16 September 2015

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

PERMANENT PRINCIPAL POSITION

I am so proud to announce that I have been appointed as permanent Principal at Tewantin SS. I look forward to continuing my work with the exceptional students, parents, community and staff at Tewantin SS. I am more than happy to meet you if you would like to introduce yourself or offer any feedback to me about school direction. I also regard before school and after school duties as another opportunity to have informal chats with both parents and students. I value school input and would like to encourage you to email me at the.principal@tewantinss.eq.edu.au with any feedback you may have.

SCHOOL REVIEWS

To help Queensland state schools continue to lift their performance and improve outcomes for students, tailored school reviews have been introduced in 2015.

Based on their performance and at the level of support they require, schools are designated for one of three review types:

- **Self-determined reviews** for high performing schools
- **Priority support reviews** for schools needing extra support
- **Full school review** for all other schools

Tewantin State School has been identified as a high performing school and will undergo a self-determined review the first week back in term 4. We will have three reviewers that will review the school for three days.

Reviewers will speak with staff, parents, students and community members such as the Tewantin-Noosa RSL, Tewantin-Noosa Lions Club, Bendigo Bank and our local early childhood providers.

At the completion of the review, the review team presents its findings to the school’s leadership team. A written report follows that identifies areas for future improvement.

PREP OPEN DAY

We will be holding a prep open day on the next pupil free day Monday 19th October from 10:00-11:00am. Please register your interest at the school office on 5 358 888.
PARADES

During Term 3 parades will continue each Monday afternoon from 2pm until 2:30pm 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 award.

Students who have received learning awards since the last newsletter are:

- 4B - Name Withheld
- 4OT - Tex Murphy
- 4P1 - Indianna Grzotis
- 4R1 - Jobi (Withheld)
- 5C1 - Jess Frauenfelder
- 5C2 - Taylah Anderson
- 5P1 - Kyle Beckett
- 6/5M - Max Maben
- 6D1 - Heath Robinson
- 6M1 - Zoe Tyler
- 6P1 - Lola Ottmann

Congratulations to these students - keep up the good work!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to seeing you all again when School resumes on Tuesday 6th October.

Corrie Connors – Principal

TERM DATES*

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- A caring and supportive family;
- Caring friends who you can trust;
- Being encouraged to try;
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- Successfully using your problem-solving skills;
- Managing strong feelings like anger.

At Tewantin State School, resilience training for students is part of our educational offerings and is one way we support our students as they transition to the next stage of their lives.

Ms Belinda Messenger – Head of Differentiated Curriculum

YEAR LEVEL FEATURES

Year 5

This term, year five have been working extremely hard learning about a range of topics.

NAPLAN has come and gone and by now all reports should have been sent home. As a cohort, year 5 performed very well overall, so well done everyone!

In English, we analysed a number of Australian poems, including our anthem, learning about poetic devices, stanzas and rhyming schemes. The children then put their own spin on Waltzing Matilda and rewrote it as a narrative. These now are beginning to be turned into multi modal power point shows. The children are also busy learning a poem of their choice to recite in front of the class.

In Geography, the children were asked an inquiry question based around how people and places affect one another. This lead into learning about maps and what different symbols mean in relation to different places and their environments and how people adapt to these environments.

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Space has been our topic of study in Science. The most enjoyable aspect of our science unit was a visit from the Star Lab. Children also marvelled at the amount of everyday items that have evolved from space technology. They also had a go at planning, designing then constructing their own example of earth orbiting the sun. Some even included the moon!

High School Transition - Recently, all the year 5s visited Noosa District’s Pomona Campus and participated in a range of activities which included making coloured slime, singing and moving in strange ways, visiting the farm yard and making key rings. The children had a great experience and now have a little insight into high school life.

We all presented parade items this term, which was also a huge part of our arts curriculum. These always take a lot of preparation but they are a fun way to entertain the rest of the school.

All classes are now gearing up for the Spring Fair and then we shall fall in an exhausted heap for the holidays!

We hope you enjoy our photographs.

**Year 5 Teachers- Mr Geoff Peel, Miss Akeisha Collins, Mrs Prue Jones and Mrs Wendy McIlroy**

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

**MIA JEFFRIES**

Congratulations to Mia for an outstanding effort in the recent 10 year girls 800 meter finals held at the Sunshine Coast Regional Sports Carnival.

Mia ran 800m in a super-fast 2:62.67 coming in 5th out of a total of 20 competitors in this event with only 9.35 seconds between Mia and the winner. Her result has now qualified Mia to attend the State Track and Field Championships to be held in Townsville on October 16 and 17.

Congratulations Mia on an outstanding effort and for being such a fine representative of Tewantin State School and we wish her the very best of luck at the State Track and Field Championships.

**TAX INVOICE**

**BPOINT facility**

BPOINT is an online payment system which provides schools with a secure and efficient method of collecting payments from parents and unlike BPAY, BPOINT allows payments to be made with an invoice number.

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

**NEW TUCKSHOP MENU FOR TERM 4**

Please see attached our new tuckshop menu for Term 4. Copies of the new menu have been sent home with the youngest student in the family.

Throughout the year we have various excursions and incursions that we invoice to students. The way that our system generates invoices can be complex, so we have created an example (last year’s Year 6 and 7 graduation) with diagrams of where on the invoice you can find relevant information.

We would also like to emphasise the need when direct depositing to include the invoice number plus child’s surname. We hope this information is helpful, otherwise for further clarification phone 5335 8888.

**Mia Jefferies #12 – Representing TSS at Regional Sports**
ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Our school newsletter is distributed in electronic format to registered email addresses. To register, go to:

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.

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NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lifeline Bookfest – Sunshine Coast September 17 – 20, Lake Kawana Community Centre.

Lifeline Bookfest is on again on the Sunshine Coast. And what better way to celebrate the start of the School Holidays than to visit an event where you will be surrounded by over 10,000 pre-loved books in a variety of genre.

The bookfest is a big hit with children from 2 to 92. Bookfests are a great way to revisit the joys of reading a book. To encourage people to rekindle that joy, Lifeline is hosting a Drawing Competition (for children up to the age of 12) with prizes up to $200 in Bookfest and Lifeline Vouchers.

The Drawing Competition asks children to draw from their favourite book. See more about the Drawing Competition here.

Sunshine Beach State High School Parents Group – Coffee Morning
TEWANTIN STATE SCHOOL POOL

Enjoy a chat over a Cappuccino.

Open to the public – Monday to Friday 5:30am – 9:00am and 3:00pm–7:00pm
Saturdays 7:00am – 4:00pm
Closed Sundays and Public Holidays.

Contact: 0402 661 638

DOG SITTER REQUIRED

A family at the school require a very caring carer for their beautiful dog. Nicki is a 9 year old female Cocker Spaniel/Kelpie cross with a shiny black coat. She is really gentle and loves kids. She’s happy running around and also just slouching around. She understands basic commands and gets very excited by the word ‘walk’! Nicki requires doggie sitting for one year while her family spends time overseas. If you think you can help this family provide a happy home for a year for Nicki please contact 0432 109 476.