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Message from the Principal

Welcome back to the 2017 school year. Our school motto is ‘Learning, Integrity and Growth.’ After one week of school our students are settled in class and learning. We care for the future of every child, so we expect each child to make twelve months’ growth regardless of their current learning level. For this to occur we need parents and the school working in partnership.

I am pleased to welcome a number of new families to our fantastic school. We also welcome some new staff: Mrs Katie Martin – Year 3, Mr Michael O’Neil – PE and Year 5 and Mrs Jade Anderson Year 5. Welcome also to our 4 classes of prep students. Taranganba also has a new Chaplain – Mrs Jakki King who will be working Wednesday and Thursdays.

We had many successes last year and we will continue to build on these in 2017. The Taranganba Way of Reading still remains a priority within our school to ensure that all students are able to read critically and effectively. We are very proud of our school and look forward to a productive and positive year.

Katrina Jones
Principal

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2017 School Term dates

Term 1 – 10 weeks

Easter Holiday – 3 April – 14 April 2017

Term 2 – 10 weeks

School Recommences – Tuesday 18 April
Winter Holiday – 26 June – 7 July 2017

Term 3 – 10 weeks

School Recommences Monday 10 July 2017
Spring Holiday – 18 September – 29 September

Term 4 – 10 weeks

School recommences – Tuesday 3 October
Summer Holiday – 11 December – 19 January

Student Attendance

- Regular attendance is vital for academic and social/emotional success for your child.
- If your child is sick please contact the class teacher or the school office to notify how long they will be away from school. All student absences require an explanation – this is a legal requirement.
- You will receive a text message at 9:30am if your child has not arrive at school for the day or there is no explanation for their absence.
• **School instruction commences at 8:50am.** Students need to arrive before this time. If your child arrives after 9am, they will need to go to the school office to collect a late pass.

• If your family is away for family or cultural reason for 10 or more days you will have to apply for an **exemption from compulsory schooling.** Exemptions need to be applied for and approved by the Principal **before** you travel. Families should plan their holidays to align with the school holiday times.

**General Messages**

**Uniforms** – It has been great to see our students wearing their Taranganba uniform with pride. A reminder that jewellery is not part of the uniform.

**Hats** are required **every day** at school – for PE lessons and lunch breaks. We are a sunsafe school. Sunscreen is available in every block and students can apply this at break time. It is a good idea to apply sunscreen before their arrival at school.

**Medical Conditions** – Parents please ensure that your child’s medical conditions are current on their enrolment form. If there have been changes over the break, please update their records.

**Parent Meetings** – will be occurring over the next few weeks. If you cannot attend, ensure your child’s teacher has your email address as they will send information covered in the meeting including routines, timetables, school and class rules and consequences, curriculum and assessment tasks. If you do need to contact your child’s teacher, email is a great tool to use. A reminder that classrooms before school are a very busy place and are not the best time to meet with teachers for in-depth discussions. Teachers use this time to prepare for instruction for the day. After school, teachers are involved in meetings, preparation and resource collection and may not always be available to meet with you. If you need a lengthy discussion, an appointment is a great idea.

**Punctuality** – School instruction commences at **8:50am.** It is important the students arrive before this time so they can prepare for the school day. If your child is constantly arriving after 9am, they miss vital instructions and a significant proportion of the curriculum. 15 minutes a day does add up to 1 hour a week, 10 hours a term. Being punctual and prepared is a necessary attribute for future life and work.

**School Communication** – The best way to keep up to date with information is this newsletter. It is emailed every Thursday. If you do not have internet access, a paper copy can be accessed for the school office. The newsletter can also be accessed from the Q parent app and our website. Also ‘like’ us on facebook to receive emerging information or quick reminders.

**Traffic and Parking**

Parents and community members are reminded that school areas are **40km traffic zones** during drop off and pick up times. The local police are working with our school to ensure the safety of our students by regularly checking our school zone. The flashing lights are a reminder of the school zones.

To assist with the Traffic Zone – Stop Drop and Go, please ensure you drive through to the end and have a card with the family name of the child you are picking up. Teacher Aides are on duty until **3:20pm.** If students have not been picked up by this time, they will be taken to the school office as they cannot be left unsupervised.

**Parking outside the Administration building and D Block is by prior arrangement with the principal.** This area is for students with a disability or medical condition and is not a general pick up or drop zone.

**After school Arrangements** - Please ensure your child knows the arrangements for how they are getting home **before they leave in the morning.** Ringing to leave messages at 2:30pm is not an adequate means of communication.

**Uniform Shop**

Welcome back to all our families at Taranganba!

The Taranganba hats have arrived if you have placed an order or need to purchase a new hat. Other items ordered will arrive in the next two weeks.

**2017 Senior Shirts:** Order forms for the Senior shirts have been sent out to the Year 6 classes. Please note we can only accept cash. **Orders and money need to be received by Friday 10 February.** The shirts will be delivered the first week of Term 2.

**Geraldina – Uniform Shop Convenor**

**Tuckshop News**

The Tuckshop is up and running after recent renovations have been completed.

A new Tuckshop menu will be emailed to families with new menu items and pricing.

Register for Flexischools, a fast and easy way to order your child/ren lunches. Go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and follow the prompts.

**Reminder: Tuckshop is closed on Mondays. Brown paper bags for orders are available for 15c.**

We are looking for volunteers to help in our Tuckshop so orders can be delivered quickly and smoothly for your children, so if you have any time to spare to help please phone the office or go directly to the Tuckshop.

**Thank you! - Chris Boorer - Tuckshop Convenor**
Library News
Bookclub brochures have been distributed to classes. Cash cannot be accepted for payment please read the brochure for payment options. Home Readers and book borrowing will commence next week for students.

Rockhampton District Sports Trials
Upcoming sports trials for 10-12 year olds (Turning 10,11 or 12 this calendar year):

Thursday 2nd February – Volleyball 12-15 years, Girls 9am and Boys 10am.
Venue – Heights College

Tuesday 7th February – Basketball 10-12 years, Girls 4pm-5pm and Boys 5pm-6pm.
Venue – St Mary’s Primary School (Nobbs Street)

Wednesday 8th February – AFL 10-12 years, 4pm
Stenlake Park

Parental permission forms are available at the office or PE room. Please be advised that these must be signed and returned to the school office no later than 2 days before the trial.

Monday 13th February – Swimming Nominations Due – Nominations from QSA sanctioned meets in current season only (NB No Rockhampton District Trial, nominations are for Capricornia Team to compete at State Titles at Chandler 26-28th March) Please see Mr Bird or Mr O’Neill for paperwork.

School Swimming
In term 1 our year 2, 4 and 6 classes will participate in swimming. Please note - Not year 3/4A. Permission forms will be sent out on Monday of next week with swimming commencing on Monday 13th February. The cost for this year will again be $40 for 6 weeks of lessons.

Sporting Schools After School Sport
Formally Active After School Community Program
Sporting Schools after school participation is a great way to give student’s access to sports based activities after school.

This term we are offering “Athletics/Bootcamp”, so if you would like your child/children to participate please collect and complete a form at our Administration office. All forms are to be returned by Friday 10th February.

Please Note: We will not be accepting any enrolments after this date. Children MUST have a sunsafe hat otherwise they will NOT be able to participate.

The 7 week program will start after school on Tuesday the 7th February from 3:00pm – 4.15pm and will be as follows:

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All children participating need remember their hats, water bottles and a healthy after school snack and meet in the large covered area just after 3:00pm. Parents need to collect their children from this area promptly at 4:15pm.

School Banking
School Banking will start next week (Thursdays) for the year. If you would like to start school banking for your child/ren, all you need to do is pop into our local Commonwealth Bank Branch and open a Dollamite account or go online commbank.com.au. Bank books and money need to be in the bank box at the Library by 9.30am every Thursday. Please have your child’s name and class on the front of their bank wallet.

Helping Hands
Outside School Hours Care - Ph: 0427 001 821
e-mail: taranganba@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au
COMMUNITY NOTICES

CAP COAST LEARN 2 SURF

Weetbix Surf Groms is a fantastic Learn 2 Surf Program that is specifically for children between the ages of 5-12 years. Capricorn Coast Learn 2 Surf has been running the program since its inception and believes it is the best child surfing program in Australia. Saturday morning classes in Term 1 will begin on the 11th of February. For further information call Pat at Capricorn Coast Learn 2 Surf on 0488076595.  [http://www.surfgroms.com](http://www.surfgroms.com)

YEPPON SWANS AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

JUNIOR SIGN ON DAY

The Yeppoon Swans sign on day for 2017 will be held at Swan Park, Cordingly Street on Saturday March 4th. Come along to Swan Park and give Aussie Rules a go. The junior sign on is on from 11am-1pm. Sign on fees this year are again only $95 for Under 9’s, 11’s, 13’s, 15’s and 17’s and $75 for Under 7’s for an 8 week program which includes an AFL Auskick pack. Under 7’s who have already registered in any AFL Auskick clinic in 2017 play for free (please bring your receipt from your registration). There is a reducing fee structure in place for families who have more than one child to sign on. New players who are planning to sign on please bring along a birth certificate for proof of age. Training starts on Tuesday March 7th from 4.30pm-5.30pm for U13’s, 15’s and 17’s and will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays from that date. The Under 7’s, 9’s and 11’s will start training and games after the Easter holiday break.

For further information please contact Stephen Bird on 0403309434.

Helping Hands Taranganba

Outside School Hours Care
Before School Care: 6:30am-8:30am
After School Care: 3:00pm-6:00pm
Vacation Care & Pupil Free Days
6:30am-6:00pm

Enrol your children today!