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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of Toogoolawah State School,

Where does the week go? Welcome to another newsletter and update on all things Toogoolawah SS. It has been another busy week at this great school. We really are very fortunate to have such a wonderful school setting with dedicated teachers and parents working together to provide the best opportunities for our students. I hope that you are all comfortably settled into the routine of term one and moving forward in a positive way.

Our school’s Explicit Improvement Agenda this year is Reading. All classes are establishing reading goals with their students and working on achieving those goals with their students. Please keep a look out for updates on your child’s progress towards the attainment of their reading goals.

Research shows that children experience most success with their learning when there is a link between school and home and both work in partnership to support the child’s needs. I have included some tip bits in this week’s newsletter to assist parents in improving the reading outcomes for their child(ren).

READING CORNER

This week’s reading corner is about the importance of home reading. Home reading should be a fun activity shared by parents and kids. Children need to see that reading is a fun and useful pastime, as a child’s ability to read is the biggest indicator in their success in other areas, secondary schooling and further education. 15-20 minutes each night makes a huge difference to your child’s ability to, not only read, but also spell and write. When reading, stop and ask questions about what is happening and try to predict what will happen next. Mostly, enjoy it!

MEET AND GREET EVENING

Tomorrow 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.

Thank you to the IGA for suppling the sausages and donating the bread for tomorrow evening. Your generous support of this fantastic school is much appreciated.
P&C General Meeting

Our first general meeting for 2017 will be held this Monday evening the 13th of February commencing at 7:00. The P&C is an integral part to a great school. The P&C work hard to generate funds which go back into the school for the benefit of all children. As well as this the P&C create a sense of community for our wonderful school, making it a unique and nurturing environment for children, parents and staff.

The P&C AGM will be held on the 2nd Monday in March at 7:00.
You are invited to
Toogoolawah State School—
Meet & Greet this Thursday 9th February

All families are invited to attend a Meet & Greet this 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
       Cold water & Tea/Coffee supplied
       5:30—6:30pm  Open classrooms

Families are invited to visit their child’s/children’s classrooms to view their work and also meet their teachers.

Where: Undercover Area @ the school.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Important Information for Miss O’Hanlon’s Year 2 & Mrs Wolff’s Year 4/5 Families

Miss O’Hanlon is unable to attend Thursday’s BBQ, Meet & Greet. However Miss O’Hanlon is holding a Year 2 Meet and Greet today, Wednesday 8th February in her classroom from 5 to 6pm instead.

Mrs Wolff is also unable to attend Thursday’s BBQ, Meet & Greet. Mrs Wolff will be holding the Year 4/5 open classroom on Wednesday 15th February commencing at 5pm.

Families of Year 2 and Year 4/5 students are invited to also attend the Meet & Greet BBQ on Thursday as well.
Weekly Awards

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

Prep
Teia-Rose Carroll  Working independently during Science activities
Skye McLeod  Being helpful and supportive towards staff and students

Year 2
For starting Year 2 with neat bookwork:
Madelyn Burley  Clancie Düll  Holly Roughan

Year 2/3
Bryce McDonnell  For his enthusiasm in literacy activities
Brooklyn Hancock  For the quiet and diligent way she works in class

Year 3
Amelia Roughan  Independent thinker

Year 6
Kayle Walker  For his ongoing effort to keep his work neat and organized in all subjects
Jasmine Daniells  For her outstanding organisation, high quality of work and effort in all her subjects
Alex McDonnell  For consistently applying his best effort when completing work and participation in discussions

Digital Technologies
Remembering how to log onto the computer using user name and password:
Chelci Jardine  Grace Jardine

Citizenship & Achievement Award
Kindly sponsored by the Toogoolawah IGA.

Grace Jardine

Grace is a diligent student who takes great pride in all aspects of her schooling. She sets high standards for herself and works hard to achieve her goals.

Grace has a love of numbers and all things mathematical. If given the chance, she would do maths all day long!

Grace is a delightful addition to the Year 3 classroom. She helps others around her and has words of encouragement for students who may be finding tasks tricky.

Congratulations Grace on earning Student of the Week. You should be very proud of the wonderful person you are and the amazing things you do. I look forward to seeing what else you can achieve this year! Well done!

Gotcha Awards

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

Being organised: Olivia Brooke  Abbi Reiser  Matthew Cumner  Millie Anderson

Being persistent: Amelia Roughan  Domenick O’Keeffe  Clancie Düll

Getting along: Lane Henderson  Tallyn Bowles
Welcome to Prep
What are we learning in Prep?

In **English** this term students will be investigating fiction and nonfiction texts and developing knowledge of letters and their sounds. There is no formal assessment in English this term.

In **Mathematics** this term students will be exploring numbers 1 to 10, sorting objects based on attributes, identifying and creating patterns, investigating positional language, sequencing events and comparing the size of various objects. Students will be formally assessed on their ability group objects based on a specific attribute.

In **Science** this term students will be learning about their senses and the living needs of things and how an environment can affect living things. Students will be assessed over the term on their observations and responses to the needs of living things and how an environment affects them.

Over Semester 1 in **Humanities and Social Sciences** students will be learning about their family history through events celebrated in their lives and objects which provide memories for them. Students will be assessed on their ability to sequence significant events in their lives and respond to questions about their past.

Tracy Murdoch, Class Teacher

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Welcome to Year 4

**English**

Students will read “The Twits” and then examine and analyse the language techniques used by the author. They will then create a new chapter for the books to share with their classmates.

**Maths**

This term we will be focusing on number and place value, fractions and using different units of measurements. We will also be revisiting some of last year’s concepts – just to brush up on our skills J

**Science**

“Here Today, Gone Tomorrow”

We will be exploring natural and human activities that may cause the Earth’s surface to change.

**HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences)**

Students will be exploring significant events that have brought change to the environment around us.

Miss Kate Cowley, Class Teacher
Welcome to Year 4/5

English
We will read a fantasy narrative and examine and analyse the language features and techniques used by the author.
We will analyse the development of a main character.
We will create a chapter for a fantasy narrative.
We will also do daily practice of reading strategies, handwriting and spelling.

Maths
We are looking at number and place value which includes multiples, factors, rounding and estimating to check reasonableness of answers, and strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also look at fractions and decimals, using units of measurement, patterns and algebra, chance and data representation and interpretation.

Science
We will investigate life cycles, relationships between living things and their dependence on their environment, analyse the structural features and behavioural adaptations that assist living things to survive in their environment, and investigate the relationships between the factors that influence how plants and animals survive in their environments, including those that survive in extreme environments.

HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences)
We will investigate sustainable use of place and how people and environments influence one another.

Mrs Sarah Wolff, Class Teacher

Welcome to Year 6

English - Short stories; reading, analysing and creating gripping stories.
Maths – Fractions, decimals and order of operations.
Science - Physical and chemical changes, states of matter.
History – The federation of Australia.

Year 6 is focusing on teamwork and leadership this term with a few significant events happening:
  Leadership Camp
  Student Leadership Elections
  Badge Presentations
Leadership Camp 23-24th February
This will be a one night camp held at the Stanley River Environmental Centre. Forms were sent home with students last Tuesday during Week 2. Please return these forms ASAP as this will assist with the planning of activities and groups. Forms and payments are needed by Monday 20th February. Extra forms can be collected from the office. Parents are invited to make a time to discuss payment plans with Mr. De May if required.

Student Elections Week 6
Speeches for leadership positions will be presented the week after camp during Week 6. Students who are interested in running for leadership roles are encouraged to begin preparing their speeches. Students are also encouraged to find an adult mentor that could assist with speech writing, presentation, proof reading and editing. This could be a parent, older sibling or teacher from any grade. Find someone you would you like help from and just ask!
Gemma Jorin, Class Teacher
• Sign up to friendship club this week 3, organised by some year 6’s under supervision from Chappy Lisa.
• Activities include- beading, friendship bracelets, loom bands, colouring in and much more.
• Donations welcomed!! bring to office in Chappy’s room
• More info next week on location and times
• Some YEAR 6’s planning of friendship group.

Year 6’s learning- working together skills and conflict management. When younger grades join in, the year 6’s will be learning mentoring and helping others in service. Valuable lessons in social emotional learning.

• Breakfast club served by volunteers from local Baptist churches.
• To make sure all children and staff have opportunity for the best start of the day.
• Every Tuesday morning before school.
• Usually serving-toast with margarine, vegemite or jam/ fruit /cereal and Milo.

• Plus a specialty
• Week 2 (last week) small pancakes
• Week 3 ( this week) spaghetti toasties
• Week 4 (next week) scrambled eggs
Breakfast club food is provided by from ordinary people with a generous heart. If you’d like to contribute to the donations, a money box will be available on the bench top at Breakfast club. If you have food to donate please contact chappy Lisa via the office.

Much appreciation, with gratitude

Chappy Lisa and the Breakfast Club
Community Notices

Toogoolawah Pictures

SAT., 11th Feb  PG
Doors: 7.00 pm  Movie: 7.30 - 9.30 pm

Monster Trucks

SAT., 18th Feb  PG

Middle School

Child to High School: $6
Adult: $8  Family: $25

Snack Bar. Hot Dogs & Pop Corn
Alexandra Hall, T’wah
Inquiries: 0438 149 954

Book Club

Issue 1 Book Club orders are due by this 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.

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.

If you are not using LOOP, please place the order in an envelope marked with your child’s 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.

P & C News

Tuckshop

There will be no tuckshop this Friday due to a lack of volunteers, as only 2 parents returned the new roster which was sent home last week.

We will notify parents via the newsletter when tuckshop will recommence.

Snorkel Safari

Arts Festival

Inspired by Sandy and Stei (19-26 February, 2017)

Enter the enchanted wonderland of the 2017 Snorkel Safari Arts Festival presented by Streets Ice Cream as Surfers Paradise transforms into a precinct of art inspired by sand and sea from 19th-26th February.

This year, Snorkel Safari will bring us mythology to life through sand sculptors’ mermaids, Poseidon, sea creatures and more at the annual Australian Sand Sculpting Championships along the foreshore and across the coast with the Sand Trail.

The championships will see 9 of the country’s most talented sculptors, as they intricately carve life-sized masterpieces inspired by the theme ‘Mythical and Myriad Creatures’ over these days from 19th-21st February.

The awe-inspiring creations – each carved from 10 tonnes of sand – will then remain on display on the iconic foreshore until Sunday 26th February. There will also be an interactive sculpture exhibition where you can have your photo taken among the display.

Returning to Snorkel Safari for a second year are sand and seahorse themed art installations throughout Surfers Paradise by international artists Luke Egas (Witch Lakers) & Pete Rumiche (Pedro Estrella). From monumental flying squid to oversized cephalopods and hanging jellyfish, Surfers Paradise is guaranteed to be truly set-go-ed throughout February.

But the fun doesn’t stop there. There will be plenty of fun activities where children can get involved in sculpting, a go-kart mini-workshops along the foreshore or get creative with sand art and coloured sand activities. From the Surfers Paradise foreshore to other locations throughout the Gold Coast, this free event will have something for the whole family!

2017 Australian Sand Sculpting Championships
Dates: February 19 – 26, 2017
Location: Surfers Paradise foreshore
Cost: Free

2017 Sand Trail
Dates: February 19 – 26, 2017
Location: Various locations from coconut grove to Legislative
Cost: Free

Inflatable Sea Sculptures
Dates: February 19 – 26, 2017
Location: Multiple locations throughout Surfers Paradise
Cost: Free

Surf Art Activities and Workshops
Dates: February 19 – 26, 2017
Location: Surfers Paradise Foreshore
Cost: Small fee for artistic gifts

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