Calendar of Events

MAY
9 Book Fair
14,15,16 NAPLAN testing for Yrs 3,5,7
17 Cross Country
23-24 Emu Gully Camp

JUNE
19 Jump Rope for Heart Day
21 Netball & Soccer Carnival

P&C Association
Tuesday 14th May
3.30PM
All Welcome

Happy Birthday
MAY
12 Lucyanne Lerch
15 Jakob Harm
17 Nick Burchmann
21 Ethan Gallagher
22 Max Sippel
31 David Kilah

Library bus still not operating in our area.

Note from the Principal...
One of the most important things that you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure that he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time. It sounds simple but true.

The correlation between school attendance and children’s attendance levels is well established. The more time they spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success. Conversely, according to a Victorian report, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early and of experiencing long term unemployment. When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work, (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self esteem.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day on time. Of course there will be times such as genuine illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It’s reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. Of course regular school attendance also helps prepare kids for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up for each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of the those who stay away with no excuse.

(For more information on this topic : www.parentingideas.com.au)

Congratulations to our ’Buddies and Learners of the week ...Kasper and Danielle; Dennis and Luke; Liam and Izabella.

Around the Classrooms …
Prep/Yr1/1 ( Miss Forbes)  Please send DIARIES back into school so we can continue this system of communication. Homework, Home reading and Library day is every Wednesday.  P-1-2 is very excited preparing for our special mothers day treat.

Yrs 3/4 ( Mrs Peach) In Science this term we are looking at Space. Every night we will be looking at the moon and watching to see how the moon changes shape over the next few weeks. Please help your children draw pictures of what they see.

Yrs 5/6/7 ( Mrs Kowitz/Mrs Martin)
In English students have been practising how to write persuasively on a range of topics. They will soon complete an assessment task on a given topic. Students are also required to write a persuasive argument in the upcoming NAPLAN tests in two weeks time.
This fortnight’s positive learning expectation is:
‘Respect your teachers and friends.

*Tent Hill Lower is a School Wide Positive Behaviour school!*

At Tent Hill Lower we reward our students who have demonstrated ongoing positive behaviours.

Each week, a ‘Learner of the Week’ and a ‘Buddy of the week’ will be chosen from each class.

### SCHOOL NEWS...

#### NAPLAN TESTING YEAR 3, 5 & 7

Students will be sitting these tests on Tuesday 14 May—Reading; Wednesday 15 May—Language Conventions and writing; and Thursday 16th May—Maths. Students need to be well rested each evening and also need to be at school no later than 8.45am on the day of each test. This will allow teachers to prepare and settle the students into the test conditions. Tests generally run for between 60 to 90 minutes in length. If you have any concerns about your child sitting for these tests, please contact us as soon as possible.

#### HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION

It has now been confirmed that our school will be running this program again this year. The P&C have engaged Family Planning QLD education officer, Robyn Cavanagh, to deliver the following sessions

**Monday 27th May**: Parent information session about the course and content to be delivered to each age group of students. - 5.00pm - 6.00pm

**Tuesday 4th, 11th & 18th June**: Students lessons for — P1/2; Yrs 3/4 and Yrs 5/6/7

Parents and carers are the primary sexuality educators of their children. Schools and parents/carers can work together to provide sexuality education to support healthy development in children.

Sexuality education is an important curriculum responsibility in every school. Providing opportunities for students to develop knowledge, skills and healthy attitudes through comprehensive programs in every year level ensures the healthy sexual development of students.

Sexuality education involves learning about growth and development, relationships, staying safe and making healthy choices.

Sexuality education aims to:

- provide a sound foundation for the development of healthy sexual identity
- provide age appropriate information
- provide information in a way that encourages acceptance of self and others
- encourage young people to choose to be sexually healthy
- enhance relationships.

When children and young people participate in comprehensive sexuality education programs, it increases the likelihood that they will make informed and responsible decisions later in life. 

It is vitally important that parents of all Year levels mark the date for the parent information session on their calendars and keep the date free.

#### CROSS COUNTRY

Please remember to advise us if your child cannot participate in the upcoming Cross Country event on Friday 10th May at Lake Apex in Gatton. Nomination fees are $5.00 for the event and is being sponsored by the P&C. Thank you to those parents who have already done this. Parent transport is required to take your child to Lake Apex for 10.45 am on the day.

#### ANZAC DAY

Thank you to all of the parents and students who attended the Anzac Day March in Gatton last Thursday. We had a particularly good representation from our school. Student behaviour was exemplary.

#### PEER MENTORING SKILLS

Our year Seven students have now successfully completed their Peer Mentoring course and have been presented with the badges of honour on parade. They have been busy testing out their new skills by assisting other students in the playground. Congratulations Year Seven!

#### BOOK FAIR

Please remember that our next Book Fair will be held from Thursday 9th May to Tuesday 14th May. The theme is ‘All Stars’. General opening times are 8.15—8.45 am and 3.00pm—3.30 pm . Thursday 9th—open until 4.00pm. There will be a special visit from ‘Geronimo Stilton’ the clever detective. There will be prizes galore. Students can gain and entry into a special draw if ‘they are caught in the act of reading a book’. All sales go towards new books for our library.

#### SCHOOL REMINDERS

**Medical information and medications.**

It is vitally important that parents keep the school up to date on student medical conditions, particularly if they may in some way impede on the normal range of activities conducted at school and are serious enough to warrant a management program. Also students may not have any form of prescribed medication at school. If a doctor prescribes a medication, parents will need to complete a medical form at the office and bring the medication in its original and chemist labeled package. This will enable staff to perform their duty of care appropriately.