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19 August 2025

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents

For those of you who may have missed my introductory letter last week, please let me introduce myself once more. My name is Kathy Dickson, and I am the acting Principal here at Taigum State School for the next 5 weeks whilst Mr. Fisher is assisting with the development of some new processes within our Region.

If you are a family with a long history with Taigum SS, some of you may be familiar with my name as I once filled the Master Teacher role here, before moving into my current substantive role as the Deputy Principal of Bald Hills State School, where I have been the proud Deputy Principal since 2018. It is with a real sense of pride that I return to Taigum State School as the Acting Principal whilst Mr Fisher is away.

The students and staff here at Taigum have been incredibly welcoming, as have the families that have taken their time to say hello and welcome me to your lovely school community. Seeing everyone at drop off and pick up is a definite highlight! I look forward to sharing the rest of this term with you all.

### This Week

We have two events occurring this week. This Tuesday, we have 'Crazy Sock Day', with students, staff, and parents wearing their crazy socks and bringing a gold coin donation for Daffodil Day. Thank you for all donations. Our second event is Book Week – one of my favourite events on the school calendar. I've heard that, like me, the teachers and students here at Taigum love a good dress up, and as we all also love a good book, this event brings those two things together, and I am greatly looking forward to seeing the costumes and favourite books of students within our school.

### School Opinion Surveys

Have you received the link for the School Opinion Survey? You should have received an email link from the department with a link that takes you directly to the survey. The survey takes no more than 10 minutes to complete, and we'd love to hear your voice, so we actively encourage you to click the link and assist us in continuing to move Taigum State School forward.

### Parents & Citizens Thank You

Last night I attended my first P&C meeting here at Taigum. Thank you to our P&C for the warm welcome, it's great to see such a healthy and active P&C sharing their time and supporting the fundraising and continued growth of Taigum State School.

On behalf of the school and the P&C I would like to thank Catherine S, who stepped down from her role as Secretary last night. We deeply appreciate the time given by Catherine and look forward to welcoming an incoming Secretary at the next P&C Meeting.

### Bounce Back

This week in our *Bounce Back* program, we will be discussing the important skill of 'making and keeping friends.' Friendships are one of the most rewarding parts of childhood. They bring joy, laughter, and belonging, and they help children feel safe and supported at school. But making and keeping friends doesn't always come naturally — it's a skill that can be learned, practised, and celebrated. Through the *Bounce Back* social and emotional learning program, students are taught the essential skills of forming and maintaining positive friendships. Positive friendships help children to feel included and valued, build confidence and self-esteem, and strengthen their resilience when things get tough. This week, students will learn that being a good friend takes effort and practice. We will discuss how to make friends - by asking to join in games and activities politely and showing interest in others' ideas and feeling. Also how to keep friends - being trustworthy and kind, saying sorry and forgiving when mistakes happen, and respecting differences and compromising when needed.

## How Families Can Help at Home

Parents and carers can support their child's friendships by:

- Encouraging playdates and opportunities to practise social skills.
- Talking about what makes a good friend.
- Praising friendly behaviour such as sharing, listening, or including others.
- Helping children work through small conflicts calmly and respectfully.
- Modelling positive friendships in your own life.

By learning how to make and keep friends, children are developing lifelong skills that will help them in school, at home, and in every stage of life. Friendships build not only happiness, but also resilience, empathy, and connection. Let's continue to nurture these important skills so our students can bounce back and thrive together as friends and classmates.

Wishing you a wonderful week,  
Kathy Dickson  
A/Principal

## Students of the Week

<b>Prep BW</b>	- <b>Ivy</b> for showing everyone what a great learner looks like. You always try your best and set a wonderful example for your friends.
<b>Prep H</b>	- <b>A'ahleah</b> for being a positive, energetic student every day
<b>Prep R</b>	- <b>Oliver</b> for a fantastic effort in explaining your thoughts and ideas
<b>Year 1C</b>	- <b>Anastacia</b> for trying hard during her speech practice
<b>Year 1G</b>	- <b>Nalina</b> for her perseverance during Maths lessons. Keep up the good work!
<b>Year 1P</b>	- <b>Jaxon</b> for always trying his best
<b>Year 2H</b>	- <b>Theo</b> for doing an amazing job with fractions
<b>Year 2L</b>	- <b>Shay</b> for being an expressive and fluent reader during literacy hour
<b>Year 2T</b>	- <b>NJ</b> for showing fantastic improvement in reading. Keep up the great work!
<b>Year 3B</b>	- <b>Tom</b> for his quiet and productive work during maths
<b>Year 3C</b>	- <b>Talullah</b> for fantastic focus, great listening and sharing of ideas during class discussion and terrific effort completing class work. Well done!
<b>Year 3H</b>	- <b>Jia</b> for her fantastic efforts during English
<b>Year 4C</b>	- <b>Torah</b> for trying her best, being on-task and giving everything a go in Math
<b>Year 4R</b>	- <b>Dottie</b> for thoroughly planning and building her persuasive argument
<b>Year 5I</b>	- <b>Aria</b> for bringing an amazing energy to school each day, making people smile
<b>Year 5T</b>	- <b>Jason</b> for consistently showing leadership qualities
<b>Year 5W</b>	- <b>Stephanie</b> for working hard on her history assessment task
<b>Year 6C</b>	- <b>Bella</b> for a great attitude and focus in constructing her persuasive argument in English
<b>Year 6G</b>	- <b>Harry</b> for working hard during fraction work and implementing strategies
<b>Year 6M</b>	- <b>Caitlin</b> for engaging more with class discussions and leading by example
<b>LOTE</b>	- <b>Ashvi</b> for a wunderbar effort in LOTE

## FROM THE OFFICE

### 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](mailto:admin@taigumss.eq.edu.au) or a note to your child's class teacher.

For auditing purposes all student absences must be explained.

### PERSONAL DETAILS UPDATE

There are times when the school may need to contact parents and carers.

Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please email the school on [admin@taigumss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@taigumss.eq.edu.au) so we can update our records.

These details include parent/carer's name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details change.

**MATIFIC MATH COMPETITION**

The Matific Maths Competition is now complete! Our school placed 48th, with over 22 countries competing. We earned 13138 stars over the 5 days and 220 of our students participated. Below is a list of the Ruby Award winners - each earned 25 entries to win a Samsung Tablet! Thankyou to all who made this a wonderful event!

1P	Armaan
1P	Calida
1P	Hana
1P	Sonny
1P	Harfate
1P	Zaidyn
1P	Ainsley

2H	Xavier
2H	Theo

3C	Talullah
3C	Elly
3B	Rayan
3B	George
3C	John
3C	Pauline
3H	Axel
3H	Bentley

4R	Skylah
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5I	Xanthe
5	Lachlan
5	Kurt

6C	Zeke
6C	Kate
6C	Gabriel
6C	Brooklyn
6G	Ashvi
6G	Ridham
6M	Salena
6M	Suhimaya
6M	Wuodomee
6C	Ankita
6C	Delnia

**FROM THE LIBRARY**



“Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere.”  
*Mary Schmich*

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**2025 UNIFORM SHOP TIMES**

The uniform shop will be open Monday to Thursday between 8:00 - 8:45am only.

**UNIFORM SHOP CLOSURE**

The uniform shop will be closed on the following dates:

- Monday 25 August – staff training
- Tuesday 26 August – staff training

We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

**FROM THE TUCKSHOP**

***Tuckshop operates on TUESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY***

**Tuckshop is open both breaks on Fridays.**  
First break will be an **ONLINE ONLY** special meal deal.  
Second break will be normal ordering.

**REMINDER FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 4-6:**  
On Friday's when Interschool Sport is being played students in Years 4-6 are reminded not to order Tuckshop for second lunch break.

Remaining Term 3 Interschool Sport Dates are: 22 and 29 August; and 12 September.

**Friday 22 August - Spaghetti \$6.50**




***QKR - Tuckshop Ordering System***

QKR is a secure and easy way to order and pay for lunches from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

- Step 1: Download Qkr!
- Step 2: Register
- Step 3: Find our school (in Nearby Locations) Taigum State School
- Step 4: Register your children.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

 AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2025	
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Book Week
20 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast Club
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Assembly
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Book Week Dress-up day</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Interschool Sport – Rd 4
27 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast Club
29 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly
29 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Sport – Rd 5
29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Camp – 3 <sup>rd</sup> payment due
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1 <sup>st</sup>	P&C Meeting – 6:30pm
1 <sup>st</sup>	Science Week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Breakfast Club
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Science Fair (Hall) 1:10pm
4 <sup>th</sup>	2026 Prep Parents information session (Hall) 9:30am
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>
12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y6 Camp – Final payments due</b>
12 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Sport – Rd 6

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**HOMEWORK CLUB**

Mrs Mohamed is available in the EALD room (next to 2L classroom) Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:15 to 8:45am to help students with their homework and reading.

This is a free drop-in service and students do not need to attend every day or for the whole time.

## WAVELL SHS – PROGRAMS OF EXCELLENCE



### Unlock Your Potential at Wavell State High School!

## Programs of Excellence Year 7 2026

Whether you shine on stage, in the classroom, or on the field - Wavell's Programs of Excellence are your pathway to success.

With specialised opportunities in The Arts, Academic Honours, and Sport, our programs are designed to extend your talents, challenge your thinking, and help you achieve your personal best in a supportive, high-performance environment.

**Are you ready to take your game to the next level?**

Wavell's elite Netball and Rugby League (Boys & Girls) Programs offer expert coaching, high-level game development, and a strong focus on balancing academic success with sporting achievement. Push your limits. Play with purpose. Succeed on and off the field.

**'Warrior for a Day'**  
Netball Trials  
Rugby League - Boys & Girls Trials  
Friday, 29 August 2025

**Ready to be inspired?**

Our Academic Honours Program goes beyond traditional learning. Engage in real-world projects and dive deep into creative, critical thinking with like-minded peers.

**Academic Honours  
Entrance Exam  
Tuesday, 2 September 2025**

**Shine in the spotlight!**

From stage to studio, our Arts Programs nurture talent in a professionally guided, creative environment. Whether you dance, act, or play, Wavell is the place to grow your passion.

**The Arts  
Dance, Drama & Music Auditions  
Wednesday, 10 September 2025**





Some positions are still available for Year 7 2026.  
Apply Now! Visit our Website:  
<https://wavellshs.qs.edu.au/enrolments/enrolling-at-our-school>

Empowering Learners. Empowering Futures.

## BRISBANE SOFTBALL





# Come 'N Try! T-ball & Softball

**FREE  
EVENT**

Meet  
Australian and  
Queensland  
representative  
players!

For all children  
Aged 4 – 14yo

Date: Saturday 13 September 2025  
Time: 9.00am – 11.00am  
Place: Downey Park,  
Green Terrace, Windsor

**REGISTER  
NOW!**



Plus art  
activity in  
clubhouse



Summer  
season club  
sign on  
information  
available

Use the QR Code to register or head to the following link:  
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/brisbanesoftball/home/>  
E: [secretory@brisbanesoftball.com.au](mailto:secretory@brisbanesoftball.com.au)  
[www.childprotectionweek.org.au](http://www.childprotectionweek.org.au)  
[www.brisbanesoftball.com.au](http://www.brisbanesoftball.com.au)  
M: 0408 071 808

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**EVERYBODY'S  
BUSINESS**



# BRISBANE SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

invites you to join our

**4 - 14  
YEARS**

All weather  
training facility  
available

**\$67\*/  
PLAYER**

\*Inc 12 mth  
registration with  
Softball Aus/Qld

# Mini League

A program designed to introduce kids to the game of T-ball/softball

**NO  
EXPERIENCE  
REQUIRED -  
ALL  
EQUIPMENT  
PROVIDED**

**5 WEEK  
PROGRAM  
PLUS  
OPTION TO PLAY  
IN SOFTBALL QLD  
JUNIOR  
CARNIVAL  
SAT 8 NOV 25**

**WEDNESDAY  
4PM - 5.15PM**

- 8 October 25
- 15 October 25
- 22 October 25
- 29 October 25
- 5 November 25



**@ DOWNEY PARK, WINDSOR**

**REGISTER NOW**

**ENQUIRIES: SECRETARY@BRISBANESOFTBALL.COM.AU**



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