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Term 2 - Newsletter 2

Principal Message

It's very wet at the moment! We have had an incredible amount of rain again at the school and across most of Queensland this week with forecasts of more to come over the weekend. I hope that all of our Community families are safe and have not experienced any damage or losses to property.

Our school did have some minor flooding enter some rooms but as I type I am hoping the worst is behind us and our drains can continue to handle the run off.

Thank you to parents who took the opportunity of the invitation to pick up early. It created a steady flow of children leaving the school throughout the day and took away the mayhem of 'end of day collection' in the poor weather.

Australian Curriculum Version 9

An updated Prep to Year 10 Australian Curriculum, Version 9, was approved by Education Ministers in early April and is now available on a [new website](#) to view.

It is important to remember that the review of the Australian Curriculum was to refine, realign and declutter the content to identify the essential content that our students should learn. During public consultation last year, the department drew heavily on the experience of Queensland teachers and curriculum leaders gained over the past 10 years of implementation.

We have come a long way since 2012 when we first began providing the Australian Curriculum. This updated version offers

us the opportunity to reflect on and review our educational performance. Allowing us to focus on 'what' to teach and 'how' we are going to teach the curriculum.

The most significant change though is the reduction in content, especially for primary teachers who teach a number of learning areas. There is improvement in the quality of content and the achievement standards, a rationalising of the elaborations and authentic alignment to the general capabilities and cross-curriculum priorities.

There is a stronger focus on phonics in English and on mastering essential mathematical facts, concepts, skills and processes. Students will be introduced to concepts and processes at the right time. History has been significantly decluttered, allowing more time for in-depth teaching. There is a strengthening of teaching of consent and respectful relationships in ways that are age appropriate.

A decision regarding when Queensland will transition to Version 9 of the curriculum will be made, in consultation with all school sectors and key stakeholders, over the coming months.

Throughout the year, we will communicate regularly with you and let you know when resources are available to support familiarisation activities and when it is time to provide the updated Australian Curriculum.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you for your commitment to attending interviews with your teachers over the last two weeks. Teachers appreciate sharing how your child is progressing and how you can work together to support learning.

Assistant Regional Director and Noosa District Principals Visit

On the 4th of May the ARD Mr Tony Roberts and school principals from our area visited to see the great work happening at Tewanin State School. The focus for the visit was on Learning Walls, Deconstructed Learning Intentions and Bump It Up Walls. The visitors entered 6 classrooms, observed the walls and interactions of students, and asked students questions using Sharratt's 5 Questions techniques: What are you learning? Why? How are you going? How do you know? How can you improve? Where do you go for help?

I would like to thank the teachers and staff who assisted with the visit from the ARD. The visitors were very appreciative and impressed with the school culture and the learning and teaching taking place in our school.

'Thanks again for hosting this morning Rob - it is so great to see this work being enacted in such a quality way and to see that the teachers and students are seeing the value in it.'

NAPLAN

Our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students completed the first week of NAPLAN during the week, with the testing finalised at the beginning of next week. Students who missed any of the tests this week will have the opportunity to catch up during next week. It was really pleasing to see how well our students were prepared for the tests and how confidently they approached the tasks. Thanks to all of our teaching, support and leadership staff who ensured that the testing program ran smoothly. Results of the testing program will be available during third term.

Sunshine Coast Junior Dance Eisteddfod

I was honoured to have the opportunity to attend the performance last Thursday. The teams were fantastic with their performances. Congratulations to all of the dancers and especially to Mrs Davies, Mr Bailey, Neve Macaulay, Alice Davies, and Lisa Gale for providing the opportunity for our students to perform in the Eisteddfod. The team achieved a 'Highly Commended' for the jazz performance.

Best regards,

Rob



I was so excited to join Year 2 at their Science incursion this week.

Students had a wonderful time. It was packed full of content highly relevant to our unit on *push* and *pull* forces. Students learnt how to predict, experiment, observe and report on a range of push and pull toys and got to make three of their own toys. This week, students will be adding materials to their toy car and then predicting, observing and reporting the changes.



Mr McIlroy has been working a little harder than usual, battling the weather conditions and continuing to teach Physical Education. This week I was invited to observe Mr McIlroy working with a class of Prep students in the undercover area. The lesson began with an enormous downpouring of rain! It is a hard gig to keep 25 prep student's attention when you are competing with flooding! As the water began flowing into the teaching space, Mr McIlroy continued his lesson. It was wonderful to see the Prep students so engaged and having fun with Mr McIlroy given the conditions were so poor. Wet weather and children are a hard gig! Shout OUT to Mr McIlroy for the fantastic work he does with all the TSS students especially in those rainy weeks! Great Job Mr Mc!



As I'm typing this, we have a number of spaces in our school that are flooding and becoming water damaged. The Principal has put a message out, encouraging families to collect children early if safe to do so. A huge thank you to the families that have collected children early to ease the pressure on staff and make sure everyone gets home safely. Also, a huge SHOUT OUT to the staff that are currently out there digging up drains, clearing out classrooms and working as part of a team to keep our school afloat.

Deputy Principal, Prep - Year
3



Stay Safe, Be Kind.

Ms H



Deputy Principal, Years 3 - 6

Year 6 Camp

This week we wish all of our campers well as they take off for their camp at the Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre: Currimundi on Monday morning. It is an exciting time in the calendar for Year 6 students. We know they'll have a terrific time – rain, hail, or shine! Big thanks to our staff who take time away from their own families to offer this opportunity for our students. Look out for updates on our school's usual communication channels.

Kids in Action

Last Friday, our Y6 leaders participated in an Environmental Projects Day as part of Sunshine Coast Council 'Kids in Action' program. Accompanied by Mr Keune, students were treated to a bus tour of significant Noosa River Catchment sites where

they engaged in a range of science, art-based and cultural workshop activities. This day is aimed at provoking thought about sustainable practices, and is the lead-in for students to develop their own project with the theme of 'Catchment Connections: From the Mountains to the Sea'. Tewantin State School has a proud history of involvement in this program.



Have a great weekend,

Mr J



Curriculum News

Learning Walls and Student Voice

Learning Walls are an effective visual display which teachers and students refer to on a regular basis. Students in Year 3 have been learning to write persuasive letters. The Learning Walls have enabled students to engage in rich classroom discussions using persuasive devices such as high modality and rhetorical questions. It is important for students to be given the opportunity to share their thinking before putting their ideas into writing. Year 3 students have been very convincing with their arguments!



Date Check

Tewantin SS website calendar

Date	Event

26 April	My First Year Prep Photos
4 May	Prep 2023 Parent Information Evening, 5.30 - 6.30pm
5 May	Sunshine Coast Dance Eisteddford
5 May	TSS P&C Mothers Day Stall
6 May	Noosa District Cross Country
10 May	Sparrow Kindy Prep Transition Visit
11 May	PPP Free Parenting Seminar - Raising Resilient Children
16 - 18 May	Year 6 Camp, Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre, Currimundi
20 May	Under 8's Day
20 May	Year 5 Mangrove Madness
25 May	Year 3 SeaLife Excursion
26 May	Year 4 Australia Zoo Excursion
31 May	SBSHS Parent Information Evening
1 June	Young Crest Scholars, SBSHS
9 June	Experience High School for a Day - SBSHS

Class PG

Each week, Class PG, do an Emu Parade Clean Up on Friday afternoon. With a great deal of excitement, we collect rubbish that is around our classroom and tuckshop area. Thank you students of PG for making our school a tidy place.



Class PW

PW has been learning about numbers from 1-10. They have been busy working in group rotations using counters, dice, whiteboards and iPads. Great job PW!

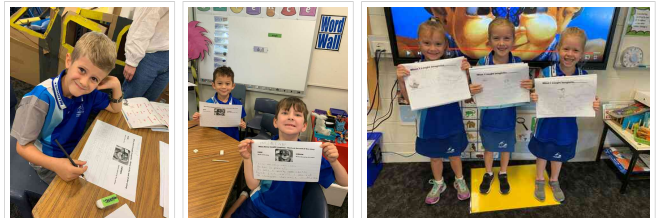


Class 1W

1W has been working hard in class with a focus on writing this week. Students have been choosing

characters that undergo obvious changes in a story. Stories such as The Very Blue Thingymajig, Crunch The Crocodile and Imaginitis have been used to demonstrate how a character's actions, feelings and appearance can change throughout a story.

We have also been learning to spell our camera words. We have been writing them out in rainbow writing to do this.



Class 4P

4P enjoyed creating a 'living gift' for the special lady in their world. We repurposed mugs and planted various seedlings, including petunias, pansies and calendulas. It became quite a botany experience!

Happy Mother's Day to our Mum and Nans!



Summer's Day

In honour of little Summer Steer, who tragically lost her life after swallowing a button battery, our students wore purple on Friday.

Each year, students at Tewantin State School participate in Summer's Day to raise funds and awareness. All money raised, as always, is donated to Kidsafe Australia.



Dance News

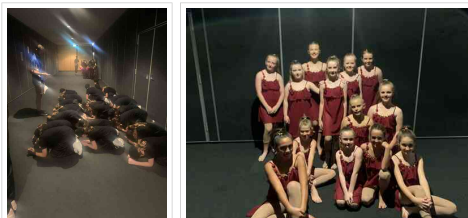
Last week our Dance Team competed at the Sunshine Coast Dance Eisteddfod.

What a fabulous day they all had. The students were amazing and had so much fun performing and then watching the secondary students perform. There were smiles all around even with the nerves. We could not be any prouder of how they performed and conducted themselves throughout the day.

All groups scored highly. Lyrical - 83.5/100, Hip Hop 83/100, and Jazz 84/100 with the Jazz performance receiving a Highly Commended.

Thank you to our Dance teachers, Mrs Davies, Mr Bailey, Alice and Neve for their brilliant choreography and all their time and effort they have put into our team of dancers. We are very lucky at Tewanin to have this talent.

Our students were then lucky enough to be treated to a special performance from the Jazz group on parade.



Story Dogs

A Story Dog Needed!

Our school would love to have another Story Dog in this unique reading support program helping our students to become life-long readers.

The teachers love this program, the students can't wait to read and the program works!

- Do you have a dog that is well behaved, gentle and is happy around children?
- Can you spare a couple of hours a week?
- Story Dogs provides all the training, starter kit and accreditation.

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Under 8's Day

Join us as we celebrate Under 8's Day on Friday 20th May, 9.00 - 11.00am.



Tuckshop News

Tuckshop is open Tuesdays - Fridays. Orders can be placed online via <https://www.quickcliq.com.au/> or via a brown paper bag in the classroom tuckshop box.

Raising Resilient Children - FREE Parenting Seminar

Our FREE parenting seminar - Raising Resilient Children has been rescheduled for Wednesday 8th June.

FREE PARENTING SEMINAR



Help your kids cope with life's ups and downs...including when they're online

Like to give your kids the skills and strategies they need to manage emotions, overcome challenges, and handle difficult online situations? Triple P's Raising Resilient Children seminar can really help support emotional wellbeing and cybersafety. Develop your child's ability to cope with problems, now and in the future, in real-life and online. This life-changing 90 minutes is FREE in Queensland and is packed with ideas to help take the drama out of family life and deal with issues calmly and more confidently.

The Raising Resilient Children seminar can help you:

- Problem-solve with your children how to stay safe and manage risks online
- Support your child's ability to manage emotional ups and downs
- Manage screen time and set age-appropriate boundaries
- Help your child cope with stress and setbacks and stay positive

Register for your FREE parenting seminar:

Raising Resilient Children

Wednesday 8th June

5:30 - 7:00PM

Tewantin State School

Proudly hosted by Tewantin State School

Book your free place now at
www.triplep-parenting.net



The location of the camp is:

Immanuel Lutheran College

Wises Rd, Buderim

Young writers (or their parents) can register here:

<http://www.writelikeanauthor.com/>

CampListing.asp?wc_id=322

<[If you are interested in attending, please register soon, to help us get an idea of numbers.](http://s0jx.mj.am/lnk/AM8AAMWcTtMAAAAAAAAAAAG5yJzsAAYCq-FUAAAAAAFF5wBiaKb39pYAeS6ZTPOA13lm56koDQABN-A/1/OjSGXslpy4gD1IEESBMBtA/aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cud3JpdGVsaWtY5hdXRob3luY29tP3djX2lkPTMyMg></p>
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Regards

Brian Falkner

Children's Author

Year 7 2023 - Sunshine Beach State High School

School Holiday Writing Workshop

Write Like an Author!

Held during the school holidays, starting on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 and running until Thursday, June 30, 2022 at Immanuel Lutheran College.

There will be a three day camp for children aged 9 to 14 and a one day workshop for children aged 7 to 10.

Young writers will learn:

- * How to come up with story ideas
- * How to plan and outline a story
- * How to come up with interesting, sympathetic characters
- * The writing process, how to put it all down on paper

Plus they'll make new friends and have heaps of fun!

Sunshine Beach State High School - International Program

Textile Recycling - Linen and Clothing Collection

?TEXTILE RECYCLING IS HERE ?

Clean out your cupboards and drawers, we have an awesome Linen and Clothing collection happening on 5th June World Environment Day, at Sunshine Beach.

All Linen will get recycled and turned into new products (an Australian first) and the Clothing will get sold through Vinnies.

Over 1million tonnes of textiles end up in landfill every year and that's just Australia!

Please pack Linen and Clothes into separate bags, Linen includes sheets, towels, duvet covers, pillow cases and tea towels.

For more info go to www.noosa.qld.gov.au/textile-recycling

An Australian first for textile recycling!

GIVE a SHEET | for the planet

LINEN AND CLOTHING COLLECTION
8am – 3pm Sunday 5th June
Bicentennial Hall carpark,
Bicentennial Drive, Sunshine Beach, Noosa

Celebrate WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
The first 100 drop-offs
will be given a tree



Pack linen and clothes separately
* Linen includes sheets, towels, duvet covers, pillow cases and tea towels
* All items must be clean

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Uniform Shop

Our Uniform shop is open Wednesday mornings, 8.00 - 9.00am.

Alternatively orders can be placed via the QuickCliq link:

<https://tewantinss.eq.edu.au/facilities/uniform-shop/quickcliq>