very enthusiastically for our school. At last week's meeting, we had 14 members in attendance, which may be a record. The meeting was very enjoyable and many good ideas were put forward. Both Mrs Tunny and I were impressed with the energy and optimism of the group. Also last week, the new P&C completed their first fund raising activity, the Mothers' Day Raffle. It too was a great success and set the committee on the right path to continue in this manner. Very shortly, they will be running the drinks stall for interschool sport, staffing the door at the school dance and helping out in the Uniform Shop. It's great to see such a strong parental presence in our school.

Book Fair

Our first Book Fair for 2017 will take place in the library from this Thursday, 18 May and run through to the following Wednesday. On the Thursday, it will only be open after school until 3:30pm, but from Friday to Tuesday, the Book Fair will be open before school from 8:00am to 8:30am, at first break and after school from 3:00 -3:30 pm. On the last Wednesday, it will only be open before school. Over the week, therefore, there will be plenty of opportunities for every student to browse not only the great quality books, but also the very popular stationery and the stunning posters. Parents are more than welcome to visit if they wish. Even if you don't purchase anything, it is quite a good place just to walk round and enjoy what's on the shelves.

The Rugby League World Cup

Later in the year, many countries will be coming to Australia to compete for the Rugby League World Cup. Yesterday the NRL ran a girls league coaching clinic and brought the actual World Cup trophy down to our oval. Our 11 girls probably didn't realise the significance of the cup but Mr Haigh, Mr Cran, Mr Jocelyn and I surely did. It was very impressive, and although we weren't allowed to touch it, we certainly got a photo with it, to prove that it had happened. I don't think there are many schools that can say they've had the Rugby League World Cup on their ovals.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

Prep B	- Hossain for always trying his best
Prep CD	- Lynette for creative and interesting art and craft ideas
Prep H	- Noor for being helpful in the classroom
Year 1C	- Noah for providing valuable insights and being an active participant in class
Year 1H	- Levi for extra effort with his work at school, and Hamish for super effort with his neat writing and reading
Year 1N	- Sai for always presenting neat work
Year 2H	- Kara for great reading
Year 2J	- Kiki for great work in Mathematics
Year 3B	- Indiana for always presenting her bookwork and homework neatly
Year 3M	- Bailey for working hard on his visual art piece for our class art gallery
Year 3T	- Syna for working hard on our spelling focus every week in order to improve her spelling
Year 4S	- James for always doing his best work
Year 4T	- Shanae for actively participating in Daily 5 and showing great stamina.
Year 5G	- Anushka for contributing fantastic answers during lessons, and Indigo for fantastic work during maths lessons and assessment
Year 5WI	- Blaize for working hard to show cause and effect in his History task
Year 6C	- Rhys for excellent solutions to the Maths challenges
Year 6N	- Mark for settling beautifully into our classroom
LOTE	- Devashree for outstanding results in German assessment tasks

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 12th May 2017.

- 1C - Hailey
- 1H - Jasleen
- 1N - Sai
- 2H - Jessica
- 2J - Ruby
- 3B - Indiana
- 3M - Yana
- 3T - Sarah
- 4S - Zion
- 4T - Sanjana
- 5G - Krystal
- 5WI - Makenna
- 6C - Jaointa
- 6N - Georgia

FROM THE LIBRARY



“The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice.”

Brian Herbert

BOOK FAIR



Book Fair is coming to the library during May!

Commencing on Thursday 18th May (3:00 – 3:30pm) 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 24/5/17

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

Thank you to all the wonderful children who are attending the clubs. We are having a ball. The choir will be singing on Assembly in week 7 for Harmony day so come along and enjoy the entertainment.

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 had a wonderful rehearsal on Monday morning. We are playing "Old McDonald Had a Band" and "We Will Rock You". We welcomed another new player in the clarinet section. 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. As of yet we don't have that many entries. Please have your entry to me by THIS FRIDAY 19th May.

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 1H for winning last week's music award. They were very creative dancers, performing interpretive dance to classical music "The Four Seasons" by Vivaldi.

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

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION OFFICERS



Student Attendance – 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

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Thank you to all families who bought tickets in our Mother's Day raffle. We really appreciate your support and hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Mother's Day with your families.

The winners were:

- 1st Prize – Tania
- 2nd Prize – Sarah
- 3rd Prize – Reet

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 / JUNE 2017	
16 th	Youngstorm Program
16 th	Sporting Schools NRL (Yrs 3 – 6)
18 th	Book Fair (18 th – 24 th May)
18 th	Sporting Schools Netball (Yrs 3 & 4)
19 th	Assembly
19 th	School Banking
23 rd	Youngstorm Program
23 rd	Sporting Schools NRL (Yrs 3-6)
25 th	Sporting Schools Netball (Yrs 3 & 4)
26 th	Under 8's Day
31 st	Prep Orientation – 9:00am
1 st JUNE	Harmony Day Lunch

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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



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

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

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 – COMMUNITY LAPATHON



Bracken Ridge Little Athletics

Is hosting a **SUPERHEROES!**

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.

Proudly Supporting our Local Community



BRACKEN RIDGE



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FISHING NIGHT – SHORNCLIFFE PIER



Bracken Ridge State School and Nashville State School are coming together to provide the opportunity for any fathers and father figures from any of our local schools to enjoy some fishing and fun with their kids. This event is designed for first time anglers and experienced fishermen alike to come down and get tips from local fishing guru Mark Templeton and his team from Sandgate TackleLand. Last year was the first time we held this event and it was a wonderful evening and was really well supported with approximately 75 fathers/father figures and their children in attendance, representing 12 schools from our area.

Like last year, we have received some great support from our local businesses. This year, as well as having Sandgate TackleLand on board, we have received a very generous donation from K-Mart Albany Creek - which will be used as prizes on the night.

This event is suitable to bring your boys and girls along to enjoy fishing at the Shorncliffe Pier. Once you register, we will let you know of the exact meeting place.

There is no cost for this event.

Prior to the evening Mark and his team invite you to visit the shop at TackleLand Sandgate to get some free tips on knot tying and to discuss any other fishing questions you might have.

This event is sponsored by Tackleland Sandgate and they are providing bait, advice and help on the night. If you need any advice on getting gear - see Mark at Tackleland anytime.

We can't guarantee that you will catch a fish, but you will have heaps of fun.

We are welcoming fathers and father figures from other schools to come along and find out more about The Fathering Project. Currently Bracken Ridge State School and Nashville State School are involved and we want to promote this great program across all schools in our local area, We would love to see you there.

Put the link below in your browser to register.

<http://eventbrite-brss-fishingnight.eventbrite.com.au>

The night will run from 6:00—8:00pm - Friday, 26th May 2017 on the (***Shorncliffe Pier***)

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!