Calendar of Events

JUNE
18 HRE Student Session
19 Jump Rope for Heart Day
17 All library books returned
18 End of term Sausage Sizzle
21 Netball & Soccer Carnival
   End Term 2
JULY
8 School resumes
19-20 Gatton show
27 Ma Ma Creek Exhibition
AUGUST
6 Caffey Sports Yrs 4-7
9 Caffey Sports P-7
12 Show Holiday

P&C Association
Tuesday 9th July
3.30PM
All Welcome

Happy Birthday
07 Leon Hall
14 Tait Zischke
17 Dennis Meier
19 Mrs Smith
25 Brooke Barton
26 Riley Toohill
29 Tiara Lindenmayer

HAPPY HOLIDAY!
Be careful and safe.

LOST PROPERTY
Please check the school
for lost property.

Note from the Principal...
As we approach the end of semester One, it is worth taking the time to reflect on where our school is at so far. This year, the school has continued to move forward in terms of providing a balanced, engaging, supportive, teaching and learning environment for students’ parents and staff in the following ways:

• Implementing the Australian Curriculum – English, Maths and History.
• Implementing whole school pedagogical practices focusing on Explicit Teaching
• Using data and research to inform teaching practice
• Developing a process of feedback and coaching.
• Develop productive partnerships with students, staff, parents, and the community
• Improve school performance through implementing recommendations from Curriculum audit.
• Plan to transition Year 7 to high school in preparation for Junior Secondary.
• Continue to develop and embed School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program.

This has required a huge effort from all of our staff and I would like to thank them for all of the hard work they do in not only teaching the students, but also their commitment to also being active learners to meet the current EQ requirements. You will probably start to see signs of this as you wander around the school. with many new posters to support the Explicit Teaching work we are using to improve student outcomes. You may also wish to view our 2012 School Annual Report, outlining last year’s achievements and will be published to the school’s website at www.tenthllwss.eq.edu.au.

I would also like to thank parents for their ongoing support in encouraging children to have a positive attitude towards their school work. Teachers can’t do the job of educating the students alone, and you support plays such an invaluable part in determining successful outcomes.

Next term, I will be taking long service leave for the first three and a half weeks, until 1st August. Mrs Peach will be the Acting Principal. Mrs Kellie Tessier will be the contract teacher.

Have a safe and happy holiday and see you all next term.

Commencement of Term 3
Please be aware that school resumes on Monday 8th July. There is no longer a pupil free day at the start of term. Teachers will commence teaching the next unit of work from day one and all students need to be in attendance.

Around the Classrooms ..
Prep—Yr 2 (Ms Forbes) These last few weeks the students have been working very hard on their assessment pieces. For the next two weeks we will be focusing on learning some new classroom routines ready for next term!
Yrs 3/4 (Mrs Peach) Students have been very busy completing assessment tasks. History has been very interesting as we have been learning about what it was like on the First Fleet.
Yrs 5/6/7 (Mrs Kowitz/Mrs Martin) We have been wrapping up a lot of assessment tasks over the last week. There have been some impressive ‘Memoirs’ written in English. Some of the students have given their permission to publish their stories, which are on page 3 of our newsletter.
This fortnight’s positive learning expectation is:
‘Be Responsible with your belongings.’

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...

HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION SESSIONS
Our last session for the students will be held next Tuesday. Prep—Yr 3 will also be involved in a session on ‘Being Safe’ which will focus on teaching Protective Behaviours
The presenter is Robyn Kavanagh who is an experienced facilitator and works for Family Planning Queensland. Parents can also obtain information about ‘Being an askable parent’ from their website, www.fpq.com.au

REPORT CARDS
Student reports will be distributed next Thursday.
At Tent Hill Lower S.S. we report four times a year to parents. Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews were offered in Term One to give a progress update. In Term Two, Report Cards are written to provide half yearly judgements on the standards achieved by your child in the units of work covered during the semester. Report cards will look similar to last year, but with the addition of History being introduced as a new curriculum area this year. On your child’s report card a student who receives a Very Good for Effort and a ‘C’ for achievement is ‘on track’ for their year level and this should be celebrated with the student. It is much harder for students to achieve a ‘B’ or ‘A’ standard, than it used to be and students would need to be operating significantly above the expected year level independently to receive this result. The behaviour comments are also an important indicator of how well your child exhibits behaviours that help him/her learn, as well as how well they interact with and respect their peers. Also of interest is the school absences count. A child can only do their best learning if they are present at school. Absences of more than 10 days a semester usually interfere with the need for learning to be sequential. Too many absences result in gaps of knowledge and understanding. Parents can contact the class teacher directly if you wish to discuss any aspect of the report card.

SCHOOL WATCH
Please help keep our school safe over the holidays.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
The time is drawing near for our ‘Jump Off’ day for our Jump Rope For heart fundraiser. This will be on Wednesday 19th June. Make sure you have asked around family and friends to collect as many sponsors as possible.

End of Term activities
The P&C will be putting on a Sausage Sizzle free for all students. This will be held on Thursday 27th June at 1.00pm. Students will still require their own morning tea. This date is to fit around the Netball and Soccer carnival that many of the older students are attending on Friday 22nd June.

CHAPLAINS CORNER
Being Cyber Smart
As parents we have the responsibility to teach our children how to be safe when they are on the computer or on a mobile phone. We also need to monitor regularly how safe they being when online, show them how to block and avoid risky sites and contacts.
There are many useful resources to help: programs that you can install to guard the safety of your children. It is also comforting to know that the Police and Education Queensland work constantly to protect our children whilst online.
It is worthwhile to explore before you introduce your children to the site. You will find information for young children, primary aged children, teenagers and parents. There are games to play, video clips to watch, quizzes, information - all presented in a way that is appropriate to the age of the child.
Remember it is important to set rules and guidelines for computer and mobile phone use. For example: do not allow your child to have a computer or their mobile phone in their bedroom at night. This way you can ensure they have a good night’s sleep, a most important requirement for basic functioning as well as learning!

P&C NEWS...
Gatton Show Strawberry Stall: All families are required to help out with our major fundraiser for the year. Please see Kym Samuelsen
**Memoirs of a Year 5,6,7 class**

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**My First Singing Lesson**

When I was a little girl about seven. My dad was singing in the car, so I joined in with him. He stopped and stared at me with his jaw wide open. He said, “You have an amazing voice!”

“Can I go in a talent show?” I said, quivering with excitement.

“You have to have singing lessons first” Dad said. So we set off for my first ever singing lesson.

I was very nervous about it. I was so nervous, I could have passed out. When we walked in, my heart skipped a beat. I was shaking so fast that I could have fallen off the chair. I had a thought of me falling over in front of my singing teacher. I was terrified.

But when I saw my singing teacher, I calmed down a bit. Dad had my singing book. He put it in front of me. I started to sing. It wasn’t so bad after all. I had a good time and I was happy to be singing.

By Jelica Year 5

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**Dreaded Storm**

The day I’d never forget, the day the dreaded storm came to our house. It was last year and I was already ten. My family and I were all at home. Dark clouds were already forming in the west. It looked like a storm was brewing up near Toowoomba, on the day I will never forget.

The dark clouds got closer and closer. My Mum told my sister, Patrick and I to shut the window and take the washing off the line. It started spitting, then it got heavier and heavier. We got the washing off the line and shut the windows just in time.

The wind started picking up and I told Vanessa to help me flip the trampoline over. We ran outside, the wind and the rain made it hard to see. The cold chill if the water shivered down my spine as I ran to flip the trampoline. Every time I tried to open my eyes so I could see, water splashed into my eyes and I was blinded. We flipped the wet metal trampoline and sprinted inside so fast that no wild animal could catch us.

We were wet and cold when we got inside. The rest of the afternoon, we stayed inside listening to the rain pour on the tin roof of our house and listening to the thunder and lightening rumble and crash. When it got dark, mum started making tea. We all sat down and ate dinner. The dreaded storm still going.

A minute later the storm started picking up again. The wind and the rain were stronger now and the window started to bend. I thought they were going to break. Just then a massive lightning bolt struck and the lights went out. I started freaking out.

My heart started pounding so much I could not calm down. I closed my eyes and counted to ten and when I opened them the lights had still not come on. My dad ran through the freezing rain to the shed. He turned on the generator and raced back to the house.

I went for my shower and went to bed. My Dad had built a gurgler pipe outside of my window. I could not fall asleep. My brother and sisters went to bed but they fell straight asleep. More and more rain poured in.

After and hour and a bit, I fell asleep and woke up the next morning. I walked out the door and I found big water puddles everywhere. The trampoline was fine, so was the swing set. I was so happy that the windows didn't break and nobody got hurt.

By Danielle Year 5

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**The Girl with Determination**

Determination. This word reminds me of the hard working time it took me to get to the beautiful beach. My mother and father would not budge, they were sticking to their guns. They are hard people to persuade and never give up. I did chores and good deeds to make my parents enthusiastic about jumping in the car like crazy monkeys, but still they didn’t even lift a pinkie toe. That’s when my determination grew more and more. I thought about ways that would make mum and dad realistic about how good the beach really is. I thought about some uplifting words that sound enthusiastic to describe the mind blowing beach. They both looked at me with their staring eyes and looked right into the depths of my soul. I couldn’t take it. It was time for plan B.

I was assured that I would be able to make a fascinating dish for tea that would certainly be rewarded with a luscious beach. But there was an empty feeling in my stomach. There was one incy wincy problem. How was I going to get all the food? I sat down and had a long think. I then had a successful idea. I would make a dish with the food we already had at home. But there wasn’t much food. But I would bare through it. I then set off to work by flipping and flapping food around everywhere and I had made such a fabulous dish. We all sat down and gobbled up the food like wild hyenas and after we were all as full as an elephant. I then washed up the mess as fast as a lightening bolt, and my hands were burning I went so fast. Then it was time. Time to wonder if mum and dad would let me go to the soothing beach, and the answer popped out. Yes. I flew in the air like a fire cracker going berserk. My blood pressure went higher and I was so cheerful. ……..

At the end it all turned out well and I got to go the beach. I had a wonderful time with my family.

By Tahlia, Year 7