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22 August 2017

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents

Had you have been on assembly last Friday, you would have experienced a brilliant Book Week Dress Up Day on show. We had an amazing number of students take part. There were way too many to count but I'd guess that about three-quarters of our children were in some form of character dress. There were plenty of costumes bought in shops- Frozen princesses, Ironmen and Spidermen, Stormtroopers and Darth Vaders, to name a few. Some of the costumes though, were quite unique. We had a Big Bad Wolf, lots of sheep in Prep, Emily Eyefinger, Saucepan Man and many others- too many to mention. I did do one count on the morning, the number of staff members who came in a costume. That number was 36, which included teachers, teacher-aides, pre-service teachers and admin. I think it very important for teachers to model the responses we desire from students and they did just that. I dressed as a Star Wars Stormtrooper and I had two Year 3 stormtrooper sidekicks –Taiten and Ronin who helped me conduct the parade. A good time was had by all who attended and I am very pleased to report that we were overflowing with parents in our audience. It all added to a wonderful atmosphere in our hall, great for school spirit and a fantastic way to highlight the importance of books and reading.

### Naplan Results

As I wrote last week, we expected our full results soon and they arrived on Friday. The table below shows our results this year, compared to the last three years and 2008, when Naplan first started as a national test. This particular set of figures is what they call the mean scale score, in other words, the average of all our students who sat the tests. On the left side of the table are our scores in each year and on the right are the mean scale scores for all Australian schools in the same years. What we often take note of, is the colour coding. Red is below the Australian average; blue is around the Australian average; and green is above the average. Dark green is well above the Australian average. Important points to note:

- 2008 was all red. Each year we have progressively reduced the number of strands below average
- In half of the strands, we haven't had a below average result for four years
- Since 2015, we have started getting into the green area, showing above average results
- 2017 sees no reds, five blues, four light greens and our first ever dark green
- The 2015 Year 3 students are the 2017 Year 5 students. They have improved immensely

We are very pleased with these results, especially the trend of improvement that we are seeing. This is indicated in the numbers and by the green lines in the middle of the table. Special congratulations must go to our 'Dark Green' Year 3s in their Spelling, quite a brilliant effort on their part.

		This School					Nation			
		2008	2014	2015	2016	2017	2008 - 17	2008	2016	2017
Year 3	R	336.6	370.4	381.6	423.1	411.0		400.5	425.6	431.3
	W*	383.6	379.2	394.4	416.0	408.4		414.2	420.7	413.6
	S	341.0	408.2	387.6	419.6	439.5		399.5	419.8	416.2
	GP	334.0	389.7	395.6	422.4	440.2		403.2	435.8	439.3
	N	330.7	360.6	361.3	408.4	408.1		396.9	402.0	409.4
Year 5	R	415.9	458.9	497.6	474.4	499.2		484.4	501.5	505.6
	W*	428.2	437.1	471.0	451.3	476.8		486.5	475.6	472.5
	S	435.4	479.6	505.6	505.4	516.7		483.8	492.9	500.9
	GP	415.6	482.6	503.2	483.5	497.6		496.2	504.9	499.3
	N	428.3	465.3	473.4	481.2	496.3		475.9	493.1	493.8

Strands: R-Reading, W-Writing, S-Spelling, GP-Grammar/Punctuation, N-Numeracy

### **Walking Wheeling Wednesday Breakfast**

Wednesday next week (30 August) is our WWW Big Breakfast for Term 3. As usual, we will be putting on a breakfast to highlight active travel to and from school. Also, as is the tradition, I will be riding to school from the Hidden World Playground on Roghan Road with any students who wish to join me at 8am. Normally we have between 20 and 30 students who ride bikes or scooters through the cycle paths behind our school. The trip usually takes about 10-15 minutes and all are welcome.

### **Parent Opinion Surveys**

This will be my last reminder about the online Parent Opinion Surveys, as the survey website closes this Friday (August 25). So far we have had 29 parents complete the survey, which is an excellent response rate. If you still wish to give your feedback, you have until Friday afternoon to do so.

Mark Fisher  
Principal

## **Students of the Week**

- Prep B** – **Nevaeh** for working hard to improve her writing during Daily 5 activities
- Prep CD** – **Madison** for a spectacular improvement in reading
- Prep H** – **Terryk** for working hard and making responsible choices in class
- Year 1C** – **Isaiah** for improved effort and time management when completing class work
- Year 1H** – **Jasleen** for using her maths strategies to solve number facts
- Year 1N** – **Summer** for being a keen reader during Daily 5 CAFE
- Year 2H** – **Kai** for being a thoughtful and helpful student
- Year 2J** – **George** for fantastic improvement in Literacy activities
- Year 3B** – **Malsha** for excellent participation in class activities
- Year 3M** – **Tapa** for showing persistence and trying very hard to complete his arts activity
- Year 3T** – **Kelser** for doing a great job with your reading assessment this week
- Year 4S** – **Austin** for neat handwriting and writing a very good chapter review of 'Rowan of Rin'
- Year 4T** – **Harmanjit** for settling in well to 4T and following school routines
- Year 5G** – **Ava** for contributing insightful and correct answers during more lessons
- Year 5WI** – **Sophie** for excellent work in measurement activities in maths lessons
- Year 6C** – **Chauncey** for demonstrating 'on task' behaviours to engage with the learning
- Year 6N** – **Sam** for consistently displaying a high level of effort and behaviour within the school environment

## **BOOK AWARDS**



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 18 August 2017

- 1C – Noah
- 1H – Hamish
- 1N – Patrick
- 2H – Harmanpreet
- 2J – Raine
- 3B – Alysha
- 3M – Tapa
- 3T – Charlii
- 4S – Kady
- 4T – Ayush
- 5G – Cara
- 5WI – Engelene
- 6C – Talia
- 6N – Stacey

## 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*



#### **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

### 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



"Never trust anyone who has not brought a book with them."

***Lemony Snicket***

### BOOK CLUB NEWS

Issue 5 orders were received at the school and have been delivered to students.

Scholastic Book Club orders for Issue 6 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 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.

## DATES TO REMEMBER



### AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2017

22 <sup>nd</sup>	Youngstorm Program
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sporting Schools AFL (Yrs 3 & 4)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sporting Schools AFL (Yrs 5 & 6)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly
25 <sup>th</sup>	School Banking
25 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Sport – Round 2
25 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 Camp – 3 <sup>rd</sup> payment due
29 <sup>th</sup>	Youngstorm Program
1 <sup>st</sup>	Assembly
1 <sup>st</sup>	School Banking
1 <sup>st</sup>	Interschool Sport – Round 3
4 <sup>th</sup>	Maths Tournament – Brighton SS
5 <sup>th</sup>	Parent / Teacher Interviews

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR SECONDARY



#### ***Parent Information Evening Year 7 - 2018***

**Monday 11 September 2017**

**Commencing at 7:00pm**

**Assembly Hall**

**Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights**

***2018 Enrolment Applications are due  
now***

***For further details contact our  
Enrolment Officer Ms Lock on 3350 0328***

## ZILLMERE FESTIVAL – SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER



The poster features a large central circle with a colorful, wavy border. Inside the circle, the text reads: "ZILLMERE FESTIVAL" in large, bold letters, followed by "One place many cultures" in a smaller, cursive font. Below that, it says "SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER" and "O'CALLAGHAN PARK 10AM-3PM". Two circular callouts are positioned on either side of the main circle: the left one says "ALL FOOD \$5 OR UNDER" and the right one says "BACK AT O'CALLAGHAN PARK". Below the main circle, a horizontal band contains the text: "MARKETS • ART WORKSHOPS • LOCAL PERFORMERS • MULTICULTURAL FOOD • FREE ENTRY TO KIDS ZONE • LUCK DOOR PRIZES". At the bottom of the poster, there are several logos and the website address "www.jabiru.org.au".

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### KURBINGUI HOMEWORK CLUB

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***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.

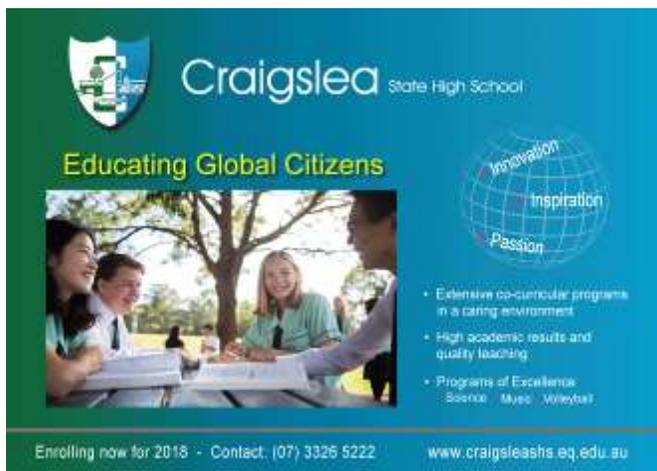
### **How it works**

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**.

## CRAIGSLEA STATE HIGH SCHOOL



## BALD HILLS LAWNTON LIONS CRICKET

### **2017/2018 Sign-on Days**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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**

**NORTH STAR FOOTBALL CLUB**

# PPFA Holiday Clinic



Second week of the school holidays

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

**At: North Star Football club, Zillmere, Jennings street.**

**\$180 per child, 6-10 years / 11-15 years**

This holiday clinic provides experienced coaching focusing on all aspects of the game catering for players at any level. Focusing on skills which will help them develop and prepare for the future.

Bring appropriate footwear, lunch, water, hats (canteen will be open for snacks)

Contact, Bradley Thompson: 0417543006 – [facebook@ppfaaustralia.com](mailto:facebook@ppfaaustralia.com)

Email: [bradthompson@ppfaaustralia.com](mailto:bradthompson@ppfaaustralia.com)

## 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](mailto:enquiries@sanddistshs.eq.edu.au)

Web: [www.sanddistshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.sanddistshs.eq.edu.au)

Address: 41 Braun Street, Deagan

Phone: 3869 9888

## BOONDALL SWIM SOLUTIONS

A photograph of a swimming pool with a lifeguard in a red cap and sunglasses assisting a child on a yellow kickboard. Another child is visible in the foreground. The image is overlaid with promotional text and logos.

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