13 May 2015

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

SCHOOL PRIDE

During the time I have been at Tewantin State School the school pride from the staff, students, parents and community has been clearly visible. I have observed a close knit school community with nurturing supportive classroom environments and a strong emphasis on literacy and numeracy. Examples of school initiatives that support this in

Term 2 include

- Daily monitoring of student behaviour through School Wide Positive Behaviour. Silver certificates, gold badges and the reward day celebrate students achieving behaviour standards
- Continuation of the Tewantin Tutoring before school program for selected students to support their literacy and numeracy skills
- Extension music programs
- Acceler8 program for high achieving academic students
- U8 Day, Prep parent session and Prep play session to showcase the early years

EAST TIMOR SHOE BOX COLLECTION – MONDAY 22ND JUNE

As many of our parents and students are aware, our school enthusiastically participates in the East Timor Shoe Box project each year.

In late June, Tewantin State School with join Cooroy and Pacific Paradise State School students in assembling more than 1,500 educational care parcels to go to the children of Sao Miguel (St. Michael) at Raikotu - a school about 30 minutes west of Dili.

The school has about 150 kindergarten students and about 250 primary school students. Seven years ago, with the help of Cooroy, Marcoola and Tewantin Community Bank branches and the Rotary Clubs of Noosa, Cooroy and Mooloolaba, Sao Miguel was identified as a community school that didn’t receive help from the Ministry of Education in Timor.

Each parcel donated by the kids is a decorated shoe box with enclosed items including exercise books, rulers, erasers, pens and pencils, all topped off with a personal item from each student to the child opening it at the other end.

It’s been a great way for our Tewantin State School students to give back and if families are able, we hope you enjoy the opportunity of putting the care parcels together to bring to school for an all-school assembly on Monday, 22 June at 2.00pm. This will be the last assembly for this term.

More information will be available in the coming weeks. This project continues to build on our special relationship with the Tewantin Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank and Rotary Club of Noosa.

2016 PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS AND OPEN DAYS

Please see our flyer for an outline of the sessions planned to support Prep students for 2016. In addition to the Prep information session our school is also offering a Prep play session. The early partnership that we can form with new children and families is most welcome. If you are unable to make either of these sessions individual tours of the school can be made by appointment – 5335 8888. Enrolment packages can be collected from the school office.
Uniforms

The standard of student uniform in 2015 is of a very high standard thanks to a continued focus on school image. Now that the cooler weather is here please ensure that your child is dressed correctly

**Boys**

- Jumper – royal blue with emblem (available from uniform shop) or plain royal blue
- Track Pants – royal blue
- Long Cargo pants – grey

**Girls**

- Jumper – royal blue with emblem (available from uniform shop) or plain royal blue
- Track Pants – royal blue
- Long Cargo pants – grey
- Boot Leg Pants – royal blue
- Black or white tights (winter)

Students are expected to be in full school uniform as endorsed by the school P&C.

New and second hand uniforms are on sale every Wednesday morning between 8.00am – 9.30am.

**SPORTS CAPTAINS**

Congratulations to the following students

- **LAGUANA** – Charlotte Sipp, Eden Collins
- **DOONELLA** – Shayla Sinclair, Ewyn Gilbert
- **WEYBA** – Sophia Marian, Name Withheld
- **COOROIBAH** – Keana Welsh, Luis Largiader

**CROSS COUNTRY**

A big thank you to Mr. Bandera for running a fantastic Year 3-6 Cross Country. All students participated to the best of their ability and the team spirit amongst students was exceptional. Congratulations to the House Captains, winners and place getters. Best wishes for our students competing at the next level – district Cross Country.

**PARADES**

Parades will continue each Monday afternoon from 2pm until 2:40pm for all Prep to Year 6 students 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. Although a schedule is outlined below for parade items taking place this term, it is best to keep in contact with your child’s teacher to confirm this as sometimes dates can be altered for a range of reasons:

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**LEARNING AWARDS**

Each week on parade, selected students are presented with Learning Awards for showing effective learning skills in the classroom. Students 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

I have enjoyed visiting classrooms to identify students selected for the weekly learning awards.

Aiden Bakker PDE
Jacob Ostwald PH
Levi Lovett PK
India Davis 1M
Ryan Griffis 1OR
Priya Rogers 1PM
Lachlan Parnell 1W
Kayla Lloyd-Stewart 2G
Bowie Harvey 2M
Erin Urquhart 2V
Megan Webberley 3/2ER
Christopher Wynd 3B
Colby Moon 3D
Lily Boreham 3J
SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR – SWPB

What is Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support and how does it work at Tewantin State School?

Parents/caregivers of Tewantin State School students may well have heard of our successful Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) Program.

SWPBS is a whole-school approach to creating a safe and supportive environment that has a strong evidence-base and is used successfully in many Queensland state schools.

A safe and orderly school environment is important to learning. Disruptive classroom behaviour is known to interfere with learning and is a cause of stress and concern for students, teachers and families.

Most children start school with the social skills they need for success. They have learned these socially valued behaviours from their parents, families, carers, early childhood learning experiences and their social networks. Children learn behaviours very quickly, but often they may also learn "misrules" or behavioural errors.

The fastest way to turn problem behaviour around is by teaching students acceptable and appropriate ways to get what they need. At Tewantin State School, we reinforce these teachings every day through a variety of supportive initiatives.

Details of our SWPBS Program will be expanded upon in future newsletters.

Regards

Sheldon Boland - Deputy Principal (A)
READING OUR WAY TO SUCCESS!

Students, teachers and teacher aides are continuing to concentrate on reading for meaning and understanding this term. Whether your child is in Prep or Year 6, you can have the confidence to know that your child is being taught how to read and understand what they read by a group of professional and dedicated quality practitioners. Teacher have been spending time with their colleagues, refining their teaching of reading practices and teacher aides will participate in additional professional development also over the next few weeks, ensuring our staff are equipped with the latest research and best teaching practice, to help your child learn to read like an expert.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has opened registrations for 2015. This is a great opportunity for your child to engage in reading for pleasure and learning. Participation notes will go home during the week, providing you with more information.

Mr Ashley Keune – Under 8’s Co-ordinator 2015

YEAR LEVEL FEATURE – YEAR FIVE

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you enjoyed the break over Easter.

This year, the year five classes have been working extremely hard in all areas of the curriculum. Term 1 has been and gone and now, even though term 2 has only just started, we are quickly marching towards Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Interviews.

During Term 1 the students were busy learning about writing narratives while working through the fantastic adventure story, The Forests of Silence. In Science, our learning focus was adaptations and how plants and animals have adapted to best survive in the environment in which they live. The children had a lot of fun creating their own creatures through a power point presentation to demonstrate their understanding. In History, the children learnt about the first settlements of Australia, including the Moreton Bay settlement, where the children wrote and presented a monologue from that era. The children have also been busy learning number facts along with a range of maths concepts.

Our excursion to the Noosa River was a great success. The children put their newly learnt science knowledge into action as they worked their way through a mangrove ecosystem, identifying the different plant and animal species that live in this habitat. We were all amazed at how the different types of mangroves have adapted to be able to survive in such a salty environment. We also went canoeing where we tested our skills with the paddle while further exploring our beautiful river system. One student commented that it was their best school day ever!!

NAPLAN test week is next week, Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May. These testing days can be stressful for everyone. To help minimise this stress, we have been preparing the children, through normal classroom lessons, so the actual test is not as scary. We also encourage the children to get a good night’s sleep the night before test days and to have a nutritious breakfast.

This term in English, we will be further developing our persuasive writing skills by examining an environmental issue—flying fox colonies and their impact on the community. Maths will include learning more about symmetry and 3D shapes, strategies to add and subtract large numbers, decimals and place value. Number fact recall will remain a priority, with daily practice occurring.

UNDER 8’S DAY CELEBRATION

This year the annual Tewantin State School Under 8’s Day celebration will be held on Friday the 22nd of May. Classes will assemble in the hall at approximately 9 o’clock and activities will commence at 9:15 am. Parents, grandparents and other family members are most welcome on the day. Children from the community that are under the age of 8, (child care centres, home schooled children etc) that do not attend another school are also welcome to attend, as long as they are supervised by an adult. This year will be the biggest event that the school has held with many art stalls, community services and more sporting codes represented than ever before. All of the stalls and activities for the children will be free yet again. Tea, coffee and cake will be available for adults which will be the only items that will incur a payment. The activities will take place around and in the hall, and spread out on the two school ovals. Stalls which are run by the teachers range from hot popcorn, playing with goop, gross motor obstacle courses, ten pin bowling, making kites, bubble blowing, painting, making pet rocks just to name a few.

Emergency services will again be on site which include the Queensland Fire and Rescue, Rural Fire Brigade, Queensland Ambulance and Police Service and the SES. Sporting codes that are represented this year include AFL, Rugby League, Football/Soccer, Cricket and Surf Life Saving. A few more sports could be included in the coming week. The Wilvos which is a dedicated group of South East Queensland people who devote their time and effort in the rescue, rehabilitation and release of precious Australian native wildlife will be attending along with the Noosa Sea Scouts. If you require more information about how to join any of these sports or organisations, contact details can be obtained from the school.

This is a fun filled morning for the children that are eight years of age and under from our school and local community. Activities conclude at approximately 11:00. Don’t forget that adults can purchase a tea, coffee or piece of cake from the kitchen at the front of the hall for a great price. All other activities and snacks are free!! We would love to see you there to help us celebrate our Under 8’s Day.

Ms Heidi Reitsma
– Head of Curriculum
We hope you enjoy our photo gallery.

Year 5 Teachers – Akeisha Collins, Prue Jones, Wendy McIlroy and Geoff Peel.

NOOSA MINI STRINGS AND NOOSA STRING ENSEMBLE

Sunshine Coast locals were treated to two fabulous concerts last week, including performances by Tewantin State School’s own Hugh Brennan, Niamh Stevens and Kate Moulds. The students performed as part of Noosa Mini Strings and Noosa String Ensemble, which they were invited to join during the last year. It was an exciting opportunity for our strings players, who got to play with top students from other schools as well as Noosa Orchestra.

The trio began their strings training through Tewantin State’s School’s strings program, and have progressed quickly thanks to the expert training of our strings teacher, Kath Gilmore. While Niamh and Kate have been learning cello and violin for a few years, Hugh (a talented musician) has only taken up the double bass this year. Hugh is doing a magnificent job playing the double bass - as well as managing its transportation to and from school!

One of the strengths of Tewantin’s strings program is the opportunity for students to attend the regional music camp each year. The three day camp has certainly been a highlight for our budding musicians. Lots of rehearsals as well as other fun activities! Having loved the junior music camp, Hugh, Niamh and Kate have confessed they are hoping they will make it into the advanced music camp later this year.

Well done to Hugh, Niamh and Kate who did Tewantin proud!

TEWANTIN STATE SCHOOL’S ABSENCE REPORTING PHONE NUMBER

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

SUNSHINE BEACH STATE HIGH SCHOOL Y7 MUSIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

For current Year 6 students:
Auditions for the Sunshine Beach State High School 2016 Year 7 Music Excellence Class will be held from May 14 – May 16. This class is designed to encourage the pursuit of excellence in music. Students in this class study music throughout all of year 7 and 8 (as opposed to one term in Grade 8), and undertake more advanced performing and classroom music activities. Students are also eligible for membership in school ensembles, depending on instrument (Concert Band, Stage Band, String Ensemble and/or Vocal Group).

NB: Students who are accepted into the Music Excellence Program may live outside of the catchment area.

Application forms are available on the school website (RH side under Quick Links) https://sunshinebeachsh.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx or can be obtained by email to Helen Leyden filleyd1@eq.edu.au or Mr David Allan daall20@eq.edu.au.

Applications for the Music Excellence Class should be submitted by end semester 1 and must be considered for the first round. Final applications are due by end October 2015.

All students who have applied for the Music Excellence Scholarships are considered for the Year 7 Music Excellence Class, and do not need to resubmit.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Our school newsletter is distributed in electronic format to registered email addresses.


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.
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

Celebrate & Grow ~ Sunny Coast Show
‘Celebrate and Grow’ is the theme of this year’s 110th Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show.

Drawing on the program’s focus of multiple celebrations and an expanded program, inclusive of aspects in the farming, primary production and agribusinesses of the region, the annual event is being billed as the best show ever.

Running Friday, June 12 to Sunday June 14 at the ever-green Nambour Showgrounds, Show Manager, Lee Corbett, explained that the program has gone from strength to strength, this year honouring the Anzac Centenary with a specially commissioned, allage production of live performance entitled ‘Anzac Dawn’, every night from 7pm. “Other additions to the program include celebrating the farming community with a Farmers’ Feature including a special Sunday appearance by Celebrity Chef Matt Golinski and a three day free interactive kid’s farmers’ trail,” said Ms. Corbett. The Farmers’ Feature will see a limited number of free trade sites in the Jim Carolan Pavilion for all Farmers to sell/promote their product and build relationships with patrons and future consumers. In turn they will offer free samples of their product.

Side-show-alley, woodchopping and traditional ringside events such as the popular Horses versus Utes will be supplemented with Queensland Harness Racing (Trots) and another addition will be Motor Mountain. Last year’s inaugural Pet Expo was so popular it has also expanded to a larger section on the grounds.

Despite so much to choose from, including live music and free in-show entertainment across several stages, ticket prices have not been altered in years, making it affordable to families who can pre-purchase tickets from the Show Office or any Heritage Bank on the Sunshine Coast from May 11 to go into the $500 gift card draw” (Disclaimer:“Terms and conditions apply).

Sunshine Coast Agricultural Society Show President, Cr. Jenny McKay said, “We are currently gearing up to our pre-show activities such as this year’s ‘Black Tie & Boots Gala Dinner’, a fun event to introduce our Show girls, Show Princesses, Rural Ambassador and new All Abilities category entrants. Held at Hungerford Hall, Nambour High School, on May 16, this event provides extra opportunity to interact with the general public”.

Tickets can be purchased by ‘phoning the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show Office on telephone 07 5441 2766.

Run Sunshine Coast
Run Sunshine Coast is coming up on Sunday 17 May 2015 and this year, Cotton On Foundation is introducing a 1K kids run. The course includes fairy gardens and smoke tunnels.

100% of registration fees go straight to Wishlist to help grow the Child Development Service here on the Sunshine Coast.

Growing the Child Development Service is a significant project and we are pleased to say that proceeds from the inaugural Run Sunshine Coast have already relocated the Service and enabled it to grow substantially to now be accommodating the needs of early school aged children with behavioural and developmental issues.

Until January this year local families would otherwise have had to seek the support of a private paediatrician for their child’s issues.

In the past six months the team has been temporarily relocated to a community setting (60 Wises Rd, Maroochydore), and provided new equipment including play areas for sand and water play (important for sensory and play development) and extra space for group education sessions. Staffing levels have also increased since January.

The new and improved Service also treats children aged 8 to 13 where possible, but we need your support to ensure this service continues to grow and remains in its temporary relocation until it moves into Caloundra Hospital in 2017.

Just by getting involved in Run Sunshine Coast YOU are helping make a significant difference to young people in your community!
Bloomhill Buderim Burn

We are looking forward to having you on board this year. If you have students, staff or parents wanting to compete please drop me a line - we are working closely with Hot 91 and Ch 7 and would love the opportunity to share your school’s training and community spirit with the coast! Please share across your newsletters and social media. Bloomhill are looking for student runners to go head to head this year in 6 dedicated school categories. Great prizes up for grabs. Check out our Facebook page or details online for more info.


Kids Noosa Photo Competition

Calling all budding young photographers!
Council is inviting you to enter the Living Smart Landscape and Wildlife Junior Photography Competition for a chance to win $250 worth of camera gear.

The competition aims to encourage greater awareness, among under-18s, of our natural environment, its significance and beauty.

To enter, just submit a picture of:

- Native local flora and fauna - plants, flowers, animals and birds.
- Native local insects and spiders.
- Natural local landscapes, including waterways.

Entries can also include pictures that show the connection between people and the natural environment.

There are two categories: under-12yrs and 12-17yrs old. First prize is a $250 Noosa Camera House voucher for the 12-17yrs category and a $200 voucher for the under-12s category, second prize is a 20-visit Family Swim Pass from Noosa Aquatic Centre (value $225) and third prize is a book pack and $20 Go Card voucher.

Living Smart is a partnership between Noosa Council, Sunshine Coast Council and Moreton Bay Regional Council and all pictures must have been taken within one of the three local government areas. Go to www.livingsmartqld.com.au to enter and view the terms and conditions.

Entrants must be under 18. Entries close 5pm, Sunday, 24 May. Finalists will be announced Friday, 29 May.

The top 10 entries will be exhibited at Noosa Library for two weeks from 5 June, World Environment Day.
What on at the J

Under 8’s Day in Eleanor Shipley Park, Moffat Beach

Each year, Caloundra celebrates Under 8’s Day in Eleanor Shipley Park, Moffat Beach.

This year, it will be on Wednesday, 20th May, from 9am to 12pm.

This is a free community event.

20 May 2015
9am - 12pm
Eleanor Shipley Park, Moffat Beach.