FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Our attendance for the past 6 weeks has been fantastic. We have had absences explained and are following up on student absences. Great work everyone - thanks to teachers for following up and for parents making sure students are at school every day.

Professional Learning
During the last few weeks of the term teachers will be undertaking reading benchmarking and preparing English planning for their next units of work. You may find that your child’s teacher will be absent from class so that we can provide optimal collaboration for their planning of this work and ensure that we have the highest of expectations for children. Our teachers are working on a school writing framework to get the best from your child in their assessment tasks. This also allows teachers to build their skills and work together to develop their understanding and practice and be proficient and skilled teachers for your children.

Respectful Relationships
We have targeted children’s language in the school and as a result we have seen a reduction in the use of inappropriate language. We now are faced with a new issue of children protecting themselves by using violence. Rather than encouraging your child to ‘hit back’ or ‘retaliate’ we encourage you to help them with more useful strategies for self-protection.
Encourage them to stand up tall, report the behaviour, ask for help and look the person in the eye and say ‘stop hurting me’ in a strong confident way.
Practice these situations with your child. Practice dealing with situations they find difficult and give them feedback on whether they are getting their message across and coach them until they are confident with their skills.

Teach your children about conflict resolution. It is possible to sort out problems and have great outcomes. It is not a great outcome to deal with conflict aggressively or that their way is the best way by using force or inappropriate language. Good conflict resolution skills take time and with your support and coaching your children can have good resolution to conflict.
Let them know that it is possible to find a good solution by saying ‘I am sure if we think about this we can find a way of solving this without anyone getting hurt or upset.’
Help children identify how they are feeling and acknowledge how they are feeling by saying ‘You look upset - I’m wondering if your feeling upset and hurt because......’
Help your child to understand how the other person might be feeling and see their point of view. Talk about different ways they can solve their problem. Help your child to choose options that will solve problems, help them out, coach them and praise when they solve issues. Solving conflicts without violence, aggressive behaviour and using inappropriate language takes time. Encourage children every time they have a go at solving issues in this way.

We appreciate your help as parents and partners in your children’s development.

**National Day of Action against Bullying**

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is held annually on the third Friday of March. It is an opportunity for the whole school community to ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence. Teachers will be completing some activities with their students to promote the ‘Bullying. No Way!’ message next week.

If you would like to discuss this day with your children, you can find more information, activities and videos at [http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/)

![National Day of Action against Bullying](image)

**Footsteps is coming!**

Footsteps specialises in curriculum/age based movement programs for all school students. Their Ultimate Wellbeing Program offers schools a Dance component as well as an activity based Social Emotional Learning program. We are lucky enough to be having a talented Footsteps instructor deliver this program. Students will receive a 30min lesson each day next week where they will develop into active, creative, risk takers!

**Taabinga’s Little Treasures Awards Parade**

On Thursday 24 March special parades will be held to present students with Captain, First Mate and Cadet certificates. This is a celebration of student’s positive behaviour for learning and acknowledges students hard work and dedication in the classroom.

Prep, Year 1 and Year 2: 9:00am – 9:45am  
Year 3, 4, 5 and Year 6: 10:15am – 11:00am

Parents are invited and encouraged to visit their child’s classrooms between 9:45 – 10:15am to see some of the great learning that has happened so far this year.

**P&C**

Our P&C AGM will be held next Tuesday 15th March at 5.30pm followed by the General Meeting.

At the General Meeting we will be looking at the School Council Constitution and discussing the election of parent and staff representatives. Please find attached to this week’s newsletter information regarding the election of parent and staff members to the school council.

At this meeting we will be discussing parent surveys and providing a parent voice.

I will show an iNewsletter at the meeting to get parents feedback about this option for communication.

**Newsletters**

Your feedback on Newsletters, Facebook and What’s On. We want to know how you want us to communicate with you? We are looking at an iNewsletter that parents will be able to download on their phones immediately each week. So what do you want? Come to the P & C meeting and let us know, email your thoughts to my email address sbeat17@eq.edu.au and have your say. We will also be looking at putting out a survey so we can get your ideas about what communication you want, when and how. We want to develop our partnership with you so that it serves you and provides information keeping you up to date.

*Susan Beatty*  
Principal
Check out some of the feedback we received recently regarding our IMPACT program.....

Hi Taabinga SS Contacts,
Just wanted to pass on how impressed I have been with the Taabinga Crew during our Solve IT Lessons. They always try their best, are supportive of each other and have some awesome strategies. Take a bow... your efforts are sincerely appreciated.
I feel lucky to start each Tuesday morning with your students.
Regards,
Greg Holdorf

Greg Holdorf | Solve IT Project Teacher
IMPACT Centre | Brisbane Education Innovation Precinct

PE NEWS
Swimming Carnival
On Friday 26 February, Taabinga held its Inter-house Swimming Carnival. The participation level was fantastic – well done students for your participation and efforts throughout the day. Congratulations to Jacaranda who won both the Aggregate and Average Points Trophies. Age Champions were:

8 Years – Gabrielle Hams
9 Years – Tasleigh Gangemi, Scott Salmon
10 Years – Abby Burrows, Mason Rabbitt
11 Years – Keeley Schloss, Luke Brazier
12 Years – Charlotte Hams, Zachary Sheppard

A big thank you to all the parent helpers, staff and Mrs Connelly for your assistance at the carnival.
Thank you must also go the parents and families who assisted with swimming lessons in the weeks prior to the carnival. Some volunteers not only helped with their child’s class but gave their time to other classes also. Your support enables all the students more opportunities during these lessons. Thanks again and I look forward to seeing you back at the pool in Term 4 for the lower school.

Cross Country and Obstacle Course – Term 2
The Cross Country and Obstacle Course will be held on Thursday 14 April, not Friday 15 April as advertised in the school calendar. Students should be training in preparation for this event.

South Burnett Softball Trials
On Friday 4 March, students attended softball trials for the South Burnett Team. Congratulations to:
Jack Torrens, Cooper Rabbitt, Brooke Miners

These students will travel to Maryborough on 23 & 24 March to trial for the Wide Bay Team. Good luck students.

Vicki Hurt
PE Teacher

CHAPPY CHAT
Brekky Club Thursday mornings; be proud year 6 parents, your kids are great helpers in the kitchen!

Parents, if you would like to be involved in supporting our School’s Local Chaplaincy Committee I invite and welcome you to our first meeting tomorrow 12noon at school. Please sign in at the Admin Office.

Chappy Jo

TUCKSHOP
Last day of term, Thursday 24th March ...... We will be having a pizza special. Students will need to pre-order and details will be sent home next week.

Donations required - Fruit, brown bags, plastic spoons & sporks, your time is greatly appreciated.

Donna Millar
0439 547 002
STUDENT ABSENCES

Communication of absences is the responsibility of parents. You can communicate absences by one of the following four (4) methods:

1. Phone the absence line 4164 9160 and provide the following information: Student Name, Class, absence details including dates and your name
2. Email absence information to admin@taabingass.eq.edu.au
3. Written notification using school form and place in ABSENCE MAILBOX in lower administration office
4. Phone or visit administration office to record reason for absence

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Kathy from Treasure Pics will return to the school on Tuesday 15th March to take any sibling photos that were missed. If you wish for this to happen, please complete the form below and return to the office.

Student Name: _________________ Class: _____
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Student Name: _________________ Class: _____

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Walk With Lynda (Geiger)
Melanoma Charity Walk - Kingaroy
Information and Registration Night
Thursday 10 March 2016
Carrollee Hotel
Turn up anytime between 6pm and 8pm
$20 registration fee
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