The Tewantin State School Parents and Citizens Association is a dynamic group of fantastic volunteers who do an amazing job supporting our students and wider community. I would like to remind parents and community of the invaluable role the P&C play at Tewantin State School. Questions or comments that you might have in relation to school operations should be directed to the school leadership team.

Students, parents, staff and the wider community should be very proud to be part of the wonderful community that is Tewantin State School. I would like to share with you some of the key findings from our last school audit that was conducted by the School Improvement Unit.

The school leadership team and staff are committed to improving learning outcomes for all students in the school.

High expectations are expressed by the school community and reflect a school-wide commitment to purposeful, successful learning and teaching.

The tone of the school is a respectful, positive and happy one.

Positive and productive relationships are evident throughout the school. The school provides a safe, respectful and caring learning environment as evidenced by the reduction in the number of major behavioural incidents over time, classroom observations and feedback from staff, parents and students. The school presents positively to the school community in both its physical appearance and welcoming culture. The Tewantin community speaks with great pride of the school’s reputation and its unique place within the district.

The school has established the priority of improving reading through a focus upon guided reading.

The school’s improvement agenda focused on reading is being led by the leadership team and is supported by regional support staff. The whole-school approach with consistent expectations and supported by coaching, observation and feedback is broadly seen to be strengthening student outcomes and the teaching of reading at the school.

One of the key improvement strategies recommended by the school review team was to continue the focus on reading through instructional and shared leadership and consider what a similar approach to building numeracy pedagogy practices will look like.

The key learning area of Numeracy has certainly been a high focus in 2016. 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.

Prep Enrolments

We are now taking Prep enrolments for 2017. If you are considering enrolling, enrolment forms can be collected from
the office or downloaded from the Tewantin State School website. I have visited our local early childhood centres and handed out pamphlets promoting our school and upcoming Prep sessions.

Further dates for Prep parent information sessions:

- Term 3 Wednesday 3rd August, 9.15am. Venue - Prep building
- Term 4 Wednesday 19th October 9.15am. Venue - Prep building
- Flying Start Scan Thursday 17th – Friday 18th November. Venue - Library

East Timor Shoe Boxes collection - last Monday of Term 2

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 will 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 of primary school students. Eight years ago, with the help of Cooroy, Maroochydore 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, 20 June at 2.00pm. This will be the last assembly for this term.

More information will be available in the coming weeks, but if you would like to participate in this project, ask for an empty shoe box from one of our local retailers and start collecting some simple items to go inside your shoe box.

This project continues to build on our special relationship with the Tewantin Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank and Rotary Club of Noosa.

Corrie Connors – Principal

SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (SWPBS) – BUILDING RESILIENCE AND BELIEF IN YOURSELF

Building Resilience

Adults can promote a lasting sense of resilience in children by:

- Having a positive attitude yourself. Your attitude as an adult impacts on children’s ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face.
- Look for teachable moments. Many learning opportunities are disguised as problems. Make the most of these opportunities so that children can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face.
- Make children active participants in the family. Active participation in a family develops the self-help, problem-solving and independence skills that are necessary for resilience.
- Build coping skills. There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to children to help them cope when life doesn’t go their way, including acceptance, getting away for a while, and normalisation.

Promoting resilience in children is a not a single event but a continuous process that requires adults to be supportive and empathetic when things don’t go their way.

Belief in Yourself

There may be days when you get up in the morning and things aren’t the way you had hoped they would be.
That’s when you have to tell yourself that things will get better. There are times when people will disappoint you and let you down.

But those are the times when you must remind yourself to trust your own judgments and opinions, to keep focused on believing in yourself.

There will be challenges to face and changes to make in your life, and it is up to you to accept them.

Constantly keep yourself headed in the right direction for you. It may not be easy at times, but in those times of struggle you will find a stronger sense of who you are.

So when the days come that are filled with frustration and unexpected responsibilities, remember to believe in yourself and all you want your life to be.

The challenges and changes will only help you to find the goals that you know are meant to come true for you.

Keep Believing in Yourself!

Regards

Sheldon Boland - Deputy Principal (A)

**CURRICULUM CORNER**

**Delving into Digital Technologies at Tewantin**

As with other schools across the nation, Queensland schools, including Tewantin State School, are implementing the Australian Curriculum. The Australian Curriculum sets consistent national standards to improve learning outcomes for all young Australians. It sets out, through content descriptions and achievement standards, what students should be taught and achieve, as they progress through school. It is the base for future learning, growth and active participation in the Australian community. Queensland schools have now implemented Phase 1 Australian Curriculum in the learning areas/subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography. At Tewantin State School we have also begun familiarising ourselves with aspects of Phase 3 Australian Curriculum, with a particular focus on the Digital Technologies aspect of the Australian Curriculum: Technologies.

Australian Curriculum: Technologies describes two distinct but related subjects:

- Design and Technologies, in which students use design thinking and technologies to generate and produce designed solutions for authentic needs and opportunities.
- Digital Technologies, in which students use computational thinking and information systems to define, design and implement digital solutions.

The Digital Technologies subject comprises two related strands:

- Digital Technologies knowledge and understanding – the information system components of data, and digital systems (hardware, software and networks)
- Digital Technologies processes and production skills – using digital systems to create ideas and information, and to define, design and implement digital solutions, and evaluate these solutions and existing information systems against specified criteria.

At Tewantin our current key focus is to explore a broad range of activities, resources and strategies that will enable us to implement the subject Digital Technologies within the Technologies Learning Area of the Australian Curriculum.

**What is happening at Tewantin with Digital Technologies?**

In Semester One the Prep to Year 3 students have been involved in weekly lessons using Bee-Bots. Bee-Bots are exciting programmable floor robots for Early Years and Lower Primary. They are a perfect starting point for teaching control, directional language, estimation, problem-solving and programming to young children. A Bee-Bot can remember up to 40 commands and so encourages increasingly sophisticated plans and program. At Tewantin the use of the Bee-Bots has been linked to the Mathematics Curriculum. Many aspects of Mathematics have been incorporated into this program including sequencing, positional language, coordinates and number concepts. When working with the Bee-Bots the students are highly engaged and enthusiastic as they work in pairs and small groups.

A Bee-Bots Club is also run each Friday lunchtime.

The Year Fours have also been engaged with aspects of the Digital Technologies subject by working with Probots, which are Bee-Bot’s big brother. They have taken skills learned and honed with Bee-Bot to the next level. A turtle robot, cleverly disguised as a race car, Pro-Bot has Logo on board and offers students an enticing, engaging, and hands-on experience with Logo programming as well as robotic controls. Pro-Bot
commands are entered via a set of arrow and number keys mounted on the back. Students plan a route for Pro-Bot and press the corresponding keypad controls to specify distances and angles. Pressing the ‘GO’ button sends the Pro-Bot on its way. Students can incorporate touch, sound, and light sensors into their programs and develop sub procedures that can be used again and again.

Year Four to Six students have also been given the opportunity to be involved in a Scratch lunch time club. Scratch is a visual programming language. With Scratch, students can program their own interactive stories, games, and animations. Scratch helps young people learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively — essential skills for life in the 21st century. It also provides a stepping stone to the more advanced world of computer programming.

Teaching staff at Tewantin have also been involved in professional development relating to the implementation of Digital Technologies as well as having the opportunity to network with other schools.

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 behaviour
• 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 – Ella Ruster
4R – Amelia Ackland
5/4P – Tai Freestone
5C – Aidan Taylor-Smith
5E – Harry (surname withheld)
6/5M – Mia Mahanga-Hawkins
6D – Joshua Whitehill
6M – Elliot Hill
6P – Raiden Hanna

YEAR LEVEL FEATURE – YEAR SIX

Term 2 is a great time to be a Year 6 student at Tewantin. This term there are a number of activities unique to year 6 students.

For many, the favourite activity is interschool sport. On Friday we had the first of three afternoons of interschool sport at Coolum State School. In the lunch hours leading up to this event, the Year 6 students and teachers had been frantically practising for their respective sport. For many students this was their first opportunity to competitively play a particular sport. It certainly was a buzz of excitement as the children recalled their experiences on their first afternoon of either netball, soccer, touch football, volley ball or rugby league. Interschool sport not only provides an opportunity for students to enjoy playing sport with their peers, it also allows them to meet children from Coolum and Perigian Springs. Some of these students might be their classmates next year.

Another enjoyable activity for Year 6 students is the high school transition visits. We have already travelled to the Noosa District Pomona Campus. Here the students were able to participate in two lessons including Physical Education, Geography, Agricultural Studies or Home Economics. The chatter on the bus back to school indicated the students’ satisfaction with their experiences. It was great to see some past students of Tewantin in leadership roles at the Campus. We are looking forward to visiting Sunshine Beach this week. Noosa District is also presenting a Science Expo this week! Some of the Sunshine Beach Stage Band visited earlier this term and demonstrated their musical skills. Once again it was great to see past students of Tewantin.

On top of all these extracurricular activities we have managed to continue our learning in class. Geometry has been a major focus in math this term. In English we have looked at the art of persuasion predominately in advertising. Some classes have made brochures while others are planning and filming advertisements. We have all studied electricity this term with some classes focussing on alternative energy and others studying electrical circuits and energy conservation.

Undoubtedly next term will be just as busy!

Year 6 Teachers – Wendy McIlroy, Andrew Dunning, Caroine Richardson, Tony McAnelly, Steve Perry.
MOTHER’S DAY IN PREP H

This term in Prep we have been learning about celebrations and because our Mums are so special we wanted to celebrate them by holding a special afternoon tea. To help us get prepared for the celebration the children participated in a range of different activities to make sure that their Mums felt extra special. They baked yummy food, they created placemats and flowers to decorate the table, they also wrote why they love their Mummy and drew a picture which they shared with their Mums at the afternoon tea. We were also lucky to have Siobhan from Bunnings come in and help the children create a special drink coaster that the Mums could keep. A special thank you goes to Bunnings for providing us with the materials to create our coasters and also to Siobhan for coming in and helping us create our special masterpieces. We hope every Mum had a special Mother’s Day.

Marnie Hollindale

UNDER 8’S DAY

Last Friday, the 27th of May the Tewantin State School and the wider community celebrated the annual Under 8’s Day. The 60th anniversary of the event in Queensland was another huge success with children from Prep to Year 3 celebrating being under the age of 8. The day also creates an awareness of services, activities and organisations from the community that are aimed at these children and to support their families. Many students from the wider community who were home schooled or attended some of the local day care centres also attended the event. It was fantastic seeing so many parents, carers and other family members at the event also.

The children and families had a great time and it was great to see all the children involved in the activities. The true Tewantin spirit and behaviour was on show for the whole morning with children on their best behaviour. Thanks to all the teachers for organising their stalls and for the helpers who set up and packed up the event. The school leaders and other year 6 students did a great job in helping and assisting on the day and it was great to see so many students coming up and offering to help set up and pack up in their own time. The junior band, what more can I say than OUTSTANDING!! These students organised themselves for the day, at the last minute and did an amazing job.

A big thank you to all organisations involved on the day. Without your time and effort this day would not be a success. These organisations included the Queensland Police Service, Queensland Ambulance Service and the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services. The Tewantin SES, the Doonan Rural fire Brigade and the Noosa Coast Guard were also in attendance and anyone interested in supporting these organisations can contact their depots or the school as they rely heavily on local volunteers to provide their services to our community. Thanks to the Sunshine Coast AFL, Sunshine Coast Rugby League, Noosa Surf Life Saving Club and the Noosa Yacht Club for your support on the day as well. If any students are interested in joining any of these sports contact details can be obtained from their web sites or contact the school for more information.

A big thanks also to: Wilvos, who dedicate their time to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of precious Australian native wildlife, the Noosa Library who will be doing a reading with award winning author Janeen Brian at the Noosa Library on the 8th June at 10 am for all children that are pre Prep students. A big thanks to Time 4 Art Fun for running a stall and who held a raffle to raise money for the Tewantin State School P & C on the day. The prize was 1 term (term 3) of free art lessons with Time for Art Fun, which is held after school on a Monday in the school grounds. The lucky winner of the raffle was Kym Doyle. Congratulations and I hope your daughter enjoys the lessons. More information about Time 4 Art Fun can be obtained from http://www.time4artfun.blogspot.com/

Don’t forget that all students in Prep – Year 3 from Tewantin State School are able to enter the drawing and colouring competition from the Noosa Yacht Club. The prize is free sailing lessons for term 3, in the tackers dinghies which they brought to the Under 8’s Day. The competition closes on the 10th June and is valued at $330! Entry forms can be obtained from classroom teachers.

We already have some really big plans for next year’s event so I’m sure it is going to be even bigger and better than this years. We look forward to seeing everybody there again next year!

FANFARE

Last Friday 27th May our School Band travelled to Coolum State School to participate in one of the regional heats of “Fanfare” a state-wide festival of music ensembles for state primary and secondary schools.

Our group performed admirably, coming away with a bronze (commendation) award for their efforts.

It was a great experience for our students to see and hear the groups from the other schools taking part as well as performing in front of a large audience and an adjudicator.

I would like to thank all of the parents and carers who helped out with transport on the day and who support their child’s part in the Instrumental Music Program.

Bruce Barnett
Instrumental Music teacher.
**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.

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*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.

**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 the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents.

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardian 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.

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 is 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

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.
NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 little girl diagnosed on New Year’s 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.

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