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29 August 2017

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents

We have almost come to the three-quarter point in the school year and it is often the time when some of our students start to tire. The days are getting longer, the temperature is beginning to rise and the holidays are still nearly three weeks away. School is hard work for children and it can be physically and mentally draining. That can often result in a slipping of their usually high standards of behaviour. We have noticed this occurring in some of our classes and have been straight on to it. Usually it is little stuff, minor annoyances and irritations, which if left unaddressed, can lead to more general misbehaviour. Our teachers and Mrs Tunny and I have spoken to a number of students, emphasising to them that sensible behaviour, good manners and courtesy and consideration are important all the time, not just some of the time or even most of the time. This is especially true for our Years 5 and 6 students who set the tone for the rest of the school. Can I ask that parents reinforce this at home. Encourage children to be as good as they can be each and every day so that we have a fantastic environment all the time in our school for every student to enjoy.

### Metropolitan North Athletics Results

We had three students in the Bramble Bay Athletics team that competed in the Met North Track and Field Championships last Tuesday. Remembering that Met North encompasses the area from the Brisbane River, out to Narangba and contains about 90 000 students, our three were competing against very strong fields indeed. With that said, our competitors were outstanding in their events. McKenna came 7<sup>th</sup> in the Tetrathlon (100m, 800m, Long Jump and Shot Put); Richard was 4<sup>th</sup> in Shot Put; and Mya won the discus and the shot put for her age. Mya will be part of the Met North team that will compete in the Queensland State Championships, later in the year. I congratulate them all for their great efforts.

### World Teacher-Aides' Day

This Friday is World Teacher-Aides' Day however we will be celebrating it at school on Thursday as many of our wonderful teacher-aides don't work on Friday. Traditionally, when we think of schools, we think of teachers and students. I suppose many years ago, this is how it was. I can't imagine now how schools could have worked that way. Teacher-Aides are integral to the good operation of schools. They do so much and add a lot of value. At Taigum State School, our teacher-aides do playground duty, run the uniform store, take groups of children for intervention in literacy and numeracy, work in SEP and our ECDU, make resources and generally do anything else asked of them. I don't know where we would be without them. This Thursday, the teachers will put on a morning tea for them, do their playground duty for them and basically make their world day as special as possible. It is a small token of thanks for the huge job they do. Well deserved, I'd say.

### Tuckshop News

The Hot Dog Day last Tuesday went very well indeed, with the tuckshop team making 240 of them. This was a tremendous response from our families. What made that even better was the strong demand for Friday tuckshop even though the students had already had one day earlier in the week. I talked to the ladies on Friday and they were very pleased with the week they had had and they are already looking forward to some special tuckshop days in term 4.

### Reminders

- Our Walking Wheeling Wednesday Breakfast is happening this week on Wednesday (tomorrow) morning from 8am in front of the hall.
- Parent-teacher Interviews are taking place on Tuesday September 5 (next week) from 3pm in the hall

Mark Fisher  
Principal

## Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Kayla** for excellent listening during classroom activities  
**Prep CD** – **Aryna** for neat and careful handwriting  
**Prep H** – **Carole-Marie** for working hard in all subjects, especially Science  
**Year 1C** – **Kassandra** for showing hard work and determination in all class activities  
**Year 1H** – **Noah** for his excellent retell of the book 'The Cocky, the Crow and the Hawk'  
**Year 1N** – **Anabelle** for being a caring and thoughtful class member  
**Year 2H** – **Tyler-Marie** for a great effort in Mathematics  
**Year 2J** – **Matthew** for a fantastic improvement in Reading  
**Year 3B** – **Xavier** for participating well and doing well in Maths  
**Year 3M** – **Makena** for showing kindness and patience towards another student  
**Year 3T** – **Sarah** for working very hard to achieve your reading goal this term  
**Year 4S** – **Zion** for always displaying a positive attitude and doing his best. Well done!  
**Year 4T** – **Basil** for great effort for his book review. He included rhetorical questions and specific language features.  
**Year 5G** – **Richard** for working hard to understand different math strategies  
**Year 5WI** – **John** for using fantastic noun groups in English  
**Year 6C** – **Anand** for his positive approach, joining in the learning and working hard in class  
**Year 6N** – **Poe Mi** for putting a great effort into her art assessment to create a beautiful Zentangle fruit bowl  
**LOTE** – **Deeana** for challenging herself in German activities. Ausgezeichnet!

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017

- 1C – Joe
- 1H – Ruby
- 1N – Kingdeep
- 2H – Harmanpreet
- 2J – Sophia
- 3B – Rahman
- 3M – Selena
- 3T – Charlee-Jay
- 4S – Sukhmandeep
- 4T – Tyler
- 5G – Andrew
- 5WI – Princess
- 6C – Nate
- 6N – Mark

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

### 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.

## 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.

## **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?***

<b>If a student misses...</b>	<b>That equals...</b>	<b>And over 13 years of schooling...</b>
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.

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.

Each day School Participation Officers will review student absences and contact will be made with parents where it appears that there are unexplained or lengthy absences that will impact on student achievement. Success in 2017 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*

### FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Just a reminder if all tickets (sold or unsold) in the Father's Day raffle could please be returned to the school by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

The raffle will be drawn on Friday's assembly, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

A huge thank you to all our parent volunteers who help make Friday tuckshop days a success. Thank you also to the parents who were able to assist with our hot dog day last Tuesday. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

## **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**



“When I get a little money, I buy books. If any is left, I buy food and clothes.”

*Erasmus*

## **BOOK CLUB NEWS**

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

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
5 <sup>th</sup>	Youngstorm Program
8 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly
8 <sup>th</sup>	School Banking
8 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Sport – Round 4
8 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 Camp – <i>Final payment due</i>
12 <sup>th</sup>	Youngstorm Program
12 <sup>th</sup>	Theatre Performance (1:45 – 3:00pm)
13 <sup>th</sup>	PCYC Netball
14 <sup>th</sup>	Aspley Eagles Soccer (Yrs 5 & 6)
15 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly
15 <sup>th</sup>	School Banking
15 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 3 <i>School resumes on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct</i>

## 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 for the Zillmere Festival features a large central circle with a colorful, wavy border. Inside the circle, the text reads "ZILLMERE FESTIVAL" in large, bold letters, followed by the tagline "One place many cultures" in a script font. Below this, it states "SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER" and "O'CALLAGHAN PARK 10AM-3PM". Two circular callouts provide additional information: "ALL FOOD \$5 OR UNDER" and "BACK AT O'CALLAGHAN PARK". A central banner lists activities: "MARKETS • ART WORKSHOPS • LOCAL PERFORMERS • MULTICULTURAL FOOD • FREE ENTRY TO KIDS ZONE • LUCK DOOR PRIZES". At the bottom, logos for JABIRU, Kurbingui, Star, PCYC, and the Government of Western Australia are displayed, along with the website "www.jabiru.org.au" and the text "Proudly supported by".

### KURBINGUI HOMEWORK CLUB

Kurbingui  
youth development Ltd



***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**.

## 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

## CRAIGSLEA STATE HIGH SCHOOL

A promotional banner for Craigislea State High School. The banner has a blue background. At the top left is the school's crest, which is a shield with a book and a quill. To the right of the crest is the text "Craigislea State High School". Below the crest is the text "Educating Global Citizens". In the center is a photograph of four students sitting around a table, looking at books. To the right of the photograph is a globe with the words "Innovation", "Inspiration", and "Passion" written around it. Below the globe is a list of bullet points: "• Extensive co-curricular programs in a caring environment", "• High academic results and quality teaching", and "• Programs of Excellence: Science, Music, Volleyball". At the bottom of the banner, it says "Enrolling now for 2018 - Contact: (07) 3326 5222" and "www.craigisleashs.eq.edu.au".

**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)

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