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15 August 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

I'll start by reminding everyone that tomorrow is a public holiday for the exhibition. Taigum State School will be closed. We'll be open again on Thursday when our Senior Leaders and EALD students will be off to the Ekka for their excursion. That is always a highlight, especially for some of our students new to Australia, who have never experienced anything remotely country. Friday sees interschool sport return and our perennial favourite, the Book Week Dress Up Day. I look forward every year to the imaginative and creative ideas that are on show in the costumes.

Bramble Bay Athletics

I promised last week to publish the list of our place getters this week, once I received the information. Not only did we have our biggest team participate, but we have also had our largest representation in the Bramble Bay team this year. Our medallists are as follows:

- Makenna Mc 1st 10yrs Tetrathlon
- Erem M 2nd 9yrs Discus
- Devine T 2nd 9rs Long Jump
- Mya S 1st 11yrs Shot Put, 1st 11yrs Discus Richard R– 2nd 11yrs Shot Put, 1st 11yrs Discus
- Boys 10yrs Relay Team -2nd

Sadly, only students in the 10,11 and 12 years age groups go through to the next level, so Devine and Erem will have to wait until next year. Congratulations though, to Mya, McKenna and Richard, who will be competing in the Met North Athletics Carnival next week.

Senior Leaders for 2018

Next Monday marks the beginning of the period when our Year 5 students can begin their quest to become Senior Leaders. They have been given an application form that covers several areas- Personal characteristics, Service to the school, Participation in sporting events and Participation in other school events. Each of these areas is further broken down into specific activities that each student can get signed off by appropriate staff members. For example, Participation in school events lists school discos, choir/music/dance groups, WWW Ride to school days, Book Week Dress Up, Student Council Events and outside community work. Mrs Mackay would sign the form for the arts activities, I would sign it for the riding and the class teacher could sign if they came in costume for Book Week. When they get signatures in all the necessary boxes, Mrs Tunny and I do the final sign off. We then get their badges made and we present these on Friday assemblies. I expect to see the first successful Year 5 students be presented with their badges, early in Term 4.

Tuckshop News

The tuckshop volunteers are very happy with the system they now have in place for ordering and delivering food on Fridays. They are so confident in their process that they are doing their first 'extra' day next week on Tuesday. Yes, Week 7 will have two tuckshop days, the normal Friday and 'Hot Dog' day on Tuesday. This is a trial to see how well the tuckshop can handle two days and how well patronised they will be. It is at present and one off, but the team is keen to do another special day or two next term. Hot dog order forms will be going home this afternoon.

Pass Tab System

Very shortly our Office will become very 21st century, with the installation of a new ipad based system for parents bringing students to school late or taking them early for an appointment, etc. At present, our system is using hand written sign-in and sign-out procedures. This will change to data entry on the dedicated ipad, which should be simpler and quicker, once everyone gets used to it. This system will also be used to sign-in visitors and contractors and be able to show all this data rapidly if, for example, we needed to know everyone's whereabouts in case of a fire.

School Opinion Survey Update

Last week, I wrote that 19 parents had responded online to our survey. That number has risen to 27 at the end of week two. That is an excellent response, please keep it up over the next couple of weeks so we get a wide variety of opinions. All the student surveys are done and I have 30 staff responses completed out of 50.

Mark Fisher Principal

Students of the Week

Prep CD - Irie for an exceptional drawing of the Prep playground

Prep H - Kaylani, Emily and Riley for working hard to learn their first 100 sight words

Year 1C - Dezhaun for working hard to complete his English Assessment

Year 1H - **Zion** for extra effort with his reading and writing

Year 1N - Tee Moo for always being a conscientious student in class

Year 2H - **Aayushee** for a great effort in mathematics

Year 2J - **Ashlee** for fantastic improvement in all her subjects

Year 3B - Eva for creating and presenting an excellent English dialogue
Year 3M - Taliya for her great attitude and for excellent work in Science

Year 3T - Thu Re Sar for being a kind and respectful classmate

Year 4S - Sean for always working to the best of his ability, and always displaying beautiful

Year 4T - **Alex** for being super organised for the next technology task

Year 5G - Kyeron for participating and adding to discussion during English lessons

Year 5WI - **Quincy** for writing excellent topic sentences in his poetry reports

Year 6C - Jordan for applying effective strategies in maths challenges

Year 6N - **Georgia** for actively participating in class discussions

LOTE - **Poe Mi** for great participation skills in German. Ausgezeichnet!

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 11 August 2017

- 1C Mia
- 1H Jacob
- 1N Patrick
- 2H Cameron
- 2J Emily
- 3B Malsha
- 3M Joseph
- 3T Monique
- 4S Austin
- 4T Jermaine
- 5G Adrit
- 5WI Dihan
- 6C Kavinila
- 6N Tom

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





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

HOT DOG MEAL DEAL - TUESDAY 22 AUGUST



Pre-orders only - orders delivered to classroom first break.

Money and orders must be returned by Monday 21 August

\$5.00 - 1 Hotdog + drink + snack

Choose:

Hotdog: with sauce or no sauce

Drink: apple juice, pineapple juice, chocolate milk, strawberry milk or water

Snack: popcorn or corntos

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.

FROM THE LIBRARY



"There is no friend as loyal as a book." **Ernest Hemingway**

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 2017	
15 th	Youngstorm Program
15 th	Sporting Schools AFL (Yrs 3 & 4)
16 th	Public Holiday - EKKA
17 th	Senior Leaders & EALD excursion - EKKA
17 th	Sporting Schools AFL (Yrs 5 & 6)
18 th	Assembly
18 th	School Banking
18 th	Book Week Dress Up Day
18 th	Interschool Sport – Round 1
21 st	Sporting Schools AFL (Yrs 1 & 2)
22 nd	Youngstorm Program
22 nd	Sporting Schools AFL (Yrs 3 & 4)
24 th	Sporting Schools AFL (Yrs 5 & 6)
25 th	Assembly
25 th	School Banking
25 th	Interschool Sport – Round 2
25 th	Yr 6 Camp – 3 rd payment due

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ZILLMERE FESTIVAL



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

A free one-day event filed 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.

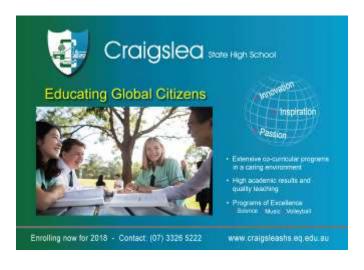
How it works

For every \$10 customers spend in store or online a sticker will be earnt. 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.

CRAIGSLEA STATE HIGH SCHOOL



ASPLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL



BRIGHTON STATE SCHOOL FETE



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

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

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