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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school for Term 3. Whilst all we teachers have been enjoying holidays for the past two weeks, I know this has not been the case for many parents who have been working as usual. I hope the change of routine at least, has allowed a little bit of relaxation for some families. Now we are once more into school mode and that will run for the next ten weeks with the only break in the pattern being Exhibition Wednesday on August 16.

As this is the first newsletter of term, the planner for the next ten weeks is included. I will elaborate on the main points of it below.

Staffing

Before I speak of what's coming up, I need to inform our school community of changes to staffing from today. Mrs Maxine Lecole, our BSM, has taken Long service leave for at least a term and she has been replaced by Ms Erin Bleisner who is an A02 from Aspley East SS. Our SEP teacher, Mrs Teresa Murphy, has taken up a position at Roma State College and she is replaced by Mr Peter Haigh. Mr Haigh is replaced in his role by Mr Daniel Thies who will do SEP work, intervention and work with 2H. He was formerly 2J's preservice teacher in Term 2 so he is very familiar with the year 2 classes and how they work.

Interschool Sport in Term 3

Term 3 is almost cut neatly into two parts for the purposes of competitive sport. The first four weeks are set aside for training for track and field culminating in the Bramble Bay Athletics Carnival in Week 4 – Thursday 4 August and Friday the 5th August. As a general rule, students (born 2005 to 2008) who came in the first three places in the sprints and the first two places in the field events in our carnival, are able to be nominated. This means we will field a team of approximately 50 athletes. Notes will go home to these students next week.

We have a week's break in the middle of term from sport and then in Week 6, 7, 8 and 9, interschool netball and rugby league will continue, to complete the winter fixtures that started in Term 2. Our netballers will be playing here and our footballers at Sandgate SHS. More information about this will come out closer to the time.

Other Term 3 Highlights

Interestingly, Term 3 is considerably quieter than the previous terms of this year. Teachers don't mind this at all as they are able to concentrate more fully on academic work in their classrooms. That said though, there are some important dates and events coming up in the next ten weeks.

- Weeks 3 through 6 have us hosting free AFL coaching sessions after school for students across the year levels. Forms have already gone home about this and our children will be starting soon and learning some new skills in catching and kicking.
- The Ekka excursion for our senior leaders and some of our EALD students is taking place on Thursday 17th August. This is always a highlight for our students and I'm sure this year will be no different.
- Year 6 camp payments are due right across the term starting in Week 3 and continuing in Week 5, Week 7 and Week 9. This, of course, is to spread the cost over a couple of months rather than a having to make one lump sum payment. The Year 6 Camp will take place early in Term 4 and we would like to see as many students attend as possible.
- Parent-Teacher interviews are scheduled for the Tuesday of Week 9, September 5th. These are an important part of our school calendar and I always encourage parents to come along and make their thoughts known to our teachers. The collaboration between home and school is a powerful tool to aid student success.

There are plenty of other things happening across the term so keep the planner handy and look out for updates as more information becomes available.

Mark Fisher
Principal

TERM 3 CALENDAR

TAIGUM STATE SCHOOL CALENDAR – TERM 3, 2017 PARENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 10 – 14 July		Youngstorm Program Yr 3-6			8:45 Assembly School Banking Yr 2 excursion Pine Rivers
Week 2 17 – 21 July		Youngstorm Program Yr 3-6			8:45 Assembly School Banking
Week 3 24 – 28 July	Sporting Schools AFL Yr 1&2	Youngstorm Program Yr 3-6 Sporting Schools AFL Yr 3&4		Sporting Schools AFL Yr 5&6	8:45 Assembly School Banking Yr 6 Camp deposit due Yr 5 Rugby Coaching
Week 4 31 July – 4 August	Sporting Schools AFL Yr 1&2	Youngstorm Program Yr 3-6 Sporting Schools AFL Yr 3&4		Sporting Schools AFL Yr 5&6	8:45 Assembly School Banking Yr 5 Rugby Coaching
Week 5 7 – 11 August	Sporting Schools AFL Yr 1&2	Youngstorm Program Yr 3-6 Sporting Schools AFL Yr 3&4		Sporting Schools AFL Yr 5&6	8:45 Assembly Yr 6 Camp – 2nd payment School Banking Yr 5 Rugby Coaching
Week 6 14 – 18 August	Sporting Schools AFL Yr 1&2	Youngstorm Program Yr 3-6 Sporting Schools AFL Yr 3&4	Royal QLD Show Holiday	Sporting Schools AFL Yr 5&6	8:45 Assembly School Banking Book Week Dress Up Day Interscholar Sport – Round 1
Week 7 21 – 25 August	Sporting Schools AFL Yr 1&2	Youngstorm Program Yr 3-6 Sporting Schools AFL Yr 3&4		Sporting Schools AFL Yr 5&6	8:45 Assembly School Banking Interscholar Sport – Round 2 Yr 6 Camp – 3rd payment
Week 8 28 August – 1 September		Youngstorm Program Yr 3-6			8:45 Assembly School Banking Interscholar Sport – Round 3
Week 9 4 – 8 September	Maths Tournament Brighton SS	Youngstorm Program Yr 3-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews			8:45 Assembly School Banking Interscholar Sport – Round 4 Yr 6 Camp – Final payment
Week 10 11 – 15 September		Youngstorm Program Yr 3-6	PCYC Netball	Aspley Eagles Soccer – Yr 5&6	8:45 Assembly School Banking Last Day of Term 3 – school resumes on Tuesday 3 rd Oct