From the Principal…

We are looking forward to this evening’s first school function of the year and hope to see as many of our parents as possible at the Parent Information presentation and Welcome BBQ.

If you want the best outcomes for your child then it is important that you become involved in as many aspects of your child’s education as practical. The involvement of parents increases their chances of success when they see school as an extension of home rather than just an institution of learning. Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school. Children copy many of their parents’ views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching.

Unfortunately, it can be very hard for parents to find the time and energy to be involved. However there are still many ways in which you can positively influence your child’s education. There is a range of simple things that you can do.

- Talk with your child about their day
- Hearing young learners read
- Helping with homework
- Making sure your child has plenty of sleep so they are happy to go off to school
- Setting up routines to assist them manage their time well.
- Staying in touch with school news eg newsletters

In addition, your attendance at information sessions helps you understand what your school is trying to achieve for your child. Direct conversations through the correct channels if you have concerns. Be an advocate for your child’s school and promote it’s positive features. Encourage your child to take pride in their school. Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven contributor to student success. We look forward to your ongoing support and partnership with the school.

We also hope you find our School Calendar packed with school dates and school information for 2014.
This fortnight’s positive learning expectation is:

**Use your best manners**

**Play safely**

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

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

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**SCHOOL NEWS...**

**TONIGHT!**

**PARENT WELCOME BBQ, INFORMATION SESSION AND STUDENT LEADER BADGE PRESENTATION COMMENCING AT 5.00PM IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.**

**2014 EXECUTIVE**

At the AGM of our P&C Association on Tuesday, the following people have been elected as office bearers:

- **President:** Janetta Walker
- **Vice President:** Kym Samuelsen
- **Secretary:** Kylie Kilah
- **Treasurer:** Allison Moody
- **Uniform Co-ordinator:** Karen Thomson

Congratulations and a huge thank you to these wonderful volunteers who support all of the children in our school. I hope that all of our families will assist these lovely ladies with all of the planned fundraisers in 2014. All money raised in 2013 was invested back into helping the children with learning, excursions, sports and classroom resources. So make your school the best it can be for your children!

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**ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The following students will compete in the Lockyer Zone Swim Carnival next Friday, Feb 21:

- Kyha Black
- Keely Reinke
- James Samuelsen
- Aerna Spierling
- Tait Zischke
- Kye Zischke

Good Luck! Thank you to the P&C for sponsoring these students through payment of the nomination fee.

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**DATE CLAIMER... EMU GULLY CAMP**

This is the first advice to parents of Year 5, 6 & 7 to mark the dates for our class camp on Wed 26th and Thurs 27th March. The P&C and School have heavily subsidised the costs. This will leave an approximate cost of $55.00 per student to be paid by each child. Parent transport is also required as this helps to reduce our costs. No money is required at this stage, but please start budgeting for this. Forms and more information will be sent home soon.

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**CONTACT DETAILS**

If any of your contact details (phone number, address, employment) has changed over the holidays can you please advise the school. It is important that we have up to date contact details should an emergency arise.

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**GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE**

Our school has received additional funding from the Great Results Guarantee and we need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes. We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to continue to improve literacy and numeracy. Read more about the guarantee at www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee.

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**STUDENT BOOKS**

Could you please ensure that your child has all of their classroom requirements as per the class books lists? I realise that some textbooks are on back order, however some students still require general exercise books and pencils and need these urgently.

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**FROM THE CHAPLAIN...**

**Parenting pearls from Bruce Sullivan**

1. **If It’s Not Fun...** Make It Fun! Humour is a great way to help everyone in your family decrease their stress, increase their mental and physical health and make your “home” a desirable place to live.

2. **Practice Gratefulness...** NOT Cynicism! Gratefulness opens up our hearts, minds and possibilities whilst cynicism shuts down our minds and closes doors for us and our children. Practicing gratefulness can be awesome fun too!

3. **Good Intentions Are NOT Enough!** Children learn what they live by the example we set everyday. Be not afraid that our children won’t always listen to our attempts at teaching... be more afraid that they are watching and listening to EVERYTHING we say and do!

4. **Be Willing To Change YOU** and not them! If we are not getting the outcome we want then it’s up to us to change the way we are parenting. Demonstrating behavioural flexibility takes effort on our part but we know that are children are worth it!

5. **Teach Resilience NOT Helplessness!** Great families have useful language and frameworks to explain the ups and downs of life so everything can eventually be viewed as a positive! “With all this manure...there has to be a pony in there somewhere!”

Chappy Margaret Thorpe
School Leaders

2014 is quite a special year for student leadership in our school. This year is the last year that Year Seven will be part of primary school, before the move to Junior Secondary begins next year. As a result, the decision was made to enable all students who are in their final year, to be eligible to run for School Leadership position in 2014.

We have 16 students in Year 6&7 who will be receiving leadership badges this evening. Because of the large number, for one year only, our school will have Vice Captains as well as School Captains.

Congratulations to our School Captains: Alex Linenmayer (Yr 7), Chloe Hamblin (Yr 6) and Vice Captains: Kyha Black (Yr 7) and Aerna Speirling (Yr 6) who were elected by the students as their leaders.

Other student leaders for 2014 include: Reid Andrews, Nick Burchman, Robbie Gillett, Leon Hall, Ben Moody, Tai Philp, Chrestina Shangara, Jack Coleman, Isaac Lerch, Danielle Walker, Kye Zischke and Milly Harding. These students are expected to be good role models and to demonstrate positive behaviours at all times to maintain their badges. I am sure they will represent our school with pride.

LVNA Junior Netball 2014
3rd May – 20th September
Saturdays at Cahill Park Sports Complex

Fun Net : 5-7 years $30 Sat 8:30am
C-A divisions: 8-13 years $80 Sat 9:30am

Season Dates:
LVRC Multi-sign on days: 22nd February, 1st March
Come and try days: 22nd March (TBC) FREE!
29th March FREE!
Junior Muster: 29th March (all participants to attend)
Easter Netball clinic: 7th – 9th April $40 9am -12pm
Team meet & greet: 26th April & first training session
First round of fixtures: 3rd May
No games: 5th & 12th July

For further information please contact LVNA via lvnanetball@gmail.com, Lisa 0419029105 or Jo 5462 8385

MATHS RESOURCES

Thanks to the P&C, who used funds raised, to purchase Maths resources for the students to use in class. Here the Year 3 and 4 students are using the MAB blocks to support their understanding of place value and number concepts. Every child in the class has access to their own set of blocks in Maths. The students really enjoy these hands on activities. Good Job P&C!