2 March 2016

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

3rd March, 2016

We are already half way through the term. A positive mood of purpose is evident in every classroom throughout our learning community. When visiting classrooms I have been very impressed with the learning occurring in the classrooms. Our curriculum is based on the Australian Curriculum and teachers sit down as a collaborative teaching cohort each term with the Head of Curriculum to plan targeted learning experiences and assessment.

A visible sense of school pride is also evident from the staff, students, parents and community. Our focus continues to be on building close partnerships with parents and the community, nurturing each child through a supportive classroom environment and continuing high expectations in areas such as literacy and numeracy. Examples of school initiatives that support this in Term 1 include:

- Daily monitoring of student behaviour through School Wide Positive Behaviour. Bronze certificates are currently being distributed to students who have maintained positive behaviour on a daily basis.
- Continuation of the Tewantin Tutoring before school program for selected students to support their literacy and numeracy skills. This term is devoted to Year 3,5,6 students in literacy.
- Extension music programs.
- Acceler8 program for high achieving academic students. This term we are specialising in the Key Learning Area of History.
- Principal Learning Awards and classroom awards to celebrate student achievement.

Our young people rely on their parents/carers, teachers and family members to support them in their learning. Within the busy cycle of life, I encourage you take an active interest in your child’s school life and engage fully with them in their learning program. I would like to extend my congratulations to students and parents for the way in which students from all year levels have presented themselves. I would particularly like to thank the school community for the calm way in which we all responded to our recent bomb threat. The practice procedures we have in place greatly assisted us during this time. Our students behaved exceptionally well and are to be commended.

Our school has received significant additional funding from the government under the Investing 4 schools funding (used to be known as Great Results Guarantee GRG). This is an exciting opportunity and one that will enable us to implement targeted support programs according to our previous student performance data. With the I4S funding we are implementing evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy. At Tewantin we are targeting the following:

- Teachers working collaboratively with their year level, Head of Curriculum, Head of Differentiation or Developing Performance Team Leader.
- Employing a teacher to deliver the Acceler8 program for extension students.
• Employing additional teacher aides to provide targeted support in classrooms
• Purchasing literacy and numeracy resources to support learning
• Providing professional development for teaching staff and teacher aides.
• Integrating ICT in literacy and numeracy.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME (SRS)

Thank you to all parents that have paid their SRS. Participation in this scheme provides access to various learning materials and resources including Reading Eggs and Mathletics. Please refer to the attached document for participation and reminder of the payment options and due dates.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

We would like to thank all the families that have contributed. These contributions help with enhancing our school facilities including the recent new Prep furniture and mural.

ABSENCES

Absence Line: 5335 8866
Please call the school attendance line for all absences. In the message please leave the name of the student/s, the day or date of absence, and the reason for the absence. Thank you for your courtesy.

SCHOOL PHOTO DATE CHANGES

Photo order forms have been sent home. School photos will take place on Wednesday 9th March. P-3 Photo Day remains unchanged (Wednesday 9th March) however the Year 4-6 (and sibling photos) will take place on Friday 18th March in order to accommodate a significant number of Year 4-6 students involved in the CREST Program on the 9th March.

STAFFING CHANGES

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

Term 1

• Mrs Chris Hall – Teacher Aide in PC - will be on leave from 16th February to 18th March replacement Samantha Simpson
• Mrs Linda Estraviz – Speech Language Pathologist will be on leave from 2nd March to 24th March
• Mrs Chris Goggin – Teacher Aide – Library - will be on leave from 21st March to 24th March.

EXEMPTION FROM COMPULSORY SCHOOLING

Please be aware that any parents of students who are absent from school for 10 or more consecutive days must complete a form to exempt them from compulsory schooling for this period of time. The most common reason to complete this form is when families are travelling during the school term and sometimes it also includes students who have a medical condition, supported by a medical certificate. Forms can be collected from the school office and are also attached to the newsletter.

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:

4B – Tia (surname withheld)
4R- Ella Page
4T-Chloe (surname withheld)
5/4P-Maggie Harrison
5C – Sarah Grey
5E – Izaiah Crichton
5P – James Vieritz
6/5M – Spencer (surname withheld)
6D – Cade Holeszko
6M- Jess Frauenfelder
6P- Kodi Howe

PARADES

Parades will continue in 2016 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.

Corrie Connors – Principal

TERM DATES*

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PK Noosa River Boat Cruise Family Day Prep Excursion
17/03/16
PDM Noosa River Boat Cruise Family Day Prep Excursion
18/03/16
Years 4-6 (and Sibling) School Photo Day
18/03/16
Bike Education - Year 4
18/03/16
Year 3 “eARTh-ed” incursion
18/03/16
Qld State Swimming Championships – Brisbane
20/03/16-22/03/16
Year 6 Camp Noosa North Shore
21/03/16-23/03/16
Easter Hat Parade – 1:45pm
24/03/16
P & C AGM – 09:00am

*Please be advised that dates are continually being added and that dates and times are subject to change. Please check the website or QSchool app for up to date information.

YEARS LEVEL FEATURE – YEAR ONE

In Year One the children have been busy getting to know new classmates and learning new routines. They have all come up from Prep with a great attitude and good skills for learning.

Our first English unit dealt with emotion in picture books and soon the children will be delivering the oral presentation they have put together in class and practised at home, to the rest of us. Our new unit of work will consist of learning how a story works. The children enjoy the picture books we use to deliver this information such as “Too Loud, Lily”, “Going on a Bear Hunt”, “Koala Lou”, “Wonky Donkey”, “Blossom Possum” almost as much as we enjoy reading them!

Swimming has been fun! You can see the development of the children’s confidence and ability already. Of course we have had perfect swimming weather which makes lessons even more enjoyable! Thank you to the parents who attend each week to help dress the children after the lesson.

A big thank you also, to the parents, grandparents and volunteers who have offered to help out in our classrooms. We really appreciate the time you are able to give us which supports our efforts to offer interesting and effective lessons directed at varied learning stages.

Look out for notes in the near future which will invite parents/caregivers to a parent teacher interview about your child’s progress throughout this term. A formal report card will go home at the end of second term.

We enjoyed our first incursion for the year when Starlab visited on Friday. The children had the opportunity to identify some of the stars and planets in our night skies without having to wait until dark!

This term we are lucky to have Mrs Ann Stevens working with Year Ones to program BeeBots. Children have had the opportunity to tell the BeeBots where they want them to move to using commands such as ‘forwards’, ‘backwards’, ‘sideways’ accompanied by the number of ‘steps’ the Beebot is to take. This fun activity is the very beginning of coding, the writing of computer programs, which will soon be introduced into our curriculum. The children love these lessons.

Year 1 Teachers-Minna Berry, Anne Roder, Katerina O’Rourke, Anne Waterhouse

QPARENTS APP

Tewantin State School is proud to be one the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents.

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour information
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way.

It won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.
**THE BENEFITS OF QPARENTS**

**Convenience and time savings for parents**
- Parents can view or update their child’s details without having to contact the school
- Secure 24/7 online access.
- Available anytime, anywhere — access QParents on your smart phone, tablet or computer.

**Greater transparency of information**

Please keep your eye out for information that will be sent home shortly.

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**SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (SWPBS) — RESPECT**

**What is Respect?**

Respect can mean different things to different people. But basically, respect means to show regard or consideration for someone or something. It is critical for our children to understand the importance of respect, so that they can communicate effectively with others throughout their lives. It is important to distinguish between respect and obedience. A child may obey you simply because he/she is afraid of you. However, when a child understands that your rules and disciplinary actions are ultimately for his/her own good, he/she will obey you because he/she respects you.

Equally important, self-respect means to hold proper esteem or regard for the dignity of one’s character. The virtue of self-respect allows children to feel good about themselves and will help them to achieve their goals.

**How Respect is Learned**

The best way to teach your child about respect is for you to show respect to yourself, your child, and others. Kids are greatly influenced throughout their day by adults – whether it be a parent, teacher, or coach. Observing respectful adult behaviour helps your child learn the value of respect and how to use it to her advantage.

Keep in mind that schools may teach children about respect, but it is you, the parent, that holds the most influence over your children. If you are caught bad-mouthing the opposing team during a game or screaming an obscenity at the driver who just cut you off, your child will take this as a cue that it’s okay to be disrespectful to your peers.

Most importantly, treat your kids with respect. Truly listen to them when they have something to say. Let them know that their words and feelings are important to you. Help them learn to appreciate and take care of their things by respecting their personal property. Respect their privacy by knocking before entering their room and ask that they do the same. Remember, you are their role model and the old adage "Do as I say not as I do" simply doesn’t have any merit where matters of respect are concerned.

It is our job to ensure that we raise our kids to become respectful adults. Society and our children will thank you for it.

Regards

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**Sheldon Boland - Deputy Principal (A)**

**CURRICULUM CORNER**

Since 2014 schools in the North Coast Region have been a part of a regional initiative referred to as the Success Schools Project aimed at improving the Literacy and Numeracy capabilities of students within the region. Tewantin State School has been, and continues to be, involved with the Literacy Success Team developing the teaching of reading comprehension strategies. Now, in 2016, we are fortunate enough to have Darren Clark, a Principal Education Advisor from the Numeracy Success Team, working with both our teachers and students.

The Numeracy Success Project not only focuses on ‘what’ to teach but also the ‘how’. When identifying ‘what’ to teach the Australian Curriculum Mathematics aims for students to become confident, creative users and communicators of Mathematics, who are able to investigate, represent and interpret involving Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability.

Currently in classrooms at Tewantin Darren is focusing on Number and Algebra. When looking at ‘how’ to teach this, he is using a routine referred to as ‘Warm Ups’. ‘Warm Ups’ are being used to focus on aspects of Number and Algebra. They are used to

- provide a high interest and engaging start to Mathematics lessons
- practise and deepen students’ understanding of Mathematics content and concepts that have already been explicitly taught
- identify misconceptions students have or inefficient methods they may by using to solve Mathematics problems
- give teachers an understanding of students’ understanding of concepts and their reasoning
Most Fridays this term, Darren can be found in the Year One and Four classes engaging students in a range of high interest ‘Warm Ups’. In doing this he is also modelling for teachers the use of a range of ‘Warm Up’ ideas, exploring new contexts for ‘Warm Ups’ and assisting teachers in creating their own ‘Warm Ups’.

Teachers from all the other year levels are also benefiting from having Darren working with our school through the presentation of professional development sessions.

The sharing of Darren’s expertise is not only limited to the teachers and students. Darren has kindly offered to conduct a parent workshop at the school on Monday, 14 March from 2:00pm to 2:45pm. This session will address what is involved in the teaching of Mathematics and ideas on how parents can support their child at home.

On Saturday, 13th February, Caitlyn Taylor, 5P took part in a karate club comp in Brisbane. After four rounds in the 10-11 year girl’s category of kumite (sparring) Caitlyn placed 2nd, receiving a silver medal. While there she was able to finally see her name up on the shield from her winning the memorial cup last year. In two weeks Caitlyn will compete in another comp on the South side, all in preparation for the Australian Schools Karate Tournament in Sydney in April where Caitlyn will represent Tewantin State School against every school in Australia.

We wish Caitlyn all the best in her upcoming events and we are very proud of her achievements.

Here at Tewantin we love to celebrate the achievements of both our past and present students. If you know of a student who has an achievement to be celebrated, please e-mail the details to newsletter@tewantinss.ed.edu.au please include any relevant photographs and a contact number in your e-mail. We celebrate all kinds of achievements from sporting and community to academic and arts awards. Also if you find any students featured in the media for their achievements we would also love that brought to our attention.
UNIFORM SHOP

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

- Wednesday mornings - 8:00-9:00

If you are unable to attend at this time you are welcome to fill out the attached order form and either drop it in to the office or e-mail it to:
info@tewantinss.eq.edu.au

TEWANTIN STATE SCHOOL’S ABSENCE REPORTING PHONE NUMBER

PLEASE USE THE PHONE NUMBER - 5335 8866 FOR REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES.

P&C NEWS

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Smart Choices have changed the State School Tuckshop Guidelines and as such we are required to make some adjustments to our Tuckshop menu. Thankfully this does not need to be reinforced until the start of Term 3 and we will keep everyone up to date on the changes to items available closer to the new Term.

Don’t forget that we are now open MONDAYS.

If you can lend a hand in our Tuckshop for a day each week, please drop in and have a chat with our Convenor Michelle.

UNIFORM SHOP

Don’t forget if you have a Prep student they must be in the Royal Blue hats, hold onto the cream coloured ones if they are wearing them as they can wear them next year.

Hats can be purchased from the school administration at any time during school hours for $10.

Year 6 Graduation shirts update – unfortunately the delay for these shirts will be a little longer as the Cyclone in Fiji has meant that our product is unable to leave the manufacturers premises, we do apologise for the delay and thank you for your patience.

AGM

The Tewantin State School P&C Association will be holding their AGM on Thursday 24th March at 9am, this will be followed by a normal meeting. Nomination forms for all executive positions are available from the school administration building in the next week or so.

SCHOOL BANKING

Now that we are back at school, please don’t forget to drop your school banking off every Monday…..if you haven’t signed up but are interested please drop into Bendigo Bank Tewantin and join.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Fun Run will be held on March 4th, all families have received information about this and we encourage you to take advantage of the online sponsorship as it makes it easier for family and friends to make a donation. We would love to see lots of parents / carers involved on the day.

FACEBOOK

Our P&C Facebook page is used to keep people up to date on events happening within the school that we hold. During last week’s incident we did place posts on this page helping the school keep parents informed, but please do not rely on this page to receive your information, in instances like this the school has procedures that they follow and we are only a helpful information backup. Don’t forget to like our Facebook page to keep up to date on what the school’s P&C are up to – Tewantin State School P&C (Pelican Logo).

TEWANTIN STATE SCHOOL POOL NEWS

Contact 0402 661 638 or visit the link below for more information, available dates and booking times.

INVOICES

SRS – Student resources scheme

Thank you to those families who have returned their green SRS form and/or who have already paid their SRS contribution.

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. This is our preferred method of invoice payment.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

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

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 to School zine on 1300 795 503.

COMMUNITY NEWS

STUDENT BANKING THAT GIVES BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

We are very pleased to announce that Bendigo Bank is now authorised to offer student banking to Tewantin State School.

What makes Bendigo Bank different from other banks is our unique focus on supporting and giving back to the community. Since inception, our Community Bank® initiative has reinvested more than $130 million across Australia to various community projects. This included a number of community projects within Queensland that funded interactive whiteboards for classrooms and transport to help children attend vocational activities.

We believe it’s never too early to teach children about the benefits of saving, which is why we have created our new PiggySaver Account that makes saving both fun and rewarding for kids.

A statement account with no account keeping fees, no transaction or government fees, no penalties and no deposit restrictions – plus a host of fun games and rewards – a PiggySaver Account makes saving fun.

To open a PiggySaver Account for your child, you can come in and see us at the Tewantin Branch.

A certified copy of your child’s birth certificate will be required as identification for your child, whilst as their parent or guardian, you may also be required to provide 100 points of identification. Of course, if you already bank with Bendigo Bank your identification will not be required.

Tewantin State School Banking Day is Monday, please bring your deposit books to the office.

TEWANTIN NETBALL SIGN ON AND PRACTICE DAYS

ALL NOOSA DISTRICT LOCALS WELCOME TO JOIN & PLAY
GIRLS AGED 8-15 AND BOYS AGED 8-12

NOOSA DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION
Outdoor Saturday Winter Season 2016

TEWANTIN NETBALL CLUB

SIGN ON DAYS
SAT 27 FEB & SAT 5TH MAR 9AM TO 10:30AM
N.D.N.A COURTS MCKINNON DVE TEWANTIN
WED 2ND MAR 3PM TO 4:30PM
TEWANTIN STATE SCHOOL COURTS
EMAIL: TEWANTINNETBALL@YAHOO.COM.AU
PHONE: 0400 800 061
ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic non-profit charitable organisation dedicated to seeking a more just society by assisting people in need regardless of beliefs, ethnicity or social situation. Volunteers conduct private confidential interviews with people who are struggling to meet day to day living expenses.

- We help families get back on their feet financially by providing food parcels, basic furniture, household items and clothing.
- In some cases we can help with part payment of utilities, rent and educational and medical expenses.
- We may also provide information about seeking financial and personal counselling and housing assistance from other organisations.

Contact us by phone for a home visit or call into our Support Centre.

Please bring a current Centrelink Income Statement or payslip and documentation to support requests for financial assistance.

Tewantin Noosa St Vincent de Paul Society Support Centre
165 Eumundi Rd. Noosaville. (Next to Vinnies shop)
5449980
Support Centre Opening Hours
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9:30 am – 12:00 Noon

MISS NOOSA SHOWGIRL AND RURAL AMBASSADOR AWARDS

Entries are now open for the 2016 Miss Noosa Showgirl and Rural Ambassador Awards. This is a great opportunity to create connections in our local community, make new friends, and help fundraise for charities and the Noosa Show Society. Anyone can enter with categories available for both males and females aged 0 to 30. For more information or to enter please contact:
TeAna - 0403551208 or noosashowgirl@gmail.com
Show Office – 54852331
http://www.noosashowsociety.org.au/