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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

I wrote a couple of weeks ago about bullying at school and the steps we take to try to minimise it, like our 'High Five' strategy. One area I didn't cover was cyberbullying. When I was at school this sort of bullying couldn't exist (no computers in the 60s) so the worst it got was written notes passed around. Unfortunately now, the written notes get put up on a phone or computer screen for everyone to see so their impact is not just upon the target but also any other person who is seeing the same thing. Cyberbullying has far more reach than any other sought of intimidation. It can be committed in a bedroom, on a bus or anywhere in the world with an internet connection. You'll remember last year hackers sent bomb threats to Australian schools from overseas. Being very widespread, it is difficult to monitor and very hard to control. The two things that we can all do that do work to some degree are teaching our children how to be responsible users of social media (including the dangers associated with it) and closely monitoring the device usage of our children. I see Prep students walking out the school gates using mobile phones to access data. We start them very young, often before they know about potential online hazards. Parents need to be vigilant and need to limit children's screen time when there are alone. Supervision of social media communication by a responsible adult greatly reduces the chance of poor behaviour, just as the responsible supervision of children's TV habits limits their access to inappropriate material.

At school, students are locked out of social media software on our computers. Our teachers educate children in internet etiquette and we have regular police talks, mainly for the older students, about cyberbullying. This is a classic example of the need for school and home to work together to combat a practice that can have lasting effects upon us all.

Including in this newsletter over the page, is an article entitled '*Sharenting: Do You Share Too Much About Your Children on Social Media?*' It is a piece written by an American paediatrician about how much our lives revolve around social media and how we might unknowingly be hurting our children. It's worth reading.

Aspley SHS Arts Excellence Day

Today all our Year 6 students and teachers are spending their days enjoying a variety of arts activities at Aspley State High School. Not only will our students be experiencing hip hop dancing, drama, visual art, drumming and team activities, they will also have the chance to learn a little about secondary schooling. Our students will meet Ms Jacquita Miller, the principal and will learn about the structure of the school and how classes are formed and what subjects they can expect to be studying. It's only about 10 months until they will be at Aspley or some other local high school, so it's a great time to ask questions and find out as much as they can.

Principals' Conference

On Thursday and Friday of this week, Queensland Education is having its third biennial principals' conference. About 1250 of us are meeting on the Gold Coast for two days of discussion, professional development and planning to ensure we are moving in the right direction as a department. In my absence, Mrs Tunny will be acting principal. If you cast your mind back a couple of years ago to the last principals' conference, you might remember that the highlight (for want of a better term) was 75 people going down with serious food poisoning. Let's hope that's not the case this year.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Sharenting: Do You Share Too Much About Your Children on Social Media?

Dr Kate Land

As a paediatrician, I get questions from parents almost weekly about how to monitor and moderate their children's screen time, especially their use of social media. Parents want their kids to spend less time on their phones and more time connecting in real life. However, parents don't seem as concerned about their own use of social media and how they're representing their children online. Perhaps they should be. It's common for parents to post about their children online. In fact, more than 90 percent of American children have an online presence before the age of 2, according to a study by the internet security firm AVG. We share so much there's now a term for it: sharenting. Sharenting describes parents' habitual use of social media to share news and images of their children – whether it's poking fun at a pouty teen at a museum or a toddler in the midst of potty-training, proudly clad in Spiderman briefs.

Sharing the highs and lows of parenthood can create camaraderie and support. But before we enter into the social media space, we need to consider whether we are potentially compromising our children's safety, embarrassing them or violating their privacy with online postings that will linger for years to come. The potty-training post, for example, could mortify your child as a teen – or worse, it could attract a paedophile, even with privacy settings.

As a mother of three who enjoys social media, I see both the benefits and risks of sharing our parenting experiences online. We tap into a support network to get us through those difficult moments. An online support community can be crucial for parents whose children have health, emotional or behavioural struggles. Social media can help families stay connected with distant relatives. Video chats with grandparents benefit both kids and adults. But a darker side to all of this online connectivity potentially exists:

- Posting about our children can put them at risk of identity theft and digital kidnapping, which is when someone copies pictures of a child and then uses the pictures, claiming to be the parent.
- Their photographs can be copied and reposted on webpages frequented by paedophiles.
- Posts can fuel bullying – online or in person.
- If parents share without their children's permission, they may create a sense of mistrust and disrespect between them.

Given that most of these outcomes are uncommon, I'm most concerned about the lack of respect and communication between parents and their children. Many children now come of age with a digital footprint created by their parents before they've had any say in it. Their stories have been told without their input, and understandably teens may resent this. Before posting online about my kids, I ask them for input and permission. I give them veto power. They differ in their sense of privacy: One wants me to share very little about his life, while two are comfortable with almost anything. All of them appreciate being asked. By asking for input and permission, parents are not only showing respect for their children and their sense of identity and privacy, they are also modelling good digital behaviour. We are showing our children that it's not OK to talk about others online or post pictures of them without asking for permission first. Adapted from a 2016 legal paper on children's privacy in social media, these guidelines are helpful to keep in mind before posting online about your children:

- First, ask yourself who will benefit from the post. If you're not posting pictures, comments or information about your children for their benefit (to help them bond and communicate with distant relatives, for example), skip it.
- Before you share online, be sure you'd be just as comfortable sharing the same information in public – because you are.
- Do not discuss your children's behavioural or emotional struggles.
- Do not share information about your child's location, since this can put your young one at risk.
- Before posting about your children, ask yourself how they might feel in the future about what you're sharing.
- Never post pictures of children of any age in any state of undress, even a baby in a bath tub. Such pictures can be copied and reposted on sites used by paedophiles.
- Do not include their full name and birth date in your social feeds – such as with a birth announcement. Doing so risks identity theft.
- Know the privacy settings on the platforms you use, but also understand that even posts shared with closed groups can reach a wider audience than intended.
- Set up an alert on Google for your kids' names to track where information about them appears.

Sharing our parenting journey with family, friends and support groups is valuable and it's here to stay. But before we hit the "post" button, let's be mindful and carefully consider the consequences by asking who our sharenting serves and how it may negatively affect our kids. Let's create an online world that's safe, considerate and supportive, and share stories that make everyone feel comfortable.

Students of the Week

Prep B	- Atticus for working well at group time
Prep CD	- Leilani for being positive and helpful in the classroom
Prep H	- Riley for being an enthusiastic learner
Year 1C	- Josie for always being a polite and well mannered student who works hard in all subjects
Year 1H	- Jasleen for working hard on all tasks especially her letters
Year 1N	- Anabelle for showing initiative and picking up rubbish on the way to class
Year 2H	- Rame for great work and involvement in all English lesson activities
Year 2J	- Kallen for fantastic problem solving in Maths
Year 3B	- Miguel for significant improvement in a maths assessment
Year 3M	- Damien for always trying his best
Year 3T	- Jada-Lee for always putting 100% into all areas of your learning
Year 4S	- Samuel for having great suggestions for the narrative chapter
Year 4T	- Gianni for his great writing skills for the new chapter of the 'Twits'
Year 5G	- Prabhjot for consistently working hard every single day, with a smile on her face!
Year 5WI	- Rhianna for including persuasive techniques when writing her text on 'Public Transport – Is it the Way to Go?'
Year 6C	- Talia for embracing 'Sizzling Starts' to produce engaging orientations
Year 6N	- Lincoln for constructing clear and logical mathematical justifications throughout his assessment
LOTE	- Harith for being an enthusiastic participant in German classes

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 24th February 2017.

- 1C - Gadind
- 1H - Hamish
- 1N - Kingdeep
- 2H - Jessica
- 2J - Althea
- 3B - Artin
- 3M - Taliya
- 3T - Arman
- 4S - Kahan
- 4T - Sa Gay Thay
- 5G - Jacob
- 5WI - Ashlee
- 6C - Talia
- 6N - Poe Mi Paw

FROM THE OFFICE

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Student Absences - How You Can Help

Parents who have notified us of their email address 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 email each morning. The email message looks like this:

Taigum State School records show is absent on ../../.

Please reply by email 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 email message, or a phone call from school staff to explain your child's absence

To explain an absence or lateness please reply by email message. 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.

FROM THE LIBRARY



"Wear the old coat and buy the new book."
Austin Phelps

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

SALE ITEMS

We currently have limited stock of old style school fleecy jackets on sale. Normally \$30 now selling for \$10.

Available in size 4, 12 and 16 only.

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.



The rewards available during 2017 are:

Term 1-

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers

Term 2-

- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case

Term 3-

- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball

Term 4-

- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking day is Friday. Each week you need to bring your deposit book to the office before school.

Should you wish to open an account for your child/ren we will be holding a School Banking Information Session at our school:

Time: 8:00am – 9:00am

Date: Wednesday 22 March 2017

Location: Under D block

Please join us and find out more about the School Banking program and how your child can get involved.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank account for your child you prior to this morning, you can also visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. A School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session to show you how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver's licence and your child's birth certificate, but if you don't have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.

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 CHAPLAIN

Twilight Community Markets

including International Food Markets and Karaoke are being held on Saturday 25 March from 5pm to 8pm. Location is at the Salvation Army North Brisbane Church on the corner of Handford & Roghan Roads, Taigum. All profits go towards supporting our Youth & Children's Ministries at North Brisbane Salvos. If you are interested in having a stall the cost is \$15.

DATES TO REMEMBER

 FEBRUARY / MARCH 2017	
28th	Youngstorm
28th	Aspley SHS Arts Excellence Day (9am – 2pm)
3rd Mar	Assembly
3rd Mar	School Banking
3rd Mar	Interschool Sport – Round 1
7th Mar	Youngstorm
10th Mar	Assembly – House Captain Investiture
10th Mar	Interschool Sport – Round 2

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM (PERFORMING ARTS)

Clubs are running well and we have many children coming to the music room to have some fun. As there are quite a few excited children in year 3 wishing to learn the recorder, I have extended the invitation for recorder club to all 3 – 6. If you remember, please check to see if your child has brought back their club notes. I have plenty of spares if your child still wishes to join.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1 st break	Keyboard	School Choir	Guitar Club	Recorder Ensemble
Year Level	5-6	2-6	4-6	3-6
2 nd break			Art Club	
Year Level			1-6	

Band started with an enthusiastic group of musicians. Well done band for helping each other get started. For those children just starting to learn an instrument, they are welcome to join the band as soon as they know about 5 - 6 notes. Remember band will be on every **Monday morning 8:00am in the hall**. Lessons will still be WEDNESDAYS so don't forget to bring your instruments on that day too.

We still have some instruments left so if your child would like to play trumpet, saxophone, bass clarinet, tuba, trombone or euphonium, please let me know and I can organise the letters and information for you.

Congratulations to 3M for being this week's star musicians for outstanding behaviour and beautiful singing. Who will be the music stars this week?

We have an exciting event coming up this term. For the first time, Taigum State School will be presenting their very own Art Gallery, where every student will be displaying a piece (or two) of their artwork. Come along to a fantastic ONE NIGHT ONLY Art Gallery evening. This will be on the same afternoon as the Parent / Teacher Interviews, so while you wait, or have finished, come and visit our gallery. More information will be sent home soon.

Thank you to all for your support,
 Andrea Mackay
 Music Specialist

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ASPLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL – TWILIGHT TOUR



Enrolment for 2018

Wednesday 8th March 2017

Tour our school and talk with staff. Doors open 4:30pm and Tour commences at 5:30pm

To register please phone 38639222
email enrolments@aspleyshs.eq.edu.au or
follow the link on our website.

KOOBARA COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA



Everyone is Welcome!

Koobara Kindergarten and Pre-Prep Community Afternoon Program is back.

When: Tuesday afternoon every fortnight (next date 21st February)

Time: 3:30 pm – 5:00pm

Where: 421 Beams Rd, Taigum

Please come along and join us all in preparing and sharing our evening meal, with Aunty Ruth Roma (our deadliest cook).

Join in the fun, with various activities for the children and parents. This event is for everyone so come and meet us for a fun afternoon.

The bus will pick-up and drop off with-in our local area, if you require transport. The bus picks up from Zillmere State School at 3:20pm.

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. ADULTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

For more information please phone Cindy or Chelsea on 3265 7171.

STRATHPINE SCORPIONS NETBALL CLUB



LIMITED POSITIONS LEFT!!

Strathpine Scorpions Netball Club is a small, family orientated club with a proud tradition of offering participants the affordability to play netball.

Fees for 2017 are: \$280

Included in your fees are team photos, club break up and entry fee for PRNA carnival.

A discount of \$10 per sibling is offered also. (redeemable after registrations completed)

Registrations can be done online, follow the links on our Facebook or website pages.

CLUB CONTACTS

SECRETARY: Melissa Tynan 0416 160 029
secretary@strathpinescorpions.com

TRAINING & GAME DAY LOCATION

Pine Rivers Netball Association, Les Hughes Complex, 119 Francis Road (Corner Baker Street), Lawnton.

We look forward to welcoming you to our club.

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