Calendar of Events
MARCH
16-20 Parent/Teacher Interviews
17 Colonial Performance
25-26 Emu Gully Camp
27 Softball/Cricket Carnival
April
2 Last day of term Sausage sizzle

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

P&C Association
Tuesday 12th May
School library
3.30PM
All Welcome

From the Principal…

Principals’ Conference
I attended the 2015 Principals’ Conference in Brisbane two weeks ago. The overarching theme was ‘A great school has another great school down the road.’ While schools are good on their own, they can be even better if they’re working together and sharing best practice and innovations. There was much research presented from a range of guest speakers, who reinforced this message. It is great that in our area there is a really strong supportive cluster of schools which regularly meet and work together.

Also Professor Geoff Masters discussed strategies for lifting student performance. “The single most important strategy to elevate achievement is to ascertain what students already know, then differentiate and help students to see their progress.” At Tent Hill Lower SS., we systematically collect data on the students, to find out what they already know. We tailor our learning programs and strategies around what needs to be learnt so all student make ongoing progress.

Interviews
Next week the teachers will be available for Parent–Teacher interviews. We have developed student profiles which indicate the level of progress achieved by each child. We will also be discussing with the strategies which will be used to continue your child’s ongoing learning. Some students may require some additional support, and this will be outlined in an Evidenced based plan, which parents will be asked to contribute to and then signed off. We hope that as many parents as possible will make the most of these interviews.

Times are as follows:
Mrs Samuelsen: Tuesday—Friday after school
Mrs Peach: Monday—Friday after school
Mrs Kowitz/ Mrs Martin—All day Wednesday

Around the Classrooms ...
Prep—Yr 2 (Mrs Samuelsen) Prep, 1 and 2 have been very busy while Mrs Samuelsen has been away. Students have been looking at a variety of poems in English. They have particularly enjoyed the funny poems. (Miss Quade)

Yrs 3/4 (Mrs Peach) We have been working very hard in class producing our English assessment task, writing about life in 1788. Look at the back page for some of our work. There are even pictures of Mr Seed Head, which is part of our Science Investigation.

Yrs 5/6 (Mrs Kowitz/Mrs Martin) Both Year 5 and 6 have just completed a unit on graphing and are now starting new units. Year 5s are working on 24-hour time while the Year 6s are starting a unit on measuring perimeter and area.

SCHOOL HOURS:
School commences at 8.55am
School finishes at 3.00pm
Please be prompt.
Late arrivals need to sign in at the office.

EVERYDAY COUNTS!
Good attendance is vital to getting a good education as well as the law in QLD.
To make it easier for you, the school now has a mobile phone. You can text absences for your child as well as the reason for the absence. Can still phone on the landline or send a note if your child is sick.
SCHOOL NEWS...

Emu Gully Camp—Yrs 5&6
This is a reminder, that permission forms and payment is now due for our camp by next Thursday 19th March 2015. Emu Gully Camp is our leadership and personal development camp for the older students and is therefore an important part of each students growth and development. If for any reason, your child cannot attend, please notify the school as soon as possible. There is a minimum number required for this camp to go ahead and we are already close to that limit. In previous years, every child that has attended has enjoyed it immensely. Also, if your child is not attending, teachers will need to prepare an alternative work program to be completed. If you require further information or assistance with a payment plan, please contact the office.

Colonial Experience Show
On Tuesday 17th March, we have a History incursion coming to our school. So what is an incursion? Well it is rather like an excursion, however instead of the students leaving the school grounds, the real life learning comes to visit us.

The Colonial Show is a two interactive dramatic educational show for schools that brings to life the British Colonisation of Australia right in front of the student’s eyes. Using authentic props and costumes, the Colonial Show not only entertains, it educates the children as it involves a huge amount of student involvement and participation as the children role-play characters of Australia’s past. The school is covering the full cost of this incursion as it directly related to our curriculum work in History. Show starts at 12.00pm.

Softball/Cricket/Kanga carnival
The date for this carnival is Friday 27th March. Mrs Martin and Mrs Thorpe will be attending as team managers for the Caffey Softball Team. Mr Craig Pearson from Ma Ma Creek will manage the Cricket and Mr Mark Pennycuick from Mt Whitestone will manage the Kanga cricket. Parent transport is required.

THLSS PLAYGROUP

Every Wednesday
9.00am to 11.00am.
Bring a snack, hat and water bottle.

Leukaemia Foundation—Shave for a Cure
Have you got any loose change?
To kick start our fundraising we are asking for everyone to donate their spare change (the coins in the car, the change in the cup at home, the 5’s and 10’s in the bottom of your bag) Every cent counts. Loose change bucket will be in the library lets see if we can fill it!

Friday 20th March: Bullying No Way Day!
This is a National day to take action against bullying. Everyone is to wear something orange to school. It could be a t-shirt, orange socks, shorts, scarf, headband, as long as it is sun safe and school appropriate. Students will participate in some anti-bullying activities. No cost to support this cause!

P&C News
Meet & Greet Wednesday 2.30pm – 3.30pm
Pop in early before picking up the kids! Meet our P&C executives, have a coffee, cake and drink and when the bell rings the kids can have a play while the parents chat away. Meet on the P-1-2 Class veranda.

Wurst Drive
Orders close March 16. For further information contact Gemma Zischke or Melissa Graffunder.
Chappy Corner……

Food for Thought

Honest and trustworthy – does that describe you?
If you saw someone unwittingly drop a $10 note, would you let them know or would you take the money for yourself?
If you were aware that you had been accidently undercharged $10 in a shop, would you tell the shop assistant?
Unfortunately, some people would do the dishonest thing in at least one of those situations. What about you?
If you chose to do the right thing, you would discover something very special. In both instances, the gratitude that you would receive from the people involved would far outweigh any $10 cash benefit. If you are one of those individuals who prove by your actions that you are really trustworthy, you will always be greatly respected by others.
Please remember that one of the most valuable things you own is your reputation.
Guard it well – with honesty.

Marg Thorpe.. Chaplain

German News:
Hello everyone and a belated welcome back to 2015! Students are working very hard in German lessons and have been learning about school and talking about their favourite subject as well as learning to tell the time in German. I have been impressed by the effort students have put in to learning to tell the time and also the focus and enthusiasm that students are showing in German lessons. They will have two pieces of assessment by early next term, a written letter in the form of an in class test and a listening test which will occur during class time.
I am looking forward to working with students this year and in seeing their growth in their understanding of German. Alles beste,
Frau Chapman

Musical Happenings:
It has been my pleasure to begin teaching students music this term. This year we will be covering The Arts during Music lessons. This term the focus has mainly been on Music with some work on developing our dramatical skills.
Students in Years 3 – 6 have been working on learning about body percussion and then developing a body percussion performance in to a drumming performance. I have been impressed by the level of enthusiasm and dedication that students have shown to this unit. They have just completed their end of unit performances and reflections and we will now begin to look at a short drama unit, looking at creating freeze frames.
Students in Prep – Year 2 are working on developing their skills in singing in tune, keeping the beat and clapping the rhythm. They will be beginning to create a short performance/composition based on a learnt song. This class are also working on developing their skills in using expressive voices and creating a postcard freeze.
I am looking forward to working with the students of Tent Hill Lower this year as we explore The Arts. In Musical learning,
Miss Chapman