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12 September 2017

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents

At the end of each term it seems customary to look back at what has been achieved over the last ten weeks. When I check the Term 3 calendar, there were plenty of things happening as very few days were blank. The biggest and the best in Term 3, in my opinion, were our Naplan results. They continued on the upward trend that we have been achieving over the last five years and every one of the individual strands of the test was equal to or above the Australian average. Our Year 3 spelling results were way above average and comparable to the best in the land. The beneficiaries of this of course, were our students who worked strongly across the term. Their behaviour standard remained high as well, with only one suspension in the term and very few, if any, major incidents.

Our children had academic success and also had success on the playing fields. We had several teams competing in netball and rugby league as well as the Aspley Eagles soccer competition. We fielded our largest ever athletics team and had the most athletes qualify for the Bramble Bay team than in any other year. Many, many students took advantage of our after school coaching in netball and AFL to improve their skills in these games. On the whole, it's been good to be a Taigum SS student this term.

### P&C Committee

I think this has been one of the best term's input from our parent group and I need to acknowledge this publically. Apart from the great work in the tuckshop, the Friday afternoon sport, the morning teas and the raffles, it has been wonderful seeing new parents interacting with the school in a variety of new roles and new ways. We've also had tremendous support from our broader parental group with strong attendances at Parent-Teacher interviews, doing the opinion surveys and attending Friday assemblies. There is a good energy in our school from this and I hope it continues.

### Theatre Afternoon

When our hall was built five years ago, we had 350 students. We now have nearly 400 and combining them with approximately 250 parents who came to watch the theatre afternoon, we had about 700 people in the building when you count all our staff. It was very full and this made for a few difficulties, but on the whole, the afternoon went off pretty well. This was the first time that we have attempted such an afternoon, and I thank Mrs Mackay for all the work she put into it. Also thanks, once again, to our P&C volunteers who provided afternoon tea.

### Enjoy the Break

Friday is the last day of term and then we have two weeks holiday, followed by the Queen's Birthday holiday on the Monday. That means school does not return until Tuesday 3 October. Whilst all us teachers will be enjoying some holidays, I realise this may not be the case for many parents who have to make alternate arrangements due to work commitments. I hope at least, that the change of routine will make the next couple of weeks a bit more bearable and that you have plenty of quality time with your children without washing and ironing uniforms, without having to walk them to school and without any homework for quite a few days. Stay safe and we will see you in Term 4.

Mark Fisher  
Principal

## Students of the Week

- Prep B** – **Tarnvir** for an accurate map of features of our classroom
- Prep CD** – **Zeenat** for responsible and helpful behaviour
- Prep H** – **Jasper** for his concentration and effort to complete his tasks
- Year 1C** – **Kassandra** for producing an excellent storyboard of “The Four Dragons”
- Year 1H** – **Riley** for extra effort with all tasks in the classroom
- Year 1N** – **Patrick** for trying his best in writing and drawing a detailed retell of “The Four Dragons”
- Year 2H** – **Jessica** for doing a great job with her oral presentation
- Year 2J** – **Katelyn** for great improvement in all subjects and behaviour
- Year 3B** – **Miguel** for persistence in whatever task he is doing and not giving up until he gets it right
- Year 3M** – **Grace** for showing enthusiasm towards classroom activities
- Year 3T** – **Keeran** for working very hard on your assessment tasks this week
- Year 4S** – **Bajedo** for showing strength of character, a positive attitude and a great sense of humour
- Year 4T** – **Siti** for working diligently in her assessment pieces
- Year 5G** – **Arian** for always listening to instructions and for participating during class time
- Year 5WI** – **Anjali** for consistent effort in numeracy groups
- Year 6C** – **Rhys** for trying very hard in Mathematics. A great level of involvement
- Year 6N** – **Sam** for constructing a good analysis speech for his panel discussion

## BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

- 1C – Po Eh
- 1H – Jasleen
- 1N – Tee Moo
- 2H – Koko
- 2J – Nicole
- 3B – Eva
- 3M – Makena
- 3T – Mathiva
- 4S – Devine
- 4T – Derek
- 5G – Azariah
- 5WI – Lauren
- 6C – Nate
- 6N – Georgia, Abbie, Stacey and Ethan

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

### 2018 BOOKLISTS

A copy of stationery requirements for 2018 Booklists have been given to each student today. If you wish to purchase the pack, please complete both sides of the order form and return with payment to the school by Friday 24 November.

### 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



"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child."

*Dr Seuss*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

 SEPTEMBER 2017	
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 <b>School resumes on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### 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**.

### CRAIGSLEA STATE HIGH SCHOOL

A promotional banner for Craiglea State High School. It features the school's crest and name at the top. Below is the slogan 'Educating Global Citizens' and a photo of students. To the right is a globe with the words 'Innovation', 'Inspiration', and 'Passion'. A list of bullet points describes the school's programs. At the bottom, it says 'Enrolling now for 2018 - Contact: (07) 3326 5222' and provides the website 'www.craigleaschools.eq.edu.au'.

## NORTH STAR FOOTBALL CLUB

**NORTH  
STAR FC.**



**FOOTBALL  
HOLIDAY CLINIC**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:developmentnorthstar@outlook.com)  
Or call Tom on 0477 245 478



# 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 (barbecue will be open for snacks)

Contact, Bradley Thompson: 0457543006 - [facebook.com/ppfaaustralia](https://www.facebook.com/ppfaaustralia)

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

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## SENSORY MOVIE DAY

Tickets \$6each

DREAMWORKS

**CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS**  
THE FIRST EPIC MOVIE

EVENT CINEMAS

bcc GREATER BRISBANE

11am Sunday 17th September

Qld Locations: Morayfield, Maroochydore, Mackay North, Capalaba, Browns Plains, Toombul, Indooroopilly, Ipswich City, Robina, Cairns, Toowoomba Grand, Townsville & Rockhampton

Sensory Movie Day—Inclusive event for families/carers with special needs children and adults.

Lighting on Dim ~ Sound lowered ~ Free to move around ~ No Seating allocation ~  
Volunteers monitoring the fire exit doors ~ Siblings and extended family welcome ~  
Non-judgemental screening in a sensory friendly environment.

Tickets can be purchase on the day (Unavailable online)

Any questions email [sensorymoveday@hotmail.com](mailto:sensorymoveday@hotmail.com)

## KEDRON STATE HIGH SCHOOL



Traditional - Academic - Disciplined - Diverse

# Year 7 Enrolments for 2019

Open **October 3**

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## TWILIGHT COMMUNITY MARKETS



# *Twilight Community Markets*

**Saturday 7 October**

4.30pm to 8pm

To book at stall for \$15 email Annie at [twilightmarkets2017@gmail.com](mailto:twilightmarkets2017@gmail.com)  
(No food Stalls please)

**The Salvation Army North Brisbane Church**

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All profits go towards supporting our Youth & Children's Ministries here at North Brisbane Salvos