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## Principal Message

Welcome to 2021!

A very warm welcome to all our students and families. It is great to see everyone settling in so nicely and kids getting stuck in to their work and the opportunities around the school.

**Congratulations!** to our new 2021 Student Leadership Team. Our new Leadership Team were presented with their badges at a special Badge Ceremony held on Parade on Monday afternoon. A most deserving group of students, who have been selected to lead and represent their peers for the year ahead. Well done!



## Activities and Clubs

I'm excited to announce that our Surfing and Skate programs have started up again. We've had a great uptake and are thrilled we can offer this to the students of Tewantin State School.

The Tewantin Swim Squad has been busy in the pool training for the District Carnival and the kids are putting in a great effort under the guidance of Greg Rogers.



Our guitar, drum and piano lessons are starting up again this term. Stay tuned for more information.

Pokemon Club is on Friday's at First Break in the Library. This is open to all students.

## New Staff

I'm thrilled to welcome three new teachers to our TSS community. Jessie Woldt (PW), Ryan Grayson (6G) and John Stansbie (6S). Welcome to the team!

## Parent / Teacher Meet and Greet

Thank you to all the parents who attended their Teacher Meet and Greet. It's a pleasure to see so many engaged parents excited for the school year ahead.

## School Priorities

In 2021 our School Priorities remain Writing and Wellbeing. Our staff continue to keep this at the fore, with focus on our PBL expectations and professional learning opportunities throughout the year.

Our school community has identified the following school rights to teach and promote our high standards of responsible behaviour. Everyone has the: Right to be safe, Right to be respected, Right to learn (Safe Respectful Learner)

I'm looking forward to a great 2021.



Rob Jennings  
Principal

# Deputy Principal, Prep - Year 3

Welcome back to all our students and their families for 2021. Thanks to all of our staff who worked collaboratively, to ensure that students and their parents/carers had a wonderful start to the year. Students are settling into their new classrooms and routines well.

## 2021 Preppies

A very big WELCOME to our little Preppies and their families! Our Preps have settled in to school wonderfully and have been

enjoying everything that big school offers! Our Prep Transition Program and Step in to Prep Sessions are so beneficial and the evidence is clear to see in happy and settled Prep classes. Our students start school knowing teachers, staff, classrooms, our school environment and come with a network of friends. Well done 2021 Preps!

Tewantin State School will officially welcome our Prep students with a Prep Clap-In at Parade on Monday 15th February at 2.00pm. Two parents / caregivers are welcome to attend for each Prep child.



## Swimming

Our Term one swimming program is up and running. Please remember to send swimming bags on the scheduled day. Prep classes will begin in week 5. Please see the swimming timetable below. Any parents attending swimming will need to sign the register down at the pool.

SWIMMING TIMETABLE TERM 1 - 2021					
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:55 - 9:35	FREE	3R	6M	2M	PMH
9:35 - 10:15	FREE	3S	FREE	2G	PK
10:15 - 10:55	5B	3B	5C	2S	PW
11:35- 12:15	5/6R	6G	6S	2V	1C
12:15- 1:00	4D	4P	FREE	1B	1P
1:50- 2:30	Parade	FREE	5E	1W	4J

## Drop off Zones

A reminder that the Drop-Off Zones are for drop off only. Please do not leave your car. If you need to enter the grounds you need to park somewhere away from the Zones. The police are often active in these areas so please take note of yellow lines and no parking signs. Please do not use the bus zones to pick up and drop off students. The bus drivers become very upset when they cannot access these lanes to safely pick up and drop off students.

## Staff Carparks

We have had number of parents using the staff car parks as pick up and drop off zones for their children. Staff have observed numerous dangerous situations because of this ongoing practise.

*Please be reminded that the staff car parks are not to be used for parent collection before and after school.* Children are not thinking clearly when leaving school grounds. When parents

are using the staff carparks, they are leaving close to bell time when the children are moving in and around these areas. Administration will be monitoring the use of these areas over the coming weeks. Thanks for your ongoing support with improving safety at Tewanin State School.

### **Smart Watches (portable devices) and Mobile phones**

As stated in the Tewanin State School Student Code of Conduct:

Digital literacy refers to the skills needed to live, learn and work in a society where communication and access to information is dominated by digital technologies like mobile phones. However, the benefits brought about through these diverse technologies can be easily overshadowed by deliberate misuse which harms others or disrupts learning. The knowledge and confidence to navigate and use these technologies safely while developing digital literacy is a responsibility shared between parents, school staff and students.

The use of mobile phones and other portable devices (including those with Bluetooth functionality) by students at school, if unmonitored, can become disruptive. The following restrictions apply:

- Mobile phones are not needed by students at school. The use of these devices can be disruptive to the normal routine of the school.
- Students are required to bring a mobile phone or other portable device to be signed into the school office on arrival with the student's name clearly marked on the phone. These devices can be collected from the office by the student at 2:45pm.
- Students are not permitted to use their mobile phone during the course of the school day.
- Portable devices and mobile phones are brought to school at the owners own risk, no liability will be accepted for personal portable devices and mobile phones unless it can be established that the loss, theft or damage resulted from Education Queensland negligence.
- If a student is found to have a mobile phone/portable device at school they will be in breach of this policy. In response to this breach, the student will be asked to take the phone to the office and the parent will be notified to collect it.
- Mobile phones and portable devices are not to be used inappropriately (e.g record, capture and distribute images and as a medium to harass, bully and threaten other students). Serious consequences in accordance with the school's Code of Conduct will apply.
- Students must be courteous, considerate and respectful of others when using a portable device.

Any further questions or enquiries can be forwarded to the administration.

### **Appropriate use of social media**

It's important to remember that sometimes negative comments posted about the school community have a greater impact than expected. This guide offers some information about how to use social media in relation to comments or posts about the school community. Reputations of students, teachers, schools, principals and even parents can be permanently damaged — and in some cases, serious instances of inappropriate online behaviour are dealt with by police and the court system.

Being aware of a few simple strategies can help keep the use of social media positive and constructive:

- Before you post something online, ask yourself if the community or individual really need to know. Is it relevant, positive and helpful?
- Remember that what you post online is a direct reflection of who you are. People will potentially form lasting opinions of you based on what you post online.
- Be a good role model. If things get heated online consider logging out and taking a few moments to relax and think. Hasty, emotive responses could inflame situations unnecessarily.
- Be mindful when commenting, try to keep general and avoid posting anything that could identify individuals.
- A few years ago parents may have discussed concerns or issues with their friends at the school gate. Today with the use of social media, online discussions between you and your close friends can very quickly be shared with a much wider audience, potentially far larger than intended.
- Taking a few moments to think about the content you are about to post could save upset, embarrassment, and possible legal action.
- As a parent you have a role in supervising and regulating your child's online activities at home and its impact on the reputation and privacy of others. Parents are their child's first teachers — so they will learn online behaviours from you.

Parental and community feedback is important for schools and the department. If you have a compliment, complaint or enquiry about an issue at school, the best approach is to speak directly to the school about the matter, rather than discussing it in a public forum.

While many schools use social media to update parents of school notices, the department prefers that parents contact schools directly with a compliment, complaint or enquiry due to privacy considerations. Imagine if your doctor, accountant or banking institution tried to contact you to discuss important matters via Facebook.

Keep comments calm and polite, just as you would over the telephone or by email. If you encounter negative or derogatory content online which involves the school, hinders a child's learning and/or affects the school community at large, contact the school principal.

### **Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)**

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is an educational process that brings together the whole-school community to contribute to developing a positive, safe, and supportive learning culture. The PBL framework assists schools to improve social, emotional, behavioural, and academic outcomes for children and young people.

Tewanin State School is developing preventative, positive, learning environments for all students by explicitly teaching behaviour expectations and strategies daily in every classroom. One of our key strategies is the HIGH 5.





#### Talk Friendly

- This is the most powerful strategy.
- Stay calm and respectful.
- Take turns to speak.
- Use words to tell the person about the problem.
- Suggest ways to solve the problem.

#### Ignore

- Pretend you didn't hear it.
- Look away, don't smile
- Maintain positive body posture (calm, confident).
- Distract yourself by thinking of something pleasant

#### Walk Away

- Move away from student involved in the problem
- Move confidently, head up high, mouth closed
- Walk somewhere towards a safety zone (teacher).

#### Talk Firmly

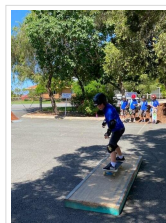
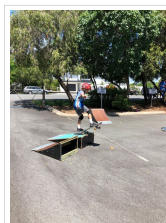
- Be assertive
- Use a serious voice, but don't yell
- Take turns to speak
- Don't use put downs

#### Report

- Ask an adult for help.
- Explain the problem in an honest way. Tell the teacher what you have tried to do. Respect the teacher's decision and take whatever steps the teacher suggests.
- Report problems in class to the teacher taking the class when the problem happens.
- Report problems in playground at the time, to the person on duty in the area where the problem happens.

#### Skating 2021

Our term 1 skating program started on Thursday! We welcomed back "T" and "Mikki" from Chiggy's Skateboarding. Students are encouraged to bring their own board AND safety equipment each week. Check out our RAD moves ...



Carly Hinchsliff  
Deputy Principal, Prep - Year 3

## Deputy Principal, Years 4 - 6

Welcome to 2021!

I hope the first few weeks of school have been good ones for you and your kids. Most students have settled in beautifully. Following is some reminders around some key issues and upcoming dates.

#### Uniform - well done.

The kids look great. Students are showing pride and respect for our school by wearing their uniform. A few are not in the **white ankle length socks**, but this is an easy fix. We have brand new spares here at the office ready to loan out. The Year 6s are looked upon to model the correct wearing of full school uniform, otherwise they become counter-reference points for the younger ones wearing all manner of multicoloured socks.

#### Entering/leaving school

I have had to remind a couple of students that they must come straight into school after getting dropped off or disembarking from a bus. Students shouldn't be going to a servo to buy slushies or lollies before school. Bus students cannot duck down to the servo for the same reason and come back for their bus. Bikes are to be walked in and out of school. Again, younger students look for leadership from older students. Well done to everyone doing this.

#### Summer's Day

We will have fundraising event for Summer's Day on Friday 26 February. Students are encouraged to wear purple. This event raises awareness about the dangers of button batteries.

Clean Up Australia Day

Our school contributes each year to the Tewantin Clean up on 7th March, which starts at the boat ramp near the marina, as part of the NICA organisation. We are also registered for a school clean-up on the 5th March, where classes chip in for a clean-up around their class precincts. Our school is usually pretty clean and tidy, so this is a brief afternoon activity. Gloves provided.

Djabindja - School Garden

Replanting of our school garden has commenced and we are looking for volunteers to help out, before or after school or during the day. If you think you can help, please see your class teacher or Mr Cass.



Year 6 Camp

Camp dates are 17 -19 May in Term 2. This year we are going to Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre at Currimundi. We anticipate this will cost between \$250-\$280. Payment plans can be put in place. Notes and invoicing will happen Monday next week.



Rick Cass  
Deputy Principal, Year 4 - 6

# Date Check

Tewantin SS website calendar

Date	Event
17th February	District Swimming Carnival
26th February	Summer's Day
4th March	Year 1 Noosa Refuse Centre visit
7th March	Clean Up Australia Day
12 March	Year 5 Mangrove Madness excursion
17 - 18th March	School Photos
19th March	Year 5 Mangrove Madness excursion
21st March	Harmony Day
22nd March	Harmony Day Celebrations
1st April	Last day Term 1
17 - 19th May	Year 6 Camp

# Reading Club

Reading Club is now open. Monday to Thursday from 8.15am. All students welcome to attend.



## Music News

[https://tewantinss.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/282/music\\_letter.pdf](https://tewantinss.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/282/music_letter.pdf)

## Tuckshop News

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

## 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.



## 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.

## 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.

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

## P&C

P&C AGM  
Tuesday 2nd March 2021

3:15pm in the Library

All positions open for nomination

Nomination forms for Executive positions and P&C Membership forms available from the front office.



## Community

## Change of Details

Parents, it is very important that we have the correct details for your student and for you. If any of your contact or medical details have changed, can you please update them via the form below.

### Change of Details

Change of details form. ALL DETAILS must be completed to ensure correct recording of information. This allows us to make sure all details are correct.

Parent/Caregiver First Name *	<input type="text"/>
Parent/Caregiver Last Name *	<input type="text"/>
Email *	<input type="text"/>
Student Name *	<input type="text"/>
Student Class *	<input type="text"/>
Mobile *	<input type="text"/>
Street Address	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>
Postcode	<input type="text"/>
State	<input type="text"/>
Place of Employment *	<input type="text"/>
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Work Phone No. *	<input type="text"/>
Emergency Contact 1	<input type="text"/>
Relationship	<input type="text"/>
Emergency Contact 1 Phone Number	<input type="text"/>
Emergency Contact 2	<input type="text"/>
Relationship	<input type="text"/>
Emergency Contact 2 Phone Number	<input type="text"/>
Parent/Caregiver Signature *	<input type="text"/>

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Write your signature above the line

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