

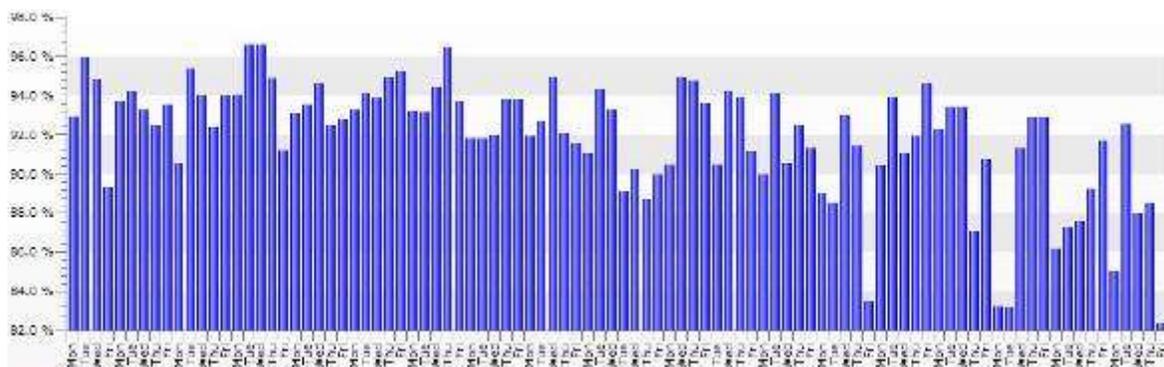
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25 July 2017

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents

Apart from a few cold mornings, the weather through the day at this time of year is very mild. We have been having some magnificent days and it's hard to call this a winter. I find though, that it is a climate that suits learning. Children are warm enough to not worry about shivering and cool enough not to be tired and distracted by sweating. It's a great time of year to work them hard and get them to produce a lot of English, maths and science output. We often call the first couple of hours of school prime teaching time for the day. This next 6 – 8 weeks is prime teaching time for the year. It really doesn't get any better. It is important then, that every child enrolled at our school, attends every day they possibly can. Last year, our average attendance rate was 93.2%. That is an excellent result. In Term 1 of this year, it was even better at 93.5%. Unfortunately, in Term 2 it dropped to 90.2% and in Term 3 so far, we are running at 91.7%, which is OK but could be much better. The graph below shows the attendance for every day so far this year. It is easy to see the downward trend as we move from left to right. What else you might notice is that most of the shorter bars, the days when attendance is lowest, are either Mondays or Fridays. That means that quite a number of our students are regularly having long weekends. I have other data that is not displayed here, that does tell me some relatively good news about attendance. Exactly half of all our students have attendance rates above 95%, meaning they're here almost every day. Another 25% of our school is here between 90-95% of the time and a further 10% is here about 85-90% of the time. That leaves only 15% of our students producing the majority of our absenteeism. These are the ones we are targeting when we say every day counts. Most of these students are in the 70-85% range. On the face of it, that may look reasonable, but 70% attendance means a child is missing 60 school days a year. A school term averages 50 days, so these students are missing more than that every year. Extend that pattern across Prep to Year 12 and you have a child missing a full four years of school. That is unacceptable and it puts that child at risk of failing in school, of not getting gainful employment and being strongly disadvantaged when compared to others in the community. Getting them to school every day and on time is one of the simplest and most beneficial paths to them fulfilling their potential. Can I impress upon all parents the importance of full attendance.



### Tuckshop

The response to the first day of the tuckshop's re-opening was overwhelming. Congratulations to all those who supported it. Understandably there were some problems accommodating so many orders and there were a few mistakes. This week will be much improved from the experience of last Friday and the process will be streamlined and more efficient. I hope the inconvenience of last Friday does not put anyone off too much. I know that once everyone received their lunches they were both very happy and very full. I think it will be onward and upward from here.

## School Opinion Surveys

As I wrote last week, the blue forms for the parent opinion survey will be coming home in the middle of this week. Once you receive your unique username and password, you will be able to respond online from next Monday, July 31. If you don't receive a blue form and would like one, please ask at the school office. The survey will remain open until Friday August 25.

Mark Fisher  
Principal

## Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Allia** and **Majid** for settling in well to their new class
- Prep CD** – **Aarnav** for a detailed drawing of his favourite place
- Prep H** – **Noor** for being a good listener and working hard during classroom activities
- Year 1C** – **Dakota** for a great improvement in handwriting and spelling
- Year 1H** – **Ruby** for trying hard in class and staying strong
- Year 1N** – **Jayda** for reading with excellent intonation and fluency
- Year 2H** – **Cameron** for a great improvement in effort during mathematics
- Year 2J** – **Ethan** for staying on task in classroom activities
- Year 3B** – **Milana** for Welcome back to Taigum State School
- Year 3M** – **Yana** for immersing herself in all tasks, displaying determination and perseverance
- Year 3T** – **Arman** for working hard towards achieving your reading goal this term
- Year 4S** – **Chelsea** for always trying her best, and working well in all classroom situations
- Year 4T** – **Zane** for persevering with written tasks and attempting to write in his best handwriting
- Year 5G** – **Ben** for good concentration and contributing more during mathematics, and **Ger Kler Htoo** for fantastic and diligent work during mathematics
- Year 5WI** – **Harith** for improved neatness and organisation when completing multistep problems in maths
- Year 6C** – **Teneisha** for working well in her lessons to complete the work, showing perseverance
- Year 6N** – **Abbie** for providing detailed and succinct responses throughout her English assessment
- LOTE** – **Riley** for excellent pronunciation skills in German. Ausgezeichnet!

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 21 July 2017

- 1C – Noah
- 1H – Jade
- 1N – Zoe
- 2H – Max
- 2J – Hayley
- 3B – Moowahpaw
- 3M – Andre
- 3T – Kelser
- 4S – Holly
- 4T – Gianni
- 5G – Rebecca
- 5WI – Rhiana
- 6C – Teneisha
- 6N – Matthew

## 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.

### 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.

## SCHOOL PARTICIPATION OFFICERS

#### **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**

**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*

## FROM THE LIBRARY

### BOOK CLUB NEWS

Scholastic Book Club orders for Issue 5 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 Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017.



“We don’t need a list of rights and wrongs, tables of dos and don’ts. We need books, time, and silence. Thou shalt not is soon forgotten, but Once upon a time lasts forever.”

*Philip Pullman*

## 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

 <b>JULY / AUGUST 2017</b>	
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	Youngstorm Program
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	Sporting Schools AFL (Yrs 3 & 4)
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	Sporting Schools AFL (Yrs 5 & 6)
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	Assembly
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	School Banking
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 Camp Deposit due
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	Yr 5 Rugby Coaching
<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	Sporting Schools AFL (Yrs 1 & 2)
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Youngstorm Program
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Sporting Schools AFL (Yrs 3 & 4)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Sporting Schools AFL (Yrs 5 & 6)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Bramble Bay Athletics
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Assembly
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	School Banking
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	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](mailto: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



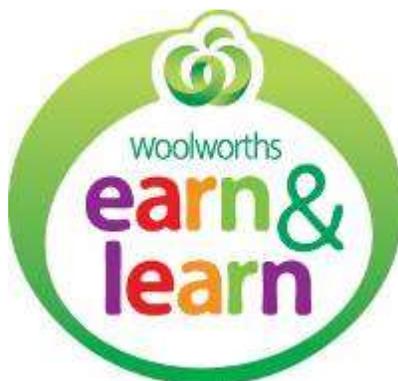
You can help Taigum State School earn amazing equipment to enhance our educational supplies.

### **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*



**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.**

**[www.brightonsoftball.com.au](http://www.brightonsoftball.com.au)**



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*An Independent Public School*

2018 Enrolment Appointments for Year 7 are now available.  
We invite you to contact the school for Parent tours and enrolment interview times.

**"TWILIGHT TOUR" With the Principal - Ms Miller**  
**Wednesday 23rd August 2017**

**4.30pm - 6.30pm Lecture Centre**  
**651 Zillmere Road Aspley**

Register online [www.aspleyshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.aspleyshs.eq.edu.au) or phone 3863 9222



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