Upcoming Events

February
2  Class Library borrowing commences (*Remember your library bag*)
3  No Tuckshop - Please see enclosed roster
7  Brekky Club—Spaghetti on toast
8  Year 2 Meet & Greet with Miss O’Hanlon
9  Meet & Greet Evening with Sausage Sizzle @ 5:00pm + Open Classrooms
10 Book Club orders due
13 P & C Meeting @ 7:00pm : School staff room—All welcome
23-24 Year 6 Leadership Camp

March
13 P & C Meeting
14 School Photos
31 Last Day Term 1

April
17 Easter Monday
18 First day Term 2
25 ANZAC Day public holiday
From the Principal

What an amazing start the students and their teachers have made. As I walk around the school each day, I see students engaging in their learning while in their classrooms and making new friends while playing during their lunch breaks. Through everything that they participate in each day, Toogoolawah children learn to be resilient as they face up to the challenges in front of them. Some of these challenges are to do with learning, others have to do with friendship. At times, they will make mistakes. That’s OK so long as they learn from the mistakes that they have made. No one is perfect. We can only learn resilience from making those mistakes and facing up to the challenges. Our job as a community is to support and guide our children.

The first few weeks of school each year is always a challenge as we finalise our enrolment numbers and the make up of classes for the year ahead. Throughout this process we are always mindful of our students and endeavour to have the least amount of interruption to the classes as possible. This year is no different. We are currently in the process of finalising our class numbers and will notify parents this week if there are any changes to be made.

Meet and Greet

Next Thursday the 9th of February we will be holding a meet and greet evening at the school. This is a great opportunity for parents and staff to come together in a relaxed atmosphere. The evening will consist of two parts. Beginning with a sausage sizzle in the undercover area starting at 5:00pm. This will be an informal opportunity to come together as a community. From 5:30pm parents will be invited to visit their child’s classroom, to chat with teachers about classroom procedures, expectations and learning goals for the term.

Before School Arrivals

We are noticing children arriving to school before 8:20am. The safety of all children at Toogoolawah State School is our primary concern. It is advisable not to send children to school before 8:20am. This will assist with the safety and wellbeing of your child. Children arriving prior to 8:20am are to wait in the seated area under E block (Miss Cowley’s classroom), until 8:20 when they will be dismissed.

Changes to Lunch Time Procedures

At Toogoolawah State School we are always looking for ways to improve our procedures. Beginning next week we will be trialing a new eating and playtime process.

1st Break
- 11:00am — Eating Bell - Years 1-3 -under A block/ Years 4-6 - eating under E block
- 11:10am - Play Bell
- 11:35am - Pack up, toilet, drink and lining up
- 11:40am - Lining up

2nd Break
- 1:00pm — Eating Bell - Years 1-3 -under A block/ Years 4-6 - eating under E block
- 1:10pm - Play Bell
- 1:35pm - Pack up, toilet, drink and lining up
- 1:40pm - Lining up

Child Illness

Many parents have a hard time deciding if their kids are well enough to go to school. After all, what well-intentioned parent hasn’t sent a child off with tissues in hand, only to get that mid-morning “come get your child” phone call? But making the right decision isn’t as tough as you might think. It basically boils down to one question: Can your child still participate in school activities? After all, having a sore throat, cough, or mild congestion does not necessarily mean a child can’t be active and participate in school activities.

So trust your instincts. If your son or daughter has the sniffles but hasn’t slowed down at home, chances are they are well enough for the classroom. On the other hand, if they have been coughing all night and needs to be woken up in the morning (if they typically wake up on their own), they may need to take it easy at home.

Of course, never send a child to school who has a fever, is nauseated, vomiting, or has diarrhea.

Please contact the school immediately if your child is diagnosed with an illness that is contagious and refer to the guidelines found on the Qld health website as to appropriate quarantine times.
**Weekly Awards**

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

**Prep**
- Ms Murdoch’s Preps: Being confident and resilient during their first week of Prep. They gave everything a go!
- Anora Condon: Showing off her artistic flair during playtime

**Year 1**
- Samuel Martin: Having a great attitude during the first week of school

**Year 2**
- Caleb Westecott: For a confident start to Year 2 by being on task and on time

**Year 2/3**
- Chaz Andrews: For his growing self confidence
- Gabby Thornton: For her amazing displays of concentration in class

**Year 3**
- Tahyra Edwards: Taking pride in her work and consistently presenting high quality book work

**Year 5**
- Dakoda Cumming: Excellent participation during class

**Year 6**
- Jilli Hall: Caring for her classmates, assisting them when needed, and going out of her way to make them feel more comfortable in our class

- Aaron Brown: For his effort and accuracy in class

**Digital Technologies**
- Reighan Walker: For great manners and listening skills
- Declan Golinski: For great manners and listening skills

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**Gotcha Awards**

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

**Being organised:**
- Lachlan Fursey
- Lucy Morriss
- Lily Dennehy

**Being persistent:**
- Tahyra Edwards
- Brooklyn Hancock
- Luci Wright

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Welcome back to music for 2017. I am very excited about music this year because our new instrumental music students are so extra keen we have some brand new music to play as well as heaps of songs to do in our choral program. I am already thinking about our first parade performance and all the performances we will do this year.

We are already booked in to see the Queensland Orchestra on October 26.

We learnt a lot of skills in music last year and I think 2017 is going to be even better.

Mr Smith
Welcome to Year 1

We’ve had an action-packed start to Term 1 in Year 1. It has been a smooth transition for the students as we have continued with the same teaching team as last year.

What we are learning:

English

The students have begun weekly spelling with a pre-test on Monday and a test on Friday. Spelling activities will be undertaken each school day. Students will also write their spelling words on Monday to Thursday as part of the homework program.

Our Australian Curriculum English unit is called Exploring How a Story Works. Students listen to, read and view a range of written picture books, including stories from Aboriginal cultures and Torres Strait Islander cultures. They retell events of a familiar story using text structure and repetition. Students respond to imaginative stories making connections between personal experiences and the text.

Mathematics

Our Mathematics unit requires students to count numbers, represent the ones counting sequence to and from 100 from any starting point, represent and record the twos counting sequence, represent and order ‘teen’ numbers, describe teen numbers referring to the ten and ones, describe growing patterns, represent two-digit numbers, represent, record and solve simple addition and subtraction problems, investigate parts and whole of quantities and investigate subtraction.

Students will also work with Measurement and Chance and Data representation and interpretation.

History – My Changing Life

In this unit students will explore family structures and the roles of family members over time.
They will investigate the question ‘How has my family and daily life changed over time?’

Homework

Most importantly young students need to read to an adult every night. New Home Readers will be sent home each Monday and returned to school on Thursday. Weekly spelling list word sheets are to be completed Monday to Thursday and returned to school each Friday.

Homework booklets have been sent home with the students this week. These may be handed in weekly on Fridays, or the completed booklet on the last Thursday of Term 1, 30th March.

PMP

Year 1 students will continue to participate in the Perpetual Motor Program each Friday. Parent help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who have already responded to the letter.

Parent Volunteers

We urgently need parent or grandparent help with our reading program. A letter will be sent home some advising what is required.

Brain Break

We have introduced having a Brain Break at 10am so that the students can re-fuel their learning brains with a healthy snack. Appropriate foods for Brain Breaks are, fruit, chopped vegetables, yogurts, rice crackers, cheese, nuts, wraps or extra sandwiches.

For any further information please make arrangements to meet with me before or after school.
I thoroughly look forward to having a fantastic year with these wonderful students.

Miss Nicole Vaughan, Class Teacher
Welcome to Year 2

English
- We will read and listen to a range of poems to create our own imaginative poem.
- We will read texts that explore family and friendship dynamics and write an imaginative new story about a familiar animal character.
- We will also do daily practice of sight words, reading strategies, handwriting and spelling.

Maths
- We are looking at number and place value which includes counting in tens, partitioning two digit numbers, using the 2,5, 10 sequence, using part-whole relationships to solve problems and solve simple addition and subtraction problems. We'll also look at how to order days of the week, month and year, chance, and how to collect simple data.

Science
- We are examining how living things such as plants and animals change as they grow. We will learn to ask questions, investigate and record our observations.

HASS (Humanities and Social Studies)
- We will ask the question ‘How are people connected to their place and other places?’ We will look at the location of Australia compared to the rest of the world, become familiar with world maps and local maps to represent place. We will explain why certain places in our community should be preserved for future generations.

Miss O’Hanlon, Class Teacher

Welcome to Year 2/3

The year 2/3 class is at present made up of 9 year 3 students and 8 year 2’s. Two new students have been welcomed. They are Lorelai and Billy who have quickly discovered what a friendly school Toogoolawah is. It is a big deal moving to a new school and these two are coping very well.

What a great opportunity a composite class is for students to consolidate last year’s work if necessary or to get a glimpse of, and maybe practise, work beyond their own year level. So, at times there are Year 2’s working alone or with the year 3’s and the opposite is true.

For the first week, there has been considerable testing of students so that they will work at appropriate levels for the term. Homework begins this week and that is a good way for students to revise the work of the day. All year 2/3 students have begun the year positively and are looking forward to new and exciting learning experiences in 2017.

Mrs Cowley, Class Teacher

Welcome to Year 3

We have hit the ground running after a fantastic Summer break.

English – analysing and creating persuasive texts

Reading – focussing on comprehension strategies. This week we are identifying details.

Maths – We are consolidating our understanding of adding and subtracting with regrouping, conducting chance experiments and collecting data.

Science – “Is it Living?” We will explore living and non-living things and identify questions that can be investigated scientifically.

HASS (Humanities and Social Studies) – Students will explore how people contribute to their communities.

The students have had a fantastic start to Term 1 and I look forward to seeing what they can achieve as the weeks progress.

Mrs Thornton, Class Teacher
You are invited to
Toogoolawah State School—Meet & Greet
Thursday 9th February

All families are invited to attend a Meet & Greet on Thursday 9th February in the Undercover area to meet our new Principal, Mr Nathan de Mey and to visit your child’s classroom.

When: Thursday 9th February 2017
Time: 5:00—5:30pm Sausage sizzle
5:30—6:30pm Open classrooms (Families are invited to visit their child’s/children’s classrooms and meet their teachers.

Where: Undercover Area

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Important Information for Miss O’Hanlon’s Year 2 Families
Miss O’Hanlon is unable to attend Thursday’s BBQ, Meet & Greet. However she will offer a Year 2 Meet and Greet on Wednesday 8th February in her classroom from 5 to 6pm instead.

Class Library Borrowing
Class borrowing for all classes is held every Thursday. The first borrowing day for this year will be tomorrow, Thursday 2nd February 2017. Please remember to bring your library bag!!

Community Notices

Tennis Lessons
Tennis lessons are available at the Toogoolawah Tennis Club courts on Thursday afternoons starting on 2nd February, 2017.

Enrolments are welcome at any time. All levels, ages and abilities can be catered for students from 4 years old to High School.

For further details please contact Peter Bourne 0417 779 102.

Toogoolawah PICTURES
SAT., 4th Feb  G
Doors: 7:00 pm Movie: 7:30 - 9.35 pm

SAT., 11th Feb  PG
Child to High School: $6
Adult: $8 Family: $25
Snack Bar. Hot Dogs & Pop Corn
Alexandra Hall, T’wah
Inquiries: 0438 149 954
Dear Parents,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is continuing our participation in Scholastic Book Club this year. Up to twice a term, during the school year, we will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages. The first catalogue for this year will be sent home with students tomorrow. Orders are due back at school or need to be ordered online, by Friday 10th February.

A new way to order this year is the Book Club LOOP. This involves placing orders directly online through the link below. This platform for parents, allows you to pay by credit card. Your child’s order will still be delivered directly to school and the books will be delivered to class.

Students don’t need to fill out a paper order form or handle money. You can place your child’s order at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

It is a much simpler process for both parents and the school and if ordered at home before the due date then orders won’t be forgotten to be handed in.

(Please see attached Book Club LOOP brochure)

It is easy to order. Students can still bring in their orders to the school, if you do not wish to place the order online yourself using the new LOOP platform. Please place the order in an envelope marked with their name and class and hand in to the school office, and we will process the order as usual. Please make cheques payable to Toogoolawah State School P & C.

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 library, however there is never any obligation to order. There is no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.