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8 August 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

In response to feedback from parents, teachers and school neighbours, I have been speaking to our students about the procedures for leaving the school in the afternoons after 3 o'clock. Most of us would think, that at the end of the school day, students would be keen to go straight home. Most of them do just that, but some choose to stay well beyond 3pm. For those who stay because their parents are at school and talking to others, I have no qualms as long as they are following school rules. The other students, mostly those who wish to hang around because a friend is still at school, I would prefer they go straight home. Parents expect their children home at a specific time and if they do not arrive at that time, they begin to worry. We regularly have parents up at school in the afternoons, saying their children have not come home, and we find the children on the oval or in a playground with their mates. There is nothing wrong with playing of course, but there is a time and place and it is also better if parents are aware that it is happening. Our simple rule is go directly home at 3pm, unless a parent has given permission to be somewhere else.

Naplan Results

We received our preliminary Naplan results late last week and it appears that we have made steady progress in both our Year 3 and Year 5 cohorts. We are still waiting for the final results which will also show how well we did against similar schools; against all Queensland schools and in comparison to all schools in the nation. This week, we received our individual student reports and I looked through each one of them. Most of our students did quite well and overall I am pleased with our results. These reports will be going home to parents this week. I must point out that these results should not be seen as the one and only measure of student performance, but should be taken in the context of all the other assessment that has taken place throughout this year. The Naplan tests took place on a couple of days in May and if your son or daughter was sick, was tired, or didn't want to be at school for any reason on those days, that would have a major bearing on their results. If you are concerned about any aspect of these tests, please talk to your child's teacher.

Bramble Bay Athletics

There were 24 schools competing in the Bramble Bay Carnival and we came a creditable 11th overall. In the competition for the best school on average (dividing points by number of students) we came in 9th position. Some of our athletes did very well, but every one of them represented their school with pride and behaved in a very mature manner whilst at the event. We had the biggest team we'd ever taken and we think that the provision of a bus was a large factor in that high participation rate. I think it is something we will continue to do in the years ahead. Congratulations to all those students who took part. I await the final individual results and the list of those who will be competing at Met North in a couple of weeks.

Next Week

Next week is Exhibition Week so we have a public holiday on the Wednesday for all schools in the Brisbane Metropolitan area. (Schools in Pine Rivers have the Monday as their holiday) Taigum State School therefore, will be closed on Wednesday. The four remaining days of next week are pretty busy though. Monday is the August P&C Meeting (6:30pm in the staffroom); Tuesday is the annual district science dinner for our staff; Thursday is the Exhibition excursion for some of our students; and Friday is Book Week Dress Up Day and the first week of interschool sport. Our students will be looking forward to a relaxing weekend after all that I imagine, as will the teachers.

Opinion Survey Progress

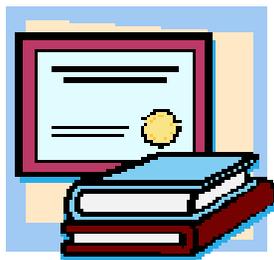
About 270 parent surveys were distributed the week before last and the survey opened last Monday. So far we have had 19 parents respond, which is fantastic for the first week of the survey being available. Can I encourage all those who haven't so far gone online to complete it, to do so in the next couple of weeks.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** - **Atila** for extra effort in reading groups
Prep CD - **Liam** for a well drawn map of features in his neighbourhood
Prep H - **Hohepa** for settling in well to Prep H
Year 1C - **Josie** for always having a positive attitude to her school work and helping her fellow class members
Year 1H - **Chelsea** for creating an amazing new character for the story 'Willy the Champ'
Year 1N - **Jamieson** for always being a keen musician during music lessons
Year 2H - **Ryan** for always being a delightful well-mannered student
Year 2J - **Althea** for fantastic improvement in her reading
Year 3B - **Mason** for putting a lot of effort into his Art and English work
Year 3M - **Joseph** for being a number facts champion!
Year 3T - **Daniel** for working hard on your number facts recall every week
Year 4S - **Holly** for always trying her best and achieving pleasing personal results
Year 4T - **Tyler** for using description and specific language features in his book review of 'Rowan of Rin'
Year 5G - **Andrie** for working hard on his analysis of the poem 'Advance Australia Fair'
Year 5WI - **Ashlee** for improved understanding and accuracy in multiplication problem solving
Year 6C - **Ruta** for a positive approach to school and a friendly, reliable nature
Year 6N - **Brock** for making a considered effort to improve and refine his math skills. Keep it up!
LOTE - **Jessica** for great participation skills in German classes. Ausgezeichnet!

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 4 August 2017

- 1C - Joe
- 1H - Leilani
- 1N - Kingdeep
- 2H - Jessica
- 2J - Nicole
- 3B - Artin
- 3M - Azariah
- 3T - Faith
- 4S - Aroha
- 4T - Zane
- 5G - Richard
- 5WI - Maayewin
- 6C - Jack
- 6N - Poe Mi

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



“Reading is the sole means by which we slip, involuntarily, often helplessly, into another’s skin, another’s voice, another’s soul.”

Joyce Carol Oates

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

 AUGUST 2017	
8th	Youngstorm Program
8th	Sporting Schools AFL (Yrs 3 & 4)
10th	Sporting Schools AFL (Yrs 5 & 6)
11th	Assembly
11th	School Banking
11th	Yr 6 Camp – 2 nd payment due
11th	Yr 5 Rugby Coaching
14th	Sporting Schools AFL (Yrs 1 & 2)
15th	Youngstorm Program
15th	Sporting Schools AFL (Yrs 3 & 4)
16th	Public Holiday - EKKA
17th	Senior Leaders & EALD excursion - EKKA
17th	Sporting Schools AFL (Yrs 5 & 6)
18th	Assembly
18th	School Banking
18th	Book Week Dress Up Day
18th	Interschool Sport – Round 1

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**.



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Enrolling now for 2018 - Contact: (07) 3326 5222

www.craigisleashs.eq.edu.au

ASPLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL



Aspley State High School

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 or phone 3863 9222



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BRIGHTON STATE SCHOOL FETE



The poster features a circular logo at the top center with a sailboat and the text 'BRIGHTON STATE SCHOOL' and 'ONLY THE BEST'. A string of colorful bunting flags hangs across the top. Below the logo, the text 'BRIGHTON STATE SCHOOL' is in blue, 'FETE 2017' is in large orange letters, and 'Saturday, August 26' and '11am to 4pm' are in green. The bottom section is pink and contains a list of activities, a photo of a girl on a saucer ride, a photo of a girl with a pony, and a photo of a girl with a pony. A yellow starburst says 'Enjoy the pony rides!'.

RIDES & GAMES FOR ALL AGES

SUPER SIZZLER ★ GIANT CHAIR SWING
PONY RIDES ★ CUP & SAUCER RIDE
INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE
CAR SLIDE ★ BOUNCY PIRATE SHIP
CRAFTS, PLANTS, TRASH & TREASURE
FOOD & FUN

Don't forget to buy your 5-hour ride pass for \$25 at FlexiSchools. Ride passes \$30 on the day.

Enjoy the pony rides!

Brighton State School Fete, North Road, Brighton

BALD HILLS LAWNTON LIONS CRICKET

2017/2018 Sign-on Days

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th August 2017, Pine Rivers Park - 125 Gympie Road, Strathpine, We will be there from **10am-2pm** on both days and join us for a \$2 sausage sizzle at 12.30pm.

Ages 6 years through to 17 years.

For further information contact:

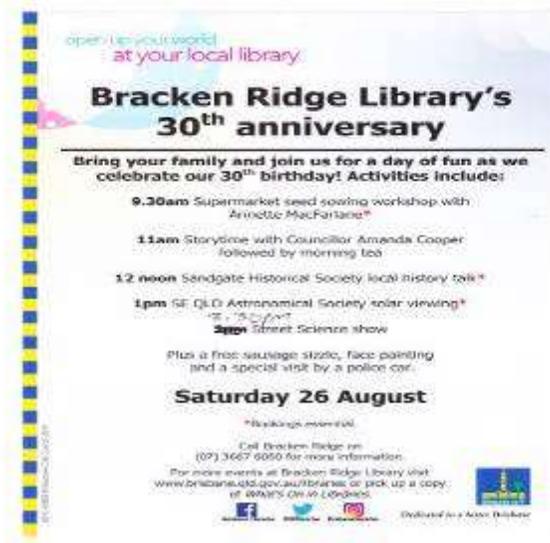
Email: admin@thelions.org.au

President: Chris Cunningham on 0402 189 735

► [Click here to download the Junior registration Form](#)

► [See our 2017/2018 Sign on Poster](#)

BRACKEN RIDGE LIBRARY – 30th ANNIVERSARY



SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL



Sandgate District State High School would like to invite families who are yet to enrol their child in Year 7 in 2018 to contact the Enrolment Officer on **3869 9888** to arrange an interview time.

Enrolment packs can be collected from your school office or the Sandgate District State High School office.

Email: enquiries@sanddistshs.eq.edu.au

Web: www.sanddistshs.eq.edu.au

Address: 41 Braun Street, Deagan

Phone: 3869 9888

BOONDALL SWIM SOLUTIONS

An advertisement for Boondall Swim Solutions. The main image shows a swimming pool with a lifeguard in a red cap and sunglasses, and a child in a pink swimsuit floating on a green and yellow inflatable. A red circular badge in the bottom left corner says "TERM 3 HAS COMMENCED BOOK NOW". The "swim solutions" logo is in the top right. At the bottom, the text reads "WEATHER'S WARM, POOL'S WARM, SO LET'S SWIM!!" and "boondall@swimsolutions.com.au | www.swimsolutions.com.au | 0410 551 335".