Thursday, 3rd December 2015

Tent Hill Lower State School
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Calendar of Events

DECEMBER
3 Report Cards
4 Beach Party Swim
7 LDHS Open Day
8 School Leader speeches 9.00am
9 School Concert 5.30pm for 6pm

JANUARY
27 Term 1 2016 commences

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

EVERYDAY COUNTS!
Our school attendance target is 95%.

Thank you to everyone for your efforts throughout 2015 in making every school day count for your child. Your child’s attendance rate has been included in their report card.

Parents must supply a reason for an absence. Either text, phone or send a note stating the reason, your child

P&C Association
Tuesday 8th December
School library
3.30PM
All welcome at our final gathering for the year.

SCHOOL HOURS:
School commences at 8.55am
School finishes at 3.00pm
First arrivals—Bus students 8.10
All other students—8.30am unless by prior arrangement

Farewell Year 6
I would like to congratulate our graduating Year Six class on the completion of their Primary years of schooling. Wishing you all the best in Junior Secondary and in the future.
We will all miss you.
Lto R: Josie, Deanne, James, Chyane, Keely, Ryan, and Dennis

From the Principal...

This is the last newsletter for 2015. It is a great time to reflect on and celebrate the positive things about our school as well as our achievements this year

Firstly, we have really great students at this school. Our kids, on the whole, are really well behaved. They enjoy coming to school and learning. When I walk around the school, it is not hard to notice how calm the classrooms are. When I walk into any classroom, the level of student engagement in their lessons, is very apparent. I’m sure this will be reflected in their report cards which are being sent home today.

Secondly we have really great parents. Without your support, the students would not be able to do their best learning. It is always lovely to see our parents feeling welcome and dropping into the school for a brief chat. Some of my favourite highlights for the year would have to be the ‘Mother’s Day’, the ‘Father’s Day’ and the Grandparent’s Day’ that we celebrated with the children throughout the year. Also our wonderful and hardworking P&C are to be congratulated for their tireless efforts to raise funds that are donated to the school and directly support student learning. Thank you to everyone who has done so much to help.

Thirdly, we have really great staff. Our teachers, teacher aides, admin, cleaner and groundsman, all work with the same passion and dedication to make an unbeatable and tightknit team. If you walk into the staffroom, you would hear constant conversations about how to make teaching and learning better for all of the students. Other professionals who visit are often amazed at how well we work together.

So thank you to all of the staff who make magic happen in terms of student and school improvement. In the words of Nelson Mandela, “Education is the most powerful force for changing the world”. Thank you to everyone who has made a difference in the lives of our students’ education this year.

Wishing all of our families and school community a safe and happy holiday. See you all in 2016.

Around the Classrooms
Prep—Yr 2 (Mrs Samuelsen)
Yrs 3/4 (Mrs Peach)
Yrs 5/6 (Mrs Kowitz/Mrs Martin)

All of the teachers are helping the students to get ready for their concert performance next Wednesday evening. There are a range of items which our Music Teacher Miss Chapman has prepared with the children. We also have a wonderful little Musical which has been especially written by our talented Mrs Smith! The students are having great fun as they polish their performance skills ready for the big night. We look forward to these great productions.
SCHOOL NEWS

REPORT CARDS
Student reports for Semester 2 are being released today. Please take the time to share these with your child and celebrate their positive achievements, especially in terms of their efforts in class. Parents are welcome to make an appointment with teachers to discuss any aspect of their child’s report.

BOOKLISTS
Booklists for 2016 are also being sent home with the report cards today.

LSS SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Well done to all our swimmers who competed in the Lockyer Small Schools Swimming Carnival last Thursday. Although it was a little disappointing to see not all students participating. Congratulations to James Samuelsen who won Boys 11 Yrs Age Champion.

HRE EDUCATION
Our last session of our HRE program for Years 4, 5 & 6 was run yesterday. Mrs Peach and Mrs Kowitz sat in on these sessions to ensure that students remained respectful and to provide follow up clarification if required. Some information for parents has been left at the school for anyone who is interested.

PLAYGROUP
Every Wednesday 9 - 11am.
Playgroup will have a breakup day on Wednesday 9th December. Be prepared for some water activity fun.
Playgroup will recommence in 2016 from early March.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR CELEBRATION DAY
Tomorrow is our ‘Beach Party Day’ as part of our Positive Behaviour Celebrations. This year we are taking the students to the Gatton Uni pool on Friday for the afternoon as a free treat. Students will be allowed to come to school in their board shorts and casual beach tees for the day. However, they must still be wearing closed in shoes.

Students will require the following for the pool outing
- Swimmers
- Bathing cap
- Swimming bag
- Sunscreen
- Lunch
- Drink bottle

Our bus will depart from school at 11.45pm for a 12.00—2.15 swim. We will return to school by 3.00pm.

P&C NEWS
Please remember to keep sending in goods for the multi draw raffle. All donated items must be delivered to school by Tuesday 8th December, so they can be sorted and wrapped, ready for the raffle on Wednesday night.

Lockyer District High School Orientation Day
Year 6 students who are going on to attend Year 7 at LDHS are invited to attend their orientation day on Monday 7th December, 8:50am to 3:10pm. An information session will also be held for parents on the Monday morning from 9—10am. For parents who are unable to make this, a repeat session will be held in the evening, 5:30—6:30pm.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN SPEECHES
These will be held next Tuesday at 9am. Parents are welcome to attend.

END OF YEAR PRESENTATIONS
Students should begin arriving at school around 5.30 pm next Wednesday evening. The students’ concert will commence at 6.00pm sharp and followed by the school awards. Could everyone please bring a plate to share for a light supper afterwards.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES
Next Thursday 10th December, students will enjoy a fun day of activities including a BBQ sausage sizzle provided by the P & C. Students are still required to bring morning tea. Friday 11th December, will be a clean up day.

2016 SCHOOL START
The 2016 school year for students will commence on Wednesday January 27. Staff will be at school on Thursday 21 & Friday 22 January as part of their professional development training.

SCHOOL WATCH
PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP A WATCHFUL EYE OVER OUR SCHOOL DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

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HOLIDAY FUN IN GATTON
Camp Australia Outside School Care runs Christmas holiday activities and child care for school age students at the Gatton Primary school. This runs from Monday 14th December to Friday 18th December and again from the beginning of January to the recommencement of school. If you are interested, visit the website www.campaustrali.com.au or call 0450 256 510, for more information. Child care rebates are applicable.
I would like to wish you safe and happy holidays as you begin to prepare for having your children home all the time! Here is a recipe for biscuits you could make together with your children:

### Star Biscuits

You will need:
- 100 grams margarine or butter
- 150 grams plain flour
- 1 egg
- 75 grams sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon mixed spice
- Baking tray lined with baking paper or greased with oil / butter
- Rolling pin, star cutters

Wash your hands first!

**Method**

1. Heat the oven to 180 degrees
2. Mix the spices into the flour.
3. Rub the butter into this flour mixture – have fun here!
4. Cream the egg with the sugar
5. Stir the egg mix into the flour mixture. It should be like a dough
6. Dust a rolling pin and work surface with flour.
7. Roll out the dough and using the cutters create your star shapes
8. Put the stars onto the baking tray
9. Bake in oven for 15 minutes or until golden brown
10. Allow to cool on tray before putting on a rack or towel.
11. If you wish you can ice and decorate

May your Christmas be a precious time with family and loved ones as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child.