Tent Hill Lower State School
Growing beautiful futures in the valley of opportunities!
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Calendar of Events

June
10 School Excursion
23 P & C BBQ
   Report Cards out
24 Ball Games
   End Term 2

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

P&C Association
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 9th June
School library

SCHOOL HOURS:
School commences at 8.55am
School finishes at 3.00pm
Drop off time:  not before 8.15am
Late arrivals and early departures need to sign in/out at the office.

EVERYDAY COUNTS!
Our school target is 95% or higher which was met in Term 1. Congratulations.
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…

Moderation
All of our teachers attended a cluster Moderation session in Gatton on Tuesday afternoon. We shared maths assessment tasks completed by our students for Semester One. Teachers compared the standard of achievements with other teachers in the same year level from other schools in our area. Moderation is a great way for teachers to ensure they are assessing and grading students consistently across schools. So parents can be sure that the achievement standard awarded to a student on their report card is of the same standard, no matter which school their child attends. Thank you to the teachers who gave up their time to go to this workshop.

Attendance
This week, students received their attendance awards for the first 5 week of Term 2. (see photo above) Around 50% of our students received awards for having 95% attendance or higher. Congratulations to those students who have achieved this. Staff are well aware that the cold and flu season has started, so we expect that sick students will be absent from school. The main message with these awards, is to encourage students not to have a day off for no reason. To ensure students do their best learning, they need to be at school as catching up is very hard.

New legislation
This week in parliament, new legislation has been passed to make Prep compulsory. This will be commencing in 2017.

Around the Classrooms ..
Prep—Yr 1 (Mrs Samuelsen)
For the next few weeks we will be exploring our solar system. We will learn about the planets, the night sky and day sky. Students are encouraged to bring in any items of interest they may have at home relating to our solar system.

Yrs 2/3/4 (Mrs Peach)
In English, we are looking at true stories and the language used in them. We are looking closely at verbs: past and present tense; and the 4 main types of verbs— doing, saying, relating and thinking/feeling verbs. This is going to help improve the quality of the students written work.

Yrs 5/6 (Mrs Martin/ Mrs Kowitz)  In English we are currently working on persuasive writing. We are reading and analysing ‘The March of the Toxic Evader’ which expresses some strong view points about cane toads.

Attendance Heroes
This fortnight’s positive learning expectation is:
Wk 7: In the library we work quietly; complete set tasks; ask for help
Wk 8: In the toilets we go during lunch breaks; ask to go

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...

Brisbane Excursion
Thank you to those parents who have already returned completed permission forms & payment. If you require any further information about this excursion please contact the school.

Cross Country Success
Well done to all our students who competed in the Lockyer Zone Cross Country on May 13. Our school came 3rd overall!!
Congratulations to Tait Zischke—11yrs Age Champion. Tait has now gone on to compete in the Regional Cross Country, where he placed 8th.

P & C NEWS
Pie Drive Fundraiser
Orders & money due Friday 3rd June with delivery Wednesday June 15. Please support the P&C by ordering your pies. Monies raised will go towards paying for the bus for the school excursion.

You are all invited to take part in our BIGGEST fundraiser

What: Strawberry & Ice-cream Stall at the
When: Friday 15th & Saturday 16th July, 2016
Where: Gatton Show Grounds

Please add your name to the roster (which is located on the Library foyer notice board), every timeslot needs to be filled to make everything run smoothly.

Friday 1:30 - 5:30pm
Saturday 7:30 am-11.30am  Saturday 11:30am - 3pm
Saturday 3pm - 7pm    Saturday 6pm - close

Thank you in advance for volunteering your time to support you P&C which in turn supports EVERY child.

If you need more information or can help with organising please call Kym 0409063838.

Transition to Junior Secondary
Lockyer District High school has contacted us to advise that they will shortly commence transitioning activities for our Year 6 students. These will start occurring next term. Parents of those students are invited to attend an information session on Wednesday 20th July at 5.00pm. Please note this date in your diaries. See the advert for further details.
From our Chappy....

Anxiety and mental health in children

Did you know that anxiety is one of the most common mental health issues in children?

Fearful and anxious behaviour is common in childhood and most children learn to cope with a range of normal fears and worries. But when children become anxious more easily, more often and more intensely than other children, they may be diagnosed with an anxiety disorder.

Here are some signs that your child may need help:

- they feel anxious more than other children of their age and level
- anxiety stops them participating in activities at school or socially
- anxiety interferes with their ability to do things that other children their age do easily
- the fears and worries seem out of proportion to the issues in their life.

For more information use this link: https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/enewsletter/anxiety-and-mental-health-children?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Families%20eNewsletter%20May%202016&utm_content=Families%20eNewsletter%20May%202016+CID_d178a1b780cd89a91330d9ee34ce03ec&utm_source=NewsLetterEDM&utm_term=Read%20more

Marg Thorpe (School Chaplain)

OKTOBERFEST

Oktoberfest for Teens is held every year in Brisbane and students who are in Year 6 in the Lockyer Valley Cluster of schools are invited to attend. This year it will be held on Thursday 13 October and a bus will transport students from Gatton. The cost of the event is approximately $50 and this includes your child’s travel to the event and return, a small lunch and a drink (e.g. water), entertainment at the event and some rides. Students will participate in cultural activities on the day and will meet both students from the Lockyer Valley and beyond who are learning German. It is a beneficial learning experience for all students and a chance to mix with other students who are learning German. A permission note with the exact cost will come out in early Term 3 and will need to be returned by the middle of August. I will inform students of the deadlines when the note comes home. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with this experience. Alles beste, Frau Chapman

ARTS HAPPENINGS

It has been a very busy term for students with a lot of learning experiences happening. Students in the Prep/Year 1 class were exposed to information about media and looked at how to make simple presentation about their family life. They have begun to do some learning in Music looking at beat and rhythm and have just completed a piece of assessment in this area. We will be continuing to look at beat and rhythm along with melody in music. They have also begun to learn a short piece called “Terracotta Pot” and we will continue to develop our musical understandings with this song and they will eventually create a short presentation of this song.

Year 2 – 6 have been working on the Art unit with students creating a drawing, painting and beginning to work on their collages. I have been impressed with the development of the students’ skills in using the elements of art. It will be interesting to see what is created with the collages. Students in these grades will begin their music unit after they have completed their art portfolio. They will require a recorder next term each Wednesday for their work in Music. Looking forward to continuing to work with these students throughout the year,

Miss Chapman