Calendar of Events

September
16 End of term BBQ
16 Soccer/Netball carnival
16 School breaks up

October
3 Queen’s Birthday holiday
4 Term 4 commences
12 Grandparents Day
17 Student free day

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

P&C Association
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 13th September
School library
3.30PM

SCHOOL HOURS:
Supervision of students commences at 8.15am
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

News this week…..

Father’s Day Fun
The Father’s Day celebrations were lots of fun last week. Lots of food, lots of fun activities and lots of laughs. The tug of war was certainly a test of determination and strength. Lots of our dads worked up quite a sweat! Thank you to the dads and granddads who were able to join us last Friday. It was hard to tell who enjoyed themselves more ….the students or the grownups!

Book Week Dress up day
There’s nothing like a good old Aussie themed dress up to bring out such an interesting array of characters to celebrate Book Week. We had drovers, Magic Pudding, Lamington Man, Royal Flying Doctor, footballers, swagmen, redback spider, Blinky Bill, Bad -Tempered Ladybug, Koala in a tree, Grandma Poss, Ned Kelly, Bindi Irwin etc. We started the day be singing Australian bush songs, followed by an Australia Story. Our grand parade of costumes was followed by a bush dance. Lots of fun was had by all. It was impressive to see that every child came dressed as a character. Thank you to all of the parents who joined in the fun. as well.

Principal’s Cluster Meeting
Last week I attended the Lockyer Cluster Principal’s meeting at Lake Clarendon. All Principals shared their school data to compare Mathematics results in NAPLAN. Lockyer District High also shared results of past students, so feeder schools could better gauge effectiveness of teaching practices. Schools in the Lockyer cluster work cooperatively to share practices and so all students can improve and make the transition to Junior Secondary easier.

School attendance Meter
Our current school attendance for Semester 2 is sitting at 91.7%.
While we know that many students have been ill this term, please remain focussed on making sure that your child attends school on every day they are well.
Please remember to contact the school providing a reason for the absence.

Around the Classrooms ..
Prep–Yr 1 (Mrs Samuelsen)
We are currently learning about different writing texts. In Maths we are looking at chance & data and following up on number and shape revision.

Yrs 2/3/4 (Mrs Peach)
We are working hard in our room to complete assessment tasks in Maths, English and History.

Yrs 5/6 (Mrs Martin/Mrs Kowitz)
In Maths we have learning about decimals and additional & subtraction computations strategies. It is good to see the students getting more confident in these areas.
This fortnight’s positive learning expectation is:

Wk 9; In the toilets we go straight there and back
Wk 10; After school we sit and wait patiently

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...

Netball/Soccer
Most students in Year 5 and 6 will be attending the Netball/Soccer carnival in Gatton next Friday. All students require parent/private car pooling transport, to and from the sporting venues. Net ball is at Cahill Park, Soccer A is at Gatton Soccer Club and Soccer B is at Gatton SS. Students should take their own lunches on the day.

Last day of Term
For all other students, there will be a free Sausage Sizzle here at school on the last day of term. This is being provided by the P&C Association. Students will still require their morning tea.

Term 4
A reminder that Term 4 commences on Tuesday Oct 4.

Regional Results
Earlier this week three students represented our school at the Regional Athletics Carnival at Harristown SS. David Kilah, Tristan Kerwick and Tait Zischke are to be commended for their fantastic efforts and great sportsmanship on the day. Well done boys for doing your best!

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. 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.

Swimming
Swimming will commence next term in Week 3 (Oct 20) for 5 weeks. The cost will be $20 per student. This includes access to 2 coaches, bus fare and entry to the pool. This amount has been heavily subsidised through the Learn to Swim grant and P&C contributions reducing the real cost of $35. So all in all is a significant bargain to access these swimming lessons. No money is required until next term.

School Watch
Help us keep a watch on our school in the school holidays. If you see anything amiss please call the School Watch Hotline: 131788

Gatton Swimming Club
Sign on night—Sept 12, 5:45—7pm. Visit web site for more info www.gattonswimmingclub.net

BUDDS AWARDS
Rainbow Warriors

Week 8

Week 9

Ice Cream
Ice cream, it is like a dream.
Flavorous food, so sensational beautiful food, so lovely.
It tastes like chocolate butterflies teasing the mouth.
It feels like a river of cold flavoured cream, they are too good to be true.

By Caleb Adams
From our Chappy..... Ten literacy tips for parents and caregivers

Parents and carers can have a big impact on their children’s education. By providing learning opportunities and support at home you can help encourage learning from an early age, right through to high school. Here are some fantastic literacy tips and inspiring ways parents and carers can be more involved in children’s learning.

1. **Make books important** - Turn off the TV and devices and read for half an hour. Talk about what you are reading and/or read with your child, depending on the age group.

2. **Visit the library** - Help your children borrow books and borrow yourself. Talk about your choices (authors, topics, book types) on the way home.

3. **Make books available** - Have a range of books available in your home to read anytime.

4. **Write together** - Compose greetings together for birthdays and other special occasions, whether a card, letter, email or a puppet play.

5. **Set up some correspondence** - Arrange for a family member or friend living away from you to correspond with your child via mail or email.

6. **Discuss the news** - Talk to your children about family events, trips, and local and national news events that are appropriate for their age. A strong vocabulary is important for oral language, reading and writing.

7. **Help your child with homework** - You don’t need to be an expert on each task. You can support your child to think through how they should plan their time and complete the task. Just being there, expressing an interest and saying you want to help can make your child feel supported. [https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/homework-tips](https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/homework-tips)

8. **Get support if you need it** - If you struggle with reading or writing, or have a language background other than English, use the support that is offered through the school, local library or community centre, or contact the Reading Writing Hotline.

9. **Be selective about TV programs** - Try to have a family night and watch something suitable together and talk about the show afterwards. The program might create an interest for future reading or research into a topic.

10. **Do things together** - There can be lots of talking, reading and writing involved when planning and participating in family events. Get your children involved in the process.

Download the free Learning Potential app for lots of other useful tips and ideas to help you make the most of the small opportunities in your busy day. [https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/](https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/)