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7 September 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

As you read this, we are only a week and a half away from the September holidays and our parent-teacher interviews will have just concluded. I hope you had an informative discussion with your child's class teacher and you know exactly how your son or daughter is travelling, going into the final term of 2017. I can tell you that our teachers really value the interview process and gain excellent insights into the education of each and every one of their students.

Theatre Afternoon

As you know, not only is Mrs Mackay our music teacher, she is our performing arts supervisor and does a lot of work in this area. The performing arts for primary school students include music, dance and drama. Of these, both music and dance tend to get a lot more attention than drama. Mrs Mackay has been on a mission to redress this imbalance and has been working with every one of her classes on dramatic poetry. All our students will get the opportunity to perform on Tuesday next week. We have hired a stage to best showcase this talent and each year level will be doing an item in costume, in the hall and in front of an audience of students and parents. This is a first for us, specifically in the drama field and we are keen to see how well our students perform in this area. A full programme of the items will go out early next week, but the main points are as follows:

- 1:00pm for a 1:45pm start in the hall
- Gold coin entry
- Tea and coffee available from hall canteen
- 3pm finish

NB: Students come to school in uniforms and change into their costumes before their performances

Maths Competition

This week, about two hundred schools participated in the District Maths Competition at several schools around the metropolitan region. We fielded two Year 6 teams who took part in the competition on Monday at Brighton State School. There were twenty-two teams at our venue who worked really hard to answer the ten team questions and the thirty relay questions. These questions were extremely difficult with many teams scoring around fifty out of a possible hundred points, save for the eventual winners Eagle Junction State School who had one exceptionally talented mathematician in their team, allowing them to score 94. (A record) Our teams tried really strongly, exhibited good teamwork and although neither of them placed in the medals, they both learnt a lot. I congratulate them on their efforts and thank our two pre-services teachers, Ms Franolich and Mr Goulding who acted as team supervisors.

Interschool Sport Changeover

There is no rest for our interschool sport competitors. This week sees the end of the Winter seasons of netball and rugby league but as the Summer season starts in Week 2 of next term, next Friday we'll have to run trials for our boys and girls touch teams. That Friday is the last day of term so all prospective touch players need to be in attendance as there will be only one more Friday in which to practise, before the first round of competition. As usual, the season will run for four consecutive Fridays from 13 October. Notes will be out shortly.

Reminders for the Next Week

Tuesday 12 September – Theatre Afternoon from 1pm
 Wednesday 13 September – PCYC Netball Community Cup
 Thursday 14 September –Aspley Eagles Soccer Competition
 Friday 15 September – Last Day of term

Mark Fisher
 Principal

Students of the Week

- Prep B** - **Majid** for writing and illustrating a fantastic story-book
Prep CD - **Adonai** for consistently trying his best in all activities
Prep H - **Silbeth** for achieving a new level on her sight words
Year 1C - **Gabind** for working hard and always participating in classroom discussions
Year 1H - **Dean** for being a super new class member of 1H
Year 1N - **Te Akau** for settling into a new school environment quickly and writing a detailed retell of The Four Dragons
Year 2H - **Stanny** for trying his best in Math rotations
Year 2J - **Sabrin** for hard work in Maths
Year 3B - **Moowahpaw** for being a super listener and worker, particularly for doing an excellent wool weaving in art
Year 3M - **Otis** for working hard to complete his visual arts project independently
Year 3T - **Syna** for being able to ignore any distractions around you and continue working diligently
Year 4S - **Ezekiel** for continually striving to do his best in class. Well done
Year 4T - **Yasmin** for fluent and expressive reading
Year 5G - **Ger Kler Htoo** for answering questions in class and being a good friend to others
Year 5WI - **Robbie** for working consistently hard on the maths measurement activities
Year 6C - **Shakota** for a quiet focus in her work and staying on task in lessons
Year 6N - **Tom** for demonstrating renewed focus and engagement towards his school work
LOTE - **Ryedyn** for excellent effort during all German activities. Ausgezeichnet!

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 1st September 2017

- 1C - Anmolpreet
- 1H - Hamish
- 1N - Violet
- 2H - Jessica
- 2J - Kallen
- 3B - Cooper
- 3M - Yana
- 3T - Naman
- 4S - Tameika
- 4T - Derek
- 5G - Jesica
- 5WI - Maayewin
- 6C - Deeana
- 6N - Emily

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

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



"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."
Benjamin Franklin

DATES TO REMEMBER

 SEPTEMBER 2017	
5th	Parent / Teacher Interviews
5th	Youngstorm Program
8th	Assembly
8th	School Banking
8th	Interschool Sport – Round 4
8th	Yr 6 Camp – <i>Final payment due</i>
12th	Youngstorm Program
12th	Theatre Performance (1:45 – 3:00pm)
13th	PCYC Netball
14th	Aspley Eagles Soccer (Yrs 5 & 6)
15th	Assembly
15th	School Banking
15th	Last day of Term 3 <i>School resumes on Tuesday 3rd 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***

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**.

NORTH STAR FOOTBALL CLUB

NORTH STAR FC.

FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CLINIC

Monday 18th – Thursday 21st September

North Star FC – Jennings Street, Zillmere

4 days of fun games, competitions, learning new skills & more

\$180 per child *second child \$150, third child \$120*
Ages 6-18

Bring football boots, shin pads, hats, water, and lunch

To register email developmentnorthstar@outlook.com
Or call Tom on 0477 245 478

Two soccer balls are shown on either side of the text. They are yellow and black with a Nike swoosh.

PPFA HOLIDAY CLINIC



Second week of the school holidays

Monday 25th September – Thursday 28th 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](https://www.facebook.com/ppfaaustralia.com)

Email: 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

Web: www.sanddistshs.eq.edu.au

Address: 41 Braun Street, Deagan

Phone: 3869 9888

BOONDALL SWIM SOLUTIONS



Holidays are just around the corner.....we've planned a fun program to keep the kids busy including some great new activities:

- 'Beach Safe Program' in conjunction with Surf Life Saving Qld
- Specialist Stroke Clinics
- Learn to Swim Intensives
- Triathlon Clinics
- Squad Intensives

For all the details on the above programs go to:
swimsolutions.com.au/school-holiday-programs/
BOOK NOW!! Spaces are limited.