Calendar of Events

March
21 Parent teacher interviews
22 Softball/Cricket Carnival
28 Sausage Sizzle & last day of Term 1

April
15 Term 2 commences
16 RSPCA workshop for students

P&C Association
Tuesday 16th April at 3.30

Happy Birthday
March
04 Keely Reinke
08 Joey Gillett De Dettrick
11 Bly Hamblin
17 Patrick Walker
22 Ben Moody Ryan Burchmann

Library Bus
Will be here again in 2013
Mobile library is presently based in Laidley. Outstanding items may be returned directly to the Gatton library or to Mrs Natahie at school ASAP. Our regular service will re-commence in the near future.

Note from the Principal…

Last week, we were pleased to host Mt Sylvia State School. We were able to provide them with two classrooms so they could continue to deliver lessons to their students without the continual threat of rain and school closure. It was mutually beneficial as our students were able to play and interact with the Mt Sylvia students during play and eating times. It was amazing how smoothly the tow schools operated side by side, so smoothly. The news of the two schools combining received quite a bit of media interest from ABC radio and WIN news. It was nice to be able to share a positive story with the community and I am sure our students benefitted by demonstrating the importance of helping others and certainly deserve a pat on the back for the great co-operation shown between the two schools.

Our student leaders were thrilled when Mr Scott Buchholz MP attended our assembly to present them with a Student Leadership certificate. Scott spoke to them personally at length, about the importance of being good role models for their school and offered them a great deal of encouragement, to which they responded enthusiastically.

Throughout the year, our Lockyer cluster of schools will be working with a pedagogical coach, Amanda Sweeper. Our staff will use her services to continue to implement the Explicit Teaching approach. The first thing we will focus on is ‘Warm-ups’ to switch on student thinking at the beginning of lessons.

Around the Classrooms …

Prep/Yr 1&2 (Miss Forbes) In this unit we are learning to speak and write persuasively. Students will have to write a persuasive letter.

Years 3&4 (Mrs Peach) In this unit we are learning to write using persuasive language. Persuasive language is the language we use to convince other people that our ideas are better than others. At the end of the unit we will be writing a magazine article using persuasive language.

Years 5, 6&7 (Mrs Kowitz—Monday Tuesday, Wednesday; Mrs Martin—Thursday, Friday) In English we have just completed our reading comprehension assessment task for Unit 1. This week we begin a new unit of week on ‘Writing persuasive articles’ over the next five weeks.
This fortnight’s positive learning expectation is:
‘Work towards your goals’

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...

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Our school reports to parents four times per year, through 2 face to face interviews and two written report cards. In Term One, we offer interviews. Parents are invited to meet with teachers for a progress report on their child’s school performance on Thursday 21st March. Starting time is 3.15pm with 15 minute time slots available. A sign up sheet is available at the school office or you can ring to make a suitable time. Please do not miss this opportunity to have a chat with your child’s teacher. It is important to for parents to help set goals and targets so your child knows you also play an important part in their education.

EXPECTATIONS OF BEHAVIOUR
Our school is a “School Wide Positive Behaviour School” (SWPBS). This means we have an Expectations Matrix that explicitly outlines what behaviours are expected by students at Tent Hill Lower State School.
Within our classrooms we constantly reward positive behaviours and we have a ‘behaviour wall’ to help students monitor when they are making poor choices.
Every child is different and requires different levels of encouragement, support and intervention to learn and follow the Expectations Matrix.
At our school we have a number of different avenues we use to help and support students:
We work with parents of children who require behaviour support
We work individually with students who require behaviour support. We respect the rights of the children and family in keeping the support and interventions confidential as much as possible.

If you have concerns about the behaviour of children other than your own at our school, please come in and speak to the teachers, however be aware that to maintain the same privacy of students, that you would wish for your own child, we will not be able to share with you the exact details of the intervention we have in place or the consequences that other children may receive, but know that actions are being taken.

THANK YOU
The staff and students of Tent Hill Lower State School would like to thank the staff, parents and students of Tent Hill Lower State School for your hospitality last week during our week of need for a different educational venue. We hope that all students had a positive experience and we hope to see you all again for sports days and on special occasions.

Mrs Cheryl Harvey (Principal Mt Sylvia S.S.)

FROM OUR CHAPPIE, MRS THORPE....
How good is it to see the sun this week, think I have a touch of extra colour on my arms and neck.
I will have to remember to use my sun cream again. I don’t enjoy using it but I know the skin cancer is just not worth it. So you too need to remember to wear a hat, use sun cream and protect your skin!
Most students are just enjoying the sheer pleasure of playing out on the grounds again; some of the older students are practising their softball or cricket fielding and throwing skills in preparation for the softball / kanga cricket carnival day Mr Donaldson is organising for 22 March. It has been fun to watch them practise and help with some skills improvement.
Many of our Catholic friends are today celebrating the election of a new pope, Pope Francis I. He takes his name from St Francis of Assisi who was renowned for being a peaceful man, loved nature and animals and led a quiet simple life. We hope the new Pope will be a great leader for the Catholic Church in the future.

Why is Cinderella no good at sports?
Because her coach is a pumpkin, and she is always running away from the ball

SCHOOL REMINDERS....
HEADLICE— There has been a reported case of headlice in the school. Parents are asked to check and treat accordingly.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS— The school office hours are from 8:15am— 9am and 11am—3pm.

DATE CLAIMER:
P&C Fundraiser
Mother’s Day Shopping Bus trip to Brisbane!
Please lock Saturday 11th May into you calendars and join our shopping trip to Brisbane. Cost will be around $40. It will be a day of fun, friends, prizes, raffles and lots of shopping at all of the best places in Brisbane.
More details soon.

P & C Brief... Please help support your P & C who supports your school and children.
Students of the Week
Congratulations to our Buddy and Learners of the week
Yr 5-7—Kye and Kasper, Yr 3/4—Ryan, P-2, Aimee and Jazmine

Lunch time eating with My Sylvia.

Lockyer Multicultural Festival
On Saturday 23 March, the Lockyer Multicultural Festival will bring the local community together for a day of free family fun with music, drumming, Bollywood, Living Books, circus activities, craft, jumping castle, a range of food and more. It is a great day for families to spend time together, learn about other cultures and get involved. Time: 10am-4pm  Venue: Gatton Showgrounds  Cost: FREE  More info: www.lockyervalley.com.au or phone 1300 005 872. See you there!

LOCKYER VALLEY LIBRARIES
Activities during April School Holidays:
LEGO in the Library- Gatton Branch
Ages: 5-10yr old  Bookings Essential—limited spaces  You can build anything - LEGO  Tuesday 2nd April from 1.30 – 2.30pm
Ages: over 10’s You can build anything - LEGO  Tuesday 9th April from 1.30 – 2.30pm

Wednesday Craft – Gatton and Laidley Branch
All Ages— 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult
Pop in between 1.30pm—5.00pm for some fun!
Wednesday 3rd April— Make a Super Hero Mask
Wednesday 10th April—Make a Super Flying Machine

iRock—iPads – Gatton and Laidley Branch
All Ages— 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult
Come along to your branch library to have fun on the iPads all school holidays.