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Naplan is now only one week away. Here is the testing schedule for next week. If your Year 3 / Year 5 child is away during any of the testing days, catch up testing will be conducted on Friday 13 May. All testing material will be boxed up Friday 13 and posted.

Please note that we will keep to our regular weekly schedule as much as possible, but some changes will be necessary.

Information for Parents

NAPLAN is a valuable assessment tool for governments, schools and parents to understand and improve the literacy and numeracy outcomes of Australian students.

NAPLAN provides parents of students in Years 3/5/7/9 with a report on their child’s performance in literacy and numeracy against the national average. Schools and teachers use NAPLAN data to improve teaching and learning programs in the classroom.

Specific information regarding the program, including details about the tests, participation, special provisions and a wide range of other issues can be found on the NAP website.

The QCAA will forward student reports directly to schools later in Term 3. Parents with queries regarding the distribution of the NAPLAN reports should contact their child's school in the first instance.
PRINCIPAL’S UPDATE

The following information has been provided to assist with reading and understanding the reports. While this information was given as an example for 2015 the information provided is still accurate for 2016.

How do I read the results?

The front page of the student report provides some general information about the tests and an explanation of how to read the report.

The second and third pages have diagrams that show your child’s results for each area (numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation) on the common assessment scale. The common assessment scale has ten bands and is used to report results for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. However, only the relevant six bands for each year level are shown on the student report.

The diagrams in the student report also show the range for the middle 60 per cent of students, the national average result and the national minimum standard for each year level. Reports in some states and territories show the school average.

The final page of the report has a table that provides a brief description of the skills students have typically demonstrated in the tests at each band.

How to read the achievement scale

A student’s result is shown on an achievement scale for each assessment area.

Results across the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 literacy and numeracy assessments are reported on a scale from Band 1 to Band 10. The achievement scale represents increasing levels of skills and understandings demonstrated in the assessments.

For example, the large majority of results for Year 3 are reported across the range of Band 1 to Band 6, as illustrated in the diagram above.
ILLNESS EXCLUSIONS

Students at times will become unwell. The best place for children to be when they are unwell is at home resting. This is because rest is the best medicine, but also because staying away from school protects all others in the school community.

Last week we had to organise for students to go home due to vomiting and diarrhoea. We were very grateful to the parents of these students for coming promptly to the school to collect their unwell child.

The following information is information from the Department of Health in regard to issues which are most likely to affect the school community.

**Diarrhoea** and/or vomiting (including amoebiasis, campylobacter, cryptosporidium, giardia, rotavirus, salmonella, viral gastroenteritis but not norovirus or shigellosis – see separate section)

Exclude until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours.

Exclude staff whose work involves food handling until they have not had any diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours.

If there are more than two cases with loose bowel motions in the same centre or a single case in a food handler notify your nearest public health unit.

Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib)

Exclude until the person has received appropriate antibiotic treatment for at least four days.

Influenza and influenza-like illness

Exclude until well.

**HEADLICE**

We have had cause to send home notices to parents for a few classes—advising parents of known cases of headlice in their child’s class. Again we are thankful to the parents who came quickly to the school to collect their children—

Fixing the problem

The key to treatment and eradication of a head lice infestation is to break their life cycle. A lot of the frustration parents experience stems from their belief that current treatments don’t seem to work. There are several possible reasons for this. Head lice resistance may be one cause. Another reason for recurring infestation can be attributed to not fully completing a treatment cycle, and therefore not breaking the lifecycle of the head lice. It is difficult to kill all the eggs present when the infestation is first treated.
School lunches—we see some amazing lunch boxes where parents have thought of ways to make opening up a lunch box an exciting and varied experience for their children.

We would like to feature these lunch box creations and even recipes which you have found to be a favourite for your family.

Please share your lunch box ideas and recipes with our school community.

Send lunchbox ideas into the school Office or even better electronically to me so they can be published and shared in our weekly newsletter.

Send lunchbox ideas to: admin@toogoolass.eq.edu.au

DIGITAL ACCESS TO OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

We’re on the web

www.toogoolass.eq.edu.au

Each Thursday afternoon our weekly newsletter is uploaded to our school webpage.

Student photographs are included in this online publication if permission has been given.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AGENDA UPDATE

Improving student achievement in writing is one of our school’s and cluster’s improvement focus areas for 2016.

This week Mrs. Sharon Cowley (Investing for Success Teacher), Mrs. Angela Burgess (Master Teacher) and Mrs. Barbara Cornford will be attending a Regionally provided Professional Development workshop about writing.

Darling Downs South West Region - Module 7: Creating Successful Writers
ArtsLink Performance—”Thoughts Have Feelings Too”

Term 2 Artslink performance, “Thoughts Have Feelings Too” will be held on Wednesday 18th May. Cost is $8.00 per student.

Please complete the permission slip below and return with payment, in a marked envelope, to the school by Wednesday 18th May.

Thoughts Have Feelings Too:
When two clowns meet in the Professor’s laboratory, they discover that thoughts and emotions are connected.

Thoughts Have Feelings Too is a gentle and funny performance that teaches students how to think positively about the feelings they experience in their day-to-day lives in a primary school environment.

Students will meet two clowns: Sweet ‘Clown’ and the absent-minded ‘Professor’. Through focussing on happy, sad, anger and fear over four scenes, the clowns discover how to recognise each emotion and simple steps to deal with them.

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Book Club

Issue 3 Book Club orders have been sent home with students. Orders are due back at school by this Thursday 5th May.
Credit Card payment is available online on the Scholastic website.
Please make cheques payable to Toogoolawah State School P & C.

TOOGOOLAWAH SHOW POSTER COMPETITION

To help promote our local show, students are participating in a poster competition at school, advertising the exhibits and attractions. The winners of each year level will receive a book prize.

These posters may also be entered into the Toogoolawah Show poster competition.

The cost to enter the Show competition is 50 cents. If you would like to enter your poster into the Show competition please send 50 cents to the school.

All posters will be judged for the school competition and then the posters for the show competition will be sent to the show committee to be judged for their competition.

Toogoolawah Show—School Visit

On Friday 3rd June the whole school will be visiting our local show. Students will be travelling by bus to the show. More information will be given closer to the date.

ArtsLink Performance—‘Thoughts Have Feelings Too’ $8.00

Wednesday 18th May

Students Name: ..............................................................
Class: ..............................................................
Amount enclosed...........................................
I hereby consent to my child attending this live arts experience.

Parent/Guardian

Signature ..............................................................
Lockyer Boys and
Lockyer/Fassifern Girls
Touch Football Selection Trials 2016
Thursday 12th May

Time: 4.00pm til approx. 5.00pm
Venue: Laidley Recreation Reserve.

Requirements:
Boys and Girls aged 11yo (born 2005) and 12yo (born 2004)
If selected, children must be available to attend weekly trainings and be available to attend the Met
West Regional Touch Trials to be held on Monday 6th June at the Ipswich Touch Association Grounds
(Jim Finemore Park)
All children attending MUST supply the Principal Approval Form/ Medical Form and Parental Consent
Form.

No Forms=No Trials
Boys Coach – Andrew Hales – St Marys School PH 54 651 240
Girls Coach – Andrew Hooper – Laidley District State School PH 54 668 222

P & C News

Winter Uniforms

Winter uniforms have arrived! All orders that have been paid for will be given to the students today to take home. The uniform shop is open on Wednesday mornings from 8:30 to 9:00am each week.

Dear Parents/Care givers
Don’t forget mum this Mother’s Day, Sunday 8th May.
We are having a Mother’s Day stall to be held Friday the 6th May.
This will take place under the Year 1-2 building and be held in the first lunch break.
We have a generous price range with varies items for sale. The price range is 50c to $20.
Please send your child with some money if you wish for them to purchase a present for Mother’s Day.
We will bubble wrap breakable items, gift wrap and can also supply a card all you need to do is send some money with your child on the above days.

Mother’s Day Stall

Wednesday 4th May & Friday 6th May
First Break
Price .50c - $20
KG2016 is on again!!
 Registrations are now open. Follow this link to

- 1st week School Holidays
- TUES, WED, THURS,
- 9:00—3:00
- craft, games, sport, food, fun.

Calling all Eggs!
If anyone has eggs they would like to donate for our menu this year, please bring them along to the school office anytime and they will be gratefully received. If you bring in, or email me a photo of your chickens that laid the eggs, they can star in that week’s newsletter!
Thank-you April for delivering food to the staff!

R&W Yr 3/4: This week we continued worked on “Core Strength” and learned 2 new games, “Chinese Sticky Hands” and “rock your partner. Sometimes we need to stand strong for our own sake, sometimes we have to stand strong for others.

We’re under the ‘Somerset’ tab
- 1st child $25
- 2nd sibling $15
- 3rd Sibling $10
- 4th and more FREE

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the first ever Chappy Ride from Benarkin to Linville.
The weather was perfect, the company was brilliant and the scenery was amazing!

Chappy Challenge: Make sure you get your answers in before School TUESDAY, or you’ll miss out!

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Last week’s answer:
9 Lives of a Cat

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

Have a great week Chappy Donita
What's been happening in Miss O’Hanlon’s Year 1/2 this term?

Amelia’s grandfather, Alan Roughan popped in to help us plant some veggies in Week 2. We planted radish, carrots and silver beet. Yummo!

It was great fun getting our hands dirty.

This week we’ve seen a lot of growth in our veggie patch. Come check it out at lunch time!

In English we have been reading The BFG by Roald Dahl and looking at plot and character description. We had fun sketching our own BFG…
60 years of Under Eights Week!

2016 Theme: Early Learning, Everyone Benefits.
Tuesday 31st May 2016
Toogoolawah School Oval
9am till 11am

All children under 8 years of age welcome.
Bring hat, sunscreen, food and water.
We will supply the fun.

Community Notices

NAB AFL Auskick is running at your local school now!
Where: Toogoolawah SS
When: First session is on Wednesday 4th May
Time: 1st Lunch Wednesdays
Length of program: 7 Weeks*
Cost: $25

Come and see The Brisbane Lions!
All term 2 NAB AFL Auskickers who register & pay online will be eligible to access 4 complimentary Brisbane Lions tickets* (2 adults, 2 juniors). * Selected matches only, subject to availability. (Register & Pay online by Sunday May 1st to receive the second round of offers,

For more information visit aflauskick.com.au
or call 3865 8700. *Weather permitting
Community Notices

**Toogoolawah State High School**

**DATE CLAIMER**

2016 Open Day and Careers Expo
Tuesday 16 August
4 – 7pm

**Kids Club**

Looking for something fun to do after school? Come along to our new kids club running alternative Wednesdays at Toogoolawah Playgroup Building and Fernvale Community Hall. There will be lots of different activities, fruit for afternoon tea and a chance to meet other kids and have some fun after school. Please bring a hat and some water and a parent/carer to sign you up for the first day and to sign you out at the end of each day.

**Activity:**
- Kids Club Toogoolawah

**When:**
- Wednesday, 20 April
- Four May, 1 June, 15 June

**Where:**
- Toogoolawah Playgroup Building, McConnell Park, Crossbrook Street
- 2.40pm – 3.20pm

To register your interest or enquire for more information, please contact us on 1300 114 397.

**Toogoolawah Play Group**

We invite parents, grandparents, primary care givers to join us to have some fun with your little ones.

The Play Group program has a range of activities including physical, outdoor, art and music suited for ages 0 - 5 years. A light morning tea snack will be provided. This is a great chance for kids to make new friends and parents to share their experiences.

Bring a hat and water bottle for yourself and your little ones. Come along with your child dressed for an adventure and get ready for fun.

**When:**
- Friday during term time

**Where:**
- McConnell Park, Crossbrook Street

**Time:**
- 9.30am – 11.00am

To register your interest or enquire for more information, please contact us on 1300 114 397.