Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER
28 LSS Swim Carnival

DECEMBER
3 Prep Morning
11 School Concert
12 Sausage Sizzle
   Report cards
13 Clean up day

P&C Association AGM
Tuesday 12th February 2014
3.30PM
All Welcome
Please remember the Multi draw raffle drawn on Dec 11th.

School Hours:
School commences at 8.55am
School finishes at 3.00pm
Please be prompt.
Late arrivals need to sign in

Everyday Counts!
Good attendance is vital to getting a good education as well as the law in QLD. Also, it is a requirement that absences need to be explained. Please phone us or send a note if your child is sick. Holidays and other non urgent appointments should be scheduled for school holiday times.

From the Principal...

Our School Opinion Survey have just been released. The purpose of the survey is to increase understanding of opinions of parents/caregivers, students and school staff with various aspects of their school and increased understanding of areas of strength at Queensland state schools and areas that could be improved. Over all, parents have responded very positively to the questions posed in the survey. In comparison to the whole state, Tent Hill Lower is well above the state average. The graph below indicates the parent responses. The three best responses scoring 100% satisfaction were: “Staff at this school are responsive to my enquiries” and “This school encourages me to take an active role in my child’s education.” and “This school is well maintained. Our staff appreciate the feedback and continue to look for ways to improve our service to our families.

Interestingly, the lowest response was to the question “This school provides useful information online.” So if you haven’t yet downloaded the QSchool app, which is free for iPhones and Android, then you should add this to your list of ‘must do’s’ for 2014. The App links you directly with our school website. You can receive the latest newsletters, (even if your children haven’t given it to you). Also, whenever the school calendar is updated, you will receive notifications. It’s a great way to stay in touch with what’s happening here at school. Thank you to all participants in the survey.

Around the Classrooms ..
Prep—Yr 2 (Ms Forbes) It’s assessment time, children are currently writing their own versions of fairytales and also making persuasive judgements. Our science and technology projects begin this week so please keep sending in boxes.
Yrs 3/4 (Mrs Peach) We are currently in the middle of completing assessment tasks in English and in Mathematics. In English students are presenting a persuasive speech to their classmates. Students are also helping to mark their classmates’ speeches. In Maths we have just completed an assessment involving multiplication and using strategies to solve word problems.
Yrs 5/6/7 (Mrs Kowitz/Mrs Martin) Year 5,6,7 have almost finished writing their English persuasive speeches. Year 5 & 6 are writing inspirational school speeches which will form the basis of their School Captain/leaders speech. Year 7 students are writing a Farewell speech, highlighting their memories and experiences at this school. We will let you know when these will be presented to our school community, so parents can also attend.
This fortnight’s positive learning expectation is:
“Eat your own food, sharing is not okay”

Tent Hill Lower is a School Wide Positive Behaviour school!

At Tent Hill Lower we reward our students who have demonstrated ongoing positive behaviours.
Participation in extra curricular activities and leadership positions are dependent on maintaining good behaviours.

SCHOOL NEWS...

Swimming carnival
Our Caffey Small schools swimming carnival is to be held next Thursday 28th November at the Gatton Pool as follows:
- Muster at the pool 8.45am
- Commence 9.00am
- Presentation 12.00 noon
- Free admission
- Parent transport required
- All students who were born in 2004 or earlier will participate in the carnival. (ie. Yrs 4, 5, 6, 7 and eligible Yr 3 students).
- The events range from 50, 25, & 16 metre events in all strokes, as well as kickboard events and relays. There is an event to suit all swimming abilities.

Please ensure your child has all of the necessary swimming gear as well as sunscreen, swim shirt, hat, water bottle and food. A program will be sent out soon.

Swimming lessons
Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to move last week’s swimming lesson to Thursday 5th December. So please remember to send swimming gear on that day.

School Concert
There has been a major change to the date of our End of Year Presentation Evening. It has now been scheduled for WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER. The format will remain the same. Students should arrive at 5.00pm for a 5.30 start. There will be a short concert, followed by the official speeches, academic presentations, farewelling to Year Sevens and school captains announcement. The P&C will also draw the winners of their Multi-draw raffle. This will be followed by a shared supper. All families are asked to bring plate of food, sufficient for all of your family and relatives attending. Just a reminder that his is a non-alcoholic event. The evening should conclude by 7.30pm.

Prep Transition Day
This will be held on Tuesday 3rd November from 9.00am to 11.00am. Anyone wishing to enrol their child for Prep 2014, (who will turn five years old by June next year), is welcome to attend. Uniforms will be available to purchase as well.

Book Fair
Our latest Book Fair was very successful. Our school earned over $600 in commission from the sales. This commission is taken in the form of books for our library. Thank you to all of the parents who supported it. Thank you to Mrs Natalier and Mrs Smith for organising the event.

School Captains/ Leaders for 2014
Next year will be the last year for Year Seven in primary schools. Both of our current Year 5 and 6 groups will move to high school at the same time. As a result, in 2014, both year levels will be eligible to run for 2 school captains positions as well as 2 vice captain positions. All other students in these year levels will be eligible for school leaders badges, provided they have maintained a ‘C’ standard of behaviour. Parents will be advised when the presentation of school captain speeches will be held.

School Handbook
A new school handbook/calendar is being published for 2014 so all families have access to current school information. Teachers will be holding an information session in the second week of Term 1 2014, and the handbook will be distributed then. The session will conclude with a ‘Welcome BBQ’. More information to be posted in the New Year and on our school website.

DATE CLAIMERS...
- Ropehill Christmas Carols will be held on Monday 9th December the Ropehill Community Sports centre. Starting at 6.00pm with a BBQ followed with the evenings programme at 7.00pm steak burgers, sausages and drinks will be on sale. The wet weather venue will be the Baptist Church. All are welcome.
- Year 7 Secondary transition day—Monday 9th Dec
- Sausage Sizzle for students—Thursday 12th Dec
- Report Cards—released on Thursday 12th Dec
- 2014 School year—commences Tuesday 27th January
- P&C AGM 2014—Wednesday 12th February 2014

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Congratulations to our Playground
Buddies for the last fortnight
These students were recognised for their positive playground play over the last two weeks. They have been completely self-managing in their behaviours. Well done students!

Parenting Corner……...
from Michael Grose (Parenting educator)

Sir Alex Ferguson, the recently retired coach of English soccer powerhouse Manchester United drove his players hard. But this renowned hard-task master knew how to get the best out of his players. He was quoted recently: "No one likes to be criticized. Few people get better with criticism; most respond to encouragement instead. So I tried to give encouragement when I could. For a player, for any human being, there is nothing better than hearing "Well done." Those are the two best words ever invented. You don't need to use superlatives.” I couldn’t agree more.

Recognition is one of the most basic of human needs. Few people don’t respond to words of encouragement – “well done”, “good on you”, “that’s great!”
Let your face say ‘well done’ too!
Let your face light up when you give encouragement. Sometimes your words say ‘well done’, but your face says ‘but you could have done better’.

Children are mood detectives. They pick up your non-verbal communication before they hear your words. Any lack of conviction will impact more than the words you say.
So make sure your face says ‘well done’ too.
Amplify with touch
Touch amplifies your words. It drives the words into the subconscious mind. Accompany a sincere ‘well done!’ with a smile and your hand on your child’s arm or back. This will amplify your recognition tenfold, lodging it in your child’s sub-conscious to do it’s real magic.

Keep your recognition simple
Sometimes we search for complicated words to acknowledge or recognise our kids’ efforts. But keep the words simple, make sure you smile and, if possible, accompany them with a gentle touch or a pat on the back. That way it really counts.

And perhaps take a leaf out of Sir Alex Ferguson’s coaching playbook. Give your child recognition when it’s deserved rather than give it willy-nilly. That way ‘well done’ will really impact because it means something.

Chaplain’s Corner

It was a very ‘eggciting’ time for our students who have attended Mrs Thorpe’s lunch time ‘egg challenge’ task. Students had to build an egg cradle, using straws, that would prevent an egg from breaking when dropped from the top of the old library balcony. After much fun and many broken eggs, the eventual winners were Chloe and Anna.
Well done champs!