12th October 2016

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4.

Congratulations to all students for your EFFORT in class throughout the year. It is pleasing to visit classrooms from Prep to Year 6 and see students highly engaged in their learning. This effort leads to higher achievement in areas such as literacy and numeracy and will support each child to attain improvement in their personal learning and learning goals. Thank you to our teachers and teacher aides, who are highly committed to our students’ improvement. Thank you also to our parents and caregivers for supporting your children from home. A strong partnership between home and school is also a key factor in student progress. With only nine weeks left in the school year let’s make the most of all opportunities by finishing strong and working together in positive partnership.

2017 PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS AND OPEN DAYS

Enrolment packages can be collected from the school office and early enrolment helps with planning for the 2017 school year. We encourage you to complete your enrolment information as soon as possible.

Prep information sessions have been over the past two terms with the following events still to occur prior to the end of the school year:

- **Prep Play Session** – Monday, 17th October from 11am – 12pm. This session is for future Prep children to experience a safe, inviting, play based environment in a Prep classroom. Please let the office know if your child can attend this play session. RSVP 5335 8888 or email info@tewantinss.eq.edu.au.

- **Prep Parent Information Session** – Wednesday, 19th October from 9:15am
2017 CLASSES

In the coming weeks, we will commence the process of developing class lists for 2017. This process is always predicted for the beginning of the school year and confirmed on the eighth day of the new school year. To ensure we are able to plan as accurately as possible, families are asked to assist with the following:

- Letting any families know, who are intending to have students enrol in any P-6 year level, to submit an enrolment form at the school office
- Letting the office staff know of any students who are transferring to other schools in 2017
- Letting the office staff know of any students who will not be present from the beginning of the school year (eg. for holidays). It is crucial that we know of all students who will be returning, but may be away at the beginning of the school year as they are also counted in our total enrolment and will contribute to maximising the number of teachers we are entitled to. This in turn, reduces the ratio of teachers to students across the school.

If parents have any specific requests regarding their child’s placement for 2017, please complete the attached request form and return to the school office by Friday 28th October. Parents are not able to request a specific teacher for their child. Students will be informed of their 2017 class in the final week of the school year.

2017 SCHOOL LEADERS

Throughout this term, our Year 5 students have the opportunity to be part of the 2017 Student Leader and Sports Captain and Vice Sports Captain selection process. Tewantin State School has a rigorous process to select students into leadership positions due to the importance of the various roles. For Student Leader positions this process includes a written application, shortlisting by teachers, Principal and Deputy Principal, interviews with a panel of staff, presentation of a speech to all Year 5 students as well as voting by Year 5 students. Year 5 students will be provided with further information and timelines shortly with 2017 Student Leaders to be presented with their badges on Monday 5th December 2016 parade 2pm. Sports Captains and Sports Vice Captains will be presented with their badges at the first parade back in 2017.

TERM 4 INVOICES

There are a number of excursions and incursions, as well as weekly swimming that will occur in Term 4. A number of invoices were issued for these activities before the holidays. Please arrange payment prior to each activity so that your child is able to participate. Students, who have not paid for these activities, will be unable to participate. If you require any financial assistance, please let us know through the school office.

STUDENT FREE DAY

There is a Student Free Day Monday 17th October.

Corrie Connors – Principal

Tewantin State School has acted immediately to ensure the safety of the school community following information that a “cap light” sold during the recent P&C Father’s Day Stall contained a small “button” style battery that could be unsafe if swallowed.

The Parents and Citizens’ Association (P&C) is managing the issue in consultation with the school.

Parents or caregivers with concerns can contact the principal.

For more information about button batteries, please visit the following Queensland Government website:


STUDENT WELLBEING

Self-esteem

Self-esteem is how people feel about themselves, both inside and out. People with good self-esteem generally have a positive outlook, accept themselves and feel confident.

Having good self-esteem doesn’t mean a person is conceited or self-centred. It means appreciating your own self-worth and importance, taking responsibility for your actions, and showing respect and care for others.

Positive self-esteem helps children:

- have the courage to be their own person;
- believe in their own values;
- make the right decisions under pressure;
- interact in a constructive way with others;
- handle stress and life’s challenges;
- make healthier choices;
- feel confident saying “no” to dangerous activities.

What are some things that foster a child’s self-esteem?

- Lots of love and acceptance;
- Access to strong role models;
- Consistency;
- Reinforcement of positive behaviours;
- Exploration of strengths;
- Support;
- Genuine and appropriate praise;
- Safe and welcoming environments.

Thank you and regards
Sheldon Boland - Deputy Principal Years P-3(A)

DEPUTY UPDATES

It is a pleasure to hear so many children using their manners in daily school interactions. Treating others with courtesy and saying “please” and “thank you” cost nothing but are so very valuable.

We love seeing parents and caregivers at our whole school parades on Mondays at 2 pm in the hall. Come and help us celebrate all the wonderful things happening in our great school.

A big thank you to our senior “Playground Pal” students who are supporting our junior students at playtimes. This initiative is part of our school’s ongoing commitment to student wellbeing.

The QParents web and mobile application provides an easier way for you to interact with our school. The rollout of the program has already started with the Prep year and will continue in other year levels throughout the remainder of 2016. For more information, go to the QParents website and keep an eye out for your emailed (or if no email, posted) invitation in coming weeks.

https://qparents.qld.edu.au/

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 head lice (including treatment options) is available here:-
http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/165/351/Head-Lice

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
- Academic report cards
- 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.

Benefits of QParents

Convenience and time saving 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

- Improves accountability between parents and schools by providing parents with timely access to their child’s information online.
What is a QParents Account Owner (QPAO)?

The school will nominate one parent or legal guardian for each student to be the QParents Account Owner (QPAO). QPAO will be able to register for QParents to access and manage the student’s information online. A student’s QPAO will be able to view the student’s information and submit requests to update some of the student’s details.

The parent nominated will generally be the parent that receives the student’s invoices. If you would like to amend this please contact the office.

The QPAO will also be able to invite other people (such as another parent or family member), to view the student’s information. Once invited, these people can register for QParents as “delegated viewers”. A delegated viewer can see the student’s details, but cannot make updates.

Registering for QParents

Parents of Prep students will receive an invitation email or letter from us containing your unique invitation code before the end of term. Other year levels will roll out throughout 2016 from our Junior school up... Year One, Year Two then Year Three etc.

Please ensure that we have your most current email address. Updates can be emailed to info@tewantinss.eq.edu.au – thank you.

Once your invitation has been received, simply follow the instructions in that email or letter to complete the QParents account registration process.

As part of the QParents registration process, you will be requested for a Student EQ ID. The easiest place to find your child’s EQ ID is next to their name on a school invoice.

If you do not want to register, you can just ignore the invitation and your child’s student information will not be available to anyone through QParents. Or, if you want another parent to be the QPAO, you can advise us and we will send them an invitation email with their own unique invitation code.

Where does the information about my child come from?

All of the information that is presented in QParents comes from the IT system that is used by all Queensland state schools. Schools will continue to manage student information in this system, and the information will be extracted and presented in QParents.

Will my child’s information be secure?

Yes. QParents is a secure portal that meets strict industry standards. Only people with the right to access information about their child will be given an account; no one else.

If you don’t want to register for QParents, your account will not be created and your child’s information will not be made available through QParents.

Help and contact information

For more information see:
https://qparents.qld.edu.au/

For help, visit the QParents Help webpage or call 13 QGOV (13 74 68)

https://qparents.qld.edu.au/

TEWANTIN STATE MATHS OLYMPIAD CHAMPIONS

On Tuesday 12 September, Tewantin State School hosted the annual Noosa District Maths Olympiad for Year 4, 5 and 6 students. Teams from Pomona, Noosaville, Tewantin and Cooroy State Schools competed in the event, with Tewantin coming out as overall winners for the second year running. Previously the Champion School title has been held by Cooroy (2013) and Pomona (2014). Event organiser, Deputy Principal, Mr Rick Cass, said the event brought together the district’s brightest mathematical minds to compete in three challenges – an individual test, a team challenge and a relay event. The competition was close, with just a few points separating the four teams across many challenges. The event also brought together teachers, teacher aides and parent volunteers in the spirit of sportsmanship, academia and community. Tewantin State School Captain, Kalin Geromet, loved competing at such a high academic standard with and against fellow maths enthusiasts.

“I really enjoyed meeting students from the other schools. I like competitions and Maths is one of my favourite subjects. Of the three challenges in the Maths Olympiad, the team challenge had the hardest questions, but we worked really well together and that made the difference.”

The next event of this kind is the Sunshine Coast Maths Tournament, to be held October 26-27 at Lake Kawana Community Centre, Bokarina. Tewantin State School Principal, Corrie Connors, believes the spirit of celebrating student achievement across schools is a tradition to uphold proudly within our local primary schools.
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 email. 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.

STAFFING CHANGES

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

Term 4

• John Beaufoy will be on leave from 04-10-16 to 20-10-16; his replacement will be Rosalie Reynolds.

TERM DATES*

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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.

TEWANTIN STATE SCHOOL POOL NEWS

Tewantin Pool has commenced learn to swim and squads for Term 4. We are offering lessons for babies right up to adults. Spots are filling quickly. We hope to see you at the pool! For bookings phone Georgina on 0413929197 or email cowantayloraquatics@live.com.au.

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:


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

BUNNINGS NOOSAVILLE

Free Halloween Fancy Dress Party

Monday 31st October 5-7pm

Dress up in your scariest costumes and come and join us if you dare!!

Photo Booth is here to capture your memories. Prizes for best dressed.

Reptile show, Jumping Castle, Fairy Floss, Miss Donna, Sno Cones and Face Painting.

Trick or Treat.
Kreepy Kids Kraft
Zombie Fingers and Blood on the BBQ (snags and sauce)

Bookings Essential on 5430 5400.
Free information on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

Expression of Interest

Details

What do we offer?

- To raise community awareness about the NDIS and ensure people with disability, their families and carers are ready for the change and opportunities the scheme will bring.
- Mamre’s Pave the Way program is offering free information and resources to participants in North Queensland, Far North Queensland and the North Coast about the NDIS.

Pave the Way is offering free information sessions and one-to-one conversations:
- Individuals with disability, families and carers
- Community groups
- Government/Non-Government agencies

To express interest in having a Pave the Way event in your area, contact the Pave the Way office and register your area. Alternatively, you can call our office at any time for a free phone conversation.

Phone our office: (07) 3291 5900
Toll free call: 1300 554 402
Visit our website: www.pavetheway.org.au
Email: pavezway@pavetheway.org.au

Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Denise Clark, your local Saver Plus Coordinator:
(07) 5441 1682 / 0488 291 563
or denise.clark@thesmithfamily.com.au

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