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2 September 2025

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Week 8 and the beginning of Spring. For many of us, Spring brings the anticipated Queensland warmth that many of us love. Spring in Qld is the perfect mix of cool mornings and evenings, and warm days, yet by the time we return in Term 4, that characteristic heat will begin as we head towards summer.

A reminder about ensuring sun safety as the UV rays get harsher, making sure our learners all have access to hats and sunscreen.

### **Teacher Aide Appreciation Week** - Honouring Our Outstanding Teacher Aides

Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week 1–5 September 2025

This week, we proudly celebrate the excellence and dedication of our Teacher Aides here at Taigum SS, whose work is vital to the heart of our school community. Their professionalism, expertise and unwavering commitment to enrich the learning journey for every student.

From the Library to the classroom, the playground to the sporting field, our Teacher Aides are there — guiding, encouraging, and ensuring that all students feel supported, included, and empowered to succeed. Their impact goes far beyond the classroom, helping to create safe, inclusive, and engaging environments across every corner of our school, and without them, schools would be poorer places.

To all our incredible Teacher Aides: thank you for your tireless work, your compassion, and the expertise you bring each day. We are truly grateful.

### **Student Free Day**

This Friday 5th September is a Student Free Day. Student Free Days are held to enable teachers to engage in professional development and curriculum and assessment planning and development. Please note that the school is closed to students on this day, and no one will be onsite, so be sure to mark this in your calendar and arrange alternatives for you child/ren on this day.

### **Car Park Reminder**

A gentle reminder that Baldwin Living carpark is a private carpark and not for public use. Please ensure you are using our school carpark. Our car park runs right down behind our pool, and staff are on duty in the morning and afternoon assisting with drop off and pick up. We thank you so much for your attention to this matter.

### **P&C Father's Day Stall and P&C Meeting**

Our P&C will be running a Father's Day stall here at school this Wednesday the 3rd of September. All classes will visit the stall, providing all students with an opportunity to purchase something. To cater for all needs, items will range in price from \$1 through to \$10.

Please also note that the next P&C Meeting will be held in Week 9, on Monday 8th August at 6:30pm.

## Bounce Back – Humour

This week in our social and emotional learning program, we are discussing the benefits of humour. Laughter really is the best medicine! Our Bounce Back program teaches children that humour is healthy, enjoyable, and an important part of life. Humour helps children (and adults!) cope with challenges, strengthen their relationships, and boost their mood. It's a simple but powerful way to build resilience and bring joy into everyday life. Humour plays a valuable role in wellbeing because it helps us to relax, it aids in reducing stress, it can help us to build friendships, and it increases optimism and positive thinking. Humour also encourages flexible thinking and problem-solving and

helps children bounce back when things go wrong by lightening the load. This week students will learn that humour is a wonderful resource when used in the right way. We will discuss how to use positive humour by laughing at your own mistakes instead of being upset, using humour to make situations less stressful and enjoying playfulness and silliness in safe, respectful ways. Through class discussions, activities, and stories, children will practise recognising and using humour that is kind, positive, and inclusive.

### How Families Can Encourage Humour

Parents and carers can nurture healthy humour by:

- Sharing family jokes, funny stories, or playful games together.
- Encouraging children to laugh at small mistakes instead of being hard on themselves.
- Modelling the use of humour to cope with challenges ("That was tricky, but at least it gave us a funny story to tell!")
- Talking about the difference between kind humour and hurtful humour.

By learning that humour is healthy and enjoyable, children discover a powerful tool for coping with challenges, strengthening friendships, and creating joyful moments in everyday life. At school and at home, let's keep encouraging safe, positive humour as a way to bounce back and brighten the journey for ourselves and others.

Wishing you a wonderful week,

Kathy Dickson  
*Principal*

## Students of the Week

<b>Prep BW</b>	- <b>Viraj</b> for showing some wonderful maths learning
<b>Prep H</b>	- <b>Jedidah</b> for being a kind, motivated and amazing student
<b>Prep R</b>	- <b>Lucas</b> for knowing about numbers and telling us
<b>Year 1C</b>	- <b>Abel</b> for trying hard to use adjectives in his writing
<b>Year 1G</b>	- <b>Hazel</b> for working hard to settle into new routines and expectations at Taigum State School. Well done!
<b>Year 1P</b>	- <b>Rayne</b> for using her friends of 10 knowledge to solve a word problem
<b>Year 2H</b>	- <b>Armani</b> for working hard and not giving up when solving fact families
<b>Year 2L</b>	- <b>William</b> and <b>Aurora</b> for writing incredible narratives about The Three Billy Goats Gruff!
<b>Year 2T</b>	- <b>Jamie</b> for always being kind and respectful to her peers and teachers
<b>Year 3B</b>	- <b>Freddy</b> for his enthusiastic contributions during class discussions
<b>Year 3C</b>	- <b>Tori</b> for Welcome to Taigum State School and our 3C class
<b>Year 3H</b>	- <b>Zander</b> for a sterling effort to get written work completed in a timely fashion
<b>Year 4C</b>	- <b>Zeshan</b> for staying on-task, focussed and showing initiative as a classroom helper
<b>Year 4R</b>	- <b>Elon</b> for his enthusiasm when exploring vocabulary and morphology
<b>Year 5I</b>	- <b>Ryan</b> for his excellent work using and applying different rules in Math
<b>Year 5T</b>	- <b>Markus</b> for his outstanding behaviour, a true model student and for exceptional morphology knowledge
<b>Year 5W</b>	- <b>Miles</b> for excellent participation in discussion and activities during Literacy time
<b>Year 6C</b>	- <b>Delnia</b> for consistent strong application to all aspects of school life
<b>Year 6G</b>	- <b>Nakiah</b> for working hard during lessons
<b>Year 6M</b>	- <b>Eric</b> for actively engaging in class discussions
<b>LOTE</b>	- <b>Tyler</b> for a wunderbar improvement 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.

## FROM THE LIBRARY



"It does not do to dwell on dreams and forget to live."  
*J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone*

### BOOK CLUB NEWS

Issue 6 has been sent home with students. Should your child wish to purchase any items, please ensure their order form and correct money are returned to the school on or before Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

**No orders accepted after this date.**

## UNIFORM SHOP

### 2025 UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

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

## 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: 12 September.**

**Friday 5 September – Tuckshop Closed  
STUDENT FREE DAY**

***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.

**FROM THE P&C**



## DATES TO REMEMBER



### SEPTEMBER 2025

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Breakfast Club
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Father's Day Stall
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>	STUDENT FREE DAY
8 <sup>th</sup>	P&C Meeting – 6:30pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 6 Camp – Final payment due</b>
12 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Sport – Rd 6
16 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher interviews
17 <sup>th</sup>	Aspley Soccer Challenge

## 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



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**"Wanker for a Day" Netball Trials**  
Rugby League - Boys & Girls Trials  
Friday, 20 August 2025

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

**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, 20 September 2025

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



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