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10 November 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

It's this time of year when we get into a very strange period that I tend to call the Twilight Zone. We are almost at the end of the year but not quite. It's hot and often humid and many of us, whether we be parents, students or teachers, are all very tired. Behaviour standards drop, small things annoy us and many are more irritable than normal. This happens every year. Luckily in a couple of weeks, it lifts and we get back to regular operations with everyone happy again. Please be aware of this and take it into account when things happen that you would normally ignore.

After School Use of Playground
After 3:00 pm, our Year 1 and 2 playground is used as an integral part of Jabiru's after school program. Of late, we have had non-Jabiru students using it to play in the afternoon. That raises two issues. Firstly, depriving Jabiru of the area (as I said) and secondly, delaying students getting home. When the bell goes, we expect all our students to go straight home, not to hang around, not to chat with their friends, but walk, ride or get picked up by a parent. By 3:15 pm, the only students I would expect to see are at Jabiru or being supervised by us in the car park.

Communicating with the Office
With Mrs Jackson's retirement, it is important that emails are addressed to admin@taigumss.eq.edu.au to ensure they get to the intended recipient. Some are sending to Mrs Jackson's email and she, of course, is not at school anymore. Ms Campbell has taken over and she monitors the admin email address full time.

Bounce Back
This week, as part of our Bounce Back! social and emotional learning program, students will explore *cyberbullying, respectful online behaviour and the impact that spreading rumours can have on others*. Technology provides wonderful opportunities for children to communicate, learn and connect with others. However, as children begin to interact in digital environments, it is important that they develop the skills to communicate safely and respectfully. A key message for our students is that the same expectations for kindness and respect that apply face-to-face also apply online. For our Prep to Year 2 students, the focus will be 'what is cyberbullying?' In an age-appropriate way, students will begin to understand that unkind behaviour can occur through digital devices as well as in person. They will learn that repeatedly sending or sharing messages, pictures or other content intended to hurt, frighten or embarrass another person is not okay. Most importantly, younger students will learn that if something online makes them feel worried, upset or uncomfortable, they should stop and seek help from a trusted adult. In Years 3 and 4, students will further develop their understanding of cyberbullying and how online behaviour can affect others. They will consider how messages and images can be shared quickly and may reach a much larger audience than intended. Students will discuss the importance of thinking carefully before posting, commenting or sharing and will learn that forwarding, liking or joining in with hurtful online content can contribute to the harm being caused. Our Years 5 and 6 students will explore how spreading rumours can be a form of bullying. Students will consider how rumours and gossip can damage friendships, reputations and a person's sense of belonging. They will also examine how technology can amplify the impact of rumours by allowing information to spread rapidly and beyond the original audience. Students will be encouraged to question information before believing or sharing it and to recognise the importance of respecting other people's privacy. Across all year levels, students will learn that being a responsible member of our school community extends to the digital world. If students experience or witness concerning online behaviour, they will be encouraged not to respond or retaliate, to keep evidence where appropriate, and to seek support from a trusted adult. Families play an especially important role in developing children's online habits. Regular conversations about the games, apps and online spaces children use can help ensure they feel comfortable asking for help when something goes wrong. Questions such as, "Would you say that to someone face-to-face?", "How might that message make someone feel?" and "What should you do if you receive something hurtful?" can help children make thoughtful choices online.

Mark Fisher
Principal

Students of the Week

Prep BW - **Miller** being clever, creative and kind, an awesome TSS student

Prep H - **Lukey** being a superstar with all prep writing tasks

Prep R - **Daniel** being an awesome learner and giving your best efforts

Year 1C - **Viraj** being an awesome learner and giving your best efforts

Year 1G - **Riley** for consistently approaching learning tasks with a positive attitude

Year 1P - **Phillip** for applying his sound knowledge to his writing

Year 2H - **Ahana** for doing a fantastic job writing and presenting her English speech

Year 2L - **Zaidyn f**or his beautiful bookwork

- **Elijah f**or improvement in his reading during literacy hour

Year 2T - **Koa** for wonderful work on his English speech

Year 3B - **Brooke** for a great job demonstrating your understanding of how metal is a conductor of heat

Year 3C - **Drew** for a superstar effort with your latest maths assessment, well done

Year 3T - **Isabelle** for consistently demonstrating excellent effort and attitude towards all learning

Year 4C - **Axel** for being an exceptionally attentive listener who never misses a word of Miss Sun's instructions

Year 4R - **Kevin** for an all round great guy, positive, a hard worker and cheerful

Year 4W - **Tasman** for his enthusiasm with all his learning, it is great to see him stretch his wings

Year 5T - **Koko** for showing initiative, making thoughtful decisions and displaying determination during lessons

Year 5W - **Neo** for your fantastic effort in writing your persuasive test, Excellent Work!

Year 6G - **Thomas** for a huge effort in his written work in all subjects

Year 6M - **Allie** for always bringing positivity and humour to each lesson

Year 6N - **Tiayla** for being a dedicated and hard working student who always strives to do her best!

LOTE - **Xavier** for showing excellent German vocabulary retention

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

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



"The only think you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library."
Alber Einstein

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open Mondays and Fridays between 8:00am – 8:45am.

Families can now purchase uniforms via the QKR app (the same app used for ordering tuckshop). Orders can be collected from the school office during school hours by parents/carers or by your child.

If you have any enquiries about uniforms, please email the uniform shop directly on uniforms@taigumss.eq.edu.au

2027 OPENING TIMES

The Uniform Shop will be open on
Monday 18th January – Wednesday 20th January 2027
between 9:00am – 11:30am.

FROM THE TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop operates on TUESDAY – FRIDAY

FRIDAY 6th November – Mac & Cheese Meal Deal $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 2026	
3rd	2027 class proformas sent home
4th	Breakfast Club
6th	Assembly
6th	Year 5 Salvation Schools Talk
11th	Breakfast Club
11th	P&C Meeting – 6:30pm
11th	Y4 Bush Walk Incursion
12th	Parents to return 2027 class proformas
13th	Assembly
18th	Breakfast Club
18th	Y4 Neighbours Incursion
20th	Assembly
20th	School Captain Elections
25th	Breakfast Club
25th	Y4 Boondall Wetlands Excursion
26th	Junior Swimming Carnival
27th	Assembly
27th	House Captain Election
27th	Prep Aqua Fun Day
30th	Meet 2027 Teachers

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – MORNING CONCERT 23 NOVEMBER



COMMUNITY NOTICES



