18 May 2016

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Pool update

Tewantin State School encourages all students to learn to swim as part of their strong commitment to fitness and water safety.

The school plans to offer a hire arrangement of its swimming pool at a higher fee at the conclusion of the current lease, which ends in August 2016. As per the current lease arrangement, the pool does not open to the general public during school hours in Term 1 and Term 4 as the students of Tewantin use the pool for swimming lessons.

The school pool is currently available to the general public outside of school hours. An expression of interest process to lease the pool post August 2016 will occur with a view to offer the Tewantin community the same arrangement.

Currently, under the existing lease, the pool is open to the public before school 5.45am – 8.30am, after school 3.00pm – 8.00pm and on Saturdays 7am – 4pm.

The pool is not leased for profit. Pool operation and maintenance costs have significantly exceeded the estimates made in early 2015, primarily due to increased chemical and electricity costs to keep the pool open outside school hours, as well as operate during the winter months of Terms 2 and 3.

The need to increase the hire fee was made after a review of finances and in consultation with the P&C and school leadership team. The school has leased out its pool over the past nine months at a significant loss.

Any increase in leasing fees will only be made on the basis of cost recovery.

Tewantin State School will continue to hold school swimming lessons during the warmer months in Terms 1 and 4, as it has in the past, should a lease agreement not be reached after August this year.

School parents can be assured their children will continue to have access to the pool and swimming lessons into the future.

Chappy Week May 14th – 22nd

Chaplaincy has widespread support from the public and from schools.

- Almost 63% of Queensland schools have a chaplain… which is their choice to make
- There are over 600 school chaplains in 880 Queensland schools
- All chaplains are training to the government’s required standard of a Certificate IV in Youth Work or similar. But actually 90% of chaplains hold higher qualifications in Diploma’s, Bachelor’s and postgraduate degrees.

Our own Tewantin State School Chaplain - Linda Oakley, makes a significant contribution to our school well-being and culture. We would like to acknowledge Linda’s wonderful work and her service to young people and families in the community. Thank you Linda.

Administration staff

Another special day to acknowledge recently was administration day. Our office staff make a big difference to the smooth running of the school and we thank them for juggling
multiple roles and for creating a welcoming environment for all staff, students and parents.

East Timor shoe box collection – Monday 20th 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 Coolum 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 of 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. This year we are asking if each child could bring in their own shoebox that can be filled with items such as exercise books, rulers, erasers, pens and pencils. Each shoebox and its contents makes a BIG difference to the child opening it at the other end. We will have some spare shoeboxes that can be filled at the school if needed.

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 our school assembly on Monday, 20 June at 2.00pm. This will be the last assembly for this term. This project continues to build on our special relationship with the Tewantin Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank and Rotary Club of Noosa.

Under 8’s Day Friday 27th May

This year the annual Tewantin State School Under 8’s Day celebration will be held Friday 27th May. The purpose of the Under 8’s Day is to create an awareness of services, activities and organisations from the community that are aimed at children and support their families. It also celebrates being under the age of 8. The morning allows services and organisations to showcase what they can offer to children and the local community in an educational and fun-filled morning. Families, friends and community are invited to attend. Thank you to Ashley Keune, Prep teacher, for organising U8’s.

Attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. If your child is absent please contact the class teacher ASAP with the reason stated or call the absence line with the reason stated on 5335 8866.

Mother’s Day

Thank you to the staff and teacher aides that organised a card, gift, poem or pampering for Mother’s Day. Included are some photos of a special pampering session that was offered so kindly to Mothers in Mrs Sandra Dunning’s and Miss Marnie Hollindale’s class. The preparation behind this was very well thought out and organised and included treats such as fresh scones, tea/coffee, foot spas, back massages, hand and nail treatments, reading and quiet time out!

Facilities upgrade

We are very excited to share that Kirrinari will receive a facilities upgrade. Work will start on this building Monday 16th May and is expected to take between 2-3 weeks. Kirrinari was previously the place where parades were held. The space that this area can provide our students has been used extensively over the years but it was definitely due for a modern makeover. A bifold door will be installed in Kirnari so we can create a space for our learning in STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Students that are involved in intervention and extension programs such as Mini-Lit and Acceler8 will also benefit from this upgrade. A new coat of paint, new furniture (kindly donated by the Noosa-Tewantin RSL) and new carpet will improve this important facility for all our students.

Corrie Connors – Principal
The Story of Perseverance and Determination

The only sure-fire way to fail is to give up. It’s no secret that big goals take time. You have to think months or even years down the road. Because they take so much time, we’re often tempted to quit before reaching them. This story will show why you shouldn’t easily give up.

Hawaii was discovered around AD 1000 – no one knows the exact date – by a group of seafaring Polynesians who inhabited and explored many of the islands in the South Pacific. If you look at a map of the world, you’ll notice that Hawaii is one of the most isolated spots on the planet. So it’s already incredible that it was discovered so early in human history. But what they did to get there makes the story even more amazing.

Because of its isolation, they would never have known Hawaii was even there. They suspected it was there though. They noticed a bird called the Golden Plover which migrated north out into the open water every year. Land must have been out there somewhere – they just couldn’t see it. So they set sail from the Marquesas Island to follow them. That island is as close as you can get to Hawaii, but it’s still about 4000 km away. Nowadays it takes roughly 30 days to sail to Hawaii from Marquesas using modern day equipment. Back then, they were only using carved wooden boats and their own understanding of naval navigation.

The Polynesians followed the birds closely, but they always flew faster than they could paddle. They could only keep up with them for short distances. At some point, they would lose track and have to turn back. Each year they would try again, picking up where they left off the previous year. Years passed by and they kept getting farther into the Pacific. But still they never saw land.

It took the Polynesians 400 years to finally reach Hawaii using this method. Imagine the determination and perseverance you would need to do this. After generations of hard work, belief, perseverance and determination – after years of uncertainty and doubt they finally reached their goal.

Inspire Yourself

That was almost 1000 years ago. Yet their struggles relate a lot to our own goal-setting. We’re all working towards an unknown destination just like the Polynesians. The principles are exactly the same.

Your big goal is like Hawaii

After a lot of hard work and perseverance, the Polynesians reached the goal that took them years to accomplish. There was no guarantee they’d reach it. For all they knew, they were sailing out to nothing. This is what goal setting is like. You’re not completely certain it’s out there, but you work on the faith that you’ll reach it. Sometimes you have to risk going out into nothing in order to get where you want to be.

Your clues to success are like the birds

The Polynesians saw the birds flying in the direction of Hawaii and deduced that land was there. That was their clue that they’d eventually reach their destination.

We’re all setting big goals or dreams on a clue or a hunch that we’ll reach them. It’s our determination and belief in those clues that keep us going.

Your obstacles are like the ocean

Reaching Hawaii meant paddling across 4000 km through the Pacific. Navigating over the open water and making sure their boat didn’t sink were huge obstacles.

All goals have obstacles to overcome. We all have things standing in our way. They can often seem insurmountable, but with enough perseverance we can usually get around them.

Don’t Stop Working Towards Your Goals

Determination and perseverance pay off.

That means working hard even if you don’t see an end in sight. How often did the Polynesians stop at some random place in the middle of the Pacific and see nothing? You’ll face that moment too while pursuing your goal. You’ll stop to look around and see nothing. That’s normal.

There will often be nothing to encourage us. There will often be nothing telling us if our hunches are right. The problem is that when we see nothing we might think there really is nothing.

You have to have faith that your “Hawaii” is out there. You have to have faith that all your work will get you to your destination. It often just takes time and small steps. You have to persevere and see it all the way to the end.

Sailing too far away from the shore for so long can be scary, but it will get you places!

Regards

Sheldon Boland - Deputy Principal (A)

CURRICULUM CORNER

This term at Tewantin we continue to have Darren Clark, a Principal Education Advisor from the North Coast Region Numeracy Success Team, working with both our teachers and students. Darren has been providing professional development for our teachers on the elements of an effective Mathematics
lesson, along with demonstrating aspects of these in the classrooms. Within our classrooms, teachers are continuing to refine the fantastic work they already do around Mathematics based on Darren’s work in the school.

The elements of an effective mathematics lesson include:

- Warm ups
- Explicit teaching
- Open ended inquiry.

**Warm ups**

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, ‘Warm Ups’ are generally 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

**Explicit teaching**

Explicit teaching focuses on the teaching of content. Through explicit teaching the teachers

- build on prior knowledge
- use materials/visual models used to develop the students’ understanding
- link learning to upcoming assessment or monitoring tasks

**Open ended inquiry**

Open ended inquiry concepts are connected to the Explicit Teaching phase. Open ended inquiry involves

- problem-solving and reasoning
- students often working in pairs or small groups
- differentiating to support and challenge individual groups of students when they require it
- the teacher facilitating as students ‘drive’ the learning time
- increased opportunity to for teacher to cater for individuals in their class

Open ended questions have more than one outcome and are not answered by memory of one procedure or formula. They really get the students thinking. Through this phase of a Mathematics lesson teachers can also intervine to address misconceptions or assist students in their use of more efficient strategies.

During Term One, Darren focused on demonstrating the use of warm ups in the Year 1 and 4 classes. This term the focus has shifted to the open ended inquiry phase of the lesson. Darren is currently working in the Year 2 and 6 classes demonstrating the use of open ended questions.

Later in the term, Darren will also work with some teachers to further develop the assessment tasks we use to monitor and assess our students’ learning. These teachers will then be able to lead the other teachers through the process of effectively adjusting Mathematics assessment tasks across the school.

With regards to monitoring and assessing the students in Mathematics, Tewantin teachers are also currently using a Mathematics diagnostic task developed by the North Coast Region PEA ACs. The North Coast Region Diagnostic tasks connect to the intent of the Australian Curriculum at each year level.

They are given to the students at the beginning and end of each term and are designed to

- assist teachers in KNOWING their students
- reveal misconceptions in student understanding
- inform planning and assessment processes
- create a platform for teachers to cater for the individual students in their class.

This is just another example of the great work the teachers at Tewantin do around knowing where each student is at, their learning and catering for individual learning needs.

**Mrs Kym Trewick – Head of Curriculum**

**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:

PC - Grace Stratford
PDM – Ella (surname withheld)
PH – Lilly (surname withheld)
PK – Ruby Willmott
1B – Siena Taylor
1OR – Gracie (surname withheld)
This year the year fives have been working extremely hard in all areas of the curriculum. Term 1 was short and sweet and proved to be a great start to the year. It was wonderful to meet with so many parents/guardians before the Easter break for the Parent/Teacher interviews and we are quickly marching towards Report Cards which will go home at the end of this term.

During Term 1 the students were busy learning about writing a chapter for their own fantasy story while working through and enjoying Emily Rodda’s 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 and this term we are examining significant events related to the goldfields and gold rushes. 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 and a fabulous way to finish the term. The children put their newly learnt science knowledge into action as they worked their way through a mangrove ecosystem, identifying 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 exclaimed, “I wish this was our classroom every day!”

We are close to halfway through Term 2 and already so much has been achieved. The students have competed in school cross country (with several year 5’s following on with District cross country), learnt about cyber safety and Naplan assessment last week. We were very proud of how the students coped with the Naplan testing experience. As teachers, to help minimise students’ stress, we prepared the children by presenting a very normal classroom lead up and encouraging the students to do their best. We are very proud of the students’ positive attitudes and efforts displayed.

This term in English, we will be further developing our persuasive writing skills by examining an environmental issue which is very topical for us Noosa residents – flying fox colonies and their impact on the community. The children will be writing a feature article that presents their point of view regarding this topic. Maths will include learning more about symmetry and 3D shapes, addition and subtraction strategies, decimals and fractions and number fact recall.

Thank you parents/guardians for your continuing support throughout the year.

Year 5 Teachers - Katrina Copping, Sarah Eleison, Wendy McIlroy, Geoff Peel and Kathy Perry.

Greetings from 5/4P composite class.

This is year 5’s week for news time, so we would like to introduce ourselves to you. Hope you enjoy.

Interview with Sierra McFarlane

Age: 10
Lives in: Cooroy
Sports/Hobbies: Dirt bike riding (MX)
Favourite day of the year: Christmas Day
Pets: Jim, Zoko, Woody, Red Dog (my dogs x4), Piggy, Silhouette (horses), hen pompom plus ten chickens.
Favourite subject: Art
Least favourite subject: Math
Enjoys homework: Yes
Personal goal for 2016: Participate in a motorbike race
In twenty years’ time I hope to be: Studying Vet science
Advice to younger students: Work hard and be nice, love life and enjoy every moment.

Interview with Jordan Buchan

Age: 10
Lives in: Cooroy
Sports/Hobbies: Electronic gaming or soccer
Pets: Storm the cat, Lady the cat, Ashlah the cat, and Roundabout the bird.
Favourite day of the year: Christmas
Favourite subject: Math
Least favourite subject: History
Enjoys homework: Sometimes
Personal goal for 2016: Learn new math
Interview with Lily Faulks

Age: 10
Lives: Cooroibah
Sports/Hobbies: Swimming, Drama and Theatre
Pets: Chickens (Snow, Cherry, Pepper, Marshmallow 1 and 2, Ginger, Silky), 2 dogs, Lucy and Suey
Best day of the year: When my performance arrives (for drama) which will be very soon
Favourite Subject: English Accelerate
Least favourite subject: Maths
Enjoys homework: Yes

Personal goal for 2016: Go into intermediate squad swimming and do more than 5 plays this year.
In twenty years time: I hope to be an actress in a live production on a big stage or TV.
Advice to younger students: Work hard to achieve your goals and live life to the fullest.

Interview with Zac Davidson

Age: 10
Lives: Cooroibah
Sports/Hobbies: Building lego
Pets: 2 cats (Zoey and Blue) and 2 dogs (Possum and Hershey)
Favourite day of the year: My birthday
Favourite subject: Math
Least favourite subject: Literacy
Enjoys homework: Sometimes
Personal goal for 2016: To become better at spelling
In twenty years’ time I hope to be: a millionaire
Advice to younger students: Believe in yourself

Interview with Jennifer Ladewig:

Age: 10
Lives: Tewantin
Sports/Hobbies: Swimming and running
Pets: None
Best day of the year: My birthday
Favourite subject: Science
Least favourite subject: History
Enjoys homework: Sometimes
Personal goal for 2016: To be the best runner I can be and support my family as much as possible.
In twenty years’ time I hope to be: At the Olympic Games for running long distance
Advice to younger students: To try your best all the time, you don’t have to be the smartest kid, it is your personality that will make you successful.

Under 8’s Day Celebration

This year the annual Tewantin State School Under 8’s Day celebration will be held on Friday the 27th of May. This year is the 60th anniversary of this event in Queensland. Classes from Prep to Year 3 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 the event will be even bigger than last year with many new art stalls, community services and many sporting codes represented.

All of the stalls and activities for the children will be free yet again. Tea, coffee and lamingtons will be available for adults which will be the only items that will incur a payment. A raffle will also be held on the day for one term (term 3) of free art activities with Time 4 Art Fun, valued at $150. These classes take place in Kirrinari, at the school each Monday after school.
All proceeds from this raffle will go to the Tewantin State School P & C. The Under 8’s Day 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, making masks, making kites, bubble blowing, painting and making necklaces, just to name a few.

Emergency services will be on site again, 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, Rugby Union 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 representatives from the Noosa Yacht Club, who will be bringing in a few boats. 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 am. Remember that adults can purchase a tea, coffee and lamingtons and that raffle tickets will be sold for a great prize which will help support our P & C. All other activities and snacks are free! We would love to see you there to help us celebrate our Under 8’s Day.

**CHAPEL’S CORNER**

Hi everyone! It is hard to believe we are in week 5 of Term 2! This fortnight I would like to honour a special couple in my new ‘Behind the Scenes’ segment.

**Behind the Scenes**

I have created this segment to celebrate those incredible hard-working people who are the quiet achievers. I am not sure ‘quiet’ is an apt description though, of Glen and John Pennell! (pictured beneath) Glen and John are the back-bone of the Breakfast Club and supplier of all our breakfast goodies. They have faithfully picked up, re-directed, stored and then delivered food items to the hall kitchen for five years. That’s five years of early morning starts and voluntary work, packing and loading food into their refrigerated vehicle (thank-you Lions Club!), unloading into their storage shed, reloading for delivery day and then unpacking the food in the kitchen. On top of that, there is the endless trips to Aldi, IGA and Woolworths for supplies and Tewantin State School is only one of five schools that they deliver to (six campuses) so we can times all that by six! Phew! So well done John and Glen Pennell, we salute you for all you do!

**Social Skills**

In order for children to succeed in the social world they need the appropriate skills. This Term I have been helping a small group of Year two and three children to learn how to co-operate, make friends and negotiate conflicts through doing fun activities. From giant floor puzzles to beach ball games, we have made a lot of progress and have learnt to encourage and praise one another and to be kind and helpful.

**Uniforms**

Often when children leave the school or grow out of their uniforms, they are still of quite good quality. We consistently need second-hand uniforms to hand out to those in need. At the moment our stores are particularly low so if you have any shirts, skirts or shorts in the back of your cupboard that you are not using anymore could you please hand them in to administration to pass on to me? That would be fantastic and much appreciated!

**Parentline - 1300 301 300**

I have been hearing a lot about Parentline lately and I think the availability of this service is great.

Do you need some parenting strategies for children with challenging behaviors? Or you might have questions about custody and access? Parentline is available from 8am to 10pm seven days a week. Qualified counsellors are available and you can even get the same counsellor on a call-back system.

**Quote of the Day**

*Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass, it’s about learning to dance in the rain!*

**Contact Email**

If you would like to catch up with me for a chat or to be connected with people and resources who can help make life a little easier I am available on a Monday or Thursday, just phone Administration to be connected with me or I can be contacted via email on lyndao@chappy.org.au

Have a great day!
**Lynda Oakley - Chaplain**

**STAFFING CHANGES**

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

**Term 2**

- Ms Belinda Messenger will be on leave from 30-05-16 to 24-06-16, her replacement will be Ms Minna Berry and Ms Minna Berry’s replacement will be Ms Lesley Whithouse
- Mr Andrew Dunning will be on leave from 10-05-16 to 24-06-16, his replacement will be Ms Caroline Richardson
- Ms Angela Rea will be on leave from 11-04-16 to 24-06-16, her replacement will be Mr Ben Bleechmore

**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.

**TERM DATES***

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**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.

**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.

**QPARENTS APP**

Tewantin State School is proud to be one of 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
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.

TEWANTIN STATE SCHOOL’S ABSENCE REPORTING PHONE NUMBER

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

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.

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.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

Wednesday mornings - 8:00-9:00am

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 POOL NEWS

Contact 0402 661 638 or visit www.blackmarlinswimschool.com.au for more information, available dates and booking times.

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

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UPDATING YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

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NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Junior Secondary Campus of Noosa District SHS is holding a showcase on Wednesday 1st June from 3:30pm – 5:30pm. There will be students and staff showcasing their work from the areas of Art, Agricultural Studies, English, Humanities, LOTE, Drama, Science, Home Economics, Music and Technology. You will also be able to see how the Cadet Program operates from our campus every Wednesday afternoon. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and students to see what
happens at our Junior Secondary Campus as well as a chance to inspect our wonderful facilities and grounds. Please feel free to pop in to our campus at 120 Summit Rd Pomona. You will see performances, displays, demonstrations, presentations and interact with our farm animals. Sausages on bread and drinks will be available for sale. We look forward to seeing many of you during the afternoon.

Come and see what makes our school so great.

JUNIOR SECONDARY SHOWCASE
POMONA CAMPUS
120 Summit Rd Pomona
3:30pm - 5:30pm
1st JUNE

SCIENCE
ENGLISH
DRAMA
ART
HOME EC
ANIMALS
MUSIC
DANCE

About our A1 Clinic

NOOSA TIGERS
Special Needs A1 Clinic
Supporting individuals & their families living with disability.
In conjunction with Sunshine Butterflies.

Weekly
Wednesday - 3:30-5:30pm
Phone for details.

Why go there?
- Build self-confidence
- Team building
- Skill development
- Ball skills to help gross motor skills
- Improve co-ordination & fitness
- Social & Fun
- (All equipment provided)

Elki’s Movie Day!
Join us at Noosa Event Cinemas
At 9:00am on Sunday the 19th of June
For some fun, with lots of Children’s Entertainment
Before the 10:00am screening of

FINDING DORY

All tickets $15 per person

You can purchase tickets via Katie or Julie at the Tewantin Noosa RSL
Call 07 54407718 or 0754407705 to reserve your seats!

All money raised goes to support a local 3 year old girl diagnosed with New Years Day with Leukaemia, and her family. Dad is needing to take time off work regularly as Elki ends up in hospital for days at a time, and the bills are starting to stack up. They are in desperate need of a new car as they are making the weekly trips to Brisbane for treatment in an unreliable 20 year old car.

Elki’s Journal

You can follow Elki’s Journal on Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/elkijournal

Donate directly to Elki’s family via Go Fund Me:
https://www.gofundme.com/Elkijournal

Send Butterflies: Noosa Tigers A1 Clinic, 120 Summit Rd, Pomona
Phone: 07 5440 4000

Weekly participation fee is $10

About us:

A new & exciting A1 Clinic to promote socialization & increase recreational development for people with disabilities.

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2016 NOOSA SHOWGIRL

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 raise funds 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/
Sign on now for 2016 season

Boys and Girls Aged 5 to 14
We are a fair play club welcoming players of all abilities.

Contact: Mel Benjamin 0417 554 053
noosaeaglesregistrar@gmail.com

Costs:
U6-8: $145
U9-10: $165
U11 & over $185

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Sensory Screenings
For Families With Special Needs

Zootopia
IN CINEMAS 24 MARCH

Angry Birds
IN CINEMAS 12 MAY

Finding Dory
IN CINEMAS 16 JUNE

Ice Age: Collision Course
IN CINEMAS 23 JUNE

Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive event for families with special needs
• Lighting is on dim, sound lowered, volunteers monitoring fire exit doors.
• Sensory Movie Day runs once a month on a Sunday at 11am.
• Tickets are $8 each (except Ipswich $6 each). Children 2yrs and under are free.
• Companion I.D. Cards are accepted.

Sensory Movie Day is running at the following locations:
Morayfield, Morayfield Plaza, Morayfield, Carina, Capalaba, Browns Plains, Ipswich,
Toowoomba, Lismore, Tuggerah, and Goulburn.
Any questions email sensormovieday@hotmail.com

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KIDS & TEENS VOICES

Gympie Semi-Audition

WIN $12,000
in prizes & gifts on GRAND FINALS

COMPETING CATEGORIES
Kiddie ages 3-5
Children’s ages 6-8
Pre-Teens ages 9-12
Teens ages 13-19

PUBLIC PERFORMANCE
Gympie Civic Centre
Metoor St
18 June 2016 1:00 - 6:00 PM

GRAND FINALS
10th September 2016 in Brisbane

REGISTRATION FEE $25
Opens 18th of April 2016
Call Beth on 04473540241

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