Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY
12 Book Club orders due
16 PBL Meeting
19 Zone Swimming
24 Student leader badges and parent information sessions

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

P&C Association
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 8th March
School library
3.30PM
All Welcome

From the Principal…

Congratulations to the first group of students who have a newly designed BUDS certificates. These certificates are organised around our four school expectations of:

- Be responsible;
- Use Resect,
- Do your best
- Stay Safe

Students receive a certificate when they have been ‘caught in the act’ of using a particular expectation on 10 occasions. Students are expected to set goals and work towards earning all four of these certificates. Once they have achieved this, he/she will receive a special ‘Rainbow’ certificate acknowledging he/she has clearly demonstrated they are following all of the school’s expectation. At this point, the child may also choose a small privilege or prize as a positive acknowledgment of their good behaviour. The staff look forward to next week’s assembly with an even greater number of students receiving their first certificate also.

In 2016, the school has set a small, but very focussed, number of priorities. The most important one will be continuing to improve numeracy outcomes for all students in the school. Teachers and teacher aides will undertake significant professional development opportunities to ensure the best mathematical teaching strategies are being used, the use of diagnostic tests to identify and correct student misconceptions in maths and to provide intervention or extension as required. Teachers will be supported and coached to enable these improvement to occur in learning throughout the school. We look forward to watching the growth of every child in the school as we embark on this journey this year.

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. Also, it is a requirement that absences need to be explained. Please phone us or send a note if your child is sick. Holidays and other non urgent appointments should be scheduled for school holiday times.

Around the Classrooms ..
Prep—Yr 1 (Mrs Samuelsen) We are focusing on our handwriting at the moment. In English we are preparing to make oral speeches. In maths we are focusing on recognising, writing and counting numbers to 20.

Yrs 2/3/4 (Mrs Peach) In English we are working on a unit involving persuasion. The assessment task for this unit requires the students to comprehend and write persuasive writing. We are also learning about nouns, verbs and adjectives.

Yrs 5/6 (Mrs Kowitz/Mrs Martin) Our English unit is based on the Emily Rhoda novel “Forests if Silence”. Students are learning how the author creates character traits through the language used and the character's response to the events in the story. We are working towards our assessment task which will be a written response outlining how a character is depicted in the book.
This fortnight’s positive learning expectation is:
Do your best : Be friendly and positive, Follow School routines, Aim to achieve!

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.

SCHOOL NEWS...

BADGE PRESENTATION
The Year 6 school captain and student leader badges will be presented on a special school assembly. This will occur on Wednesday 24th February at 2.30pm. Parents of these students are invited to attend. This will be followed by an afternoon tea. We would ask any parents attending to please bring a plate to share.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS
Following the badge presentations on the 24th February, teachers will be offering some classroom information sessions for parents at staggered times as follows:
Pre/Yr 1 with Mrs Samuelsen: 3.00 pm
Yrs 2/3/4 with Mrs Peach: 3.30 pm
Yrs 5/6 with Mrs Kowitz (and Frau Chapman): 4.00 pm

Teachers will outline the units of work being undertaken this year. Parent will have an opportunity to see how our positive behaviour for learning system works to support student learning as well as their social development in the playground. Our school calendar/handbook will also be ready for distribution on this day.
Parents are also welcome to participate in an afternoon tea in the library, in between sessions. Please bring a plate to share.

SCHOOL DENTAL VAN UPDATE
The school dentist will visit our school from 25th February. By now everyone should have returned their forms. The school has passed these onto the Dental Van staff who will arrange appointment times. (Please note that our school office does not handle appointments.) The Dental Van has its own phone number: 1300 763 246 to handle your enquiries. One change to be aware of this year, is the requirement for parents to attend appointments with their child.

CAR PARK SAFETY
This a reminder to parents about the safety road rules of the school car park.
- The car park is strictly ONE WAY. Please enter at the Eastern end (creek) and exiting at the Western end. Please observe signage.
- Speed limit in the car park is 5 km/hr. The road outside of the school is 60km/hr.
- Students are to walk in the designated area as defined by the safety concrete barriers, to cars nosed in. Parent should supervise students who cross the car park to waiting cars.
- Students may not leave the school grounds until their pickup has stopped.
- Students must not be allowed to play in the car park. If parents wish to chat, it should be in the safety of the school grounds.
- Always take care to check for incoming traffic to avoid the risk of a collision.

Car park safety is everyone’s responsibility. So lets not wait for an unwelcome problem to occur before we all take a proactive stance on the safety of our students.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN...
A recent newsletter from Childhood 101 caused me to stop and read:
Have you ever made a family bucket list? I know the idea of a bucket list was made popular by a movie as a list of things you want to do before you die but if 2015 taught me anything it’s that we never really know what is ahead of us, so I’ve adopted the idea for family life.
Not a bad idea really. It’s too easy to get caught up in so many things that you have to do… Maybe the idea of a list of things your children and you would really like to do together could be good for you all. Try it out! What have you got to lose?
Chappy Margaret Thorpe

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 and correct contact details should an emergency arise.

P&C NEWS.....
Senior Shirts: this is the last call for any Year 6 parents wishing to purchase senior shirts. Please see KYM ASAP.

P&C Executive for 2016 are as follows:
President—Michelle Burchmann  Vice President : Kym Samuelsen  Secretary: Kylie Kleinahns
Treasurer : Kylie Kilah  Uniform Co-ordinators : Gemma Zischke / Kylie Kilah
Thank you to all position holders from 2015
Jump off Day is 24th March. All money raised must be collected and returned to school by this date.

PLAYGROUP
Our Playgroup has now started for the year. Great to see some familiar faces back again for which we hope will be an enjoyable and adventurous year. Playgroup meets very Wednesday from 9—11am. Bring a snack, hat and water bottle. Welcoming all ages from 0—5 years.

Parenting Corner…….

Healthy Lunchbox

A healthy lunch keeps active kids alert and focused and gives them the nutrition they need every day.

FRUIT & VEGE
Fresh fruit is easy to pack. There is no substitute for fresh. Raw vegies such as carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes, celery and cucumber are also great snacks.

STARCHY FOOD
Use wholegrain, high fibre breads for tasty sandwiches. Cold pasta, rice and potatoes all make great healthy filling snacks. Boil some tricolour pasta, throw in some frozen mix vegies and have cold the next day at school.

LEAN PROTEIN
Tins of tuna or salmon in springwater, boiled eggs, beans, a piece of chicken or beef are all great additions to a lunchbox.

DAIRY
Yoghurts and cheese sticks are the easiest way to provide a dairy option in a lunchbox.

Don’t forget your WATER!

Our school policy:

Packaged snacks are expensive and unnecessary and many do not meet with good nutritional guidelines despite manufacturers claims. Look at the information panel on the lunch snacks and go for low sugar content, low salt and low fat.

No more than ONE treat needs to be packed daily.

Items such as chips, chocolate (including coatings on bars), lollies (including those disguised with fruit juice), bubble gum or soft drink must not be sent to school as they contain unacceptably high levels of sugar and fat.

By providing a healthy lunch you are setting your child up for success and a lifetime of healthy eating

Students Name: ____________________ ______________________ ______________________

Yes a photo where my child can be clearly identified can be posted to Facebook.

Yes a photo of my child as part of a group can be posted to Facebook.

Yes a photo where my child’s face cannot be seen can be posted to Facebook.

No I do not want any photos of my child posted on Facebook. SIGNED: ______________________