11 November 2015

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

CHANGE OF DATE FOR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2016

Please be advised that there has been a change of date for the first day of school for 2016. The new date is now Wednesday the 27th January and not Monday 25th January.

STUDENT LEADERS 2016

I would like to thank all Year 5 students who recently applied for a student leadership position in 2016. An extremely large number of students applied for the role. This reflects the high calibre of students at Tewantin State School. All students that applied were congratulated for their application. The manner in which the peer group has supported each other throughout this process has been exemplary. Whilst there are only 16 Student Leader roles within the school, all Year 6 students will be regarded as leaders next year. The way in which our Year 6 cohorts conduct themselves will set the tone across the school.

Congratulations to the following students will be our Student Leaders for 2016:

Milani Rawlinson, Jhett Beauclerc, Sean Rudledge, Emily Perry, Daisy Hillen, Olivia Boyce, Hugh Brennan, Kalin Geromet, Sadie Davidson, Isla Echague-Browne, Isabella Wise, Georgia Peel, Georgia Perry.

Our 2016 School Captains and Vice Captains will be announced on parade on Monday 7th November. Our Sports Captain and Vice Sport Captain voting will take place on Wednesday 9th November and badges will be presented during the first parade in 2016.

TUCKSHOP DAY

Last Friday we celebrated Tuck Shop Day here at Tewantin State School. School tuckshops play an important role in school life and provide students with nutritious, tasty and affordable food. Last Friday gave our school community the opportunity to show their appreciation for the work they do.

Many of our staff and students took the opportunity last Friday to thank our tuckshop convenors and volunteers. Michelle, our tuckshop convenor does a terrific job each and every day and it was lovely to see her and her volunteers receive recognition.

A huge thank you must go to Michelle, Sarah and their amazing volunteers Reanna, Natalie, Yvonne, Joy, Marilyn, Deb, Andrea, Jenny and Alana we appreciate all that you do in providing us our very yummy lunches and morning teas with a smile.

Many classes made cards and called into wish our Tuckshop staff a very happy tuckshop Day.
SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL MATHEMATICS TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday 28th October, a group of year 6 students travelled to Kawana to represent Tewantin State School in the Sunshine Coast Regional Mathematics Tournament. Jack Berrill, Zac Hughes, Max Maben, Zac McGuiness and Ruby Mclroy competed against 47 other year 6 teams from other Sunshine Coast schools, participating in three different challenges, with outstanding results in each category. Max Maben achieved 100% in the individual mental maths event, the team was awarded 1st place in the teams event and the relay event, they persevered and solved more problems than most other teams. Congratulations to these students.

THANK YOU TEWANTIN -NOOSA LIONS CLUB

The Tewantin Noosa Lions Club is deeply committed to supporting students at our school and have recently provided funding for a program which assists our students. We currently have a literary intervention program that we are running in the lower school called “Minilit”. This program allows the school to provide much needed intervention to students that require more support in reading.

The Tewantin-Noosa Lions Club generously supported the funding of another kit for this program. Each kit costs $1,500.00 and we required another kit to ensure more students can access the intervention reading program.

We value our ongoing partnership between Tewantin State School and the Tewantin Noosa Lions Club and thank them for their support.

PARKING

Administration has fielded a number of reports recently about non staff members parking in ‘staff only’ carparks within the school. Minimising vehicular traffic inside the school grounds is of paramount importance in reducing the risk of a serious incident. As a school community, we thank caregivers and visitors for respecting this safety initiative by parking vehicles outside of the school grounds.

STAFFING CHANGES

Please be aware of the following staff changes in the coming weeks:

Term 4

• Dr Denise Patton-King (Guidance Officer) is on leave from 2 November until 11 December, and will be replaced by Mr Greg Maroske
• Mr John Beafoy will be on leave from 2nd November until the 12th November and will be replaced by Mr Ivor Moulds
• Miss Fran Van Loendersloot will be on leave from 30 November until 11 December, and will be replaced by Mrs Ann Stevens
• Mr Lucas Bold will be on leave during the last week of the year from December 7 until the 11th and will be replaced by Mrs Lesley Whitehouse

LEARNING AWARDS

Each week on parade, our selected students are presented with Learning Awards for showing effective learning skills in the classroom. This year, 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 since the last newsletter include:

4B1 – Jed Treloar
4OT – Mia Fuller and Chloe O’Brien
4P1 – Nathaniel Noe
4R1 – Zac Hanley
5C1 – Amber (Surname withheld)
5C2 – George Stefanopoulos
5P1 – Name withheld
6/5M – Jaxon Rainbow
6D1 – Sophie Bandera
6M1 – Shyla Sinclair
6P1 – Matthew Robinson

PARADES

During Term 4 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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**Corrie Connors – Principal**

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Please be advised that the uniform shop will be open the following times in the lead up to 2016:

- Friday 13th November 9:00-11:00
- Monday 16th November 9:00-11:00
- Friday 22nd January 9:00 – 12:00
- Wednesday 27th January 8:00-9:00
- Thursday 28th January 8:00 – 9:00
- Friday 29th January 8:00 – 9:00

**WEAVER BURSARY/JORDAN FAMILY SPEECH AWARDS**

As has been the tradition at Tewantin State School, many of our Year Six students completed the Weaver Bursary Tests in English and Maths in the school hall on Monday. These tests are very difficult and all students are commended for their magnificent efforts.

Both tests were for 75 marks and the scores from each test are added together in order to establish the finalists for our Weaver Bursary. From these tests the Weaver Bursary, the Una Rigler Maths Award and the C.W.A. English Award winners are determined.

Congratulations to the following students who were shortlisted for the Weaver Bursary:-

- Clea Bowden, Ethne Harrison, Aidan Keith, Zac (surname withheld), Ruby McIlroy, Kate moulds, Eryn Newton-Brown, Matthew Robinson, Shayla Sinclair, Niamh Stevens, Campbell Verster-Deer.

This list may be added to as a few children are away and are still to complete their testing.

Also on Monday the Year Six, Jordan Family Speech Competition finalists were decided after some magnificent speeches. The following students have made the final, to take place on Tuesday in our school hall:-

- Zach Hughes, Layla Saad, Tirion Luff-White, Aidan Keith, Ruby McIlroy, Kate Moulds.

These students now have the difficult task of presenting a completely new speech of three minutes duration and we wish them well.

If you have any queries about any of the above matters, please don’t hesitate to contact Mr. Dunning or your class teacher.

**Mr. Dunning - Year 6 Teacher**

**YEAR LEVEL FEATURE - PREP**

It seems like just yesterday the Preps walked into our classrooms for the first time. What a privilege it has been to guide such a wonderful group of children through their first year of schooling. We would like to thank all parents and carers. Your support has contributed to the amazing academic and social progress your child has made.

This term has seen the start of our weekly swimming lessons. The focus is fun, fitness, water confidence and learning to swim. The recent hot weather has ensured these lessons remain very popular. Well done to all classes on being able to get changed quickly and without fuss before and after lessons.

Our Preps recently visited the Life Education van for the first time. They enjoyed being Harold’s detectives to identify ways to stay healthy. Children were made aware of the importance of staying sun smart, getting sufficient rest, eating healthy foods, drinking plenty of water, regular exercise and the consequences of not so healthy habits. Nicky delivered the lesson in an exciting way with lots of audience participation. The hour
concluded with a disco complete with flashing lights. For many days after, the same question was asked, “Please can we go back to Life Education today?” which is a testament to how much everyone enjoyed it.

A few weeks ago, our buddy classes helped us to plant native trees. These trees will not only beautify the school grounds but they will help attract native birds and animals. This is an annual event at our school organized by Mr Keune. PDE and PH planted their trees at the end of Ms Hollindale’s room and PK’s saplings are located at the rear of the tennis court. Thanks must go to Mr Waterhouse our groundsman, for digging the holes. The children learnt how to carefully plant their trees and there was lots of talk around what plants need to survive. The trees are being regularly observed to check for growth.

Even though we only have a few weeks left of school, it is important to keep up regular reading practice and learning of sight words at home. Besides teaching decoding, we have been focusing on the comprehension skills of predicting and connecting in class. This term, our writing genre is letter writing. We have been learning how to structure a letter and communicating to book characters about the events in the story and our experiences.

The fun and learning continue next week with Questacon, a ‘hands on’ science expo. We have been observing the weather this term and learning about how it can affect our lives and choice of activities. Soon children will construct a shelter that will protect a toy from the elements so they have needed to use their measurement skills and think about the properties of different materials.

Besides learning in the core subject areas, there has been the usual art and craft projects on the go with lots of painting, cutting, gluing, colouring, constructing and creating happening every week. Come and have a look at the lovely art work brightening our rooms. Our Preps are very proud of their beautiful work and so they should be. Fine motor skills are improving all the time. Every Friday our gross motor exercise program continues in the hall which has helped develop their physical skills.

A note will be sent home soon to let you know about an exciting excursion planned for the second last week of term. This will be a celebration of our year together so we hope you can make it along too. Report cards will be sent home in the last week and also keep an eye out for information regarding our break up parties which will happen on the last Thursday of the term. We’d also like to take this opportunity to thank all our parent volunteers who have given up their precious time to help us in the classroom this year. You are amazing and very much appreciated.

Prep Teachers - Mrs Sandra Dunning, Mrs Sarah Eleison, Mr Ashley Keune and Ms Marnie Hollindale.

**CHAPLAIN’S CORNER**

**Breaky club!**

Hi all! Our breakfast club has been a hit last term and this term with our smoothie making. We always have plenty of bananas; milk and honey so that was the start of our experimenting with flavours. The children often make the smoothies themselves and add ingredients. It is a great way to have a healthy start to the day and our breakfast club numbers have doubled in size! It is open from 8am to 8:50am daily but the children need to come early to ensure they are finished eating before the bell goes. We love and appreciate our volunteers, some of whom also work or volunteer at the school after breakfast club. THANK-YOU so much!

If you would like to volunteer for an hour at breakfast club please phone the school on a Monday and Thursday to talk to me or email me on lyndao@chappy.org.au

**Santa’s Classy Helpers**

I would also like to say a huge THANK-YOU to Santa’s Classy Helpers who have been busy all year collecting donations for their annual store at The J. Every December, Noosa Classy Lady owner Lorraine Kenway (who launched the community charity) and her tribe of Classy Helpers set up a pop-up store at The J where families who have been referred can come along, and with a shopping assistant, pick up things they will need for the Christmas Season for free. Children’s clothing, toys, food and cleaning products are just some of the items given away.

This amazing community charity takes some of the stress out of this busy season and helps hundreds of local families to enjoy Christmas. Any donations can be dropped in to the Classy Lady boutique at Shop 2, 1 Gibson Road, Noosaville.

**SU CAMPS**

Every year, over 1,500 SU QLD volunteers run nearly a hundred camps across the state. The camps provide 5,000 children and teenagers with a fun-filled, positive time away from home. There is a chance to splash out while tubing behind a speedboat, learn computer programming, hang out at the beach, or express yourself through dance or art. Plus plenty of feasting on great food, and laughing a lot!

Summer Splash is a local camp at the Apex Camp at Mudjimba. Lazer tag, ice-skating, basketball, a Disco night, bonfire and toasting marshmallows, Aussie World, the Big Boing etc etc...all in one camp!

This camp is on Monday 18th January to Friday 22nd January 2016. If you are interested in more details head to www.sucamps.org.au and go to Summer Splash Camp. I will be attending this one and I am looking forward to having mega fun with some of our Tewantin students. If you would like to contact me for more details, please phone the school, drop in and see me in person at the school or email me at the above address.
SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (SWPBS)

Optimism and Learning

Optimism, traditionally considered to be an unchangeable trait, is actually a way of thinking that can be learned and enhanced. People with a positive viewpoint have less stress, better creative problem-solving skills, and better health outcomes than less optimistic people. In addition, optimistic learners are more likely to persist in the sometimes-hard work of learning, motivated by the belief that they can accomplish their learning goals.

Many teachers realise that as students become more optimistic, they are motivated to progress through learning difficulties and to attain higher levels of achievement. More optimistic students also have greater resistance to depression and the negative effects of stress.

The term ‘practical optimism’ is used to describe an attitude about life that relies on taking realistic, positive action to increase the likelihood of successful results. Emphasizing positive emotions helps students become more resilient and more likely to persevere with learning tasks. Their persistence is fueled by the belief that they will triumph over difficulty, learn from their mistakes, overcome plateaus in their performance, and progress. The mantra “I think I can! I think I can!” from an all-time favorite story, The Little Engine That Could, illustrates practical optimistic thinking.

‘Looking on the bright side’ is something we do every day at Tewantin State School!

Sheldon Boland - Deputy Principal (A)

TEWANTIN STATE SCHOOL’S ABSENCE REPORTING PHONE NUMBER

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

P& C NEWS

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.

“May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through!” (author unknown)

Lynda Oakley - Chaplain
INVOICES

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.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunshine Coast Youth Theatre Information Night

Sunshine Coast Youth Theatre are having a free information night for upcoming youth productions. They are a great opportunity for young talent on the Coast to get a chance to work on a project over the holidays to keep them entertained and engaged, and then to be able to give back to the community that supports them by providing entertainment as the end product.

Sunshine Coast Youth Theatre are really looking to encourage boys into these two productions this summer, especially in Peter Pan - so a great opportunity for any young guys who are interested to come along and see if they wish to be involved.

For more information please visit http://www.scyt.com.au

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

For advertising in our school newsletter, please direct all enquiries to School zine on 1300 795 503.
TEWANTIN STATE SCHOOL POOL

Enjoy 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