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9 March 2021

Principal Message

Dear Parents & Carers,

It certainly was a remarkable sight to see all of our students displaying brilliant smiles and perfect uniform standards right from the first day of school and this reflects our school community's commitment. Despite the heat, we have enjoyed a very smooth start to the year with all of our students displaying a positive attitude to their learning.

It was very exciting to see our 580 students, from Prep to Year 6 so organised and ready to go. Our 69 Prep students were very confident, displaying a wonderful level of independence combined with an eagerness to start learning at 'big' school.

Thank you very much to the wonderful work done by all of our staff, volunteers and parents in getting both the school and the children so well prepared. I look forward to the many inspiring moments ahead throughout this year as our students engage in their new learning challenges.

Congratulations to our 2021 Tewantin State School Captains

Captains: Bethany Strudwick and Matthew Riddle
Vice Captains: Freya Morrison and Cameron Sutton

School Leaders: Anneliese Morgan, Chloe McCarthy, Sid Campbell, Tommy Collett, Hamish Rundell, Ben Bidner, Sophie Green, Mia Bix, Tara Hill, Rylee Limpus, Ruby Payne, Janae Condoleon and Ziggi Robinson

Sports Captains

Cooroibah: Sohie Green and Ben Bidner **Doonella:** Hamish Rundell and Neela Carrel

Laguna: Mali Collins and Lewis Sipp **Weyba:** Tommy Collett and Akasha Steele

I know that these excellent student leaders will be brilliant ambassadors for Tewantin State School in 2021.

Parents and Citizens (P&C) AGM Tuesday

Our fantastic Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) will have their Annual General Meeting, followed by the monthly meeting, on Tuesday 9 March at 3.15pm in the Library. We would love to see some new faces join this amazing group of parents who make so many wonderful things happen in our school. 2021 is going to be a big year and we will need many helping hands to meet this target. We are exceptionally lucky to have such a dedicated and highly effective parent committee. I encourage you to please try and come along and support at any opportunity.

Parent Teacher Interviews

As part of our commitment to developing quality parent partnerships, all parents are invited to attend an individual Parent Teacher interview during the final weeks of this term. These interviews are an opportunity to discuss with each parent how their child is settling in, find out any specific information from home or discuss any concerns that you may have. As part of this interview we use the Student Behaviour Report as a focus. All parents will receive an invitation to go online and book an interview. Please make sure that you take advantage of this opportunity and continue to work together, with your child's class teacher, to provide the very best educational opportunities and support for your child.

NAPLAN Testing Year 3 and Year 5

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions

(spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

This year, between 11 and 21 May, our school will be doing NAPLAN Online. NAPLAN Online provides a better assessment and more precise results. One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is that it uses tailored (or adaptive) testing. This means that students receive questions better suited to their abilities, giving them more opportunity to demonstrate what they know and can do. Year 3 students at Tewantin will complete their NAPLAN writing test on paper.

Driving into school grounds

This is a reminder to all parents that under no circumstances should you be driving your car into the school grounds. Our driveways are major access points for our students before and after school, and any parent choosing to drive into the grounds is significantly risking the safety of many students. Our Staff car parking is for staff only. Please be thoughtful, responsible and caring and do not drive into the school grounds, unless you have been granted permission by Administration.



Rob Jennings

Deputy Principal, Prep - Year 3

School photos

School Photos will take place on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th of March. Please ensure your child wears full school uniform on the day of photos. Student leaders are invited to purchase groups photos. Additional envelopes are at the front office.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS –17 th and 18 th March 2021			
WEDNESDAY P-3	No of Students	THURSDAY 4-6	No of Students
8:00 SIBLING PHOTOS/STAFF		8:00 SIBLING PHOTOS/STAFF	
8:45 SIBLING PHOTOS/STAFF		8:40 Student leaders, Captains, Student Council, Sports Captains	
9:00 Prep K		5E	
9:15 Prep M		4J	
9:30 Prep W			
9:45 2G		6G	
10:00 2V		6S	
10:15 1W		5B	
10:30 3R			
10:45 Morning Break		Morning Break	
11:30 1B		5C	
11:45 1C		5/6R	
12:00 2S		4P	
12:15 3B			
12:30 3S		2M	
12:45 1P		6M	
1:00 Lunch		Lunch	
1:30			
1:45			
2:00 4D		Pack up	
2:15			
2:30			

Easter walk

Our Easter walk is fast approaching! Weather permitting, Prep classes will visit the Kindergartens and the year 1-3 will walk into town. Woolworths is supporting our walk by donating eggs for the children to hand out on their journey. The school band will be leading us into town. The wet weather alternative will be a parade in the hall.

Tewantin State School Easter Parade

March 31st 9:30am—11:00am

Join us for walk/hop into town!!! Year 1 - 3 will visit local businesses in town and the Prep classes will visit our local Kindergarten centres. Our parade will be led by the school band leaving school at 9:30am and following a circuit throughout town. This event provides our school with an opportunity to display our fantastic students to the community and to celebrate another very successful school term.

Thank you to Woolworths @ Tewantin for continuing to support our walk.

Term 1 Parent Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews will take place from week 8-10 this term. To access an appointment with your child's teacher, please use the following instructions or click on the link to follow the parent guide:

1. Navigate to the Session Keeper URL, enter your **Email Address** and select
2. Click **Send** to receive an email and set up your password.
3. Select all of the relevant Staff members that you would like to book a session with and select **Next** from the bottom right corner.
4. Select the time of your booking from the list (for all of your relevant teachers) and then select
NOTE: Already booked and unavailable sessions will be greyed out from the list.
5. Review your appointment information and add any notes, if relevant, before pushing **Next** to confirm your bookings.
6. Your Booking is complete! You will receive a confirmation email to your nominated email address. The confirmation email also includes links should you need to modify or cancel your booking.

<https://tewantinss.schoolzineplus.com/view-session/5>

<https://www.schoolzine.com/sk-booking-guide>

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Do you know the Tewanin State School expectations? Ask your child? Do they know the school expectations?

Each week at Tewanin State School we have an explicit teaching and learning behaviour focus that is school wide. The focus for each week is determined by the school wide data of the previous weeks. The last few weeks we have been learning about following instructions, greetings and the HIGH 5



There are a range of resources available to assist parents in supporting their child's schooling, specifically to support appropriate behaviour, both in the home and school environment:

- Parent and Community Engagement Framework
- Student Wellbeing Hub
- Raising Children Network
- State School Regional Maps
- State School Regional Offices
- School Enrolment Management Plans
- Complaints, enquiries and feedback
- Online awareness: Information for parents and caregivers (PDF, 4.5MB)
- Social media and the school community (PDF, 1.2MB)

Pokemon Club

Just a reminder that Pokemon Club does NOT require you to bring your personal playing cards to school. Pokemon Club provides all the materials needed, including cards. If your child chooses to bring their personal cards to school they will need to be responsible for them.



Carly Hinchsliff
Deputy Principal, Prep - Year 3

Third party websites

The use of web based educational resources has risen steadily over the last decade and are increasingly being used by teachers across Queensland to improve student learning outcomes. Our school and teachers make decisions about the best technology to meet the needs of our students. Sometimes it is beneficial for students to utilise services provided by third party web based providers.

Tewantin State School wishes to utilise various third party web based service provider/s to aid students' learning. For your student to use the service the teacher at times will need to register them as a user. Registering with these providers requires some student personal information to be disclosed to the provider of the service e.g. first name, year group, student's EQ email address. In the case of the services outlined below they are private companies that are hosted either onshore in Australia or outside of Australia. Outside of Australia means that data that is entered to register for these sites will be stored on servers that are not based in Australia and therefore are not bound by Queensland's privacy laws.

Your permission for the registration and use of these sites by your student for educational purposes is provided. It is not compulsory for you to provide this consent. If you decide not to provide consent, this will not adversely affect academic achievement, or any relationships with teachers or the school.

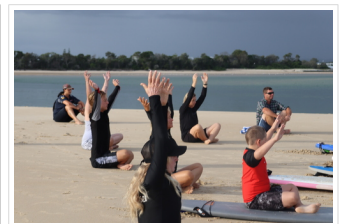
The school will email parents a digital consent form that will cover the websites Tewantin State School uses. Please complete the digital form so that your students can continue to access these websites.

If you have any further queries or questions regarding this information please contact the school on info@tewantinss.eq.edu.au

Deputy Principal, Years 4 - 6

Surf Schools

At TSS we have two Surf days – Thursday and Friday. I look after the Thursday group, while Ms H and Mr Jennings are down at the Friday morning session. Here are some amazing photos of the kids in action.

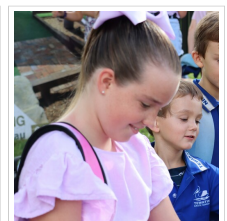


School Clubs

Ukulele
Sewing
Drumming
Singing
Pokemon

Summer's Day

Thanks to the TSS community for a very successful Summer's Day, with \$575 raised, which is fantastic.



Clean Up Australia Day

On Sunday 7th March, Tewanin State School played a lead role in the local Clean Up Australia Day down at Tewanin Boat Ramp and precinct. TSS staff, students and their families met at 8:00am and did our part in keeping Tewanin beautiful.

An amazing effort by all involved! Thank you!

Shave for a Cure

On Friday 12th March, Tewanin State School students are invited to come in Crazy Hair in support of Shave For A Cure. A gold coin donation is requested. A number of staff, including Miss Maureen and Nat Fogwell, our Tuckshop Convenor, are having their heads shaved to raise funds for this worthy cause. If you're a hairdresser or barber and would like to help out with the shearing, please contact the school on 5335 8888 or info@tewaninss.eq.edu.au

Harmony Week

Harmony Week is 15-19 March. A week of activities will culminate in a Harmony Concert, featuring the amazing Linsey Pollack. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4eziFH7VYc>. Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to open the event to the wider school community. If things change before the event, we'll let you know.



Rick Cass
Deputy Principal, years 4 -6

Curriculum News

ACCELER8 – Writing Extension

Differentiating the curriculum at Tewanin State School provides students with learning activities that cater for their individual learning needs, ensuring they are immersed in challenging and enjoyable learning experiences. Our extension program,

ACCELER8, is an example of one of these learning experiences.

Throughout the year, teachers nominate students showing potential in their writing ability to participate in ACCELER8. The program involves students working with the Head of Curriculum in a weekly group session, approximately one hour in length. During these sessions, students have the opportunity to be immersed in challenging and purposeful writing activities as an extension of their regular classroom curriculum. Such activities include developing and extending various writing skills and entering various writing competitions including short story writing and poetry.

NAPLAN Online in 2021

Tewanin State School will transition from paper-based NAPLAN tests to the computer-based assessments in 2021.

Read the parent information brochure here:

<https://nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-online-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf?sfvrsn=19>

One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, in which the test presents questions of higher or lower complexity depending on a student's performance. NAPLAN Online will provide more precise results and faster turnaround of information.

View a short clip that explains tailored testing here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGFseJAM3Ew>

The window for NAPLAN Online testing is nine days: 11–21 May 2021.

In advance of taking NAPLAN Online, teachers and students are familiarised with the online NAPLAN environment to ensure any anxiety is minimised prior to the test period. Most students report the experience as better than paper-based assessments and similar to other online environments such as *Mathletics* and *Reading Eggs*.

How can I help my child prepare?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already learnt through the school curriculum. On its own, NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for and students are not expected to do so.

NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learnt over time through the school curriculum, and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar. Help your child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to do their best. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN or tutoring is not recommended.

Ensuring students are familiar with using devices, typing on them and navigating through programs is a part of student learning and a requirement of the Australian Curriculum from the first year at school.

NAPLAN Online is not a test of keyboard skills. There are variations in how fast and well a student can type – just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand. Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper.

Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

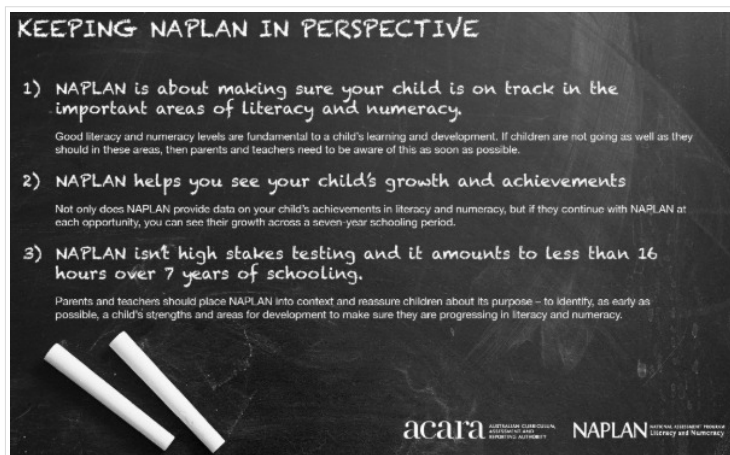
Parents are invited to use the public demonstration tests to familiarise themselves with the type of questions and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN Online assessment:

www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site

For more information about NAPLAN Online, visit:
<https://nap.edu.au/online-assessment>

Information about NAPLAN Online and Protecting Privacy:

<https://nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-online-protecting-privacy.pdf?sfvrsn=2>



Prep News

A new schooling adventure has begun for our Prep students and the children need to be congratulated on such a smooth, settled transition to their first year of formal schooling. The Prep teachers would like to say a big thank you to all the parents for sending their children to school looking great in their uniforms and having all the necessary equipment to commence the year. It is very much appreciated and sends a positive message to everyone within the school environment.

So far this year, the Prep students have been enjoying a range of lessons inside and outside the classroom, while getting used to rules and routines. They have been very 'hands on' with various activities that align with the national curriculum. Aside from classroom work, the children have had music, physical education, library and have been to the computer labs which they have found very exciting. We are very excited with the new approach within our school to teaching phonics in the lower primary. In Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 at Tewanin State

School, we are now using the Get Reading Right program. We have seen some amazing results already this year which have exceeded our expectations!

Every Monday afternoon at 2pm in the hall, we have a whole school assembly Parade. Every second week someone from each Prep class will receive a Learning Award chosen by their teacher and it is presented by Mr Jennings, our school principal. Congratulations to our 6 recipients so far for your excellent behaviour and dedication to learning.

This week a representative from the Sunshine Coast Daily newspaper took photos of all our Prep classes. Teachers will let you know when the photo will be published. It will be a lasting keepsake for students and their families, commemorating an important milestone in their lives.

Thank you to all those who attended our information sessions. We would like to remind parents that if there are any concerns please feel free to meet with us. Our doors are open and the classrooms are welcoming. We are very much looking forward to a fun and productive year with our capable and enthusiastic pupils.

Prep Teachers – Ashley Keune, Leah Marshall, Lani Hamill and Jessie Woldt

Class PW

Students have been very busy in PW. They have been learning to sort items in multiple ways, learning new sounds and camera words, and how to work in a group and in partners. Miss Jessie is very proud with how students have been following the class rule "We always try our best."



https://tewantinss.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/311/science_with_prep.pdf

Sports News

On Wednesday 17th February, Tewanin State School took a team of 20 swimmers to the annual Noosa District Swimming Carnival, which was held at St Andrews Anglican College, Peregrine Springs. All events on the day were timed finals. Most events had upwards of 20 competitors with a maximum of 8 per race and everyone was awarded their overall position based upon their time. All of our Tewanin competitors competed well and gave it everything they had.

Tewanin SS finished 3rd overall out of 12 schools. The other major trophy, 'The Aggregate Champions' was won by, drum roll please Tewanin State School. Each schools points are divided by the enrolment numbers at

the school to work out how many points per student each school got. A massive thanks to Mr Greg Rogers and his staff, our school swimming instructors, for all their work with the bulk of our swimming team.

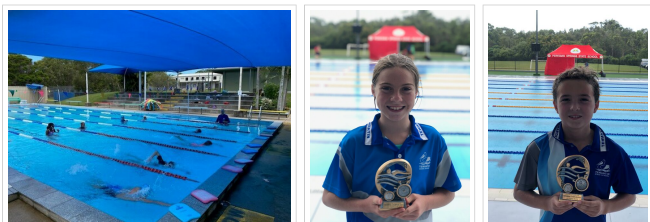
Individually we had a couple of standout performers with Noah Ellison (10 year boy) and Neela Carrel (11 year girl) claiming Age Champion for their respective divisions. Noah picked up: 5 x firsts; 1 x second and 2 x thirds. Neela picked up: 4 x firsts and 5 x seconds. Noah and Neela made the Noosa District team for all of their events. We had two other students make the Noosa District team as well with strong performances in their events. Ella Wightman finished 3rd in the 50m butterfly to earn her spot in the team. Tommy Collett finished 3rd in the 50m backstroke to earn his spot in the team.

Other notable results (top 8 finishers) were:

Ella Wightman (6th and 8th); Rylee Limpus (4th); Sophie Green (7th); Ziggy Robinson (4th); Jacob Dyer (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th); Ryder Green (8th) and Tommy Collett (6th).

A full breakdown for each swimmer with their final position, race and official times can be found on the "Sports Shed" wall. Once again congratulations to all our swimmers for their efforts and good luck to our four Noosa District representatives, Noah, Neela, Ella and Tommy.

Our four swimmers performed very well at the Regional Swimming Carnival with Neela and Noah being selected in the Sunshine Coast Team to compete at the State Swimming Championships. Well done to all four swimmers and good luck to Neela and Noah at the States Titles.



In other news, we had 12 boys trial for selection in the Under 12 and Under 11 Noosa District Rugby League teams. Out of those 12 boys, 8 have been selected to play in the Regional Trials at Redcliffe Rugby League Club early next term. Those boys selected are: Lachy Davis, Harrison Perkins, Brax Livesey, Jacob Young, Tonkla Phumtabtim, Jack Cullen, Oscar Ritson and Tommy Collett. Congratulations boys and good luck.

At the time of writing we have 6 girls about to compete for spots in the Under 11 Noosa District Netball team and 6 boys trialling for spots in the Under 12 Noosa District Rugby Union team. We would like to wish them the best of luck, play well, play hard.

The AGM is the meeting where we welcome new members and elect our committee. All positions become vacant and any member, new or returning, can nominate to stand for a role.

Executive positions available are listed below attached:

- P&C President
- P&C Vice President
- P&C Treasurer
- P&C Secretary

Everyone is welcome and your level of commitment is up to you. If you are unable to make the AGM but would like to be involved, please send an email to tsspandcexec@gmail.com

Benefits of being a member of the P&C:

- *Share in the school's decision-making process and help shape its future.*
- *Provide input on school issues and policies.*
- *Have the right to vote on important decisions.*
- *Gain new skills by taking on an official role.*
- *Make new friends and have fun!*

Wellbeing

The start of the year can be stressful and there are times that we all need to just breathe! Here is an activity from the QLD DOE Wellbeing Activities for Children booklet on mindful breathing. Take a deep breath and give it a go,

Cheers, Lynda.

Guidance Officer
Tewantin State School, Tuesdays.

https://tewantinss.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/301/mindful_breathing.pdf

Community

P&C

Our P&C AGM will be held on this Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 3.15 p.m. in the Library.



Student Resource Scheme

Tewantin State School operates an SRS to assist parents with the cost and resourcing of additional educational requirements that provide enhanced learning opportunities. The scheme is NOT used to raise funds for other purposes. The scheme is supported and approved by the school's P & C Association and operates under the policy and guidelines of The Department of Education (DoE).

The SRS is voluntary, however, please be aware that materials acquired under this scheme are not funded by school grants. The purpose of the scheme is to provide the Parent/Caregiver with a cost effective and more economical alternative to purchasing required resources and consumables through reduced prices gained from the school's bulk purchasing processes. If you do not wish to join the scheme you are responsible for providing your child with the year level class requisites as detailed in the SRS booklet.

In return for a contribution of \$70.00 per year, some examples of what your child will receive (but not limited to) include the following items:

- Class sets of workbooks, worksheets, reference materials and teacher prepared booklets
- Class sets of writing and drawing materials; chalk, stationery, project materials, whiteboards
- Materials where the instruction is extended through providing practical learning experiences involving consumables such as; cooking ingredients, art and science materials.
- Art materials such as paint, brushes, clay and other specialist supplies
- ICT equipment hire of specialised equipment such as drones, 3D printers and robotic kits
- Student reference materials such as books and software
- Annual subscriptions to online programs - Mathletics, Reading Eggs / Reading Express & Education Queensland Online Library.
- Classroom consumables

The SRS agreement form must be completed for ALL enrolled students indicating participation or non-participation in the scheme. If you are NOT participating it will be your responsibility to purchase all the resources provided by this scheme. By indicating participation on the form you are agreeing to participate for the duration of your child's enrolment and pay the annual participation fee (invoices will be automatically issued). If you wish to opt out of the scheme in any year simply complete a new participation agreement form before the invoice due date.

HUGE MULTI-SPORTS FESTIVAL FOR KIDS COMING TO NOOSA THESE HOLIDAYS!

SUPER CAMP is two days of non-stop hybrid (mash-up) sports - we pump the music from the DJ tent while the kids try their hand at our signature sports like Vortex Grid Iron, Super Soccer, Ultimate League, Big Dog Cricket and more!

When: April 14 & 15; (8.30-3.30pm daily)

Where: Noosa District High School/Cooroy Campus

Who: Kids aged Prep – Year 6

How: Launch Special - just \$59.40 for both days! *Tickets are limited.*

BOOK ONLINE: www.motiv8sports.com.au 0412 416 689.

DIRECT LINK: https://motiv8sports.com.au/m8_event/noosa-super-camp-april-school-holidays/

Envirobank

Envirobank drive is back!

For every bag of containers donated to the school, kids receive 5 tickets in our monthly prize draws. Last week 8 lucky students won \$6 tuckshop vouchers. Our next draw has more of these great prizes on offer, plus there's a \$25 gift card, kindly donated by our local Office Choice.

Orange Envirobank bags are available each morning at the gate at the Goodwin St entrance and at the front office. Simply leave your bags of containers at Mr Penny's shed and collect your raffle tickets at the office.

Our first year of 'containers for change' raised well over \$10 000, which went towards purchases of cameras and other devices for our school, plus investment in our amazing school garden, Djabindja.



Thank you in anticipation of your contribution towards this valuable scheme.

Parent Information

School Payments

Please be aware that BPay is NO longer be available. BPoint, EFTPOS, cheque and cash payments options are available. BPoint is an online payment system available for our school families. Your Tewantin State School invoices will have a BPoint IVR number in the lower left hand corner. Payment can be made online or by calling 1300631073.

PLEASE NOTE – We are no longer able to take credit card payments over the phone.

Road safety

Please ensure you walk safely to school and use our school crossings to safely cross the road. We have Crossing Supervisors at each school crossing during peak times for safety, and greatly appreciate when adults model the correct use of crossings in front of our students. Be sure to give our Crossing Supervisors a 'Thank you' and a wave for keeping everyone safe.



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.

Dogs on school grounds

A reminder that dogs are not permitted on Education Queensland grounds at any time. This is for the safety of our staff, students and visitors to the school, and also for hygiene reasons. Please do not bring dogs into our school.

Date Check

Tewantin SS website calendar

Date	Event
10 March	Young Crest Scholars - SBSHS
11 March	Art Gallery - 1C & 1W
12 March	Year 5 Mangrove Madness excursion
12 March	Crazy Hair Day (gold coin donation)
17 - 18th March	School Photos
18 March	Art Gallery - 1B & 1P
19 March	Year 5 Mangrove Madness excursion
19 March	Harmony Day Celebrations
21 March	Harmony Day
30 March	Cross Country, Years 3 - 6
1 April	Last day Term 1
TERM 2	
28 April	Year 4 Australia Zoo - TBC
17 - 19th May	Year 6 Camp

Tuckshop News

All orders can be placed via QuickCliq. Existing parents, please remember to update your child's class and teacher prior to ordering.

Music News

https://tewantinss.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/309/music_letter_2021.pdf