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Message from the Principal

Success at school relies on good communication. This newsletter is the best place to learn about what is happening at Taranganba. It is distributed electronically every Thursday and available on our website and QSchools app. If you do not have internet access, additional copies are available in the school office for your child to access.

Taranganba’s Website contains our tuckshop menu, our booklist, the link to our newsletter all on the home page, as well as a range of information about policies and procedures. http://taranganbass.eq.edu.au. We also have a Facebook page that posts snippets of emerging information. Facebook is not the place to air school grievances or engage in inappropriate comments. In the past we have founds parents have used this site respectfully and positively.

Parent Meetings and Class Newsletters – Class Meetings have been occurring to set the scene for classroom expectations, routines, rules and curriculum and assessment tasks. There is often a follow up email outlining the same information if you cannot make the meeting due to work commitments. It is a good idea to attend the meetings to meet your child’s teacher, if you haven’t done so.

Access to Teachers – Please respect the need for teachers to commence instruction on time at the start of the day. If you need to speak with your child’s teacher please arrange an appointment as our teachers are involved in before and after school meetings and lesson and resource preparation. We are finding that email is an effective way of arranging appointments with teachers or sharing routine information.

Success at school relies on good routines.

Attendance – our school target this year is 94%. Regular attendance helps promote positive learning and social interactions. If your child is absent please notify the school as soon as possible as we must have accurate attendance records.

Punctuality - Instruction begins at 8:55am on each school day. It is essential that children arrive on time. If children are consistently arriving at 9:00am, they are missing a significant proportion of quality learning time. Students arriving after 9:00 am need to report to the office for a late note. Lateness can be a big reason for failing to thrive at school and can impede learning. When considering who we offer additional support to, we also consider the support given to us by parents to ensure that every minute during the school day is respected and well utilised.

We have many exciting things planned for this year. One aspect of our AIP is for engaging learning experiences for our students and implementing the Digital Curriculum. A new project this year is Projectable Projects for our Years 5 and 6 students. It will be an exciting space to work in and student will have ownership over topics, how they learn and present work. Project Management is a major skill in today’s world and we need to give our students experiences in this. Further in the newsletter is information on this and more. ‘Techie Talk’ will be a regular feature of our newsletters.

Katrina Jones
Principal
General Messages

- There are still some students without hats. A sunsafe hat is needed every day for play and participation in PE lessons.
- Where possible, please ensure your child knows before school how they are getting home that afternoon. Relaying messages to students during the day disrupts class instruction.
- Parents are urged to respect our school health and safety rules and to **not allow students or younger siblings into our playgrounds before or after school**. Even if you are there to watch and monitor your child, other children may not have parents there to watch them and this could result in an injury to an unsupervised child.
- A big thank you to Ken Hoare and Tandy Concrete for their donation of sand to the Prep sandpit.
- Thank you to the Wesleyan Methodist Church and Mrs Tania Watson for donating school supplies for students in need.

**P & C News**

The next P & C meeting will be on Monday 19 February. We are always excited for new members to join with new ideas and thoughts of how we can support our children and the school in maximising their learning opportunities.

**Uniform Shop**

Our Uniform Shop operates every Monday and Friday from the school tuckshop. Trading hours are as follows:

**Mondays:**
8:00am – 9:15am then 2:30pm – 3:15pm

**Fridays:**
8:00am – 9:15am then 2:30pm – 3:15pm

Uniforms can also be ordered online at tssuniforms.com.au.

Geraldina – Uniform Shop Convenor

**Tuckshop News**

The Tuckshop is now operating. We have had wonderful feedback in relation to the new menu. The new menu will be emailed home to families. Please note that prices have increased on some items. 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 Geddes family for their generous donation.

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

Chris Boorer - Tuckshop Convenor

**Techie Talk**

This year promises to be a big year for all things ‘tech’ at Taranganba. We are currently modifying I Block to turn it into ‘The Zone.’ — a space where students and teachers can create, construct and collaborate on any number of projects. From robotics and animations to designing and building new inventions, it’s all here. Each week, I will provide updates and advice on technology at school and in the home.

This week’s update: Over the holidays the floor in ‘The Zone’ was ripped up and replaced with sound absorbing lino. This will allow for more accuracy and predictability with students testing their robotic masterpieces. It also allows the space to be used to construct and create with no worry about staining the carpet. It looks pretty slick too.

The school staff has also decided to change the way iPads are distributed at Taranganba. In 2018, each year level will have access to a class set of iPads. This means that you may see classes engaged with devices in their own classroom.

The staff have been and will continue to be trained in how to effectively use tablets in learning.

**Robotics Club**

Next week sees the start of the Taranganba Robotics Club. We meet on Wednesday mornings from 8am-8:50am. During this time Mr Cisternino and Mr Bartley run tutorials and challenge students to think in ways to solve a range
of different problems. The goal of this club is to head to CQ University in Term Three to compete at the Robocup Junior Competition.

The club is open to all Year 5 and 6 students. Students must be committed and be prepared to come each week so they don’t let their team down. We will also hold a parent information session once the club is up and running. If there are any parents that have experience in robotics or coding and would like to volunteer some time, feel free to email Mr Bartley: rbart19@eq.edu.au

**Projectable Project**

Another opportunity available to Year 5 and 6 students is a new initiative called the Projectable Project. We are trialling a club where students can work on their own projects with teacher facilitation. This group will learn all sorts of great life-long skills such as time management, resource management, creative and critical thinking, all based around their passions and inspirations.

The times and days this opportunity will operate will depend on the availability of the students involved. There will also be a parent information session as the club gets up and running. Initially, it will start small, students will develop a concept or project and work through the phases of inquiry in order to work towards their goal. I am very excited about this project.

**What can you do to help?**

This is a call out to the Taranganba Community in the hope that we can get some support from some local experts that could help our students achieve success. If you have or know of somebody that uses technology, design or engineering principles in innovative ways, we would love to hear from you. We are always looking for partnerships that can help all our community.

**Instrumental Music News**

**Beginner Band** - after school rehearsals commence **Week 4 – Monday 12 February from 3pm to 4pm.**

**Beginner Strings** – after school rehearsals commence **Week 4 – Wednesday 14 February from 3pm to 4pm.**

Formal lessons also commence next week (Week 3) during school time. Please consult the timetable on Ms Cook’s Music room window for lesson times.

**Senior Strings** – rehearsals have commenced. Congratulations to all senior students who came this morning. Let’s aim for 100% attendance next week at 7:45am on Thursday.

**Beginner Band and Strings** - There will be a short parent meeting in Ms Cook’s room next **Wednesday 7 February at 6pm,** to hand out school instruments and run through the expectations of the Instrumental Music Program. Please remember that NO instruments will go home until the levy and the hire fee are paid. This is school policy and will be strictly adhered to.

**PE News**

Swimming notes have now been emailed to parents/caregivers of students in Years 2, 4 and 6. Invoices were also emailed separately to allow for online payment of swimming fees. Money can also be returned with permission forms in an enclosed envelope to the office.

*Rockhampton District Sport Reminder:*

12yrs Boys and Girls Volleyball Trial, Thursday 8 February.

10-12yrs Boys and Girls Basketball Trial, Monday 12 February

Please fill out and return Parental Permission and Medical Form at least two days prior to the trial.

Regards, HPE Team

**Junior Landcare**

Junior Landcare will begin next week and will be run by Mrs Martin and Mrs Groves. Students from Years 2 -6 are welcome to attend. PLEASE NOTE the day for Junior Landcare has changed. Our first meeting will be **Monday 5 February (next Monday)** at second break in Mrs Martin’s classroom – 3C. If you haven’t been a part of Landcare before, some of the activities you will participate in include: green house work, vegetable growing, weeding and revegetation of school gardens and observing learning about sustainable practices. We will be using garden tools, some fertilizers, manures and potting mixes in our activities.

**Commonwealth Bank School Banking**

School Banking has commenced for the year. If you would like your child/ren to participate, all you need to do is go into our local bank and open a Dollarmite Account. Students then need to bring their bank wallet along with their money to the school library on Thursdays and drop it into the banking box. Their bank wallets will be returned to their class teacher by the next day.
Chappy Chats

Have you ever heard the phrase, “It takes a village to raise a child”? It is a bit of a cliché saying, but the thing about cliché’s is that they become clichés for a reason – they are usually true. One of the things I love most about my job as a Chaplain at Taranganba is that I have a unique opportunity to see some of the behind the scenes aspects of how this village functions. This school really is like a village.

To be a part of a village means being part of a community that shares a common purpose. Being a part of Taranganba State School means becoming part of a community that is passionate about giving our children every opportunity to become successful lifelong learners. It is a precious thing to be a part of this village. There are teaching staff, administration staff, maintenance and cleaning staff and a management team. There are also a great number of volunteers and parents who are actively engaged in the everyday life of the school community. Everyone of this village shares a deep passion for the growth, education and wellbeing of our children and families. I am constantly amazed by the level of care and commitment I see in the staff and volunteers at Taranganba. This school really does go above and beyond to care for students.

I am so thankful to be a member of this great community and I know that the year ahead of us is going to be a great one.

Chappy

Congratulations Aidan!

Aidan attended the 2018 Livingstone Shire Council Australia Day Awards last Thursday night after being nominated for Junior Sportsperson of the Year. Aidan was one of 5 very talented and successful nominees and was voted the winner by an esteemed panel of judges. This was a very proud moment and he was not expecting the honour. Aidan would like to thank the local community and, in particular, TSS for their continued support and encouragement. Congratulations Aidan on your continued success. We are very proud of you.

Helping Hands

Outside School Hours Care

- Ph: 0427 001 821
- Email: taranganba@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Yeppoon Seagulls Junior Rugby League

Sign On – Saturday 3rd February – 2pm to 4pm. Barmarjee Sports Complex, Barmarjee Road Yeppoon.

All welcome. If you have not registered previously please bring your birth certificate or proof of age document. If you are unable to attend sign on and would like to register, please contact our Registrars - Steph Stenhouse 0447 395 175 or Natasha Patell 0419 664 782.

Registration is $160 and includes registration fees, Club Shirt, Shorts and Socks. Family discounts and payment plans are available.

Capricorn Coast Football Club – Come and Try days: 17th and 24th February from 8:30am – 10:00am at Apex Park, Cordingley Street. All age groups catered for: MiniRoos Kickoff (2013-2014), U6/7 MiniRoos (2012-2011), U8/9 MiniRoos (2010-2009), U10/11 (2008-2007), U11 Rep Team, Junior Competitive: U12, U13, U14, U16 & U18. For more info email: capcoastfcjunior@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page.

Awana Clubs – Friday afternoon activities, commencing 2nd February from 3:30pm – 5:00pm. Prep – Year 6. $3 per child. 1 Fred Lawn Drive, Yeppoon. Phone: 49302822 for further information.