### Upcoming Events

**December**
- **9th**
  - Last day Term 4—Clean up day (No tuckshop)

**January 2017**
- **16th**
  - School office reopens
  - Uniform shop open 9am—11am
- **17th**
  - Uniform shop open 9am—11am
- **18th**
  - Pupil free day—Uniform shop open 9am—11am
- **19th**
  - Pupil free day
- **20th**
  - Pupil free day
- **23rd**
  - School resumes for 2017
- **26th**
  - Australia Day Public Holiday
It has been an absolute delight having the opportunity to be principal of Toogoolawah state School for the past 2 weeks. Thank you to the staff, students and parents for making me feel so welcomed.

The year 6 graduation dinner last evening was a great way to round out the primary school years for these students. Ms Jorin put together a wonderful celebration of the students’ time at Toogoolawah State School. Well done to Ms Jorin. I’m sure everyone loved the great audio visual presentation!

This week Mr Nathan de Mey was appointed as Principal to Toogoolawah State School. Mr de Mey has been to visit, meeting student’s teachers and several parents. I’m sure the community will welcome him with open arms and minds.

Class Structure for 2017
Planning for classes and class groupings is always a work in progress as expected enrolments change. How-ever it is pleasing to be able to start the 2017 school year with 8 classes. If during the first 2 weeks of the 2017 school year our numbers decrease or we get extra numbers in some year levels there may be a need to rearrange the classes to best suit the needs of our students.

We will be starting the 2017 school year with the following classes and teachers:

- Prep    Ms Tracy Murdoch
- Year 1  Ms Nicole Vaughan
- Year 2  Miss Erin O’Hanlon
- Year 2/3 Mrs Sharon Cowley
- Year 3  Mrs Monica Thornton
- Year 4  Miss Kate Cowley
- Year 5  Mrs Sarah Wolff
- Year 6  Ms Gemma Jorin

Staffing News
We would like to thank Mrs Andric and Miss Raines for their contribution to our school over the past semester and term. It is wonderful to see that Mrs Andric has a position at Gatton State School and Miss Raines a position at Esk State School. I’m sure you join with me in thanking them for their contribution and wishing them well in the future. The school welcomes Miss Cowley and Miss O’Hanlon back as class teachers.

School start date for 2017
School will resume for students in 2017 on Monday 23rd January 2017.

The school office will reopen on:
- Monday 16th January 9am –12pm
- Tuesday 17th January 9am—12pm
- Wednesday 18th January 9am—12pm
- Thursday 19th January 9am– 2pm
- Friday 20th January 9am—2pm

Uniform shop : holiday opening times— 2017
The uniform shop will be open for parents to purchase uniform requirements on:
- Monday 16th January 9am—11am
- Tuesday 17th January 9am—11am
- Wednesday 18th January 9am—11am
Thank you for all your support throughout the year
Safe Holidays, Merry Christmas see you all in 2017

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Lowood District Swimming Carnival
On Friday, 2nd December, 23 students from years 3-6 made their way to Lowood Pool Complex for the Lowood District Swimming Carnival. Over the course of the day our students achieved ribbons in each of the strokes.

Congratulations to Harry Graham who received age champion in the 11 year olds category.

Toogoolawah State School came third in the overall points on the day and second for averages.

All of our students made a great effort on the day and should be commended for their efforts.
**Weekly Awards**

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

**Year 1/2**
- Lachlan Buchanan: For conquering his fears in swimming last week
- Rayne Duiker: For persisting with her addition and subtraction in maths

**2/3**
- Cooper Wilson: Taking care of our classroom
- Meredith Jell: Being a helpful classmate

**3/4**
- Jack Bickers: For always trying his best and being such a helpful person
- Zayne Pearson: Always having a positive attitude
- Wren Embrey: Working hard on his drawing

**Year 5**
- Izzy Wright: Being willing to help classmates out

**Year 6**
- Michayla Cowley: For her assistance with the awards ceremony
- Drew Humphris: For his willingness to help whenever asked during awards ceremony

**Digital Technologies**
- Nathan Brown: Great work on the computer
- Jilli Hall: Great work collecting information

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**Most Gotchas**

Congratulations to the following students who received the most ‘Gotchas’ this term. The students were presented with a pass for the Toogoolawah Pictures which was kindly donated by the Toogoolawah Progress Association.

Prep: Aiden Eggleston
Year 1: Max Graham
1/2: Pip Seymour
2/3: Grace Jardine
3/4: Freyah Granzien
Year 5: Montana Morrison
Year 6: James Cumner

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We would like to thank the Toogoolawah Progress Association for their ongoing support of our school.

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**Gotcha Awards**

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

**Being confident:** Amelia Roughan
**Caring for our school:** Meredith Jell
**Being persistent:** Aaron Brown

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**Behaviour Focus—Confidence & Resilience**

Congratulations to the following students who were seen to be confident and resilient this week:

- Tytan Harlow
- Peter Coleman
- Ruby Stevenson
- Hugh Gillam
- Jake Heathwood
- Bessie Reiser
- Adam McEwan

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The always popular Dave Hackett returned to Toogoolawah this week to work with selected year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students with an interest in art, cartooning in particular.

Three ideas were in play during the day –

- There are no rules.
- If you don’t like it, can you change it?
- If it’s a monkey (inset any animal here), it has to have monkey bits!

Dave was very generous with his time and expertise. Many children went home with a signed Cartoon Dave original!

**Some TSS originals:**
The final activity for the camera club this term was a photo competition, covering eight classes. Students spent several weeks snapping the shots that they thought might be worthy of a prize before submitting them to be judged.

The club is grateful to Mrs Margaret Houston for spending part of her busy Monday to judge the pictures. Margaret was impressed by the standard of the entries and was surprised just how long it took to make her decisions. She is now looking forward to seeing the students enter pictures into the Toogoolawah Show next year.

Winners and placegetters were:

**Landscape/Waterscene:**
1st Charlie Jordan  
2nd Sarah Kleis  
3rd Bella Seymour

**Somerset Scene:**
1st Kate Coleman  
2nd James Cumner  
3rd Erica Bickers

**Structures:**
1st Emily Anderson  
2nd Kate Coleman  
3rd James Cumner

**Animals:**
1st Charli Jordan  
2nd Michayla Cowley  
3rd Michayla Cowley

**Flowers:**
1st Sarah Kleis  
2nd Charli Jordan  
3rd Emily Anderson  
HC Jasmine Daniells

**People:**
1st Khye Anderson  
2nd Bella Seymour  
3rd James Cumner

**Still Life:**
1st Michayla Cowley  
2nd Bella Seymour  
3rd Kate Coleman

**Action:**
1st Charlie Jordan  
2nd Rhian McDonnell  
3rd Sarah Kleis

**CHAMPION:** Emily Anderson - great photo of her grandfather's shed.
Other Winning Shots:

**People** - “Charlie” by Khye Anderson

**Still Life** - “Boots” by Michayla Cowley

**Animals** - “Looking at You” by Charli Jordan

**Action** – “Splash” by Charli Jordan

**Waterscene/Landscape** - “Backwater” by Charli Jordan

**Plants** – “Sunflower” by Sarah Kleis
The Year 6 students celebrated the end of their primary schooling at the Toogoolawah RSL last night. We wish these students all the best for their future beyond primary school.
Toogoolawah Pictures
Sat., 17th Dec
Doors: 7 pm Movie: 7.30 - 10.00 pm
‘Fantastic Beasts’ M

Community Notices

Massive Garage Sale
Sat 10th December 6am to 2pm
9 Drem Street, Toogoolawah

This is one to look at!
- Single beds + mattress
- White 4pc cane outdoor set
- Leather lounge suite + recliners
- Large bar fridge
- Rocking & deck chairs + more furniture
- Clothes and shoes: Lorna Jane + more
- Toys/books/games
- All sorts of baby items
- Linen/electrical/bric a brac
- Vintage/collectables
- Tools/camping gear
- And...Heaps...Heaps...more

Please contact the Somerset Regional Council for full details of this program.