Last week we held our annual Open Classroom and Meet the Parents event which finished with a barbecue at the hall. Thanks to all our parents who attended and made this a very successful event. Your engagement with our school is key to ensuring successful outcomes for our students. We will be holding community events each term and I look forward to meeting more of our parents throughout the year.

Next Monday the 20th, you are invited to the annual Badge Ceremony, where our Junior and Senior School Captains and House Captains will be presented with their badges. Our school captains are already playing a key role in our weekly assembly program, and I am confident they will be outstanding role models for their fellow students and wonderful ambassadors for our school. The Badge Ceremony will follow the normal full school assembly in the hall.

This year TCB staff have put together a program of lunchtime activities that cater to a range of interests and abilities. Activities on offer include running club; skipping; basketball; garden club and ukulele. I am excited to share that I now know 3 chords and half a song! There has been a very positive take up by students, many of whom are enjoying trying something new. Other programs offered to students at TCB include the Taipans Volleyball program and Student Voice.

Our first P&C meeting next Tuesday is an opportunity for our parents and community to engage with the school in planning and decision making. The P&C meet in the administration building on the 3rd Tuesday at every month at 6:00pm. See you there!

Improved student attendance at Tin Can Bay State School continues to remain a priority in 2017. Last year our average attendance rate was about 88.9%. While we have started strongly, our current attendance rate of 89.9% is well below the school target of 91%. A concerning trend is the increasing number of students with less than 85% attendance. As a school community – parents, students and teachers – we need to work together to address this.

Last week reviewers from the school improvement unit visited our school to monitor our school improvement journey in areas such as the analysis and discussion of data, developing a culture that promotes learning, systematic curriculum delivery and effective teaching practices. The feedback provided to us will help to inform our focus for 2017. While we have not been given the formal report from the review team, initial feedback has highlighted the outstanding work our teachers are doing with the SSP program, with Social and Emotional Learning and in meeting the needs of our diverse learners.

P-6 Start to 2017 - Firstly, welcome to all students and their families, both returning and new! A special welcome to our new Prep students and their families. It can be a very challenging time for the little ones (and their parents) starting out on their education journey. Rest assured parents, they had a smooth start and have settled in well to their new surroundings and routines. It has been a wonderful start to the 2017 school with so many smiling faces and hearing all the stories from students about their holiday adventures. As I have been visiting classes every day and talking to students, I have witnessed that they are positive about the new school year and wanting to do their best in as many areas as possible.

We welcome our new teachers to primary this year, Ms Ellen Wright 5A, Ms Bonnie Johnson 5/6 and Ms Sarah Dioth 6A. They are extremely keen and eager to begin their teaching careers and have already begun developing very positive teacher-student relationships with their class.

A reminder to all parents, that when you come to the school, ‘drop-off’ and ‘pick-up times’ are:

‘Drop-off’ - 8:15 – 8:30am  ‘Pick-up’ - 2:30 – 2:40pm

If collecting students or visiting the school outside of these time, it is important you sign in at administration and collect a visitor pass. This ensures that we maintain a safe and supportive environment for our students. This process also support our Workplace Health and Safety policies that in the event of a lockdown or evacuation, we can account for everyone’s whereabouts.

Please note that the school concludes at 2:30pm and that parents and students are required to exit the grounds as soon as possible unless you have a prior arrangement or meeting scheduled.

We appreciate you working with the school on these matters. Kind regards, Rob Neisler – Deputy Principal - Primary.
School Leaders for 2017

Secondary

Captains
Braden Gray
Tehnia Masri

Vice Captains
Tim Brigden
Anna Dunstan

Student Leader
Chelsea Brennan

Sports Captains
Tuncun
TJ Gray
Arwen Van deVorst

Wallu
Caleb Chapple-Taylor
April Bath

Sports Vice Captains
Tuncun
Anna Dunstan

Wallu
Jye Lovett

Junior

Captains
Elle Yates
Amber Daniels

Vice Captains
Elsie Gray
Imogen Latimore

Sports
Tuncun
Blake Hale
Isla Gallego

Wallu
Clara Roche
Rakeen Masri

Lachlan Kyle
Cody Walker

Student of the Week – Weeks ending 3 & 10 February 2017.

NB – Only students with FULL media permission are able to be listed below.

PA
B. Lee, M. Katon, S. Poschalk
P/1
W. Bryant, C. Hughes, T. Bath, C. Sorrell, A. Geurts, C. McKay

1A
R. Bubke, J. Kear
2A
Ruby, S. Leat, B. O’Brien, T. Frost, K. Sheridan

2/3
S. Sherry, J-L Katon
3A
M. Vosmaer, M. Yates, C. Sims, S. Milesi

4A
I. Sinclair, H. Milesi
4/5
L-R Bubke, A. Murphy

5A
E. Bryant, M. Chee, N. Duncan
5/6
T. Reibel, E. Reeves, T. Taylor

6A
A. Daniels, L. Clamp
SEP

Assessment Calendar – Week Beginning 13 February 2017

MONDAY
Yr 8 ENG – Draft representations in the media

TUESDAY
Yr 7 SCI – Assessment begins

WED
Yr 7 ENG – Slideshow Presentation

THURSDAY
WIDE BAY TRAILS

FRIDAY
Yr 7 ENG – Slideshow Presentation
Yr 9 ENG – Draft presentation to promote Australia
Yr 10 ENG – Draft analysis of satirical text

Assessment Calendar – Week Beginning 20 February 2017

MONDAY
Yr 7 & 8 HPE – Assessment Week (V’ball)
Yr 7 ENG – Slideshow Presentation
Yr 8 ENG – Representations in the Media

TUESDAY
Yr 7 – SCI – Assessment Due
Yr 7 MATHS – Exam

WED
WORLD OF MATHS ROADSHOW
Yr 7 ENG – Slideshow Presentation
Yr 8 MATHS – Assessment
Yr 9 & 10 ITD – Dovetail 1 Due
Yr 9 SCI - Assignment

THURSDAY
Yr 7 STEM – Robotics Excursion
Yr 7 & 8 HOME ECO – Textiles
Yr 7 & 8 ART – Scratch Art
Yr 8 ITD – Design Drawing Due
Yr 9/10 BUSINESS Assessment
Yr 10 MATHS – Exam
Yr 10 HPE – CPR Assessment

FRIDAY
Yr 7 ENG – Slideshow Presentation
Yr 8 SCI – Exam – particle theory
Yr 9 MATHS – Assessment
Yr 9 ENG – Panel presentation
Yr 9 SCI – Assignment
Yr 10 ENG – final copy analysis of satirical text
Yr 10 SCI – Exam (Genetics)

TCB Tick Awards this Week – as drawn on Assembly


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Physical Education - Welcome to term 1. During PE this term all students are participating in the sport of basketball and learning skills appropriate to their ability and age. This includes: bouncing/dribbling, passing, shooting and modified games. The prep-2 class will also develop and practice their locomotor movements and ball skills (rolling, throwing). Students will also engage in some cross country/running practice which will be held at the end of term 1.

In other news, District Sports for 10-12 year olds has kicked off for 2017. Nomination forms will be sent out to students who are interested in participating. The nomination form must be returned to school and the medical form must go with your child/ren to the trials.

1. Only students turning 10 (Born 2007), 11 (Born 2006) or 12 (Born 2005) are eligible for District 10-12 Yrs School Trials and will only be considered for selection if they have been nominated by the School by the due date [NO LATE NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED].
2. Only students who regularly participate in a Sport should nominate (and they should have a high skill level [for their age] and understanding of playing the sport(s)).

If you have any questions or queries please don’t hesitate to contact me on yrsau0@eq.edu.au. Regards, Yasmin Sauer

**Garden Club** - Last week 6 eager students joined Ms Turner and Chappy Ronnie at the school's new Garden Club with a couple more coming just before school started. The students learned all about the tools that they will be using in the garden, what they are used for and how to operate them safely. They have been given a tool quiz and will be issued with their tool licence once their quizzes have been returned and marked. Students will also have the opportunity to try out for a wheelbarrow licence in the next couple of weeks. There are still places for any students in Grades 4-6 who would like to be involved and once they return the signed permission form to the school office, are welcome to come along from 7.30-8.15 each Wednesday morning. Students are collected from the school hall at 7.30am and brought down to the garden. Participants will need to wear a broad-brimmed hat and closed-in shoes. 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** - Don’t forget that the next 4-week Triple P program is starting on Wednesday 22 February from 1-2.30pm with further follow-up phone sessions if required. Please contact Facilitator Chappy Ronnie on 0413 135 867 or email: ronni@chappy.org.au to secure your place in the course or answer any questions that you may have. This free program is funded by the Queensland Government and gives participants a range of practical strategies to help make parenting more enjoyable. For more information about Triple P, hop on the website at www.triplep-parenting.net.au

**How to Stay In Control: Let Your Child Have The Last Word** - Ending a heated conversation with your child can be tricky. The next time you are in this situation, ask yourself: Have I made my point? What would happen if I ended the conversation and walked away? Kids are masters at keeping an argument going. Walking away from the discussion and letting them have the last word is hard to do!

Here’s why you might consider ending the argument. When you end the argument and walk away, you are sending a clear message that this discussion is over and continuing to argue isn’t going to change the rules. You take the power with you when you go. There is a very strong natural instinct to keep responding to your child when he is arguing with you. But if you’ve reached a place where you believe you have made your point and there is nothing else to discuss, consider ending the conversation there.

If you decide to do this, try saying something like, “I don’t want to argue any more. Let’s talk about this later when we’re both calm.” If your child keeps arguing, you can choose to show him that the conversation is over by not responding after you’ve set that limit. For more tools on how to walk away from an argument, the following article by Janet Lehman is a great resource: Why You Can’t Really “Win” an Argument with Your Child.

Letting your kids have the last word can be a great way of disconnecting from a power struggle. It takes some practice, though! Letting your kids have the last word can be a great way of disconnecting from a power struggle. It takes some practice, though! Article written by Rebecca Wolfenden - www.empoweringparents.com
Wallaroo Hockey Club - Want to play Hockey? In 2017 Hockey will be played in all divisions' boys and girls, seniors and veterans. The hockey season is played from March until September 2017. Fixtures for juniors are played on Saturday mornings at the Woodstock Street fields and will commence on 11th March 2017. Some U17 games are played on Wednesday nights (boys) and Thursdays nights (girls).

Wallaroo Hockey Club will pay registration costs for all new Under 6 and Under 8 players in 2017. For further information about registering for the 2017 season please contact Christian Kingdom, President, on 0409 909 021 or John Pedersen Secretary roos.secretary@gmail.com or 0419 711 626.

FREE Movie in the Park this Friday (17 Feb) - Gympie Regional Council is happy to announce that at 7.00pm, Friday, 17 Feb ‘The Good Dinosaur’ will be screened at the Vietnam Veterans Hall, Cooloola Cove at 7pm. Food and drinks available for purchase. If weather is uncertain, visit facebook.com/gympieregionalcouncil for cancellation advice.