Calendar of Events

MARCH
21 Harmony Day
26-27 Yr 567 Camp
28 Softball/Kanga Cricket Carnival Gatton

APRIL
04 End Term 1

Our school newsletter is published every fortnight and also available on our school website.

P&C Association
Tuesday 11th March
School library
3.30PM
All Welcome

From the Principal…

Our school will received additional funding from the Great Results Guarantee and we have been working on a plan which outlines how use this money will be used to support our students and improve their outcomes. Our school will be targeting the area of improving Reading outcomes for students. There are a number of new strategies being put into place including

♦ Students in Year 3 will be part of an online Reading program called Project 600 which is being run by our region.
♦ Comprehension framework known as SCORE will be taught to all students in Year 3-7 to improve their understanding of skills required to become effective readers.
♦ Struggling readers in the lower grades will receive intensive reading instruction using the new Leveled Literacy Instruction program.
♦ Developing Learning Plans for students who need additional support.
♦ Some additional teacher aide time will be purchased to work with students.
♦ Teachers will be regularly monitoring student performance and readjusting the teaching as required.

We are very excited about these initiatives and I look forward to updating you as the year progresses.

We will be contacting some parents shortly in regards to those students who are directly involved in some of these programs.

Our Great Results Guarantee Plan will soon be published on our school website if your wish to read it in more detail.

Students of the week.

Congratulations to these students for being ‘Active Learner’ in their classrooms.

around the Classrooms ..

Prep—Yr 2 (Miss O’Brien) The P-2 classroom have been busy bees bustling around the classroom getting their English oral presentations written. The little bees are ready to present the book they have been concentrating on. We are all looking forward tomorrow to being a great audience and hearing our friends present their ideas on the picture book they have read.

Yrs 3/4 (Mrs Peach) Some students in our classroom are being involved in an intensive reading program called Project 600. All students in the class will be involved in learning and using the comprehension skills taught in this program. We will be using computers and the internet for web conferencing as well as individual and whole class activities. I am looking forward to implementing this program and I am quite sure it will have positive results for all students’ reading comprehension.

Yrs 5/6/7 (Mrs Kowitz/Mrs Martin) In Science this term we are studying adaptations in plants and animals that assist them to survive in different environments. We will be using this information to create a creature adapted to a certain environment and explain what structural features and behaviours assist the animal to survive in that environment.
This fortnight’s positive learning expectation is:

**Play Fairly in the playground**

**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.

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### SCHOOL NEWS...

#### YEARS 5/6/7 EMU GULLY CAMP

Forms are being sent home today for our annual camp at Emu Gully on 26th and 27th March. Please read the information carefully and return the permission and medical information as soon as possible. The cost of this camp is $55.00 for each student by 20th March. (The actual cost is $165.00 and the balance is being subsidised by the P&C and School budget.) The camp activities are conducted by a qualified instructor. Students sleep in separate girls and boys dorms with the teachers on hand. This camp has received rave reviews from our past students. Emu Gully camp is an important part of our school’s personal development program and has a focus on developing leadership and team building skills. All students are therefore expected to attend. Parent transport is also required to and from camp, as it keeps costs down, so it may be a good idea to car pool. We usually depart from school at 8.30am on the Wednesday and drive to Emu Gully at Helidon in convoy. Pick up time from the camp is 2.00pm on the Thursday. Please contact Mrs Kowitz or Mrs Lund if you have any questions.

#### TEXTBOOKS

It has come to our attention that the Grammar textbook for Prep is not available. So it will not be required. Only students in Years 1-7 will need the Grammar textbook. Due to our multi-age classes Yrs 1 & 2 require Book 1, Yrs 3 & 4 require Book 3, and Yrs 5-7 require book 5 of Grammar Conventions.

#### STUDENT ABSENCES

Already the effect of illness has been felt within the school. A reminder that should your child be absent from school please notify the office by phone or note as soon as possible.

#### DENTAL VAN VISIT

We have been advised that the School Dental Van will be at the school from March 7. Consent forms and information will be sent home as soon as the school receives them.

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### Cybersafety Help Button

Online safety is just a click away with the Cybersafety help button now installed on all school computers throughout the state. The floating icon will be visible on computer desktops and is also available for parents to download to their home computer. It provides students with an easy means of reporting cyberbullying and online concerns. The button is a federal government initiative providing an online hub with 24 hour access to cyber-safety help, reporting options, resources and information.


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### P & C NEWS

A big hello to everyone at Tenthill, I am Janetta Walker the new P&C President. Most of you know me, but if you don’t ask your kids – I’m the BBQ lady.

I extend an invitation to all families to attend our monthly meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month at 3:30pm.

Children are welcome as they read or watch a DVD in the library during the meeting.

At meetings the principal, Mrs Kowitz presents a detailed report about what is happening at school – with the staff, in the classrooms and with the curriculum. The P&C have input in some matters like where or when to hold camps or other excursions. So to find out what is happening come to the meeting.

Early next term we will be holding a Wurst Drive from Schultze’s Meat Tavern. This was successful last year and I am sure will be even bigger this time. Be on the lookout for the order form and requests for packers on delivery.

Some of our ongoing activities could do with more helpers eg the Tenthill Hotel Raffle (4 times a year) and the end of term sausage sizzle (4 times a year).

We have a big project planned for this year and more input will be helpful in getting this project off the ground.

Come and find out what it is......

Janetta
At Tent Hill Lower, we give students awards for their positive playground behaviours every fortnight. Students must receive at least 2 awards per term to receive the End of Term rewards afternoon.

Our school captains, Vice Captains and school leaders for 2014, have all received their badges and sworn an Oath of Leadership to the school. Thank you to their families for attending the Presentation ceremony and supporting them in their Leadership responsibilities and endeavours.

Photo above: School Captains: Chloe Hamblin and Alex Lderabad (centre) and Vice Captains: Kyha Black (left) and
FROM THE CHAPLAIN…

**Taking Time**

Has your year begun with a bang? Do you find yourself once again running from event to event / appointment? Are you finding the weekends are spent in catching up rather than enjoying?

I am currently reading a book about the need to be emotionally healthy. It’s a real challenge for me, not because it’s hard to read! Though in some ways it is…

The author of this book challenges his readers to examine their lifestyles, the busyness of daily life.

Like me you may find you are overcommitted to many things, a sense of obligation drives you to “do the right thing”. I wonder if this is really “the right thing”? By that I mean the right thing for you and your family.

When my children were young, I seemed to spend my time outside of work driving them to ballet, soccer, music, cricket, athletics…. I never seemed to have time just to be myself, to enjoy my life. Foolishly perhaps I have continued this lifestyle of busyness and find that my one day off in the week is spent catching up on what wasn’t done during the week.

Back to that book - I have decided to take up the challenge to look after myself a little more. I may have to learn to say “no” to requests. That will be hard. I would really like to have some more time to enjoy my family, so that will be my personal goal. My family + my own wellbeing. Back to exercise classes!

Take the time to consider what your emotional healthy state needs you to do. Don’t be afraid; make a decision for your benefit.

Chappy Margaret Thorpe

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**LOTE**

Hi, my name is Fiona Chapman and I am the German teacher at your school for 2014. I have spent the last six years teaching both German and Music in the South Burnett and am looking forward to working with the children at your school. I have been impressed with students’ current knowledge of German and have felt very welcomed. I am based at Gatton State School and will be servicing eight schools within the Lockyer Valley for 2014. I have always wanted to work within the Lockyer Valley and am enjoying my new beginning and getting to know the students at your school. Students are currently working on a unit on Families which will involve some revision of previously learnt work, while learning new concepts in relation to jobs and chores that family members undertake.

Alles beste, Frau Chapman