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18 July 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

We have settled into a good routine early in the term and students have dived right into their school work with some enthusiasm. As with every holiday, we lose some students and we gain some, so our present enrolment is 382. These are good strong numbers and have been slowly increasing throughout the year to date.

Tuckshop

I am happy to report that our tuckshop is re-opening this week. It has been closed for a couple of years now, due to lack of personnel to run it. However, one of our P&C members, Ms Maria Church, is happy to run it one day a week at present. Maria has been working hard over the last month to get everything in readiness. It's a big job. The menu went out today and your son or daughter should be bringing it home for you to peruse. It is a small choice but there is a nice mix of foods for all tastes including salads, wraps and burgers. So this Friday, 21 July, marks the start of its opening this term and it will run on every Friday following. Students need to have their orders in, together with their monies, by 9am those days. At the end of the term, we will review the tuckshop's operation to see if we can't add a second opening day in Term 4.

Bramble Bay Athletics Days

The Bramble Bay Athletics Days are August 3 and 4, a little over two weeks away. We have a large team chosen for this year's event, numbering in the fifties. Due to the size of the team, we have organised a bus to take students on both days, though parents are welcome to drive their own children there if they wish. Today a note is going home, explaining all this. It costs each athlete \$12 to compete and we are providing the bus at a cost of \$8, which is heavily subsidised by the school. So for \$20, each student gets entry to the event and transport for both days. Please sign the permission slip and return the paperwork and payment to school as soon as possible. The carnival is just over two weeks away and we would like every student selected, to be able to take part.

School Opinion Surveys

This time seems to come round so quickly each year when we give all those in our school community the opportunity to give their opinions, completely anonymously, about the running of our school. Once more, there are three different surveys, one for parents, one for students and one for teachers. Both the teacher and student surveys will be done at school, but the parents surveys are done at home. In days gone by, we were given a random list of 60 parents to give the survey to. Due to computer technology, we can now offer this opportunity to every one of our parents.

Next week, every family will be given a blue form entitled, '*School Opinion Survey – Parent/Caregiver Survey 2017*'. On this form is a web address, a unique username and a password for parents to fill out the responses to the questions online. The survey opens on July 31, which is Monday week, and closes on August 25. That gives everyone about four weeks to get it done. The survey is not compulsory but the more parents respond, the better. Last year we had 23 people complete it. I would like to think that we could get that number up to about 40 this year. I will continue to put reminders in this newsletter for the next few weeks.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Nathalie** for a well written sentence about the holidays
Prep CD – **Grace** for increase in confidence in the classroom setting
Prep H – **Abbigail** for listening well in classroom discussions
Year 1C – **Gabind** for always providing valuable contributions during class discussions
Year 1H – **Tristan** for settling in to his new classroom well
Year 1N – **Elvis** for working conscientiously to write wonderful questions during English lessons
Year 2H – **Mason** for always displaying exceptional manners
Year 2J – **Nicole** for a great start at Taigum in all subjects
Year 3B – **Xavier** for being the most upstanding and outstanding class line leader in 3B
Year 3M – **Noah** for trying hard and showing persistence
Year 3T – **Keaily** for making great observations during our Science investigation
Year 4S – **Kirat** for making a fantastic start to Term 3, showing diligent work skills
Year 4T – **Harrison** for settling in well in 4T and setting high expectations for himself
Year 5G – **Ptolemy** for fantastic concentration and contributions during English lessons, and **Joshua** for getting started on tasks in a timely manner
Year 5WI – **Anjali** for contributing answers in maths lessons and for neat, organised book work
Year 6C – **Shay** for a strong focus in Math lessons and rising to the challenges
Year 6N – **Emre** for participating actively in math lessons and accepting more challenging tasks

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 23rd June 2017

- 1C – Mia
- 1H – Hamish
- 1N – Shenul
- 2H – Michael
- 2J – Sharla
- 3B – Miguel
- 3M – Bailey
- 3T – Monique
- 4S – Chelsea
- 4T – Ava
- 5G – Charlotte and Richard
- 5WI – Joshua
- 6C – Deeana
- 6N – Emily

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.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS

Final Results: Stradbroke 3497
Moreton 3447
Bribie 3327

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded:

Overall Highest Point Scorer: Girls: Mya S
Boys: Ian R

2017 Age Champions:

Age Group	Girls	Boys
8 years	1. Monique	1. Tapa
	2. Daijh	2. Keaily
	3. Taliya	3. Cooper
9 years	1. Anneke	1. Kahan
	2. Kelser	2. Harry
	3. Summer	3. Mason
10 years	1. Dennise	1. Makenna
	2. Rebecca	2. Jacob
	3. Charlotte	3. Derek
11 years	1. Mya	1. Ian
	2. Deeana	2. Richard
	3. Keshanna	3. Tom
12 years	1. Jada	1. Joshua
	2. Devashree	2. Raymond
	3. Riley	3. Lebron

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.

FROM THE LIBRARY



“When I say to a parent, “read to a child”, I don’t want it to sound like medicine.
I want it to sound like chocolate.”

Mem Fox

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION OFFICERS

Student Attendance

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.

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

If a student misses...	That equals...	And over 13 years of schooling...
10 minutes / day	50 mins / week	nearly ½ year of learning time
20 minutes / day	1 hour 40 minutes / week	nearly 1 year of learning time
30 minutes / day	2 hours 30 minutes / week	nearly 1½ years of learning time
1 hour / day	1 day / week)	over 2 ½ 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.

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

Every Day Counts

**If you want your child to be successful at school then YES,
attendance does matter**

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 3 reward items for 2017 from our Future Savers range.

- Volt Handball
- Smiley Emoji Keyring

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

 JULY 2017	
18th	Youngstorm Program
21st	Assembly
21st	School Banking
24th	Sporting Schools AFL (Yrs 1 & 2)
25th	Youngstorm Program
25th	Sporting Schools AFL (Yrs 3 & 4)
27th	Sporting Schools AFL (Yrs 5 & 6)
28th	Assembly
28th	School Banking
28th	Year 6 Camp Deposit due
28th	Yr 5 Rugby Coaching

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ZILLMERE FESTIVAL



Music ~ Dance ~ Free Activities ~ Stalls ~ International Food ~ Art

A free one-day event filled with family fun and creative activities celebrating the rich cultural diversity of Brisbane's northside.

Zillmere Festival has evolved over many years providing something to satisfy everyone's cultural tastebuds including market stalls, international food, world music and dance, workshops and children's activities.

This event is proudly hosted by Jabiru Community Youth and Children's Services with support from MDA, Kurbingui Youth Development Association, Brisbane City Council and the Queensland Government as part of the inaugural Queensland Multicultural Month.

2017 Zillmere Festival enquiries – please phone (07) 3269 0044 or email events@jabiru.org.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

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN



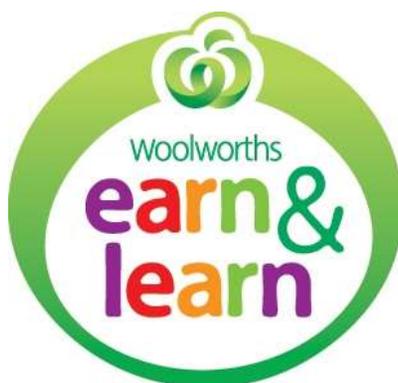
You can help Taigum State School earn amazing equipment to enhance our educational supplies.

How it works

For every \$10 customers spend in store or online a sticker will be earned. The program excludes liquor, tobacco and gift card purchases.

Shoppers should then place the stickers on a provided sticker sheet and once completed the sheet can be placed in the collection box located at the school office. Schools can then exchange the stickers for a variety of resources including sporting balls, art supplies, maths supplies and more.

Woolworths is running the program from **26 July to 19 September 2017**.



BRIGHTON ROOSTERS SOFTBALL CLUB

***Brighton Roosters
Softball Club***



SIGN ON August 2, 2017 - 5.00pm to 8.00pm

at the Brighton Roosters Football Club - 10th Ave, Brighton

**We are seeking new players for next season
- BOYS & GIRLS from 5yrs,
AND LADIES and MEN of all skills**

COACHES/MANAGERS/UMPIRES ALSO REQUIRED

- Summer Season runs from Oct 2017 to Mar 2018 (Juniors and Seniors)
- Winter Season runs from May 2018 to July 2018 (Senior ladies only)
- All games are played at Betty Paxton Fields, Boardman Road Redcliffe
- Summer is one game each Saturday, Winter is 2 games fortnightly
- Fees and Uniform costs advised at sign on
- Training is Wednesday nights at Bracken Ridge High School during summer season from August to March. Generally Juniors are from 5.30 - 6.30pm and Seniors 7.00 - 8.30pm.
- LATE SIGN-ON's WELCOME, come on down to any WED training night



**Please visit our website or call us if
you have any queries.**

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