Calendar of Events

MAY
17 Cross Country
23-24 Emu Gully Camp
27 HRE Parent Information Session
   5-6pm

JUNE
04 HRE Student Session
11 HRE Student Session
18 HRE Student Session
19 Jump Rope for Heart Day
21 Netball & Soccer Carnival

P&C Association
Tuesday 11th June
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

CLOTHING
With the cooler weather here, please remember to name all jumpers, jackets and track pants in case they get lost.

Note from the Principal…
At Tent Hill Lower, we like to think of ourselves as being a family-friendly school. While teaching and learning is our core business, we know that only when parents and teachers work together, can we truly help children reach their potential. Recently there have been a number of initiatives at our school that place demonstrate how important our parents are.

I must congratulate Miss Forbes for her fantastic ‘Mother’s Day’ pampering and High Tea day last week. Students in Prep. Yr 1 & 2, treated their mothers to a wonderful session of massage, manicures, makeup and hair brushing. This was followed by high tea. I cannot think of any better way to teach students about how to be kind and caring and to use this to thank their mums for everything they do.

The P&C are also taking a great new initiative and starting regular Parent Afternoon Tea at the school. This is a result of parents wishing to meet and make new friends with other parents in our school community. My personal experience is that primary school years are often where we make and unusually keep some of our closest friends as parents, as we all share so much in common. The first one will be next Thursday afternoon at 2.00pm in the old library. Feel free to come along to simply have a chat. All that is needed is a plate to share. Tea and coffee provided.

Also of great importance is the Parent Information session on Human Relationship Education. All parents (P-7) are invited to attend.

WHEN: Monday 21st May @ 5.00-6.00pm
WHERE: New Library

WHY: Our presenter Robyn Kavanagh will be presenting ‘Talking to your child about sexuality’. The aim is to better equip parents to approach this sometimes sensitive topic. She will also provide an outline of the student program topics of: Yr 3/4/5—Staying Safe, Growing and Changing, Yrs 6/7—Growing and Changing, Human Reproduction, Decision-making and Relationships. Students’ programs will be run over consecutive Tuesdays of June 4, 11, 18th. Permission notes will be sent home after the Parent Information session, so parents can choose whether or not they wish their child to attend. Thanks to the P&C for sponsoring this.

Around the Classrooms
Yrs 3/4 (Mrs Peach) & Yrs 5/6/7 (Mrs Kowitz/Mrs Martin) Congratulations to all of the Year 3, 5 & 7 students who completed NAPLAN this week. All students displayed a great attitude and certainly tried their best. Both classrooms completed a Technology unit after the testing as a nice change of pace. Students in Mrs Peach’s class designed a Bookmark using ICT’s, Students in Yrs 5/6/7 designed and created a handcrafted card for a special occasion. Students have also stated work on preparing posters, artwork and writing for the Gatton Show.

Congratulations to our Students and Buddies of the Week:
Kasper, Tiara, Josie, Caleb & Abbey
This fortnight’s positive learning expectation is:
‘Do your best in NAPLAN and the Cross Country’

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 have now completed their testing. Thank you to parents for your support. Reports will be provided for every student who sat these tests and will be released later in the year, usually in late September.

CROSS COUNTRY
A reminder that the Lockyer Zone Cross Country is TOMORROW, Friday 17th May at Lake Apex in Gatton. Information notices have been given to students. Please ensure your child has a hat, water bottle and lunch. Parent transport is required to take your child to and from Lake Apex. Track information is at 10:30am, races commence at 11:10am. Students not attending are expected at school.

EMU GULLY CAMP YR 5-7
All forms and money is to be returned ASAP. Parent transport is required to and from camp. We will leave the school Thursday May 23, 8:30am sharp. We will travel in convoy to Emu Gully to ensure no one gets lost. Please note that student pick up from Emu Gully will be Friday May 24 at 2pm. Students not attending are expected at school.

BOOK FAIR
Thank you to all who supported our book fair. The school is fortunate to have received over $400 worth of books for our library. Well done everyone. Big thank you to Mrs Natalier and our visit from Geromimo Stilton. A number of students won prizes of a Book Fair Voucher for entering into the colouring in competition. Congratulations to Danny, De, Jelica, Chloe & Tahlia. There was also numerous lucky draws for students who won a ‘Reading Ticket’, The lucky winners were able to choose a teddy bear as their prize.

SCHOOL REMINDERS
Classes start at 8:55am. Please ensure your child/ren are at school and ready to enter the classroom to start the day of learning. Late arrivals can be is unsettling for all students and staff.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

SPEND AN EVENING WITH DR MICHAEL CARR-GREGG
"The five greatest challenges of parenting" – Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is speaking on how parents of teenagers can cope with some of the difficult areas of parenting. He is a trusted psychologist and stimulating speaker. He speaks from practical experience and knowledge.
If you have a young teenager or older children you will find some useful suggestions on how to manage. He will talk on: 1. Sleep, 2. Cyber safety, 3. Alcohol, 4. Mental Health, 5. The 8 Secrets of Happiness.
If you would like to hear Dr Carr-Gregg you can see him at Warwick on 27 May or Toowoomba on 28 May.
These talks are sponsored by Medicare Local Darling Downs - South West Queensland, so there is no cost to attend.
You can register at: Warwick - sdensley@ddswqmedicarelocal.com.au or phone 0417 866 530 Toowoomba - sbllis@ddswqmedicarelocal.com.au or phone 4688 2000.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Position: Grounds person at Tent Hill Lower S.S.

Interested persons are invited to submit an expression of interest in writing for the position of Grounds person. This is a casual position for up to 4 hours per week. Duties will include caring for grounds and gardens as well as some light maintenance tasks.

Please outline details of any previous experience and skills and current awareness of Workplace, Health and Safety practices. A Working with Children blue card will also be required.

If you require further information please contact Janelle Kowitz Ph 54627109. Please submit your letter by the 30th May to The Principal, 90 Lower Tent Hill Rd, Gatton 4343.
Let kids practise losing

Currently, there’s a flaw in modern Western culture that won’t allow kids to lose, to struggle or to experience disappointment. Interestingly, this is at a time when childhood anxiety is going through the roof.

In an effort to improve outcomes for kids we’ve created a childhood culture that is highly structured, highly organised and highly adult-initiated. This high level of organisation minimises failure, avoids disappointment and reduces struggle. And it does kids no favours! The solution is to reduce adult-initiated activity and introduce more unrestricted, child-initiated, social play.

It’s through free play that kids have always learned about winning and losing; how to handle it when things don’t go your way; how to get on with all types of kids including the children your parents don’t approve of; how to wait your turn and; how to hang in there long enough until things eventually go your way.

Unstructured play is usually very hierarchical in nature. Older kids tend to boss around younger kids, who often return the favour in spades when it’s their turn to be the eldest. Kids often rely on natural consequences to influence their friends and siblings. “I’m not going to play with you because you’re mean/you don’t share/you always go first!” Sometimes they bring adults into the mix to adjudicate, but they generally just resolve things their way regardless of what adults say!

Get kids away from screens

The key to resilience-inducing, socialising free play is that the play needs to involve other children or young people. Coping and social learning can’t be done in isolation. There needs to be a social element to it. Even playing computer games involving others from a distance doesn’t make the grade.

Face-to-face interactions that occur through free play develops the BIG 3 social behaviours in kids – that is, 1) co-operative, 2) assertive and 3) coping behaviours.

So make sure your children’s free time is balanced between structured adult-initiated activity such as after school sport; includes child-initiated calming down-time such as listening to music, and group-oriented free play (involving at least one other person) that is done either inside or outside (the latter should be included) where your child can practise losing, struggling, following the lead of others and heaps more great life skills and attitudes.

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