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25 November 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

As I write this, it is the QTU strike day and we have 130 students present at school, all of whom will be fully engaged in activities throughout the day. Tomorrow, normal school will resume and we have a couple of busy days to end the week. See below for details.

Junior Swimming Carnival

This is occurring on Thursday (27 November) for our Years 1 – 3 students as follows:

9.15am Session 1 Year 1

11.30am Session 2 Year 2

1.45pm Session 3 Year 3

Parents are welcome to attend to watch the races that cater for all levels of swimmers.

Prep Aqua Fun Day

On Friday, in the middle session (11:30 am -1:00 pm). This is a fun carnival to celebrate our Prep's first term in the pool and is all about taking part. Once again, parents are welcome to attend and be part of the fun.

The Back to School Boost

The Back to school boost provides a \$100 credit for every primary school student (Prep to Year 6) enrolled at our school. The Back to school boost will help families cover the cost of school essentials. The department will centrally apply a \$100 credit to each enrolled student's account at the start of the 2026 school year. Families choose which cost they will use their \$100 for throughout the year. For example, families may apply their 2026 Back to School Boost towards the cost of the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) or, other school related expenses such as excursions, camps, or extra-curricular activities. Please note that the Back to school boost cannot be used for reimbursement of purchases made at external stores, nor can it be provided as a cash payment. Please contact the school administration to discuss how you'd like to use your Back to school boost.

Bounce Back

This week in our *Bounce Back!* program we are discussing 'set a goal and make a plan to succeed.' Achieving success doesn't happen by chance — it happens when we set goals and make a plan to reach them. The *Bounce Back!* social and emotional learning program teaches children that goal-setting is a powerful way to stay focused, work hard, and celebrate progress. When children learn how to set realistic goals and plan the steps to achieve them, they develop confidence, self-discipline, and a sense of purpose. These are essential life skills that help them in school and beyond. Setting and working toward goals helps children to:

- Build motivation and a sense of direction
- Learn to plan and manage their time
- Feel proud of their effort and achievement
- Develop persistence and problem-solving skills
- Bounce back from setbacks by adjusting their plan

Goals give children something positive to aim for and helps them understand that success takes effort, patience, and planning. This week, students will learn to break down their dreams and ideas into small, achievable steps. They will be encouraged to set specific goals, make a plan, take action, keep going, and celebrate their success.

How Families Can Encourage Goal Setting at Home

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

- Talking about goals as a family (e.g., saving for something, learning a skill)
- Helping your child set small, realistic goals that can be achieved in steps
- Celebrating effort and persistence along the way
- Modelling your own goal-setting and planning
- Encouraging reflection: "*What worked well? What could you do differently next time?*"

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

Prep BW	- Sima-Dan for being a kind and patient friend
Prep H	- Oliver for an amazing start at Taigum State School
Prep R	- Riley for making an awesome start in Prep R!
Year 1C	- Gurkirat for being a cheerful and positive student of 1C
Year 1G	- Dylan for a fantastic effort writing his retell of Goldilocks and Just One Bear
Year 1P	- Hana for her wonderful retelling of Goldilocks and Just One Bear
Year 2H	- Cruz for always trying his best in reading groups
Year 2L	- Ryan for supporting other classmates and showing empathy
Year 2T	- Harper for her great enthusiasm and focus when practising for the Christmas Concert
Year 3B	- Layla for her exceptional effort when writing her narrative text
Year 3C	- Jasmine for great effort creating your 'Tiny World' during Visual Art
Year 3H	- Axel for approaching problems with humour and grace
Year 4C	- Dion for your improved focus and effort. Rock it on!
Year 4R	- Spencer for a positive attitude, excellent manners and a strong work ethic
Year 5I	- Tristan for making a consistent effort to positively contribute to class discussions
Year 5T	- Lachlan R. for showing true leadership skills when helping students with uploading photos to Green Screen in his own time
Year 5W	- Lachlan S. for writing a sequenced and engaging imaginative text. You had great ideas and used a wide range of language features creatively. Well done!
Year 6C	- Helena for enthusiastic writing and sharing her narrative in English
Year 6G	- Jestin for giving a huge effort during Maths
Year 6M	- Paul for being enthusiastic in lessons and showing a strong desire to learn new things
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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 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 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



"A little drop of paint lets your imagination run wild. A smudge and a smear can make magic appear."

Beautiful Oops by Barney Saltzberg

UNIFORM SHOP



UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

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

Additional Opening Times:

8:00am – 11:00am and 11:30am – 12:30pm

on Monday 8 December, Tuesday 9 December and Wednesday 10 December.

The Uniform Shop will close for 2025 on Wednesday 10 December.

2026

8:00am – 12:30pm

on Monday 19 January, Tuesday 20 January and Wednesday 21 January.

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.

Friday 28 November – Big Mac Bowl \$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

 NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2025	
NOV	
26th	Breakfast Club
26th	Y4 Excursion – Boondall Wetlands
27th	Junior Swim Carnival
28th	Assembly
28th	Prep Aqua Fun Day (11:30am – 1:00pm)
DEC	
1st	Meet 2026 Teachers
1st	Christmas Carols – Salvation Army Hall
3rd	Breakfast Club
5th	Assembly
8th	Wavell SHS – 2026 Y7 Orientation Day
8th	Aspley SHS – 2026 Y7 Orientation Day
9th	Y6 Graduation Ceremony (Hall)
9th	Reports go home
10th	Assembly – Final Parade of 2025 (Students of the Year)
12th	Last day of Term 4
	<i>School resumes on Tuesday 27 January 2026</i>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework
 Club is now
 open!

Mrs Mohamed is available in the
 EALD room (next to 2L)
 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.

SALVATION ARMY – LAVISH 2025

A festive poster for NBC Salvos Lavish 2025. The top features a string of warm white lights and pine branches. The title 'NBC Salvos Lavish 2025' is in a large, elegant red script font. Below it, the text 'Need help this Christmas?' is in a bold black sans-serif font. A paragraph explains that Christmas can be stressful and that NBC Salvos wants to share the love of Jesus by helping in a practical way at their Lavish event on Saturday 20 December. Another paragraph describes how they help: for eligible clients in their designated area, they can help with the cost of groceries and let you choose some toys/gifts for your children (up to 17 years old). An eligibility section states that if you have a Centrelink Health Care Card or a Pension card, or if you are a refugee, asylum seeker or migrant with an Immi Card or Visa, or if you are struggling financially with the cost of living, you may be eligible. The phone number 0448 875 799 is prominently displayed in a large red font, with the text 'We will start taking calls from 11 November' below it. The bottom left features the Salvation Army logo and the handle @nbcsalvos. The bottom right shows a small gift box wrapped in brown paper with a red bow, set against a background of pine branches and gold stars. The address 'Cnr Handford & Roghan Roads Taigum 4018' is at the very bottom.

NBC Salvos Lavish 2025

Need help this Christmas?

Christmas can be a stressful time. At North Brisbane Salvos, we want to share the love of Jesus by helping in a practical way at our Lavish event on Saturday 20 December.

How we help: For eligible clients in our designated area we are able to help with the cost of groceries and let you choose some toys/gifts for your children (up to 17 years old).

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WAVELL SHS – Y7 ORIENTATION DAY

A poster for Wavell SHS Year 7 Orientation Day. The top features the school's crest, which is a shield with a cross, the word 'WAVELL' in a banner, and 'W.S.' and 'H.S.' on either side, with the motto 'ESSE QUAM VIDERI' at the bottom. To the right of the crest, the text 'ORIENTATION DAY' is in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font, followed by 'YEAR 7 2026' in a slightly smaller blue font. Below this, the date 'Monday 8 December, 2025' and the time '8:30AM - 2:30PM' are written in a red script font. The bottom half of the poster shows two students, a girl and a boy, standing outdoors against a blue sky with green trees in the background. They are both wearing maroon school blazers with the school crest on the left chest and wide-brimmed hats. The girl is on the left, wearing a white shirt and a striped tie, and the boy is on the right, wearing a white shirt. They are both smiling at the camera.

ORIENTATION DAY

YEAR 7 2026

Monday 8 December, 2025

8:30AM - 2:30PM

WAVELL

W.S. H.S.

ESSE QUAM VIDERI