Thursday, 25th, February 2016

Calendar of Events

March
1 Footsteps Dance
2 Tuckshop
3 Library Bus
8 Footsteps
11 Book Club forms due
16 Bullying No Way Day
17/18 School Review Unit visit
18 Cricket/Softball Carnival

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

SCHOOL HOURS:
School commences at 8.55am
School finishes at 3.00pm
Please be prompt.

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.

From the Principal...

School Captains and School Leaders
Congratulations to our newly inducted School captains, Tait Zischke and Tristan Kerwick; and School Leaders, Jasmine Alcock, Riely Black, Max Geldmacher, Joey Gillett, Shay Hall, Danny Hamblin, Kiara Hauraki, Elijah Mullins, and Lucas Rodhe. Yesterday these students received their badges at a special assembly, where they swore the Tent Hill Lower School Oath to always take pride in their school, be good role models and follow the school expectations. I look forward to working with these students to help them develop their leadership skills through the year.

2016 Parent Information session
Thank you to the parents who attended the school information session. Teachers outlined the content of the school curriculum and assessment framework. Teachers also discussed how teaching and learning occurs across the school. It was also a great opportunity for parents to see first hand, our new behaviour system in action.

To go hand in hand with this, the school has made available the 2016 version of our school calendar/parent handbook. We hope you will hang these in a prominent place and refer to them regularly. Included, is as many dates as possible (that are currently on hand) for 2016. The information section should be your first go point of reference for any questions you have regarding school routines and policies. As always, the staff are willing to help with other queries. As a general reminder, teachers are usually busy in the mornings with preparation or staff meetings. Please direct all enquiries firstly to the front counter and if necessary make an appointment to see a teacher at a mutually beneficial time.

For those families who have not yet received the 2016 calendar, we will send a copy home with the eldest in the family.

Around the Classrooms ...
Prep—Yr 1 (Mrs Samuelsen) We have now received 3 letters and a postcard from Gumnut. We know that Gumnut is an animal but we don't know what type of animal yet. Gumnut was living in our school and has gone away to investigate some different habitats.
While Gumnut is away we need to find out a way of making our school a healthier habitat for Gumnut and his friends.
Yrs 2/3/4 (Mrs Peach) In English, we are busy working through the assessment tasks for our persuasive units. This involves reading persuasive articles from a newspaper and answering questions. The students also have to write a paragraph trying to persuade a reader of their point of view.
Yrs 5/6 (Mrs Kowitz/Mrs Martin) In Maths, we are learning a range of strategies to solve multiplication problems. The students are using a range of concrete and mental strategies to demonstrate their understanding. Problem solving involves solving unfamiliar...
This fortnight’s positive learning expectation is:
Wk4 : Complete all set tasks in class
Wk 5 : Stay safe in the Playground;
Tent Hill Lower is a Positive Behaviour for Learning 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...**

**SCHOOL DENTAL VAN UPDATE**
The school dentist will arrive at our school on Friday 26th February. Dental staff will arrange the 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.

Yr 5-6 Camp
Students will once again be attending Emu Gully on April 26 & 27. The cost for students will be $55 each to be paid by April 18. Parent transport will be required. Further information & forms will be sent out early Term 2. If you anticipate your child will not be attending please notify the school.

**P & C NEWS**
Uniform Sale—Selling our old stock!! Wednesday March 2 at 2:30pm. Come & join Gemma & Kylie to grab some bargains. Cash only, first in best dressed........

Items for Sale
- Culottes black with yellow pleats $10 (RRP$30)
- Garberdine Skort $7 (RRP$15)
- Rugby Shorts $5 (RRP$10)
- Flying Jacket $10 (RRP$26)
- Fleecy long black pants $5 (RRP$15)
- Surf Hat $3 (RRP$7)
- Library Bag $2 (RRP$6)

Ride the Range—Sunday March 13 our school is one of the stops for ‘Ride the Range’. Your help is needed!! If you can do some baking (wrap individually) or help on the day, please see Kylie Kilah. Thank you.

**FROM THE CHAPLAIN...**
We live in a world of over 6 billion people. Can you imagine trying to keep track of all those faces, those names, those life stories? The magnitude of it all can be overwhelming. Your own significance comes into question. Can a single life, like a drop of water in the ocean, really matter?

Can a single life matter? It certainly does! Many of our world religions including Christianity believe that each individual is precious.

We all know of some of the significant people in the world - Sister Theresa, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela. They all believed in something bigger than themselves and held true to their beliefs through adversity.

“I know I am no great hero,” is probably what you are thinking now. I know that about me too. However heroes are simply people who do what they believe to be right, who put the needs of others first, who consider the needs of their family, friends and community first. They simply don’t put themselves first!

Remember you can be a hero to your children, to their friends, to your friends. Happiness is found in giving to others.

Chappy Margaret

**P&C NEWS.....**
P&C Executive for 2016 are as follows:
President—Michelle Burchmann  Vice President : Kym Samuelsen  Secretary : Kylie Kleinhans
Treasurer : Kylie Kilah  Uniform Co-ordinators : Gemma Zischke / Kylie Kilah
Parenting Corner……..

“What is bullying? Do we mix it up with teasing and other forms of mean behaviour?”

It’s an important topic that needs clarification.

Bullying is a term that’s wrapped in emotion. For many people it’s associated with bad childhood memories. It’s been estimated that around 40 per cent of people have experienced bullying in the past. It’s something that we don’t want to happen to our kids. But I fear it’s being overused at the moment and can be confused with teasing.

Teasing refers to annoying, hurtful behaviour that is used to get a reaction from someone else. Teasing can be persistent in nature, but not always. It’s generally an attempt to get under a person’s skin. It can involve name-calling; it can be personal and hurtful in nature. It can also infringe on another person’s rights. But generally teasing doesn’t have the key ingredients that make up bullying.

Bullying is the selective, uninvited, repetitive oppression of one person or group by another. It involves three elements – intent to hurt or harm; power imbalance; and repetition over time. It takes many forms and guises including physical aggression; verbal abuse; emotional aggression (or blackmail); intimidation; harassment and exclusion.

Why the distinction?
I hear the term bullying misused a great deal in the media and when talking with parents. We run the risk of “The Boy Who Cried Wolf” Syndrome where we become so desensitised to the term that we (or teachers) ignore it when children really are the victims of bullying. We also run the risk of failing to skill our kids up to manage rudeness and teasing if we categorise every awful behaviour that kids experience as bullying.

Our ability to be discerning about bullying is as important as the action we take when we are sure that our child is on the receiving end of bullying behaviour. These actions include: dealing with feelings; providing emotional coping skills, getting others involved; building up a child’s support networks; and building self-confidence that can take a battering.

Bullying needs to be taken seriously. But we also need to be discerning about bullying behaviours.

Michael Grose (Parent Educator)

HAPPENINGS IN THE ARTS
Students in Prep and Year 1 have been learning about Dance and different dance steps. They are learning a class dance as well as learning how to create a simple dance to known nursery rhymes.

The Year 2/3/4 class are learning about Media Arts and how advertisements are used to persuade us. They are looking at how to create a Movie using Moviemaker and they will create their own movie.

Year 5/6 are learning about Drama and the elements of drama including scripted and unscripted performances. They are looking at how to create an unscripted presentation using a stimulus (example, a picture or a short movie) to assist their presentation.

BUDS Awards
Jackson Ziebarth, Tarleaha Grice, Cody Graffunder received our first rainbow certificates.

Week 3 BUDS certificate winners

Week 4 BUDS certificate winners