Friday, 18th November 2016

Tent Hill Lower State School
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Calendar of Events

November
24 Prep Open morning
25 White Ribbon Day
28 Whole school excursion to Darling Downs Zoo

December
1 Swimming Carnival
7 School concert
8 Report Cards
End of Term BBQ

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

remembrance day

Our Remembrance Day ceremony, organised by Frau Chapman, was a well run and respectful ceremony. Well done to all students for showing pride in our history and respect to those who lost their lives in war.

News this week...

With the end of the school year in sight, all classes have been very busy finalising assessment pieces. Although we have mostly completed testing, students are expected to be engaged in curriculum learning activities until the end of the school year, to prevent gaps occurring in their learning and to be ready for the following year level of work. This means that attendance every day is critical.

Over the next two weeks, Teachers will be using all of the assessments from across the semester to form balance judgements about each student’s year level standard that has been achieved. You may be surprised at the large amount of time that teachers spend in collating assessment data and writing student report cards, to provide as much information as possible to parents in regards to their child’s achievements. If you would like to have an interview regarding your child’s progress, please come in or ring to make an appointment.

The end of year presentation evening is only a couple of weeks away and there is so much to do to be ready for our spectacular. The Year 6s especially have been busy learning their lines and practicing them every morning, and we are learning the songs and dances that will complement the story. This year, the concert is based on Roald Dahl’s book, “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” and Mrs Smith has been working particularly hard sorting out scripts, songs, characters, groups and so on to make this concert one of the best.

Mrs Kowitz is due to return from her Long Service Leave this coming Monday. Mrs Martin in particular is ready to welcome her back! We hope she comes back revived and ready for the last few hectic weeks of the year.

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First Bell: 8.55am
Last Bell: 3.00pm
Late arrivals and early departures need to sign in/out at the office.

Absentee Hotline
0475832584
Please use this number only to text absences as it is only checked once a day at 10.00am

Other matters such as changes to students’ routines or collection from school should be communicated directly through the landline - 54627109

P&C Association
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 6th December
School library
3.30PM

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This fortnight’s positive learning expectation is:

Wk 7: In the toilets we: Wait our turn
Wk 8: At eating time we: Eat our own food; Ask to move

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...

Whole School Excursion
Attached is an information/permission form regarding our excursion to Darling Downs Zoo on Monday November 28. Permission form and money are to be returned to the school by Wednesday November 23. Thank you to the P&C for their assistance with the cost of this excursion.

Book Fair
Thank you all who supported our recent Book Fair. The school was able to purchase approx. $660 worth of books for the library. Well done!

Enrolments for 2017
Enrolment packs are now available from the office for parents wishing to enrol their child/ren for 2017. Enquiries welcome. If your child will not be returning to our school next year, please inform the office. We are presently giving consideration to class numbers for 2017 and an accurate enrolment expectation is important for this.

White Ribbon Day Breaking the Silence in Schools
We are supporting White Ribbon Day on Friday 25th November. White Ribbon Day is the world’s largest movement of men and boys working to end men’s violence against women and girls, and to promote gender equity, healthy relationships and a new vision of masculinity. White Ribbon Australia, as part of this global movement, aims to create an Australian society in which all women can live in safety, free from violence and abuse. Students are asked to wear something white for the day.

Prep Open Morning
Our next Prep Morning will be Thursday Nov 24.

9am—11.00am

Children enrolling in Prep in 2017 are invited to come along and meet their future classmates and experience the classroom in readiness for next year.

LSS SWIMMING CARNIVAL
All students born 2007—2004 will compete in the Lockyer Small Schools Swim Carnival on Thursday 1 December at the Gatton pool. 8:30am start, 12:15pm finish. The carnival will consist of a variety of events for all swimming abilities. Transport to and from the carnival is the responsibility of parents. This carnival is a school day and students not attending the carnival are expected to be at school. A program will be distributed soon.

P&C News
Please start sending in donations for our end of year concert raffle.
From the Chappy...
I’d like to share the latest mailing from Asperger’s Experts, an organisation built by two young men who have grown up with Aspergers. They are putting their life experience to some practical use for people who live with Aspergers. However this advice is very useful for all children!

**Q: Where does anger come from?**

**A:** At it’s root, anger always arises from violated expectations. To put it simply, expectations are your “shoulds”. We all have beliefs and rules about the way we think things, people, events, ourselves, etc. “should” be, or how they’re going to be. When these “shoulds” are violated, anger and disappointment tends to be the natural response.

For example: Your computer breaks down. It *should* be working, but it isn’t. So now you’re angry, and you suddenly feel the overwhelming urge to slap a fish (long story, don’t ask.).

Yet another example: You told little Johnny that we’re having spaghetti (his favorite) for dinner tonight, but you didn’t have time to go to the store. So we’re actually having chicken tonight instead. Little Johnny was expecting spaghetti so he get’s really upset and has a meltdown.

**Q: Cool, thanks AE. Now what the heck do I do about it?**

**A:** You’re welcome! Well, now you just master the subtle art of *expectation management*. Actually, it’s not really subtle. It’s pretty simple.

The next time you see a potential disappointment on the horizon, or when you might have to deviate from the norm let your child know well in advance. Will it stress them out? Probably. Is it still preferable to them having their expectations for what “should” be shattered in the moment? Definitely. When we manage other’s expectations by being straightforward about what’s realistically possible it’s a way of vaccinating them against future anger and disappointment.

For the expectations and protocols that are longstanding (bedtime routines, homework rules, video game privileges, etc.) you need to co-create plans and protocols together. Some examples of this would be creating a menu plan as a family, or drafting a **Responsibility agreement** with your child. This takes some time to do properly, but it’s absolutely worth it.

Hope you found this helpful!

P.S.- **Responsibility agreements** are the single most effective tool we have ever seen for managing expectations and drastically reducing conflict in the home (or office, classroom, etc). If you’d like to learn all about how to set one up you can find that here.

Asperger Experts LLC, 1425 Broadway #20-6970, Seattle, WA 98122
https://www.aspergerexperts.com/go/missinglink/

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Mrs Smith travelled to New Zealand last week to participate in the Australian Women’s touch football 35s mixed team where they won GOLD. Then Mrs Smith participated in the Pan Pac women’s 30s touch side at the Gold Coast where they won SILVER. Congratulations on your successes.