May I welcome you all to the 2017 Tin Can Bay P-10 State School year. A special welcome to those students and families joining the Tin Can Bay team for the first time.

There is one particular group who will be starting the school year on a high note, and that is our Girls’ Volleyball Team and coach Mr David Arthur. Last December the team participated in the National Schools Volley Ball Cup in Melbourne, where they were champions for the second year running. Congratulations to all involved!

This year, our school will be working hard to ensure that students understand the expectations for participation, attendance and behaviour. Just as you have set your children up with the right uniform and equipment they need for the start of the year, teachers have spent the first few days in getting to know their students, and supporting them to set achievable goals for learning and participation.

Next Tuesday, there is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to engage with their child’s teachers through an open classroom and barbecue event. Classrooms will be open from 2:30 to 3:00pm, followed by a sausage sizzle at the hall at 3:00pm. I urge you to make the most of this opportunity to meet and communicate with teachers and gain an insight into our classroom environments.

Attendance at school is absolutely critical in achieving better outcomes for our students, and all stakeholders have a key part to play. Students must maximise their attendance if they are to learn, parents must commit to and ensure maximum attendance, and schools must maximise the quality of their learning and engagement achieved through attendance.

The school’s attendance policy outlines each of these responsibilities in full. I would remind parents that they have a responsibility to:

- Ensure their student attends school on school days, unless the student has a reasonable excuse
- Communicate with the school to explain all absences on the day following, or beforehand if an absence is known in advance.

Parents are notified daily via text message if students are absent, unexplained from form classes. This system allows parents to simply reply to the text to explain the absence, thus meeting responsibilities in a simple, timely manner. Please notify the school if your contact information has changed so that your details can be updated.

Our Preppies – 2017 -

Ella Summers, Alyssa Latimore and Joshua Bourne enjoying their first day at Prep.

Staff 2017

Principal – Desley Kirby
Deputy Principal (Secondary) – Robyn Cottrell
Deputy Principal (Primary) – Rob Neisler
Head of Special Education Services – Deborah Honeywill
Head of Department (Secondary) – Louise Masri
Head of Department (Student Support) – Dorothy Hogan
Master Teacher – Rebecca Turner

SWD Teachers – Lauren Thorne, Linda Birse
STLN – Sandra Carroll
HPE – Yas Sauer
MUSIC – Erin Truin
LOTE – Saskia Kloeffell
Primary NCT – Jade Mahaffey
Guidance Officer – Gay Toohey
School News

Community BBQ - Parents, Carers and Students are invited to a Community BBQ to be held at the school hall on Tuesday, 7 February. Classrooms open from 2.30 – 3.00pm. Free sausage sizzle from 3.00-4.00pm. Hope to see you there!!!!

2017 Uniforms - The Uniform Shop is open on Tuesday mornings between 8.00-10.00am and accepts cash or EFTPOS. Some discontinued lines still available at reduced prices. Size 6-12 Primary Shirts and Size S Secondary Shirts out of stock at the moment. Order has been placed and should be here in February. Thank you for your patience with this matter.

Student Resource Scheme – Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 - Invoices have been generated for all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Parents are asked to complete the Participation Agreement Form and return same to the office asap. Upon payment of the first instalment of $20, students will be issued with a student diary and an ID card when they become available.

Tuckshop - Operates on Tuesday and Thursdays. Menu for Term 1, 2017 accompanies this Newsletter. Please read information on back of Tuckshop Menu for details on How to Order. Orders can also be placed via the Flexischools program. Volunteers always welcome.

School Immunisation Program – Yr 7 students - A vaccination team will provide Yr 7 students with FREE vaccinations against human papillomavirus (HPV) and diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough. All Yr 7 students were given the Vaccination Consent Form to complete and sign. All Vaccination Consent Forms are to be completed and returned to school by Thursday 2 February. Please complete and return even if vaccination is not required through this program. Your assistance is much appreciated.

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Cool Lunches - With the adversely hot weather we are experiencing, it's a great idea to pop in a few ice packs in with the kid's lunches. Also, including a large water bottle may help to keep them a little bit fresher and cooler.

Bus Travel in 2017 - You may be required to re-register your student for bus travel in 2017 if a) They were in Grade 6 in 2016, b) They were in Grade 10 in 2016, c) The student’s home address has changed or d) If the student is changing school. Forms are available at the school office.

School Banking - Students are encouraged to participate in the Student School Banking Program. Please see flyer attached.

Student of the Week – Week ending 27/01/2017. NB – Only students with FULL media permission are able to be listed below.

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Found - A necklace has been handed into the office. If it could be yours, please see Janelle or Carole in Admin.
Chaplaincy News - I would like to wish all of our school families a happy new school year and especially welcome families of new students to our school community. Having lived in both ends of our beautiful country – Tasmania and Cairns – I believe that Tin Can Bay is a wonderful place to raise children and am amazed at the number and diversity of organisations and clubs in the area that offer great opportunities to meet new friends and learn new skills. Check out our local monthly magazine the Bay Bulletin for more information.

The role of school chaplain is primarily to offer social, emotional or spiritual support for students and parents and I am at the school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays if you would like to discuss any issues that your family may be facing. I also organise a twice-weekly Breakfast Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7.30 & 8.10am where volunteers from the TCB Community Church, TCB Lionesses and local businesses provide a free breakfast offering a hot dish, cereal, juice, fresh fruit, milo and toast and Friendship Club during first break on both days where primary students can play games, be creative and find a friendly face and a listening ear. Other programs that I will be running this year are Garden Club (see below) and a Triple P Parenting Program which is a 4-week group program held at the school with further individual follow-up sessions if required (see below for further details). As part of the school's Student Support Services team, I will be involved in running various other programs throughout the year. If you would like speak to me at any time, please leave a message at the school office and I will be in touch.

Garden Club - A new initiative is starting at our school with the introduction of a before-school Garden Club on Wednesday mornings between 7.30 and 8.15am for students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 to be run by P-6 Master Teacher Ms Rebecca Turner and Chappy Ronnie. For new parents, in early 2014 the school became part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program, which operates in over 700 schools across Australia and teaches students how to grow vegetables and turn them into delicious, healthy food. The program held weekly during 2014 & 2015, involved 4 classes of Grade 5/6 students with the assistance of parents and community volunteers. As a result of their involvement in the classes, students created their own gardens and regularly took recipes home to cook for their families. Because teachers often find it difficult for their class to take time out of the classroom each week, Ms Turner and Chappy Ronnie will be running the program out of school hours for students who are keen to access the benefits a garden offers.

A letter will be sent home with Grade 4, 5 and 6 students this week and if students would like to be involved in the Club, which starts on Wednesday 8 February, they need to return the signed permission form to the school office. Participants will need to wear a broad-brimmed hat and closed-in shoes. Initially there will be 14 spaces available for interested students, however this may increase with volunteer support. If you have any enquiries or would like to be involved as a volunteer, please contact Chappy Ronnie on 0413 135 867.

Triple P – Positive Parenting Program - Parents all over the world have the same kinds of problems. Toddler tantrums. Fighting at home or school. A child who won't go to bed. A defiant teen, or one who never seems to listen. The good news is that the Triple P Positive Parenting Program can help.

Triple P is one of the few parenting programs in the world with evidence to show it works. More than 200 research trials and studies show that Triple P can help families in many different situations. It has been around for over 20 years and has helped millions of children and their families in more than 20 countries. The Queensland Government is committed to supporting Queensland families by providing facilitator training and enabling free access to the Triple P program in your area.

Triple P will help you to:
Raise happy, confident kids; Get along well with your kids and argue less;
Balance work and family without stress. Set family routines and rules that everyone follows;
Manage your kids' behaviour so that everyone enjoys life more;

Triple P doesn't tell you how to be a parent. It gives you a range of practical strategies and you choose the ones that fit your family. You will be surprised at how quickly you will see results! For more information about Triple P, hop on the website at www.triplep-parenting.net.au Chappy Ronnie Timperon is a trained Triple P facilitator and the first 4-week course for 2017 will commence on Wednesday 22 February and will run from 1-2.30pm each week. Follow-up phone sessions are available if required. If you can't make it to this course, there will be further courses run throughout the year. To secure your place, contact Chappy Ronnie on 0413 135 867 or email: ronniet@chappy.org.au

Cooloola Coast Girl Guides - The Cooloola Coast Girl Guides group is starting its second year this Thursday 2 February from 4.30-6.30pm at the RAOB Hall, 110 Emperor street, TCB. New members are most welcome and the leadership would love to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer as an adult leader. Please contact Felicity on 0488 582 159 or Heather on 0413 674 457 for further information.

Fun Club & Edge Youth - The TCB Community Church runs two great fortnightly programs for young people on Friday evenings at the TCB Community Complex near the Cooloola Cove turnoff. Fun Club is a great night of games, prizes, supper and a short devotion for primary-aged students and starts this Friday 3 February from 7-9pm. Cost is $5 per child or $10 per family. Edge Youth is for high school students and commences on Friday 10 February with a pool party from 7-9pm at leaders Nick & Christine Davies’ home at 12 Boambillee Circuit, Cooloola Cove. Cost will be $5 per person to cover food and drink. Enquiries please contact Nick on 0413 776 122.
Community News

Kindergarten - Would you like your child to have a Kindy experience? C&K Tin Can Bay Community Kindergarten still has a few places left for this year. If your child turns 4 years by 30 June please speak to us about enrolling. You can call us on 5486 2311 or drop in at 4 Snapper Creek Rd, Tin Can Bay (right next door to the School).

Hookin 2 Hockey - If you’d like to play hockey – this is for you!! Gympie & District Hockey Association start their hockey season on Saturday 18 March at 9.00am the corner of Power & Woolgar Roads, Gympie. For more information, contact Ben Fitzpatrick on 0448 094 420 or email rcd@gympiehockey.org.au.

Tiny Tots Artplay 2017 - Happens at Gympie Regional Gallery 10-11am on Friday, 24 February. Activities for littlies 18months – 3 years and their parents/carers. Cost is $4 or $2 for FOG members. Bookings essential. Phone: 5481 0733.

Cooloola Coast Rec Dance Club - Sign On. Monday 13 February 4pm - 5pm. Buffalo Hall Emperor Street. Tin Can Bay. Ages 4 - 16. For enquires Phone or text Di 0488 001 629.

Bring Home a Big Brother or Sister and Bring French Culture to Life! - Why not volunteer to host an international student from France mid year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. Arriving in June, all the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses, and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like know more, please email your interest to Rob at Inter Cultural Management on rob.lindsay@icm-education.com.au or call 0438 689828.