Welcome to Term 3

Welcome back. I hope you all had a great break and came back refreshed for another great term at Tewantin State School. We will continue with our high standards of expectations in our key school priority areas of teaching and learning, behaviour and attendance.

Welcome to Rick Cass our newly appointed Deputy Principal. Rick will be the Deputy Principal for Years 4-6. Sheldon Boland will continue to act in the role of Deputy Principal and will be the Deputy Principal for Prep-Year 3.

School Opinion Survey

The suite of School Opinion Surveys are undertaken each year by the Department of Education and Training to obtain opinion information from parents/caregivers, students and school staff. The surveys are designed to help schools identify what they do well and how they can improve. The School Opinion Survey suite is comprised of five individual surveys:

- Parent/Caregiver Survey
- Student Survey
- Student Survey for Special Schools
- Staff Survey
- Principal Survey.

Opinions on the student, student learning and student well-being are sought from a parent/caregiver in all families and a sample of students from Year 5 and Year 6. Opinions on the school as a workplace are sought from all state school staff and principals. Additional questions are included for teaching staff on their confidence to teach and improve student outcomes, while principals are also asked on their confidence to lead the school, including improvements in student outcomes.

The key dates for the School Opinion Survey 2016 are:

11 July – online surveys open
29 July – online surveys close

Your response is completely confidential. I hope you will complete the survey to provide us with information and feedback for Tewantin State School.

Book Week

Book Week was a great success across the school in the last week of Term 2. Mrs Chris Goggin deserves a HUGE thank you for her ongoing work in the library and for the many hours she invested in supporting our Book Fair to be such a great success. The school raised over $4000! I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful work of Mrs Linda Bishop (Prep – Year 3 Acceler8 teacher) and Mrs Kym Trewick (Head of Curriculum and Year 4-6 Acceler8 teacher) for their work with our extension students in the area of English and poetry and for coordinating our Book Week parade. Thank you also to the special guests who were invited to participate in Book Week such as our local State Member Mr Glen Elmes. Please have a look at our gallery of photos that celebrate aspects of Book Week such as our best dressed costume winners and staff getting into the spirit of Book Week.
A tender evaluation process was conducted last term. A new lease commenced Tuesday 28th June. Congratulations to Andrew Cowan and Georgina Taylor from Cowan Taylor Aquatics who were awarded the new lease. The Cowan Taylor Aquatics Business Plan outlined the aspiration to offer a professional service with a personal approach to ensure a friendly and welcoming community and family atmosphere. By providing qualified and well-informed staff, they intend to encourage and safeguard the community’s commitment to a healthy lifestyle. Our school community looks forward to working in positive partnership with Andrew and Georgina.

Times of use during school terms - outside school hours Monday to Friday 5.30pm - 8.30pm and 3.00pm – 6.00pm, Saturday 7.00am – 4.00pm. Times of use during school holidays - Monday to Friday 5.30pm - 6.00pm and Saturday 7.00am to 4.00pm excluding public holidays. School swimming lessons will be offered in Term 1 and Term 4 to Tewantin State School students.

**Art and Science of Teaching**

Teachers will continue to engage in the pedagogical framework called the Art and Science of Teaching (ASOT). This pedagogical framework comes from the Marzano Institute of Learning in America and is incorporated into Tewantin State School pedagogy. The framework includes research driven action steps that teachers can implement in the classroom and have been proven in studies to increase student learning. Our professional development has focused on areas such as:

- learning goals
- numeracy and warm ups
- reading and comprehension strategies
- student engagement

**Sunshine Beach State High School Scholarship winners**

Congratulations to Kai Badger, Ethan Badger, Kalin Geromet, Hugh Brennan and Elliot Hill for winning a scholarship to Sunshine Beach State High School. We continue to enjoy a strong partnership with both of our local feeder state high schools – Sunshine Beach State High School and Noosa District State High School. Future information about these two schools can be found on their school website or by contacting each school directly.

**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

Congratulations to our 2016 Preppies who recently celebrated 100 days of Prep.

**Corrie Connors – Principal**

**INTRODUCING RICK CASS – DEPUTY PRINCIPAL 4-6**

Hello parents, carers and community members. My name is Rick Cass and I have been appointed Deputy Principal for Years 4-6 at Tewantin SS. I am really excited to be here and back in primary education after ten years in the high school sector, most of which has been spent looking after Year 11 and 12 students. The past few days I have been out visiting classrooms. I am really impressed with the excellent tone which pervades the school, and the positive and respectful rapport between staff and students. This is a great school, make no mistake about that.

My career has been quite varied and diverse and I hope to draw upon these experiences to build upon the wonderful reputation that Tewantin SS enjoys as part of our community. I began teaching in NSW (yes, I’m a Blues supporter!) in 1989. My first six years of teaching included Kindergarten (Prep in Qld), Years 4 and 5 and K-7 ESL. I moved to Coolum in 1994 and began teaching at Coolum SS that year. A few years later I spent some time in small business before returning to part-time/casual teaching around the Coast, including Tewantin SS. I spent 2002 and part of 2003 in Papua New Guinea, then in 2004 and ’05 I was Principal of Mer SS up north in the beautiful Torres Strait Islands. It was during these years that my children, Emily and Eli, attended Tewantin SS. Emily is now 24 and plying her trade as an apprentice jockey. All those years of pony club here at Tewantin obviously had a lasting impact! My son, Eli, now 18, is balancing working and going to uni. As mentioned previously, for the past ten years I have been working in high schools. Most of this time has been looking after senior students – Years 11 and 12. Whilst it was a challenge it was also incredibly rewarding. For our Year 6 parents, I have worked at both our local state high schools - Sunshine Beach and Noosa District - and can report that both are great schools. We will continue to work on our transition programs with both schools as the year progresses.
I believe that communication is a key to student achievement and well-being. Feel free to drop me an email or make a time for a chat via the main office. rcass23@eq.edu.au

This term we have some big events to work towards, including Spring Fair and Athletics Carnival. These are major events on our school community calendar. If you can help in any way, please let us know.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the coming weeks.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Part of my role at Tewantin is to ensure every student attends school every day. Sometimes parents do need to keep students at home or away from school for appropriate reasons, such as illness, bereavement, representative sport commitments, or to attend medical or other very important appointments. Reasons that are not appropriate could include being absent for a birthday, to go shopping or to see a movie. Such things can be enjoyed after school or on weekends.

This year, we have had a big focus on improving our student attendance, with terrific improvements already apparent from our student tracking data. There are many benefits that arise from regular attendance. The document below goes into more detail, but in summary, better attendance usually means better academic results as well as social/emotional adjustment. Being away from school too often can cause challenges for students in maintaining friendships and in keeping up with the curriculum being taught each day. If you are experiencing difficulty in getting your child to school, please make contact with our admin team via the main office. We will work with you and your child to improve the situation - we are here to help.

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance means that your child gets a better chance at life. Your child will

- have a head start
- learn better
- make friends
- feel happier
- have a brighter future.

Why must I send my child to school?

Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school each day, every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse. Illness, doing work experience, competing in a school sporting event or going on a school excursion are reasonable excuses for being absent from school.

Principal’s decide if the excuse given for your child’s absence is reasonable.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for:

- birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, feeling ill after other children, illness check ups or care for pet.

Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays. It is a last resort. It is important to understand that you may be prosecuted if your child is not attending school regularly.

What should I do if our family is going on a holiday in school time?

You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let your child know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. Depending on the circumstances, the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent or assist you to organise an exemption from schoolwork.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been absent from school?

Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child is absent from school. If not beforehand, then within five school days of their return to school.

Having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons:

- won’t get out of bed in the morning
- can’t find their uniform, books, school bag
- can’t eat breakfast
- have to do homework
- want to watch TV

**SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (SWPBS)**

To kick things off this term, here’s a brief refresher on what SWPBS means. The Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) program helps schools to create positive and safe learning environments by developing proactive whole-school systems to identify, teach and support appropriate student behaviours.

Since being introduced in Queensland in 2005, the program has helped more than 200 schools develop successful behaviour management programs. In these schools, data collected on behavioural incidents, and the systems in place for the management of those incidents, shows that problem behaviours were reduced and so too were the referrals of students to school administrators. This then frees up administrators, such as the Deputy Principals and Principals, to concentrate on other strategic areas of school, including curriculum development and assisting teachers’ professional growth. Our aim is to develop efficient support systems that operate consistently throughout our school community. The first step in having a high performing school is to establish and maintain good order and to develop a positive school culture. Tewantin State School most definitely has these two areas well established. SWPBS helps maintain and grow our well-established positive school culture. It is from this foundation that great curriculum can be developed and delivered in the best possible way by our skilled, committed teachers.

This term the SWPBS team will continue to help students maintain excellent behaviour. Make sure you ask your child about the Pelican Pete sticker system - in every class I visited this week students were excited to tell me about how they are tracking and what the big reward is at the end of the semester. Aside from the intrinsic reward of being a positive, well-behaved young person, students are working towards GOLD BADGES and the much-loved Rewards Day activities.

This week, our focus is – “Everyone has the right to learn in all areas. I ask for permission to be in an area.”

**STUDENT WELLBEING**

The Importance of Breakfast for Students

We often hear that “breakfast is the most important meal of the day”, yet according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, one in six Australian children skip the morning meal regularly. Skipping breakfast can cause a range of health problems for children,
contribute to poor academic performance and can even cause behavioural problems in the classroom.

It is really important that we, as parents and teachers, encourage our children to eat a healthy nutritious breakfast every day. Breakfast:

- Increases your child’s concentration levels and improves their ability to learn
- Helps them to maintain a healthy weight and decreases the likelihood of obesity
- Strengthen heart, bones, muscles and joints, which help reduce childhood health problems
- Brighten a child’s mood by providing them with energy which helps build positive self-image
- Helps to develop positive breakfast habits that they will take into adulthood.

Every child needs to eat a healthy nutritious breakfast every day, but it can sometimes be difficult to get your child to eat in the morning. Here are some healthy, quick and delicious suggestions for your child’s breakfast:-

- Wholemeal or multigrain toast with baked beans, eggs, cheese or spreads
- Yoghurt with fresh fruit
- Fruit smoothies with milk, yoghurt and soft fruit
- Wholegrain toasted sandwich with cheese and tomato, or banana
- Wholegrain muffins, crumpets or bagels.

On the subject of breakfast, thank you to Chappy Lynda and our dedicated school volunteers for your ongoing work ensuring the school “Brekkie Club” continues to support our students. Enquiries about this service can be directed to our school chaplain, Lynda Oakley.

**Uniforms**

**SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY**

**Dress Code**

The school uniform is expected to be worn at all times when at school, except for designated special events. The school uniform is expected to be neat and tidy at all times and to be worn with pride at school. Students are encouraged at all times to take pride in their appearance.

Students who have damaged, torn uniform, or clothing with graffiti on it will be given a Uniform Reminder Notice to inform their parents that their child’s uniform is in an unacceptable state for wearing to school and does not comply with the school’s dress code. Parents are asked to support the Uniform Dress Code to fix, repair or replace the item of clothing.

The uniform shop is able to provide new or second-hand clothing at reasonable cost. The uniform shop is open on the first day of term and on Wednesdays during the school term from 8-9.00am.

All clothing should be clearly labelled with the student’s full family name so that any lost property can be returned to the appropriate student. Lost property without any identity will be kept in the Lost Property area for a period of one term after which it will be handed to local charities.

**Jewellery Code**

As part of The Occupational Health and Safety Act it is a requirement that all schools provide a safe environment and prevent any potential injuries from occurring to all students. Jewellery that could potentially be considered dangerous or at risk to causing injury is not allowed at school except for the following approved items:

- Sleeper /stud earrings
- Watches
- Religious /culturally significant items that do not pose a safety risk (with accompanying explanatory note)
- Medical bracelet

Items which are not permitted at school include:

- Facial jewellery, except for ears
- Surf jewellery (chains, rings etc )
- Friendship bracelets
- Ankle bracelets
- Nail polish, glitter or coloured and false nails
- Face makeup or glitter
- Visible temporary tattoos

If students are found wearing inappropriate jewellery they will be asked by teachers to take it off, explaining why it breaches the school jewellery code and told to put it into their bag to take home. The parents of students who continue to wear the jewellery again will be sent a Uniform Reminder Notice.

The school uniform policy can be found on the school website or at this link:-


**SPORTING EVENT REMINDERS**

Our students have been busy preparing themselves for upcoming school sporting days. We encourage parents and supporters to cheer on the children on the following dates:-

- Prep to Year 3 Sports Day – August 5
- Year 4 to Year 6 Sports Days – July 28 and 29

Thank you and regards

**Sheldon Boland - Deputy Principal Year P-3(A)**
CURRICULUM CORNER

Celebrating Book Week in the final week of Term Two, students at Tewantin State School were engaged and enthralled with five days of exciting activities, encouraging them to enjoy the magic of reading.

A main attraction to the week’s activities, the educating and inspiring workshops delivered by author and cartoonist, Dave Hackett (Cartoon Dave), was a huge hit. Students were entertained by Cartoon Dave’s high energy, fully interactive sessions. Dave’s NO-RULES approach to cartooning made it achievable for all children, from Prep to Year 6 to create their own cartoon characters. A huge thank to our P&C for funding this visit.

Throughout the week, a number of special visitors gave up their valuable time to come to our classrooms to share their love of reading with the students. We would like to express our thanks to Chris Allan, Steve Gillespie and Claire Reyne from Hang Loosa Noosa; Dr Chandran Ramaswamy from Doctors of Tewantin; fire officers Amie Taylor and Kerry Eleison; parent and Minister Simon Keith; Daniel Rudledge from Tewantin Newsagency; Glen Elmes, Member for Noosa; our school chaplain Lynda, Mr Boland and Clifford the Dog.

Another Book Week activity was the very popular Teddy Bears’ picnic for the Prep to Year 3 students. Children brought their teddy, a rug to sit on and their lunch and shared books.

The grand finale of the week was Friday’s Prep to Year Three Book Week Parade, with students (and staff) encouraged to dress as their favourite book character. Mary Poppins and Princess Fiona led the parade while students and teachers paraded around in their amazing costumes. Sean the Sheep, Geronimo Stilton, Cat in the Hat, BFG, Lorax, Little Miss Sunshine, Paper Bag Princess were among the many book characters that came to our parade. During the parade we were also entertained by the Prep to Year Three Acceler8 English students reciting poetry.

Friday was also a dress up day for all students in the school. Judging the winners of the fancy dress was again a difficult task, with so many students (and parents) going to a lot of effort to design their costumes. The winners for each year level were awarded a book prize kindly donated by our P&C. The winners were:

- Prep – Sienna PK and Owen form PH
- Year One – Anneliese from 1B and Jacob from 1W
- Year Two – Marlia from 2M and Jackson from 2M
- Year Three – Neve from 3D and Josh from 3/2R
- Year Four – Bella from 4B and Henry from 4T
- Year Five – Lexie from 5C and Kalleb from 5E
- Year Six – Jade from 6P and Bjorn from 6P

The costumes were so amazing that the judges could not stop there and as a result awarded the following students as runners-up:


Another feature of the week was the Book Fair. The support for this was tremendous with a considerable amount of money being raised. This was spent on books and resources for our library.

Thank you to everyone who participated so enthusiastically, making this event a highlight on the school calendar.

Mrs Kym Trewick – Head of Curriculum

SPORTS SHORTS

1. Sports Carnivals:

The annual inter-house sports carnivals take place this term with the years 4-6 carnival planned for next Thursday 28/7 and Friday 29/7.

- Prep & Year 1 – Friday 5th August 9:00am – 11:00am
- Year 2 & 3 – Friday 5th August 11:15am – 2:45pm

Programs for all carnivals are included with this newsletter and copies have also been sent home. Sports Day is always a fantastic experience and I strongly encourage all parents and caregivers to attend to not only offer your support to the students but to enjoy the amazing sporting talent that exists within our school. One of the highlights will also be the return of some of Tewantin SS former elite athletes to compete in the ALLSTARS Relay Team at the conclusion of the carnival.

2. High Jump Competitions: In preparation for the Years 4-6 Athletics Carnival the High Jump competitions have been contested at lunch times in order to enable all interested students the opportunity to participate in this popular event. To date the competitions have been very exciting with the highlight being the new record set by Lexie Ladd (Laguna) last Wednesday in the 10 year girls event. Lexie jumped 1.16m to smash the previous 2009 record of 1.09m.

3. King of the Mountain Relay Challenge: Our school is once again entering two relay teams in the school relay challenge. Last term we held trials over two weeks to select our teams. Thank you to all students who attended these trials. I really appreciated your enthusiasm and attitude. Congratulations to our final four boys and four girls and we wish you all the best on Sunday.
Boys Team: Kyle Beckett, Cade Holeszko, Elliot Hill, Hugh Brennan
Girls Team: Mia Jeffries, Lexie Ladd, Jennifer Ladewig, Dianne Ladewig

4. Important dates:
   Tuesday 9th August - Noosa District Athletics Carnival
   Friday 12th August – Final round of Year 6 Inter-school Sport
   Friday 26th August – Noosa District T20 Blast Cricket Competition (year 5 & 6)
   Wednesday 7th September – Rugby League Billy Moore Shield (year 4 & 5)

Dan Bandera - HPE Teacher

TEWANTIN STATE SCHOOL ADDITIONAL MUSIC TUITION

Tewantin School offers a variety of additional music tuition opportunities alongside our existing brass, woodwind, percussion and strings programmes.

During Term 3, we will once again be offering beginner guitar lessons for $5.00. These lessons take place on Wednesdays between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm.

In addition, we are pleased to announce beginner drum lessons for $5.00, also on Wednesdays between 1:00 and 2:30 pm.

Please contact Susanna on 0414 724 158 for further details or to make a booking.

We also offer beginner keyboard lessons on Wednesdays between 1pm and 3 pm with piano tutor Yoko, who can be contacted on 5474 0417.

Free Ukulele lessons are also available for all age students on Thursdays at 11:00 am (Morning Tea) and at 1:15 pm (Big lunch) for adults/parents.

Singing group/Choir will continue on Wednesday lunchtime for all age students.

John Beaufoy – Music Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

A HUGE thank you to all parents, children and staff for supporting our Book Fair in the Library. We were able to purchase $1,500.00 worth of new books for our library.

Also thank you to:

- All my volunteers.
- My Library Monitors, Amy, Billie and Gypsy.
- Kalin, Hugh, Maya and Mili.
- The Year 6, 3 & 2 classes who helped the younger grades writing their wishlists.

I would not have been able to run this Fair without your assistance.

Thank you
Christine Goggin - Library Teacher Aide

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:

- Al Reem Al Tubi – 4B
- Indianna Mason – 4R
- Freya Ottmann – 4T
- Ryan King – 5/4P
- Lexie Ladd – 5C
- Seth Oliver – 5E
- Sean Stafford-Johns – 5P
- Charlize McCulloch – 6/5P
- (Name withheld) – 6D
- Dilhan (Surname withheld) – 6P

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

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.

JUNIOR SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS - PERFORMING ARTS - NOOSA DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL - LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS MUSICAL

As part of the Junior Summit Program offered by Noosa District High School three of our year five students, Isabella Curry, Amber Martin and Claudia Keith, have been invited to perform in the high schools upcoming production of Little Shop of Horrors.

Little Shop of Horrors is a horror, comedy rock musical based on the very popular cult classic movie about a hapless florist shop worker who raises a plant that feeds on human blood and flesh. The show is certain to be a colourful and fun filled display of our local talent.
Tewantin State School students from Year 2 to Year 6 recently competed in the ICAS Digital Technologies test with some outstanding achievements across the board. Our students received 4 Distinctions, 3 Credits and 7 Participation certificates. Equally as impressive is that overall, our students scored above the national average. Our Year 5’s in particular scored well above the national average (Tewantin 25, Nation 19.9). Well done students! The next big test is the English paper, which will be conducted August 2 in the LOTE room from 9:00am.

GOLD BADGE REWARDS DAY IN YEAR 4

Gold Badge rewards day in year 4 was loaded with plenty of fun action. We kicked off with a disco in the main hall and much to our surprise Mr Beaufoy had organised a secret disco space behind the dark curtains where it was very dark, with blazing disco lights and plenty of disco smoke. Each class got to have their special turn. We did a few dances, some old and some new. The Cha Cha jive was probably the biggest hit.

Next we all met down near the year four buildings and we split into two groups. Mr Bold and Mr Reynolds led a brilliant game of dodge ball out on the tennis courts. Students threw soft, spongy, colourful balls at each other (below the head of course) while Mr Reynolds and Mr Bold played UMPIRE. Mrs Perry and Mrs White took the arty/crafty students to make a very dazzling jewellery box. Lots of glitter got spilled everywhere, lots of colours filled the tables but best of all the group enjoyed every minute. We hope you like our photos and can’t wait until next gold badge rewards day. Once again congratulations to all who were participating on this fantastic day.
Remember to tell your friends about us and spread the word - The Tewantin Pool is OPEN!

We look forward to seeing you all at the pool.

Andrew and Georgina

GARDEN MAINTENANCE

Over the last school holidays a few trees were removed from the school grounds. Most of these trees that were removed will be replaced with local native trees that will grow to a similar size. Small native shrubs and grasses will also be planted in these areas. The trees that were removed were taken out due to health and safety concerns. Our school doesn’t like to remove trees, especially large established trees but unfortunately due to the condition of most of these trees, they had to be removed.

Two Camphor Laurel trees were removed from the junior play area as they were dying and several limbs were beginning to show signs of rot. This causes a safety concern with students playing under them. These trees are also classified as weed species and cause many issues in the environment. More information about these trees can be obtained from the following link.


Two other trees were removed from near the fence of Furner Oval near the hall. Both of these trees were also dying and were severely rotten. One of these trees, a Cadaghi Tree even though native to North Queensland, is classified as a pest species in this area and causes severe environmental impacts to native species of plants and animals. The second tree removed from this area unfortunately was a local native species, a young Silky Oak.

One last tree was removed from near the fence line of the pool on Goodwin Street. This tree was in good health but was beginning to cause damage to the pool filtration system and foundations. As a result it needed to be removed. No tree will be replanted in this site to ensure this problem does not arise in the future.

A few other trees within the school grounds are being monitored due to the health of the trees and one due to the impact it is having on the school facilities. Some of these may need to be removed over the coming months/years if they continue to deteriorate in health. Most of these trees that are being monitored are also non native species and classified as pest species due to their environmental impacts.

Fortunately over the last 3 years, over 250 local native plants have been planted in the school grounds as part of National Tree Day. The majority of these plants have survived and have increased the aesthetic look of the school grounds and have encouraged a more diverse range of species into the school grounds. The Preps and Year 6 students will once again be involved in the National Tree Day this year, which will be held on Wednesday 19th October. This year we will be planting approximately 125 local native plant species in several sites around the school grounds. These plants will be a mixture of

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**DENTAL VAN NEWS**

The Dental Van will be at Tewantin State School from 21-7-2016, offering oral health services to all eligible children at Tewantin School.

All children will receive a medical/consent form and oral services form issued through their class teacher.

These need to be completed and returned to the Dental Van if you intend on using the service.

For enquiries please phone: 0409 493 028

**TEWANTIN STATE SCHOOL POOL NEWS**

Andrew & Georgina from Cowan Taylor Aquatics are the new operators of the Tewantin School Pool. We will be operating all year round in a heated pool!

We offer LTS, Squads, Adult Squad, Adult Stroke Correction, Aqua Aerobics, General Lap and Recreational use. Bookings are open for all lessons and we would love to teach your kids!

For more information or to book please call Andrew 0423 191 995, Georgina 0413 929 197 or email: cowantayloraquatics@live.com.au

You can like us on Facebook ’Cowan Taylor Aquatics’ to keep up to date with all the happenings of the pool.

The pool will be open to the public 5.30-8.30am & 3-6pm Monday to Friday and 7am to 4pm Saturdays.

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ground covers, vines, grasses, shrubs as well as small and large trees.

The garden sites are being prepared by the groundsman now in preparation for our tree planting day. These garden sites may have some plants removed if they contain non natives or pest species. Once these plants are removed the soil will be prepared and the gardens mulched ready for the planting next term. By removing these weed species we are helping to preserve the rich biodiversity that exists within the Noosa Council region. Many of these pest species create monocultures within the environment and kill off native species of plants.

As a result of planting local native plants we are providing more habitat and food for our native animal species and we are creating wildlife corridors for our animals. Due to the increased number of native plants within the school we are seeing more wildlife in the school grounds over the last few years. As our school continues to plant native plant species and remove non native pest species within the school grounds, we will ensure that the beautification of our school will also help provide sanctuary for our precious wildlife species.

NOOSA DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL - “FLYING START to JUNIOR SECONDY”

Parents and careers considering enrolling their child at Noosa District SHS are invited to attend our *FLYING START to JUNIOR SECONDY* information session at the Pomona Campus July 27 after school.

During the afternoon you will;

- tour the great facilities and see how Noosa District SHS can foster your child’s strengths
- be exposed to our Junior Secondary philosophy of F.L.Y.I.N.G and discover how students are empowered to be FUN, LIMITLESS, INQUISITIVE, NURTURING AND GENUINE.
- discover our excellent programs and extension activities on offer
- talk to skilled, committed teachers
- learn about ‘daily life’ in the Junior Secondary School from our current students
- view some of our fantastic student work and achievements

SESSION TIMES

- Campus Tour 3:30-4:15pm
- Library presentation 4:15-4:45pm
- Question time 4:45-5:00pm

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The law applies at all times—during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. The smoking ban includes the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and electronic cigarettes.

School Parking

Tewantin State School is in the enviable position of having parking available along all four school boundaries. While at peak times it is recognised that the school parking is understandably well utilised, it is not permissible for non-staff vehicles to enter the school grounds (including staff carparks) as this endangers the safety of students and school staff.

Thank you for abiding by this school safety requirement.

Headlice

Head lice are common in children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on human heads for 10,000 years.

Some of the reasons they have survived for as long as they have are:

- The six legs of a louse end in a claw, allowing them to grip the hair;
- They detect vibration and can hide;
- Head lice can ‘hold’ their breath for 20 mins – looking like they are dead;
- The eggs are attached to the hair with a ‘glue’ like substance.

The good news is that we know where they live and we know how to find them.

If you follow these steps regularly, the control of head lice in our community will be greatly improved.

- **Step 1** Comb hair conditioner onto dry, brushed (detangled) hair;
- **Step 2** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue;
- **Step 3** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs;
- **Step 4** If lice or eggs are found, the child should be treated as soon as possible.

A Queensland Government fact sheet on headlice (including treatment options) is available here:-

http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/165/351/Head-Lice

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.

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.

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.

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 Schoolzine on 1300 795 503.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Seminar Triple P - The power of positive parenting

What: Find out why kids do what they do & what you can do about it
When: Wed, 27/07/2016 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Where: C&K Tewantin Community Child Care Centre
21 Moorindil Street
Tewantin, Sunshine Coast
Qld 4565

Provider:
Triple P Ltd C&K Tewantin Community Child Care Centre
0732268132
8am - 4pm, Monday - Friday
steven.newson@triplep.net

More details:
Seminar is suitable for parents of young children 0-12 years. Come early for tea and coffee from 5:15pm. Seminar starts promptly at 5:30pm. Please register separately for each person attending.

Please use this link to register:
Noosa Come-n-Try Sports Arvo

In an effort to get active this Summer, Noosa Council invites your children to spend an afternoon ‘feel-driving’ a number of sports, all in one location. Local sports clubs will give FREE fun sample sessions in softball, touch football, basketball, enrolled, and orienteering so that you and your children can see which summer sports suit them best.

3.00-5.30pm, Tuesday, 2 August
Noosa District Sports Complex
McKee Drive entry, Tewantin

It is essential to register your children by emailing their name, age and school to commdev@noosa.qld.gov.au

Don’t forget to bring your hat, sunscreen, runners/sports shoes and water bottle! Coaches must stay onsite with their children. No Carer-No Play.

We look forward to seeing you there.

SEPTEMBER 3, 10, 17 & 24 SEAHORSE NIPPERS TIME

Noosa Heads Surf Lifesaving Club is delighted to invite children with special needs to join our next Seahorse Nipper Program in September 2016. For further information or to register your child, please phone club administration on 5448 0900 or email the following: nippers@noosasurf lifesaving.com.au

Online Membership will be required to be completed for all new participants.

Fun, Friendly & Inclusive

Saturday mornings
9.00 – 10.00 am
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th September 2016

Learn valuable surf & beach skills with qualified Lifesavers at Noosa Heads SLSC - Main Beach