1 April 2015

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

END OF TERM

Neil Jenkins, Principal
Tewantin State School
Phone: 5335 8888
1st April, 2015

It is difficult to believe first term is nearly complete with this Thursday, 2nd April being the last day before holidays. Throughout the term, our teachers ensure a steady flow of students visit the office to display the outstanding work they are doing in the classroom. In addition, all members of the leadership team try to visit classrooms regularly and have the pleasure of seeing outstanding student work and the excellent teaching implemented by our teachers. Improving our students’ literacy and numeracy results is the major focus for our work with all students at Tewantin State School and it is excellent to see so many students making such good progress. Congratulations to all of our students, teachers and teacher aides for their commitment to improving literacy and numeracy skills throughout Term 1.

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On behalf of Tewantin State School, I would like to thank the following parents who have taken on executive roles within our P&C in 2015:

- President – Meredith Mason
- Vice President – Angela Marian
- Treasurer – Megan Moon
- Secretary – Julie Schultz

A big thank you must also go to our departing 2014 executive members including Britt Forrest and Nicki Bullock. The Tewantin State School Parents & Citizens Association do a tremendous job and consistently raise tens of thousands of dollars each year. This is due to the incredible commitment of our executive and P&C members.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all parents and caregivers of Prep to Year 3 students, who have attended interviews this week or will be attending soon after the holidays. This is an excellent way to learn about your child’s progress and what support can be provided from home. The stronger the partnership is between parents and teachers, the more progress students are likely to make. Interviews for Year 4-6 students will be held towards the end of Term 2.

EASTER HAT PARADE

Our traditional community Easter Parade through Tewantin will occur this Thursday, 2nd April from 1:30pm. The Prep to Year 3 children, led by the School Band, will walk from Tewantin State School to the local central business district to present workers and retailers with a personally made Easter card and a small Easter egg. Parents can make an Easter bonnet for children to wear if they wish. We invite parents and caregivers to either walk with the children as assistant supervisors or line the streets to join in the spirit of the occasion.

This annual event is a highlight for our local store staff who enjoy our students’ Easter Parade, with the parade conveying messages of joy and goodwill throughout the community.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONIES

In the first week after the holidays, our students will be participating in a whole school Anzac Day ceremony from 9am, in the main hall, on Thursday, 23rd April. At this ceremony, our students will learn about the importance of Anzac Day and we will have special guests from the Tewantin RSL. This year we are fortunate again to welcome back the New Zealand Brass Band who will not only assist with our ceremony, but will perform a concert after the ceremony for all students. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

All P-6 students are also encouraged to march on behalf of our school on the morning of Anzac Day (Saturday, 25th April). Students should wear full school uniform and meet at Sidoni Street by 8am on this morning. We will then march, as a school, along the main street in Tewantin and finish at the cenotaph where the community ceremony will be held. The ceremony should be finished at approximately 9:30am and all P-6 students are invited to participate. All parents of band members should also be aware that our band will be performing at the ceremony.

2016 PREP ENROLMENTS

In preparation for 2016, we will be taking Prep enrolments from the beginning of Term 2. Parents will need to complete
enrolment forms from the school office or website and provide a copy of birth certificates. A time will then need to be made through the school office for an interview with Mr Jenkins (Principal).

In preparation for 2016, the attached flyer outlines important dates including:

- **Parent Information Sessions** – 20 May, 5 August, 21 October at 9:30am
- **Prep Open Days** – 5 August, 21 October at 9:15am
- **Under 8’s Day** – 22 May at 9am
- **Flying Start Scan** – 13 November (timeslots from 9-11am)

All families are welcome to attend each of these events. We appreciate your early enrolment as it assists us with planning for 2016.

**SCHOOL APP**

Over the past couple of years, Tewantin State School has had an app to better communicate with parents. Education Queensland has now developed an app that links directly with our school website for easier management. While we will support the current Skoolbag app until the end of term, we ask all parents to download the free QSchools app from iTunes, Google Play or the Window’s store and place Tewantin State School as a favourite on this app. The QSchools app provides dates for events, newsletters, tuckshop and uniform shop information as well as a range of documents relevant to our families. The app also provides the opportunity for school staff to send messages and notifications to families.

The QSchools app does not currently support sending messages to the school about absences or change of contact details, however this can be done by emailing admin@tewantinss.eq.edu.au

We encourage all families to download the QSchools app as an important communication channel for keeping families up-to-date. More information can be found at http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/qschools-app.html

**STAFFING CHANGES**

Please be aware that the following teachers will be on leave after the holidays:

- Mrs Rathbone (3/2ER) will be on leave from the beginning of Term 2 until the 24 April and will be replaced by Mrs Stevens.
- Mrs Copping (5C2) will be on leave for all of Term 2 and 3 as her family travels around Australia. Mrs Jones will be teaching 5C2.
- Mrs Grzegozewski (2G) will be on leave from the beginning of Term 2 until the 24 April and will be replaced by Mrs Whitehouse.
- Miss Gilmore (Instrumental Strings) will be on leave for all of Term 2 and will be replaced by Ms Helen Dewar for weeks 1 and 2 and then Ms Pearson from Week 3.

**PARADES**

Parades will continue each Monday afternoon from 2pm until 2:30pm for all Prep to Year 6 students this year in the school hall. Most weeks will see class performances, a School Wide Positive Behaviour Support item as well as the recognition of various students. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The following classes will be ‘on parade’ in the next few weeks:

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Please be aware that performance dates can change from time to time and parents should confirm with classroom teachers regarding parade performance dates.

**GYM EQUIPMENT TENDER**

Recently, some of the gym equipment on the main oval has started to become unsafe and therefore removed. We have had some school community members who have shown interest in this equipment. If you are interested in equipment that has already been removed or equipment that may be removed if it also becomes unsafe, please submit a tender in writing to the school office. The tender just needs to include name, contact details and the amount of your tender.

**POOL HOURS**

The school pool will be remaining open to the public in Term 2 on a month by month basis depending on the level of use by community members. Please see the pool staff for further details regarding classes, activities and opening hours.

**LEARNING AWARDS**

Each week on parade, our selected students are presented with Learning Awards for showing effective learning skills in the classroom. Our students who receive learning awards display the following skills:

- Trying their best at all classroom activities, no matter what their ability with those activities are
- Ensuring everyone else in the classroom is learning by displaying appropriate behavior
- Letting the teacher know if something is challenging and more assistance is needed
- Helping other students who may need assistance with their learning
Students who have been presented with learning awards this term fortnight include:

PDE - Sophie Green  
PH - Shion Van Wyk  
PK - Oliver  
1M - Charli Todd  
1OR - Eden Ball  
1PM - Hope Whitehill  
1W - Georgia McVey  
2G - Jayde Tanner-Crisp  
2M - Jade Lothian  
2V - Zahra Pohlner  
3/2R - Kara Lea  
3B - Name withheld  
3D - Freya Ottmann  
3J - Chase Dunn

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**Neil Jenkins - Principal**

**FUN RUN**

WOW! What a day was had by all on Friday 27th March when Tewantin State School students participated in the inaugural P&C Fun Run.

The weather was kind and our enthusiastic runners (and walkers) took full advantage. Even some mums, dads and relatives got in on the action!

Thankyou to our grounds staff, teachers, teacher aides, administration staff and community members for making the day such a success. The hard earned sponsorship dollars will go towards resourcing our students with the very best learning materials.

A massive thank you to our P&C for your organisation and support of the event.

Students….don’t forget to return all sponsorship money by April 1 in order for you to receive your prize in the near future.

**Sheldon Boland – Deputy Principal**
YEÁR LÈVEL FÉATURÉ – YÈAR THREÈ

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2015 for the Year Three classes. We started the year well, with all the children loving their large classrooms.

If your children have become more persuasive at home, it’s because they have been working at persuasive writing and speaking. In Science, the children have been studying matter with lots of interesting (and sometimes messy) experiments with mixing and melting solids from the kitchen pantry. Year 2/3 have been looking at how scientists group animals. We have had a close look at amphibians with our tadpoles turning into frogs. For Art, the children have studied primary and secondary colours. We have some wonderful examples of the children’s work in the classrooms. In Maths, we continue work with number facts, early multiplication and place value to the thousands. For History, the classes have been studying celebrations, particularly national days of importance.

Our classes are getting excited about the fast-approaching holidays. Parents, please assist your child with their fun run sponsorship and getting their Easter Bonnet ready for the Easter Parade on Thursday afternoon, 2 April.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe Easter break.

Year 3 Teachers – Liz Rathbone, Kaye Johns, Sarah Eleison, Minna Berry and Genice Davies

HELLO FROGM OUR CHAPLAIN

Hello my name is Lynda Oakley and I am the chaplain here at Tewantin State School. If you are going through a challenging time with your child or personally or just need to talk, I am available on Mondays and Thursdays to meet with you for support.

Please phone the school to make a time to see me or you can email me loakl24@eq.edu.au

Lynda Oakley – School Chaplain

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Disabled parking

We have had a call from a parent who would like to remind other parents/careers to observe the disabled car parking signs and leave these spaces free for those who need them.

Payments

Just a reminder that we still have some students who still have outstanding term 1 swimming accounts and SRS – Student Resource Scheme. If these accounts could be settled as soon as possible it would be greatly appreciated.

Change of Details

If you have changed any of your details recently in regards to addresses, phone numbers or your choice of emergency contacts, please print off, fill out and return the attached Change of Details Form.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Tewantin State School Outside School Hours Care holiday program information.

TEWANTIN STATE SCHOOL’S ABSENCE REPORTING PHONE NUMBER

Please use the phone number - 5335 8866 for reporting student absences.

P& C NEWS

New Winter Tuckshop Menu for Terms 2 and 3

Please find attached our new winter tuckshop menu. Copies have been sent home and are available from the tuckshop and the front office.

Annual General Meeting

Tewantin State School P&C Association held their AGM on the 19th March. During this meeting the 2015 Executives were nominated and they are:

Meredith Mason – President
Angela Marian – Vice President
Julie Schultz – Secretary
Megan Moon – Treasurer

Thank you to all of the departing Executive Members who put in an enormous amount of their own time last year including Britt Forrest and Nicki Bullock. Both have now moved aside to allow new members the chance to experience the P&C excitement.

We also tabled our list of fundraising events for 2015 and it looks set to be a year full of exciting events that enable us to continue to raise funds that go straight back into the school.

Term One Wrap Up

Term one has gone so quickly for us. We have settled into our new home upstairs in 1 Block, participated in Summer’s Day, successfully held our first ever school Fun Run and organised another Hot Cross Bun Stall. We have also, with the help of Allison and Michelle, overseen the continuous improvements in Outside School Hours Care and Pelican’s Tuckshop.

Next term we will be holding our famous Mother’s Day Stall plus our first School Disco of the year, while quietly getting things started for our annual Spring Fair in September.

Volunteers Needed

During the year, we seek volunteers to help organise our events, help on the day of events or work in Pelican’s Tuckshop – if you would like to be one of our valued volunteers, please send your details to the email address so we can add you to our volunteers’ mailing list.
Email your details to: pandc@tewantinss.eq.edu.au

Meredith Mason - P&C President

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Our school newsletter is distributed in electronic format to registered email addresses. To register, go to http://www.schoolzine.com.au/secure/tewantin9137/

By receiving the newsletter electronically, you are able to access photos and other details currently not available in a paper version. Apart from being received by email, it can also be accessed through our school website: https://tewantinss.eq.edu.au

Paper copies are available through the school office each Thursday for those families who do not have computer access. Parents / students will need to collect a copy from the office.

UPDATING YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS - Email addresses can be deleted from the newsletter email message when received in your inbox. Open and click on the ‘unsubscribe box’ to delete address no longer required and you can then resubscribe under your new e-mail address using the link at the top of this article.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

For advertising in our school newsletter, please direct all enquiries for advertising within our newsletter to Schoolzine on 1300 795 503.

THE ATHLETES FOOT-tyING LACES WILL TAKE YOU PLACES

This program is aimed at Prep-YR2 kids to teach them how to tie their shoelaces which is an important milestone for the earlier grades. This fun & interactive lesson guides the students through the 9 steps of tying shoelaces until they are able to master the task and independently tie their own. Each child is presented with an achievement certificate at the end of the lesson.

An international poll involving 6017 parents, found 67% of Australian kids aged three to five years knew how to navigate a smartphone or iPad, 28% could operate a web browser, 70% could play a basic computer game, 58% could ride a bike, but only 8% could tie their shoelaces!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tewantin State School Pool

Tewantin State School Pool will be offering an Aerobics Class for winter. Starting from Thursday April 23rd.

2 for 1 Special - Bring a friend to our clean heated pool

Enjoy a chat over a Cappuccino and meet the new management

Open to the public - 6am - 6pm during the school holidays excluding Public Holidays.

Contact: 0402 661 638

Lifeline Bookfest Sunshine Coast

It’s our first event on the Sunshine Coast and we’d love your support to make the event a big success.

For the first time on the Sunshine Coast, Lifeline will bring together hundreds and thousands of pre-loved and donated books, plus CDs, DVDs, vinyl records and board games to fill about 170 trestle tables for three days of bargain book hunting. It’s a free event and all are welcome.

Lifeline Bookfest Sunshine Coast 17- 19 April 2015, Lake Kawana Community Centre. Doors open 8.30am to 4pm.

The Lifeline Bookfest will not disappoint the avid book lover and book worms all over can lose themselves in the vast array of mystery, fantasy, humour, crime, romance, fact and fiction.

Proceeds from Bookfest support Lifeline services such as the 24 hour 13 11 14 Crisis Support Line. In Queensland Lifeline services and shops are run by UnitingCare Community – a leading provider of community services and programs for individuals, families and children.

Lifeline Bookfest is proudly supported by ABC Radio. Listen to ABC Radio 90.3 for competitions.

Follow us on Facebook LifelineBookfestQLD
Twitter @Bookfest
Website lifelinebookfest.com
Zumba Fitness Dance Classes

Zumba Fitness Dance Classes starting in the school hall Monday & Wednesday evenings 6-7pm from the 30th March. Your first class is only $5 so come along and try.

Zumba is for everyone as you go at your own pace & is the perfect way to have fun while you exercise. Children aged 10-12 are welcome to participate in the class free of charge with a paying adult.

Discounts for teachers after initial class.

Call Sheryl for further info 0413 362 237

Lost bird – Archie

Mutley Blue Indian Ring-Necked Parrot – Archie flew from his home in Moorindal Street on the 7th of March.

He is a very much loved pet of an elderly community member named Betty. Archie talks very well and he is a very much loved and valued companion of Betty’s and she is very upset at losing her friend.

If you see Archie, please call Betty on 54 497 005 or Shema on 0421 522 512.

Any help to bring him home would be very much appreciated!

Rise of the Warriors

Cathy Henkel’s multi global award-winning film about what it takes to be an Eco Warrior:

an individual willing to step up and do something to avert a global catastrophe!

Come & be truly INSPIRED by this amazing film. *RISE of The Eco Warriors* general public film-screening.

Noosa J – Holiday Programs

Nickleby The Magician “The Greatest Kids Show on Earth!”. Special guest, The Xtreme Illusionist!

Date: Tuesday 7 April 11am
Price: $13.50. $12 Groups 8+


Date: Tuesday 14 April 10am-12pm
Price: $6

Jumpin’ @ The J – 5 Indoor Jumping Castles. For 3-10 year olds. Café open. 3 one hour sessions.

Date: Thursday 16 April 9am, 10am, 11am
Price: $10

Noosa Yacht and Rowing Club - Tackers Level 1 Holiday Sailing Program

With the Tackers Level 1 Holiday Sailing Program being fully booked (with a wait list) the NYRC has released a 2nd Tackers Level 1 program during the April School Holiday break.

Starting Tuesday the 7th April and running till Saturday 11th April the program will go from 9.00am till 1.00pm each day and include morning tea and lunch.
Tackers is the Yachting Australia National introduction sailing program for children aged 6 to 12 years and hundreds of kids have enjoyed the Tackers way of Kids+ Boats=Fun at Noosa since the Club adopted the program in 2012.

Each program has only 20 children participating in the fleet of Tackers dinghies and the scheduled class for the last week of the holidays has already been fully booked hence the opening up of the 2nd program.

Each sailor receives the Tackers pack of T-Shirt, water bottle and Cap and takes home an activity for each day to complete at home. The kids enjoy a supplied morning tea snack and lunch each day and at the course completion the kids enjoy a Certificate presentation and sausage sizzle.

To enrol your child just go to the NYRC website at www.nyrc.com.au and go to Holiday Sailing Programs or contact the Sailing Office via email at sailing@nyrc.com.au or ring 5440-7407.

Fraser Island Campground Hosting positions available this school holidays

If you are thinking of a camping trip this school holidays, have you considered Campground Hosting at Fraser Island?

Campground Hosts assist the Park Rangers and act as ambassadors for the park. The duties are simple and leave you with time during the day to enjoy the island. Your barge pass and vehicle permit are supplied for you.

There are positions available for school holidays, long weekends, and most dates in between.

For more information contact ECOllaboration on (07) 4576-4777 or info@ecollaboration.org.au

AFS EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Are you ready to get an unforgettable experience, get to know another culture, make a lifetime friendship by adding a new member to your family from different country?

If your answer is YES, then log on to our website www.afs.org.au/host and get to know our amazing students arriving in July.

We have students from a variety of different countries eagerly awaiting any kind of information regarding their future host families who will host them here in Australia for the length of their program.

If you believe you can be such host family for 8 weeks to 5 months, then please pick your favourite student from our website and contact the Hosting Coordinator at the AFS National Office:

on 1300 131 736.

Caloundra Community Kindergarten Anniversary

Caloundra Community Kindergarten is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year.

We have various activities planned to commemorate & celebrate this milestone. In preparation for our events, we are reviewing our archive of photographs and memorabilia. We are seeking any photographs from 1965 - 1984, and class photographs from 1995 - 1999.

**CALOUNDRA COMMUNITY KINDY 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

Caloundra Community Kindy is the first community kindergarten to be established in the Caloundra area.

We are very proud and privileged to have been a part of so many local families’ lives – we love what we do!

We Need Your Help!

This year, Caloundra Community Kindergarten celebrates its 50th anniversary. We are planning exciting birthday celebrations!

We are seeking photos and memorabilia from past years. If you (or someone you know) have photos from the past, we would love to hear from you!

We are especially seeking all photos from 1965 – 1984, and class photos from the years 1995 – 1999.

Contact Kendall on 5491 1746, or email caloundrakindy@bigpond.com