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From the Principal...

This week I had a visit from the Assistant Regional Director, John Webster. His role is to support schools with their school improvement agendas. He gave some very positive praise around our recent Behaviour Audit (now on our school website). Mr Webster said that only 4% of schools in Queensland scored one or more ‘Outstanding’ ratings on it. Tent Hill scored several areas of ‘Outstanding’ practices that are embedded in our school. He passed on his congratulations to our school community for this excellent achievement.

I also discussed with him, the school’s progress around the ‘Great Results Guarantee’ agreement, which we have implemented this year. Our school focus has been on Reading Comprehension. We have recently assessed student performance and compared their distance travelled since last year, recording some pleasing progress across all year levels.

Some of the initiatives that we implemented were:

- Purchasing and implementing the Levelled Literacy program, designed to support students who need a boost in reading.
- All classrooms teach a literacy block including guided reading. Explicit instruction of reading comprehension strategies, known as SCORE, and then further embedding this throughout guided reading and reciprocal reading activities.
- Purchasing and implementing a Pre-lit program, designed to provide students in the early years with essential literacy readiness skills.
- Our school also purchased additional teacher aide time to run these programs.

Mr Webster also acknowledged the excellent improvements in students learning outcomes that we have achieved this year. Most students have progressed either in line with or above the Regional Benchmarks. He was particularly interested in the success of our Levelled Literacy program, as he had observed schools in Victoria also using this resource to improve student literacy results. All in all, it was nice to receive some positive feedback. Thank you to the teachers and teacher aides who have worked so hard to achieve our school goals this year.

Around the Classrooms...

Prep–Yr 2 (Mrs Samuelsen) We have been learning how to subtract, some of us are even subtracting by re-grouping! In English we continue to focus on learning to read, write and follow procedures.

Yrs 3/4 (Mrs Peach) We are beginning our Poetry Assessment this week. It consists of examining a poem and looking for language features such as adjectives, nouns, onomatopoeia and alliteration. We are also writing our own poem which we will publish and present next week.

Yrs 5/6/7 (Mrs Kowitz/Mrs Martin) In Science this term, we are looking at matter—classifying matter into solid, liquid and gas, and looking at the properties of each. We have conducted investigations into the mass of gas, and have made carbon dioxide from bicarbonate of soda, tartaric acid and water. This week we will be doing an investigation into the how well gas can be compressed.
This fortnight’s positive learning expectation is: “Be Focussed”
“Stay focussed on your behaviour and academic goals”

Tent Hill Lower is a School Wide Positive Behaviour School!

SCHOOL NEWS...

PREP OPEN DAYS—NOW TAKING 2015 ENROLMENTS
Please remember the following days and times for our Prep open days this term.
8.30am - 11.30am
Day 4: 14th November—Parent Information & Uniform ordering will commence at 10:30am
Day 5: 24th November
If you know someone who is planning on enrolling at our school IN ANY YEAR LEVEL next year please have them contact the school ASAP.

JUMPROPE FOR HEART
Well done to all the students who participated in our Jump Off last week. The school community has raised over $1500. Congratulations to the Meier, Lindenmayer and Alcock families who were our top fundraisers.

SWIMMING
Parents wishing to collect their child directly from the pool must do so by 2:25pm. Written notification of this would also be appreciated. Otherwise all students will return to the school by bus.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
This year, Mrs Kowitz and Mrs Natalier will be taking all students in Yrs 5,6,67 to the Remembrance Day ceremony at Ma Ma Creek, next Tuesday 11th November. This year is the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War 1, so it is a special celebration. The ceremony will be conducted by the Ma Ma Creek/Grantham RSL Sub-branch and our students will be laying a wreath. We will be travelling by bus and will depart school at 10.15am, returning by approximately 12.00pm.

Please ensure you sign the permission note (on page 3) and return it to school by Monday 10th November.

ADOPT-A-COP
Next Wednesday 12th November, we will officially be adopting our new school Adopt-a-Cop, Constable Amber Belford, at 9.00am. Constable Amber briefly dropped in today to say hello to the students. She will periodically visit the school, to spend time with the students and to deliver some educational programs for students. Parents are welcome to join us next Wednesday for the presentation ceremony.

P&C NEWS
Please remember that next Monday 10th November is Tuckshop day. If your child has ordered Tuckshop, they will still require a short lunch.

BOOK FAIR IS HERE!
Operating from Thur 6 to Tue 11 November.
Open 8:15—8:45am & 3—3:30pm.
This is our biggest Bookfair yet! Don’t miss this opportunity to purchase some wonderful Christmas gifts. The more books that we sell, the more commission goes back to the school to purchase new books for our library. Students will also be selecting their end of year books which are sponsored by our wonderful P&C.

Yrs 6 and 7 transition to Junior Secondary
Please note the next transition dates for the end of the year

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OKTOBERFEST REPORT
On Thursday 16 October two buses full of nervous students headed down to Brisbane for Oktoberfest for Teens 2014. Students enjoyed engaging with activities involving German dancing, singing and games. They were also involved in engaging in activities about Ludwig Leichhardt and tasting German food. Within the day students participated in group work games involving great skill and they were also able to have a ride in side show alley.

There were traditional German clothing on display and congratulations go to two students from Tent Hill Lower State School and three students from Mt Sylvia State School who were awarded prizes for their posters about Ludwig Leichhardt. Congratulations must also go to Flagstone Creek State School for their enthusiasm in participating in a number of games, but other competitors included Glenore Grove State School and a combined Tent Hill Lower State School, Mt Whitestone State School and Ma Ma Creek State School. Our thanks go to the many parents who volunteered to assist us on the day and also to the staff helpers who attended. It certainly made for a relaxing day enjoying German culture.

Alles beste,
Frau Chapman and Frau Newell
From the Chaplain...

October 31st was International Teachers Day, and teachers everywhere are grateful to be acknowledged for the work they do. In our schools we know also that teacher aides work just as diligently for the best educational outcomes for your children. The well-being of your children is important to us all.

As parents we are really the first and life-long educators of our children. We attempt to teach them the important things in life and hope we do a good job. Sometimes it's a bit of a worry to hear or see your child and realize they are doing or saying things we'd rather they didn't. Where did they pick that up from? Are their friends saying or doing things that are a bad influence? Is it a result of what they see and hear on TV, online or DVDs? Do they see us doing or hear us saying things we'd rather they didn't?

My experience of parenthood is the understanding of the beginning of a life-long guilt... did I fail in some small way... could I have handled that issue better... how should I respond to that. The worry for your children apparently stays with you forever, or so my elderly mother warned me.

I remember when my daughter (my first child) was a baby; I was so determined to not make her a "girly girl". Remember this was about 30 years ago! So I dressed her in colours that weren't pink and ensured she had a range of toys that included trucks and dolls. Needless to say as she moved through Prep and school her favourite dresses were pink and purple! I am proud of her now; she is a strong independent woman.

Often it seems our best efforts seem to be powerless against the influences of modern life. Don't despair or give up though. As parents the influence we have on our children is immense and the attitudes and values they develop will come from you. They will model themselves on you whether you like it or not! So remember you are the most important people in your child's life and the love they receive from you is the best gift for their future development that you can ever share.

Chappy Margaret Thorpe

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Yr 5.6.7 Remembrance Day Excursion

I ___________________________ , give permission for my child/ren ___________________________ , to travel by bus to Ma Ma Creek Cemetery and to participate in the Remembrance Day ceremony on Tuesday 11th November 2014.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________