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**WELCOME TO 2016!**

I would like to extend a welcome to everyone who is part of our Toogoolawah State School Community. Welcome back to those who were with us last year and a special welcome to the 10 families who have joined us this year. We welcome the Heley, Kelly, Niass/Fuller, Cooper, McKeever, Robb, Wiseman, Streets, Brown and Williams Families!

In this newsletter I would like to address a number of issues relating to the start up of our school year. Some of the information will not be new, but has been included as a reminder of school protocols and as information helpful to families.

**DAY 8**

Day 8 Census will be conducted this Friday. At present our enrolment numbers are close to our predicted enrolment numbers which means that we will not need to make any changes this year to classes or the structure of classes. This is good news, in that it means that the classroom routines and friendships already established can continue without disruption.

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**STAFFING**

Following is a list of staff members and their various roles within the school.

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<td>PREP: Miss Nicole Vaughan</td>
<td>Support Teacher: Literacy &amp; Numeracy (STLaN): Mrs. Madonna Roxborough (M &amp; T)</td>
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<td>YEAR 1: Ms Tracy Murdoch</td>
<td>Special Education: Mrs. Kirstene Cubit</td>
<td>Mrs. Jenness McAuliffe (W)</td>
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| YEAR 1/2: Miss Erin O’Hanlon | **Master Teacher:** Mrs. Angela Burgess  
(Angela works a 5 day fortnight = M-W on the odd weeks of the Term & Th & F on the even weeks of the Term) | **TEACHER AIDES** |
| YEAR 2/3: Mrs. Monica Thornton (Mon—Wed) & Mrs. Anna Lahey (Thurs—Fri) | **Investing for Success (I4S):** Mrs. Sharon Cowley | Mrs. Lorraine Cowley |
| YEAR 3/4: Miss Kate Cowley | **Music** (Class & Instrumental): Mr. Adam Smith (M & T) | Mrs. Kym Lukritz |
| YEAR 5: Mrs. Sarah Wolff | PE: Mrs. Jo Rollston (T) | Mrs. Bianca Delaforce (M) |
| YEAR 6: Ms Tonilee Saunders | **Digital Technologies:** Ms Hilary Benson | Mrs. Roslyn Harvey |
| CLEANERS | **LOTE:** Mr. Gladwyn Arwardi (W& Th) | Mrs. Jenness McAuliffe |
| Mrs. Paulette Cameron | | |
FACEBOOK

Our School has a facebook page which we use to celebrate school and student successes, and to communicate news and information about school events.

You can find us at: www.facebook.com/toogoolawahss ... or...

You may follow the link on our school webpage.

Please be aware that we do not monitor the school’s facebook page 24/7. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

School telephones

Our telephone system is digital and is connected with the internet, so it is important to note that our school telephone system will not be working if our internet network is not working.

You can be assured that if our network is experiencing any difficulties we will be working to restore connectivity asap.

Photographs at school events

Parents and community members are most welcome to take images of children at school events however there are some protocols which have been set by Education Queensland if doing so.

♦ Please note that some parents withhold permission for images of their children to be made public in any media, print or electronic.

♦ Any images you take are to be for personal use only and this excludes posting on any social media.

♦ Parents are welcome to take close ups of their own children and thus exclude others from the image.

♦ If newspaper or TV organisations wish to publish images they are to provide the Toogoolawah State School with those images for a clearance to publish.

MEDICATION @ SCHOOL

The following information outlines Education Queensland’s policy on the administering of medication in schools.

Administering medication at school
If your child requires staff to administer medication to your child at school, please contact the school office in the first instance to discuss your child’s requirements.

Please note, school staff will only administer medication that:

♦ has been prescribed by a qualified health practitioner (e.g. doctor, dentist)
♦ is in its original container
♦ has an attached pharmacy label.

Office staff will ask you to complete and sign Section 1 of the Administration of medication at school record sheet.

N.B. If your child requires more than one medication, you will need to complete a form for each medication.
Mental Health & Wellbeing

Toogoolawah State School is a Kids Matter School. Generally each week there will be information for parents about how to assist students with various Mental Health and Wellbeing issues as they relate to school life... this week... a timely topic for the beginning of the year—separation anxiety.

When children are separating from their parents and carers they may behave in hard to manage ways (e.g., screaming, tantrums, or refusal). Understanding the meaning behind this behaviour and responding appropriately assists the child to manage their emotions and experience less distress (e.g., by speaking softly to the child about their feelings, stroking their hair and providing a comforting hug). Children copy their parents’ and carers’ emotions and behaviours. Children may interpret adults’ anxiety or worry as indicating to them that their situation is unsafe and that they should be fearful too (e.g., “the world is a dangerous place and I am not capable to handle it on my own”).

Adults can help children manage their separation distress and help them feel safe by being calm, relaxed and reassuring, noticing their child’s emotions and comforting them. A balance is required, however. For adults, it is important to find the balance between supporting and reassuring children and allowing children to have opportunities to practise managing their own emotions. By being emotionally available and showing understanding about children’s fears, you help to manage children’s distress when it is too big for them to manage on their own.

Adults can help reduce children’s fear of separation from parents and carers by reassuring and comforting them.

### Separation distress

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<td>&quot;Something bad will happen and I may never see them again.&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;When I leave you, you are ok and I’ll come back for you.&quot;</td>
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<td><strong>How they cope with feeling afraid</strong></td>
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<td>&quot;I am scared and I don’t know what to do.&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;Here is a kiss for you to keep in your pocket until I come back.&quot;</td>
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<td>&quot;Here is a photo of us together to remind you that we will be together again soon.&quot;</td>
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<td>&quot;Let’s take some deep breaths to calm us down.&quot;</td>
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<td><strong>Picking up on parents’ and carers’ cues</strong></td>
<td>Being calm and helping your child to be calm too</td>
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<td>&quot;Mummy looks worried and upset so there must be something wrong, Now I feel worried or scared too!&quot;</td>
<td>&quot;Mummy seems happy and relaxed. Seems like everything is ok. I feel safe. There is nothing to worry about.&quot;</td>
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Swimming
Congratulations to Bella Seymour and Harry Graham who have been selected to compete in the Lockyer District Team at the Met West Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 24th February.

Library News
Class borrowing for all classes is held every Thursday.
All books may be borrowed for up to two weeks.

A library bag is required for borrowing for Prep to Year 3 students.
The Year 4 to 6 students are also encouraged to use a waterproof library bag when borrowing, to help protect the books from their lunches etc.

- Prep to Year 2 students may borrow 2 books.
- Years 3 to 6 students may borrow up to 5 books which includes 2 Accelerated Reader books.

All students are actively encouraged to independently use the library facilities for both research and leisure purposes. The library is open before school and during second break.

Tuckshop News
Tuckshop Helpers Wanted
Helpers are required between 8am and 12pm Friday mornings in the canteen. We also need home bakers and home produce.
Please contact Julie Gourley on 0438 120 454 to add your name and time to the roster.

Scholastic Book Club
Welcome back to Book Club for 2016. Issue 1 orders have been sent home with students this week and are due back at school by Friday 19th February.
All orders are processed on the due date (19th February) and usually arrive back at school to be handed to the students, by the following Friday.

Please note that Scholastic has changed their brochures this year so that all students receive the same brochure regardless to their year level.

Twice a term during the school year we will send home a Club brochure with a different selection of books offered.
The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school. Owning your own books is something special! We hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school, however there is never any obligation to order. We know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Please ensure that when you place your order that you check the following:
Clearly write the students’ name and class on the order form and place it in an envelope with the correct amount of money. Students need to place the envelope in the P & C side of the collection box in the office foyer. All cheques need to be made payable to Toogoolawah State School. P & C. Credit card payments can be made online on the Scholastic website.

For each dollar spent with Book Club, the school receives reward points. These points are then used to purchase books for the school library.

ArtsLink Performance—‘Crazy Science’
The first ArtsLink performance for this year will be ‘Crazy Science’ and will be held on Wednesday 24th February at 10am. Cost is $8.00 per student. Payment envelopes will be sent home with next week’s newsletter.

Crazy Science: Australian stage magician of the year, Richard Scholes, takes you on a wild ride in this world-class interactive show. Crazy Science features a hilarious mix of science, magic, illusion, comedy, music and the Arts.

Witness incredible science magic such as giant columns of elephant toothpaste, rockets launching, the world’s weirdest bird, massive smoke rings zooming, levitations, gigantic bubbles, mountains of slime, lightning striking and Earth shattering experiments that change the way you see the world around you.

With ten years of scientific research at the University of Queensland behind him, multi-award winning entertainer, scientist and teacher Richard Scholes teaches primary students of all levels about catalysts, reactants, chemical change, science safety, weather patterns, climate change, Earth, space and more!
Crazy Science is a wonderful opportunity for students to explore, respond to, and understand important science concepts and processes.
WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received an award on assembly this week:

**Year 1**
Darcy Cubit  
Being confident and persistent when writing what he did on the holidays
Lily Dennehy  
Being confident and helpful to others in her class

**1/2**
Chaz Andrews  
For being a role model with classroom behavior on Day 1
April Henderson  
For bringing big, happy smile to class every day of week 1

**Year 2/3**
Lucas Streets  
Being kind and helpful to his classmates

**Year 3/4**
Xavier Bowles  
Accepting and acting upon feedback
Elly McLeod  
Being a paragraph champion!

**Year 5**
Nathan Brown  
Putting 100% effort into his learning

**Year 6**
Rusty Williams  
Being on task and completing work
Drew Humphris  
Beautiful explanation and presentation of a piece of art

Welcome to the new families at Toogoolawah State School in 2016...

Codi Fuller  
Mitchell Niass
Joshua Wiseman  
Lincoln Wiseman
Nathan Brown  
Aaron Brown
Lane Cooper  
Scarlett Cooper
Ava Cooper  
Ebony Cooper
Tarje Robb  
Lucas Streets
Kaiden Kelly  
Aden Heley
James McKeever  
Rusty Williams

...and all the new Prep families.

Gotcha Draw

Congratulations to the following students who were the winners of the weekly Gotcha draw:

Being organised: Pip Seymour

Joshua Wiseman
Matthew Wiseman
Luci Wright

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Community Notices

TOOGOOLAWAH PLAYGROUP

- Playgroup is for babies and children up to 5 years of age.
- It is a great place for your child to play, learn and make friends.
- Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers all enjoy catching up at playgroup as well.

**When:** Pop in between 9am – 11:30am Fridays (school terms)

**Where:** Green building at end of driveway at McConnell Park

**Cost:** $2 per visit plus an $8 term levy

First 3 visits are FREE!

Contact Sarah Stevenson on 0418 732 082 for further details or pop in one Friday to check it out.

Like the Toogoolawah Playgroup on Facebook!

Toogoolawah PICTURES

Sat., 6th Feb - pg
Doors: 7.00 pm  Movie: 7.30 - 9.15 pm

Sat., 13th Feb - pg
Doors: 7.00 pm  Movie: 7.30 - 9.30 pm

Child to High School: $6
Adult: $8  Family: $25
Snack Bar. Hot Dogs & Pop Corn
Alexandra Hall, T’wah
Inquiries: 0438 149 954
Prep Week 2, 2016

A big Toogoolawah Welcome to the Prep class of 2016: Jai, Ebony, Angus, Aiden, Jacoby, Lachlan, Tytan, Lane, Krystina, Molly, Benjamin, Kahlia, Kiara, Samuel, Maddison, Alexander, Ebonnie, Louis, William and Patrick.

The students are settling in well to the routine of full-time school. We are learning how to be good listeners and learners.

In English we are concentrating on learning beginning letter sounds with matching craft activities. As an introduction to Literacy, students are becoming familiar with all aspects of books including, authors/illustrators, title, the blurb on the back, characters and making predictions about what might happen in the story.

In Mathematics students are counting, familiarising with number and quantity as well as looking for similar and different attributes in objects.

Our Science topic is Our Living World where students use their senses to observe the needs of living things, both plants and animals. We’ve already had some fantastic scientific Show and Tell with Jai bringing in two turtle hatchlings for the class to observe.

Starting school is a huge event for each child. Your child may be really enthusiastic about school one day but perhaps teary the next. This is all a very normal part of the settling in process. Parents can help by remaining extremely positive about school even though it can be an emotional time for the whole family.

Ms Nicole Vaughan
Chappy Changes: This term, due to my health, Chaplaincy at TSS will look a bit different. I will now be at School on Tuesdays only. I will still be doing things behind the scenes on other days, but sadly, for this term there will be no BNO, HOWEVER!!! I hope to help bring you something in the Easter Holidays that will make up for it. We will still have KidsGames in the Winter holidays (YAY) so stay tuned...

Breakfast Club next week (Wk 3) SAUSAGES!
This year we have a NEW LOOK Breakfast. We will now be serving you breakfast on a TUESDAY morning from 8:00-8:40.

We have been blessed with new team members from our community who are going to come along and help out. Mr and Mrs Ballinger will continue on as will Garth, but please do come down and say “Hi” to our new team members, next week you can meet Mrs Cawthray.

As always I want to acknowledge and thank those people we couldn’t do Breakfast Club without. So huge thanks to the local family who regularly contributes financially; Esk fruit and Deli shop who contribute all our fruit, free each week; all our helpers; and each of you who come down or put an order in for something to eat. Without all of you, we wouldn’t have a Breakfast Club!!

R&W Yr 3/4 : we have started up R&W again this year with Miss Cowley’s 3-4’s. It’s going to be a great year! Here’s what we did this week...

Coming Soon!! This event it FREE, but donations are welcomed to in order to help children suffering in refugee camps.

CHAPPY CHALLENGE 2016:
Now drawn before 1st break TUESDAY!!

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THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE

Thanks To MARK & PAULINE BULOW at CRESSBROOK NEWS for stocking the prize box!
Community Notices

Get Out Get Active

Somerset Regional Council successfully applied for funding from the State Government to hold two sport programs, including touch football and little athletics, at Toogoolawah in 2016.

The Get Out Get Active* programs, which will be held after school during school terms, will be open to primary and secondary school ages (ages 5-17) for free.

The free programs will be held at Toogoolawah State School on:
- Touch Football – Friday afternoons, Term 2, 3.30pm-5pm
- Little Athletics – Friday afternoons, Term 3, 3.30pm-5pm

For more information phone Council on 5424 4000
Long Day Care • Before & After School Care
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