I was interested to read Senator Simon Birmingham’s comment about the lack of the teaching of phonics in schools and formalised testing of Year 1 students. Taranganba has always taught phonics and has thorough school programs on Phonics, Spelling Rules and Generalisation that are taught from Prep to Year 6. These programs have been developed by the school, based on extensive research and the skills and knowledge of our teaching staff. Every year level has checkpoint to ensure students are learning these fundamental literacy skills. In Prep we start with an oral language program where students are identifying rhyming words, producing rhyme, searching for letters etc. This week literacy support in phonics has commenced for students in Years 1 and 2 and from next week a before school program is available for Year 1 students. Our learner drivers must have 100 hours to achieve their provisional licence and even then their driving skills are still not great. Therefore it would make sense that our young learners need significant practice, so as parents and teachers we need to work together to support our learners. How can you help as a parent? Ensure regular attendance so they are present for the new learning and the follow up practice, work with your child at home with rhyming and word games, listening to them reading, reading to your child, cutting up newspapers and magazines to search for letters, words, pictures and completing the homework tasks. You can also check with your child’s teacher for more suggestions and activities. By working together we can achieve growth and improvement for our students.

Our automotive text messaging service commenced this week. School commences at 8:50am and teachers are marking the roll at this time. If your child is arriving after 9am they will need to collect a late slip from the office. At 9:30am, if your child is absent from school and we have received no explanation for this, a text message will be generated. You will then need to contact the school to verify your child’s whereabouts. As a school our goal is to achieve 95% attendance. Attendance at this level ensures that your child will have every possible chance of improvement – academically, socially and emotionally.

Our tuckshop is looking fabulous after its refurbishment. A big thank you to Craig Lanson from Yeppoon Betta Home Living for coordinating and managing the work. There were many parents and school community members who assisted with the work who are listed in the Tuckshop section. Thank you to them and to Chris Boorer our Tuckshop Convenor for all of her work in getting our tuckshop up and running for the year.

Katrina Jones
Principal

New Staff Member:  Jakki King- School Chaplain
My name is Jakki and I am the Chaplain at the school.  My role is to provide Pastoral Care to students, staff and parents. Over the last few years I have been studying a Masters of Counselling and have co-founded a local Peer Support Network.  I commenced the Chaplaincy role at Taranganba only a week ago.  The children know me as Chappy King.  I have been a Taranganba School parent since 2011, where my eldest child is in Year 6.  I really enjoy music and you may sometimes find me playing the piano alongside some of the talented music groups at school.  I work at the school on Wednesdays and Thursdays and I am available anytime on these days.  Looking forward to meeting you.
General Messages

- There are still some students without hats. A sunsafe hat is needed every day for play and participation in PE lessons.
- Each year The Morning Bulletin runs a special Prep photo feature. The photographers will be here on Wednesday 15 February at 12pm to commence taking the pictures of our 2017 Prep students. Parents are asked to ensure all students are in full school uniform. The actual photo feature “My First Year” will appear in The Morning Bulletin on Wednesday 22 March.
- A big thank you to the Yeppoon Wesleyan Methodist Church for giving the school stationary supplies for some of our students in need.
- Thank you also to the parent who wants to remain anonymous who supplied 5 pairs of new school shoes for needy students.
- Year 6 camp letters have been sent out this week.
- Get Microsoft Office 2016 for free, just for being a student at our school. For further information visit: www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016

Uniform Shop
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 now operating. We have had wonderful feedback in relation to the new menu. Please register for Flexischools, a fast and easy way to order your child/ren lunches. Go to www.flexischools.com.au and follow the prompts. Thank you to the Raddon family for the continual generous donation of pineapples. Special thanks to Penn and Craig Lanson and staff of Betta Home Living for organising the Tuckshop renovations. A further thank you to the following businesses for their contribution in the installation of the new kitchen: Keppel Kitchens, Lindsay Jones Tiling, Nuflow Central Queensland -The Drain Specialists, Keppel Coast Electrical Services, Shaun and Cilla Goode-Goode Refrigerators and Air Conditioners.

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

Chris Boorer - Tuckshop Convenor

Library News
We have had a very busy couple of weeks - it has been great to see so many of our students keen to be in the Library to borrow and hang out at lunchtime.

Book Club - please refer to note about payment. We CANNOT accept cash! Online and at school orders are due by Friday 10 February (but we usually leave the online ordering open for a few more days).

Mindful Mondays: Mindful Monday will be starting again next Monday at second break - this is a time for children to do some mindful exercises, learn about meditation and do some colouring in. If you think your child might benefit from this, please encourage them to come along. Other lunchtime activities will be online soon. Watch this space.

Overdue Books: We are very impressed with the number of students who have returned overdue books. It is so great to see these items returned. Students with overdue books will continue to receive reminder notes. Student borrowing may be limited depending on the number of overdues they have. These students will be allowed to have an "in the classroom" book.

Livingstone Shire Library Book: We currently have a "Wheels" magazine that was returned here by mistake, if it belongs to you please come and collect it. “Children should learn that reading is pleasure, not just something that teachers make you do in school.” Beverley Cleary. Happy Reading, - The Library Ladies
Sport News

Rockhampton District Sports Trials

Last week a note was sent home to all eligible students (10, 11 and 12 year olds) with an outline of when trials will be held and a permission form. It is great that we have already received a number of nominations back this week! Rockhampton District Sports geographical area spans from the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton and out to Mt Morgan and Moura. Most trials are 12 year old trials which means some Year 7 students in high schools from this area are able to trial. The exception is Rugby League and Netball which have individual teams for 10, 11 and 12 year olds for Rugby League and 10/11 and 11/12 year teams for Netball. For a 10 year old to make a 12 years team they would need to be exceptional at that sport, even 11 and 12 year olds would need to be playing the sport at least at club level or be naturally talented to show the skills required to make the team. NB Students are able to nominate for more than one sport.

It is great to see the enthusiasm some students are showing towards the Rockhampton District trials but don’t want students and parents to be wasting their time to travel to trials with very little chance of making the team. We hope this clarifies for you that the Rockhampton District Sports trials are for those who generally think they would be able to make the team not for those who just want to go only to have a try at that sport. To be able to trial a minimum requirement would be that they are playing the sport at a local club level. If you are unsure of your child’s ability in any sports please call or see in to the PE department and have a chat to Mr Bird or Mr O’Neill.

Cross Country Training

The Taranganba State School Cross Country/Fun Run will soon be upon us. This year it will be held on Wednesday 29 March which is the last Wednesday at school before the Easter holiday break. Students will start training during PE lessons next week and training sessions will also be held before school. It is an Education Queensland requirement that students who run the full distance for their age must regularly train for the event (2-3 times a week). A roll will be taken at PE and morning sessions and if you have not regularly trained 2-3 times a week you will not be able to run the full distance in your age group and will only be able to participate in the fun run. If you are in Year 4 or older this year come along and meet on the bridge at the oval on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8am. If it is raining meet at the hall. Sessions will run for 30 minutes to give students time to ready for school. Please wear old clothes to training and bring along a set of school clothes to change into after the session. NB If you have PE on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday don’t come to morning training unless you want to double up.

School Swimming

In Term 1 our Year 2, 4 and 6 classes will participate in swimming. Please note - Not year 3/4A. Permission forms were sent out on Monday with swimming commencing on Monday 13th February. Please return these forms to your class teacher ASAP. The cost for this year will again be $40 for 6 weeks of lessons. There will be no swimming on Monday 20th February due to the High School Swimming Carnival on this day.

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 started this week. A reminder that times are 3:00pm – 4.15pm.

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All children participating need to 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 started today. 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
email: taranganba@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Attention: 2 Lost HENS
On Wednesday morning two very tame hens, one black and one Isa brown were outside our school fowl yard. For their safety, they are IN with our poultry. If you own these hens, please phone Kathy Roberts 49 25 1842 to arrange their return.

CAPRICORN COAST FOOTBALL CLUB - Season 2017
Registration and can be found on the club’s website capricorncoastfc.sportingpulse.net or our Facebook page. Come and Try Days on the 11th and 18th of February 8:30am at Apex Park. Please refer to the above website for full details.

Get Started Vouchers
Get Started Vouchers can help families with the costs of joining your club, by giving eligible children and young people a voucher valued at up to $150 to help with membership costs. Full details at: http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted/

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!
Phone: 0427 001 821