News this week....

Regional Athletics

Congratulations to our three students who have qualified for regional athletics.—Tait Zischke, Tristan Kerwick and David Kilah. I would like to commend the boys for their great sportsmanship and determination to succeed. I know the boys have put a lot of effort into training and working towards their goals. I would also like to mention a big shout out to the other 11 students who also participated in the Zone carnival at Ropehill sports grounds last week. You are all winners no matter where you came in your event. The main thing is that everyone gave it their best shot, in much the same way we have all just seen demonstrated by our athletes at the Rio Olympics. Well done to all of you.

Staff on Leave

Mrs Lund is currently on long service leave for the next 2 weeks. So please be understanding that we are a little short staffed in the mornings. We also have a number of staff sick at the moment so we will do our best to make sure we follow with your enquiries as soon as possible. You may notice Mrs Natalier is filling in for Mrs Lund's Teacher aide portion of her hours. Mrs Natalier will be here for only 7 hours per week across three days—Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday for the next 2 weeks.

Attendance certificates

This week we acknowledged those students who had had great attendance for the first half of Term 3. Students received a certificate if their attendance reached the school goal of 95% or higher. There has been a large amount of sickness and flu going around this term. Provided that the school had received an explained absence of sickness, we have chosen to exempt illness as a factor when looking at student attendance data. So even if your child was ill (and we knew about it) your child may still have received an award. As a result 76% of our students have received these certificates as our way of acknowledging to the students and their families that we value your help with ‘making every day count’ for your child’s education.

Around the Classrooms ..

Prep—Yr 1 (Mrs Samuelsen) This week we have been combining our measuring skills with art design and technology to create a house for our classroom (toy) puppies Rose, Grub and Peanut. Now the rooms are created we need little boxes (muesli bars, toothpaste boxes, tea bag boxes etc) to make furniture to complete our Puppy House.

Yrs 2/3/4 (Mrs Peach) We are currently working on our English Assessments - retelling the story of “The Lorax” from another character’s point of view. We are focussing on using past tense, descriptive language, use of personal pronouns and paragraphing.

Yrs 5/6 (Mrs Martin/Mrs Kowitz) We have just completed making a PowerPoint presentation, of a narrative tale. We are now starting a unit looking at narrative poems.
This fortnight’s positive learning expectation is:

Wk 7: In the toilets we clean up our mess
Wk 8: At eating time we sit to eat; keep fridges closed

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...

Enrolments for 2017
Enrolment packs are available from the office for parents wishing to enrol their child for 2017. I would encourage to do this as soon as possible as it assists with planning and staffing for next year. Please let any new families know they are also welcome to contact the school. We are currently running some advertisements in the Gatton Star to increase our visibility in the local community as many folk do not know about our school and may also prompt new families to get in touch with us.

It was a pleasure to meet some of our new Preps and their families who attended the Open morning last Friday. The next Open morning for Prep will be in November, where we will organise uniforms, booklists and other information in readiness for starting school.

Meanwhile, anyone is welcome to attend our Playgroup to assist with the transition to Prep.

Playgroup
Don’t forget to let people know about our Tent Hill Lower Playgroup every Wednesday morning from 9—11am. Bring along hat, drink and morning tea.

Book Week Dress Up
Students should have brought home a note about our annual Book Week Dress Up day to be held this Friday 26th August. The theme is ‘Australian ‘characters. Students may come to school dressed as their character. We have planned some fun activities for the first hour in the morning. Parents are welcome to be part of this. Students will still need to bring their school uniform so they can get changed after the fun activities for safety reasons.

Please help us stop the lunchbox waste!
Recently, there has been a significant amount of untouched food being placed into the bin after school. Staff have noted uneaten fruit, unopened snack packs, poppers, other packaged items and sometimes sandwiches. As a result, we have asked the students to take home everything that was packed into their lunchboxes of a morning, so parents can also gauge how much their child has eaten. Please have some follow up conversation with your child if needed. We appreciate your assistance with this.

Our school expectation is: Take home all uneaten food.

Firemen Visit
The Prep-1 class had a visit from the local fire station recently. The firemen talked to them about fire safety in and around their homes, as well as what they should do in the event of a fire.

One of the firemen put on his safety clothes to show the children how much equipment they have to carry. The student also got the opportunity to hold the hose and sit in the firetruck. The class appreciated their visit and listened well to what the firemen had to say.
From our Chappy....

No one may be able to detect it by looking at you. All appearances say you are focused. Attentive. Productive. But inside your head you have a secret operation happening. You are singing!

Maybe it’s the last line of a song you heard as you turned your car into work. Or some ditty from long ago that’s been stuck in your head for a week. Occasionally when your defences are down in the shower or in the car and you think you are alone, the song breaks out of your mind through your mouth and into the open, giving the mental cage you’ve kept it in a little breathing space.

Whether or not you can carry a tune, you are made to sing. Not just in your head, but out aloud for all the world to hear. No need to worry about landing a recording deal with anyone. Your body, mind and soul need this release and expression.

So sing out... enjoy the release of endorphins your body will receive and relax just a little! Feel the joy.

Marg Thorpe (Chaplain)

Solve it!  This week, Abbey, David and Jazmine have started to work in an on-line pro-gram called “Solve it!” that will assist in developing their abilities to solve Mathematical problems. Their session is being run by a teacher from Hervey Bay and the other students are from Wheatland’s Wondai) and Oak-enden (near Sarina). We will be talking and using computers together at the same time. It promises to be a very exciting venture. Mrs Peach is also joining in these sessions. These sessions are going to be repeated by Mrs Peach in the classroom on Fridays so the whole 2, 3, 4 class group will benefit from this great program. We will keep you posted about the great things we learn.

Friday 2nd Sept 2016
8.30am – 9.00am

Dads and Grandads are invited to join us for a fun morning of breakfast and games.

Happy Father’s Day

Breakfast & Games Morning
Friday 2nd Sept August 8.30am – 9.00am

Please return this slip with money by Tuesday 30/08 to
Pre-order a Bacon and Egg burger $4.00

Food for Dads and Grandads only.