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23 May 2017

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents

We have a big couple of weeks coming up with some major school activities. I have elaborated on a few of them below.

#### Under 8's Day

This is one of the most enjoyable days in our school year. Our Prep to Year 3 students will be able to try 28 different activities, ranging from obstacle courses, basketball and skipping through to cooking, face painting, drawing and many in between. We'll have the police visiting, as well as Jetts fitness and a highlight will be a rocket launch at 10am. Groups from our local day care centres and kindergartens will be joining us to share in the fun. Mrs Tunny has done a tremendous job of organising this day and our Year 6 students will be helpers and guides for all our younger children while they participate in their activities. Parents are welcome to come along and enjoy the atmosphere as well. It starts at 9:30 am this Friday, straight after assembly, and will run until our morning tea break. It should be a lot of fun.

#### Prep Orientation Day

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.

#### Online Safety

Coinciding with the Aspley State High School presentation for all parents entitled, 'Social Media Safety', today in their hall, I have received notification of an excellent website that tries to help parents navigate the tricky nature of their children's online environment. It is a Federal Government website called 'iParent' and has an excellent subsection entitled 'Online Risks'. The home page sets out the intent of the site: *'Helping kids to stay safe online is something many parents are concerned about. Knowing about potential risks and how to deal with them can help manage negative situations'*. The page contains several topics, all with a number of strategies and resources linked to them. The categories include cyberbullying; inappropriate, offensive or illegal content; sexting; unwanted contact; trolling; and online pornography. Each section has a parent's guide, ideas on how to talk to your child about the topic and links to professional help. It is a quality site with quality materials and certainly one that all parents should take a look at. You can find it at <https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/online-risks>

#### Book Fair

A quick reminder that our Book Fair is still running until Wednesday morning. It has proven very popular with our students and it is enjoyable just to browse through, whether or not you are buying any books.

Mark Fisher  
Principal

## Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Jaskirit** for an interesting picture of the character 'Bear'
- Prep CD** – **Zeenat** for beautiful and detailed artwork
- Prep H** – **Siddharth** for settling in well to Prep H
- Year 1C** – **Anmolpreet** for planning and producing an excellent example of an ant in technology
- Year 1H** – **Olivia** for outstanding effort with all her tasks at school. She participates well in all discussions and consistently answers questions
- Year 1N** – **Osman** for using his excellent knowledge of phonics to sound out unknown words when reading
- Year 2H** – **Talitha** for always being cheerful and helpful in class
- Year 2J** – **Ruby** for fantastic results in weekly Number Facts tests
- Year 3B** – **Kayla** for always being a friendly, caring class member
- Year 3M** – **Otis** for working well to construct his 3D shapes
- Year 3T** – **Sarah** for being a dedicated worker and always putting 100% into all areas of your learning
- Year 4S** – **Jasmine** for always working conscientiously, and showing lovely manners
- Year 4T** – **Rune** for trying very hard and showing stamina in Daily 5.
- Year 5G** – **Perez** for enthusiastically doing multiplication buddies, and **Cara** for 100% effort in all that she does
- Year 5WI** – **Ashlee** for improved work in maths on decimal and fractions
- Year 6C** – **Lebron** for working well during English lessons and giving everything a go
- Year 6N** – **Matthew** for consistently applying himself in the classroom across all subject areas

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

- 1C – Anmolpreet
- 1H – Gurnoor
- 1N – Rashandeep
- 2H – Jessica
- 2J – George
- 3B – Chris
- 3M – Alvie
- 3T – Daniel
- 4S – Tawera
- 4T – Saiya
- 5G – Richard
- 5WI – Mia
- 6C – Shikayla
- 6N – Abbie

## FROM THE LIBRARY



"I love books. I love that moment when you open one and sink into it, you can escape from the world into a story that's way more interesting than yours will ever be."

**Elizabet Scott**

## **BOOK FAIR**



Book Fair is coming to the library during May!

Commencing on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May (3:00 – 3:30pm) it will run until Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 mobile phone number 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 phone each morning. The SMS message looks like this:

*Taigum State School records show ..... is absent on ../../..*

*Please reply with 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 SMS message, or a phone call from school staff to explain your child's absence.

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.

## 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*

## 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.

## DATES TO REMEMBER



### MAY / JUNE 2017

23 <sup>rd</sup>	Youngstorm Program
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sporting Schools NRL (Yrs 3 – 6)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Book Fair (23 <sup>rd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> May)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sporting Schools Netball (Yrs 3 & 4)
26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Under 8's Day</b>
26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Interschool Sport (Round 1)</b>
26 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly
26 <sup>th</sup>	School Banking
30 <sup>th</sup>	Youngstorm Program
30 <sup>th</sup>	Sporting Schools NRL (Yrs 3-6)
31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Prep Orientation – 9:00am</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> JUNE	Harmony Day Lunch
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sporting Schools Netball (Yrs 3 & 4)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Interschool Sport (Round 2)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### WELCOMING THE BABIES

***Sunday 2 July 2017, 10:00am, Taigum Square***

Wayne Swan invites all local families with babies up to 18 months of age to register to take part in the ceremony.

- Each baby receives a certificate and gift pack
- Catch Peebo and Dagwood the clowns
- Free entertainment and activities for kids
- Information stalls for mums and dads

Register online at [www.swanmp.org](http://www.swanmp.org)

Send completed registration forms to: Reply Paid 182, Nundah Qld 4012 or Phone: 3266 8244 or Email [Wayne.Swan.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Wayne.Swan.MP@aph.gov.au)

### GREEN HEART FAIR

Come along to Brisbane City Council's largest FREE community event, the Green Heart Fair.

**What:** Brisbane City Council's FREE Green Heart Fair  
**When:** 9am-2pm, Sunday 4 June  
**Where:** 7th Brigade Park, Murphy Road, Chermside  
**Cost:** Free

The Brisbane City Council's Green Heart Fair is Brisbane's biggest free bi-annual community and sustainability festival, promoting innovative green living in a fun, family-friendly environment for all residents to come and enjoy.

Ice Age Live Stage Show, Live Music, Eco Activities, Little Kickers, Geckos Wildlife, face painting, rock climbing wall and more – all for free!

For more information about Green Heart Fair, like us on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/greenheartfair> or go to our webpage [www.greenheartfair.com.au](http://www.greenheartfair.com.au)

We look forward to seeing you at the Fair

## 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** - 5<sup>th</sup> Dan Shihan trained and graded in Japan

[www.agkk.com.au](http://www.agkk.com.au)

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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

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 28<sup>th</sup> May.

Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>  
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](http://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, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 on the (***Shorncliffe Pier***)

## **BRISBANE CENTRAL FUTSAL**



### ***Euro World Cup Qualifier – June Holiday Camp***

If you're looking for a great indoor activity for your kids these school holidays, Brisbane Central Futsal has the answer for you. Get your kids involved in our Euro World Cup Qualifier Holiday Camp Competition.

**26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June (first week), 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July (second week)**

Get the kids enrolled in a fun, safe and friendly school holiday Futsal program, where we teach skills, drills and team building, all with the fun of Futsal.

Over each week we will work towards our World Cup qualifier competition, running a round robin to find our WINNING team. Come along each day dressed in your favourite teams colours and compete for the Euro World Cup Qualifier Trophy.

Each attendee will receive a playing shirt and food is available for either half or full days.

For more information, or to register your child in our Futsal School Holiday Camp, call us on 0417755917.

***Brisbane Central Futsal ~ bringing Futsal closer to the Community***

# **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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:sredm18@eq.edu.au)

## **MABO DAY 2017** ***The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

<b>29 May</b>	<b>Flag raising</b> King George Square, 9:30am
<b>2 June</b>	<b>Procession</b> Radcliffe Place, 9:15am
<b>2 June</b>	<b>Community Day</b> Courier-Mail Piazza, South Bank, 10:00am
<b>2 June</b>	<b>Cultural Night</b> Courier-Mail Piazza, South Bank, 5:00pm
<b>4 June</b>	<b>Torres Strait Church Service</b> Holy Trinity Church, Fortitude Valley, 9:00am

- Guest Speakers
- Traditional and contemporary performers
- Food stalls and sponsor stalls
- Children’s workshops

For more information visit [www.MaboDaySEQ.com.au](http://www.MaboDaySEQ.com.au)

## **REFUGEE WEEK** ***Refugee Week 18-24 June 2017***

Join us for a Family Fun Day and enjoy International Food and an Aussie BBQ

- Welcome to Country
- VIP guests
- Table Tennis Tournament 10-15 years
- Face Painting
- Art & craft for the kids
- Roving Magician
- Singing and dancing

**Date:** Saturday 24 June

**Time:** 11:00am – 4:00pm

**Where:** Zillmere Community Centre, 54 Handford Rd, Zillmere

**Contact:** p: 3865 2880

***With courage let us all combine!***