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18 October 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

We head into Week 3 with weather warnings in place for the next few days. It is timely to note that under certain circumstances, we wouldn't release students at 3pm if it was not safe to do so. The obvious cause of this would be a thunderstorm. If it hit just before or after 3 o'clock, we would keep children in class until it was safe to leave. The same could happen for an intense rain storm, if conditions were dangerous. Holding them past 3pm could cause some problems in the parent car park, but child safety is our highest priority. I hope we don't ever have to do this, but be aware we will if the circumstances occur.

Opinion Surveys

In August, the three groups that comprise our school – students, parents and staff – were given the opportunity to present their thoughts on school operations in the annual opinion surveys. This week I'll concentrate on the Parent Survey. The first thing to note is that 92 parents responded. That is double last year's number. The following graphic is a summary of the findings.

Most positive items	Agreement	Least positive items	Agreement
This school celebrates student achievements.	98.8	This school asks for my input.	77.2
My child feels safe at this school.	96.7	This school keeps me well informed.	84.3
The expectations and rules are clear at this school.	96.7	This school takes parents' opinions seriously.	89.5

If we look at the least positive items, I note that all of them are about communication between home and school. We have work to do in this area to improve. However, some of that may be covid related. It's been a strange year, once again. If you look below, I have another graphic showing a bit more information in more detail. The first column is our school's results, while the second is Metropolitan Region's and the third, all schools in Queensland. Anywhere there is a positive number in Columns 2 and 3, means we are higher than those groups and a negative means we are lower. You will note that there is only one negative number in the table, the one about partnerships which is related to the communication numbers in the first picture. Overall, our responses are 1.5 to 13% better than other schools in the local area and those in the wider Queensland context. These are good results and we work hard to maintain a quality service to our community. I'm glad to see that in the main, the community sees it pretty much the same way.

	Parent/Caregiver Agreement		
	Your school	Your region	Old state schools
Common items			
...student behaviour is well managed...	95.5	8.8	13.4
...students are treated fairly...	92.0	1.4	4.0
...expectations and rules are clear...	96.7	2.4	3.7
...respectful student relationships fostered...	94.0	2.1	4.6
...gender equality at school...	95.2	2.7	4.5
...this is a good school...	95.5	1.6	3.7
...opinions are taken seriously...	89.5	5.3	8.0
...like being at school...	96.6	3.7	6.0
...feel safe at school...	96.7	4.1	6.6
...students are interested in school work...	94.2	5.4	7.4
Concepts			
Fairness / Clarity of rules	94.8	4.2	7.0
Safety	96.1	3.4	5.6
Partnerships	88.6	-0.6	1.2
School culture	95.5	3.1	4.9
Teaching and learning	94.0	3.7	5.0

Senior Leaders

I must congratulate the first four Year 5 students to qualify as Senior Leaders – Chloe, Zoe, Jasleen and KT. They have done an excellent job in fulfilling the requirements and are now in line to possibly fill the student leadership roles that will be available in 2022. I know they are a few more getting very close, which is wonderful. Once their badges arrive, we will present them on our next available assembly

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

Prep B	- Emily for excellent listening and kindness to others
Prep G	- Louisa for always taking pride in her school work
Prep H	- Wylde for being a kind person to his teachers and his friends
Year 1H	- Lochlan for working hard on all his sounds and sight words
Year 1N	- Haven-Jay for always completing neat homework
Year 1T	- Taylan for improvement on displaying a positive attitude to his school work
Year 2C	- Megan for her selfless behaviour, helping others in the classroom
Year 2H	- Kaydee for always trying her best in English
Year 2J	- Judhiel for consistently working hard in our lessons
Year 3B	- Eleisha for extra effort in homework tasks
Year 3K	- Latrice for making a fantastic effort to improve her spelling
Year 3M	- Tali for always putting in an amazing effort when completing homework
Year 4R	- Rhys for excellent participation in discussions in all subjects, and a good sense of humour
Year 4T	- Chloe for conscientiously working on and applying your reading strategies. Well done!
Year 5G	- Chifley for a mature and responsible attitude in and out of the classroom
Year 5K	- Aericka for continuing to show leadership qualities in all she does
Year 5WI	- Anmolpreet for being an interested and hard-working student
Year 6C	- ON CAMP
Year 6N	- ON CAMP

BOOK AWARDS



Congratulations to the following students who received awards for their bookwork on Friday 15th October 2021

- 1H - Fynn
- 1N - Diesel
- 1T - Jordan
- 2C - Gabriel
- 2H - Abhijot
- 2J - Vy
- 3B - Tamiaka
- 3K - Winry and Gabrielle
- 3M - Cynthia
- 4R - Ava
- 4T - Elspeth
- 5G - Deandra
- 5K - Chyna
- 5WI - Zoey
- 6C - Tahnee
- 6N - Marnie

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



If your child is absent from school due to ill health or other reasons, please phone the Absence Line on 3632 9866, or alternatively, send an email to admin@taigumss.eq.edu.au or a note to your child's class teacher.

For auditing purposes all student absences must be explained.

GROUP PHOTO ORDERS



Queensland School Photography will be taking Group photographs on Tuesday 2nd November 2021.

- **School Band**
- **Year 6 cohort**
- **Senior Leaders**
- **Bramble Bay Cross Country**
- **Bramble Bay Swimming**
- **Netball teams**
- **Rugby League teams**
- **Newcomb Ball teams**
- **Touch Football teams**

If you wish to purchase a group photo, cost \$15 each, please ask your child to collect an order envelope from the office. Payment can be made by credit card or alternatively enclose the correct cash inside the envelope and return to the photographer on photo day.

UNIFORM SHOP

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Monday to Thursday mornings: 8.00am to 8:45am

SPORTS SHIRTS & SENIOR SHIRT ORDERS

We have had a great response for Sports and Senior Shirt orders.

As the order will need to be placed this week, if your child is wanting to purchase either of these shirts please ensure their order and money are returned by Thursday 22nd October 2021. **No orders will be accepted after this date.** All students are able to try on samples and double check their size before placing the order. Orders can be returned and paid for at the office when the Uniform Shop is not open.

The shirts will be ready for collection early in Term 1 2022.

FROM THE P&C

FREE BREAKFAST FOR STUDENTS ONLY

The P&C will be serving a free breakfast, cereal and fruit, on Wednesday 27 October between 8:00am – 8:30am from the Tuckshop.

All students welcome.

FROM THE LIBRARY



“Maybe this is why we read, and why in moments of darkness we return to books: to find words for what we already know.”

Alberto Manguel

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop operates on TUESDAY and THURSDAY

Please ensure orders are taken to the tuckshop before 9am in a bag stating 1st or 2nd Break order, Child's name, class, and food/drink ordered.

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2021	
OCTOBER	
20 th	Year 6 Camp (20-22 Oct)
22 nd	Assembly
26 th	Yr 4 Girls' Well-being Group
29 th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
NOVEMBER	
2 nd	Group Photo Day
2 nd	Yr 4 Girls' Well-being Group
5 th	Assembly

COMMUNITY NOTICES

GOJU RYU KARATE

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YES!

I want my child to learn:

- ✓ **CONFIDENCE**
- ✓ **SELF DEFENCE**
- ✓ **DISCIPLINE**
- ✓ **RESPECT**
- ✓ **STRANGER DANGER**

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TOUCH RUGBY LEAGUE – COMMENCING TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER

We are SUPER EXCITED to let you know that TRL Juniors is starting at Taigum State School on Tuesday afternoon 3:30pm!

TRL (Touch Rugby League) is a fun, non-contact sport for children aged 6-8yrs. With TRL Juniors, your child will learn to kick, catch and pass to their teammates in a friendly, fun, team environment, with support every step of the way from Professional and Accredited Coaches and staff. Sessions run for 45 minutes and cost is \$15.90 per week. On the last Friday of every month, your child will get to play in their team against other schools at the TRL Juniors gala nights!

To register online head to <https://bit.ly/TaigumStateSchool>.

For more info, or to organise a Free Trial, email the team via operations@trl.com.au. or phone 0411 597 643



SCAN TO
LEARN MORE

JOIN TRL JUNIORS TODAY

At TRL Juniors your child will:

- 1) Develop core skills such as kicking, passing and agility/evasion.
- 2) Be able to enjoy footy in a non-contact environment with no tackling.
- 3) Be able to train and play as a team.



WWW.TRLJUNIORS.COM.AU



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Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

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-  books & supplies
-  sports fees & gear
-  camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must be at least 18 years or over, have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education yourself, have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner), have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*



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