

Tarangamba State School



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Message from the Principal

Would you like to be involved in a team supporting the strategic direction of the school? We are looking for a parent representative for our school council. The School Council plays a key role now that Taranganba State School is an Independent Public School. The School Council enables greater involvement of the school community and other stakeholders in setting the strategic direction of our school to achieve the best learning outcomes for our students. The School Council approves strategic plans and policies, and other documents including the annual estimate of revenue and expenditure for the school and then monitors the implementation of these documents.

Our School Council is made up of: Principal and the leadership team, President of the Parents & Citizens Association (P&C), three elected parents, three elected staff and one appointed member. If you need further information please phone or email me. Nomination forms can be collected from the office. Closing date is Friday 23 February at 4pm.

Another aspect of our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) is ensuring we have successful learners not only through great attendance but by developing a solid oral language base in Prep. Oral language is the foundation for the development of literacy skills and is considered to be a strong indicator of later reading, writing, and overall academic achievement. In 2018 Taranganba will be utilising some of the Investing for Success funding to purchase a Speech Language Pathologist one day a week to work with our Prep staff to develop their capability to provide enriched oral language activities for all of our Prep students. We will be trialling new programs, refining programs already in use and investigating ways to extend these programs into Year 1. We welcome Ms Chloe McGuire to our Taranganba Team.

Have you seen our new mural at the Tuckshop? The shark is proving to be a great hit with students. Thank you to Ms Lisa Andrews for applying for this grant from the Regional Arts Development Fund and our mural artist Martin Schlick from Mash Designs. More photos are featured further in this newsletter.



Congratulations to our first weekly attendance winners. PA have set a high standard of 100%. It would be great if other classes could achieve this. 24 out of 27 classes achieved the target set. Remember every day counts.

Katrina Jones
Principal

2018 Attendance Target – 94%					
Week 2					
School Attendance – 96.4%					
Prep /Year 1		Years 2/3		Years 4 to 6	
PA	100%	3B	99.3%	5B	98.7%

DATE CLAIMERS			
9 Feb	Indigenous Hearing Tests Religious Instruction begins	19 Feb	Whole School Parade: 2pm – Student Leader Inductions (please note time change)
12 Feb	Swimming begins for: 2D, 4B, 4C, 4D, 6A, 6B Beginner Band after school: 3pm – 4pm	19 Feb	No swimming for: 2D, 4B, 4C, 4D, 6A, 6B P and C Meeting: 6pm in the hub
14 Feb	Swimming begins for: 2A, 2B, 2C, 4A, 6C Morning Bulletin Prep Photos Beginner Strings after school: 3pm – 4pm	22 Feb	Netball trials (10-12 years): 4pm at Emmaus College.

General Messages

- Each year The Morning Bulletin runs a special Prep photo feature. The photographers will be here on Wednesday 14 February to commence taking the pictures of our 2018 Prep students. Parents are asked to ensure all students are in full school uniform for these photographs. The actual photo feature “My First Year” will appear in The Morning Bulletin on Wednesday 21 March.
- Our Travel Zone (Stop, Drop and Go) is in place to allow families to stop **briefly** to drop off their child/ren and then go. Parents should not be leaving their vehicles to deliver students to classrooms. We have had reports of cars left unattended in this zone in the mornings. If you wish to leave your vehicle, please park in the designated car parks to allow the traffic to flow through the Travel Zone.
- Religious Instruction lessons begin this Friday 9 February. Year 5 and 6: 9:30am – 10:00am, Year 3 and 4: 10:00am – 10:30am, Year 1 and 2: 10:30am – 11:00am. Religion classes have been formed according to enrolment information. If parents require a change, they may do so by writing a letter to administration requesting this change. Students are not able to swap classes.
- 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 by **not allowing 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.

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

At this time each year we seek the assistance of parents to voluntarily help at the School Tuckshop. The Tuckshop operates four days per week. To enable us to provide a varied and nutritious menu, we would like two helpers each day. Please consider putting your name down, it is usually only for 2–3 hours once a month.

By volunteering for Tuckshop you can:

- Keep in touch with what is happening at school
- Meet people with similar interests
- Make a worthwhile contribution to your children and school, plus your children love seeing you there.

We would be delighted to welcome any of our new families or newcomers to the school: Mums, Dads or Grandparents, we would appreciate your help. It can be a very enjoyable time and a way of making new friends.

If you have younger children we regret to advise that due to Insurance regulations children are not permitted in the tuckshop. If you are able to assist us please call in and see us at the tuckshop or phone 49251888 so that we can organise a day that suits you best.

Please note the price increase for brown bags is **now 20c**. Don't forget to register for Flexischools, a fast and easy way to order your child/ren's lunches. Go to www.flexischools.com.au and follow the prompts. Thanks again to the Geddes family for their generous donation to our tuckshop.

Reminder – the tuckshop is closed on Mondays.

Chris Boorer - Tuckshop Convenor

Instrumental Music News

Beginner Band - after school rehearsals begin next week – **Monday 12 February from 3pm to 4pm.**

Beginner Strings – after school rehearsals begin next week – **Wednesday 14 February from 3pm to 4pm.**

Formal lessons during class time have commenced. Please consult the timetable on Ms Cook's Music room window for lesson times.

Senior Strings – rehearsals have commenced – each Thursday at 7:45am.

Beginner Band and Strings – Please ensure you have paid the \$40 music levy for your child and if hiring an instrument, the hire fee of \$100. Both fees must be paid in full before any instruments can go home. This is school policy and will be strictly adhered to.

PE News

Swimming commences next week for students in Years 2, 4 and 6. Please ensure your permission notes and swimming fees are returned to school as soon as possible. Invoices were emailed separately to allow for online payment of swimming fees. Please also note there was an error with dates on the original timetable. Swimming will run every Monday and Wednesday for 6 weeks (excluding Monday 19 February), but also including **Monday 26 March.**

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.

Please note the **change of date for Netball trials for Primary (10-12 years)**. **Trials will now be held Thursday 22 February from 4:00pm at Emmaus College in Rockhampton.** This date was changed due to clashes with RNA fixtures.

Regards, HPE Team

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

Sometimes I look at my kids and think to myself, "When I grow up, I want to be just like you!" I am constantly amazed by the simple and profound wisdom that our kids can demonstrate. I have a four year old little boy. He is a really cool little dude. As with all kids of his age, I find myself having all kinds of conversations on a regular basis. We will talk about anything from why we shouldn't eat sand to how aeroplanes stay up in the air. There is never a dull moment with an inquisitive 4 year old in toe! But one conversation happened the other day that I found quite astonishing. We were out at the shops and he needed to use the bathroom. After washing his hands he ran back into the bathroom he had just used. I was in a bit of a rush and was keen to keep getting on with my tasks, so this felt inconvenient for me. When I asked him what he was doing he said, "I'm just making sure it's tidy for the next person." I almost fell over with surprise, but I kept my composure and played it cool. I asked him why it's important to make sure the bathroom is tidy for the next person. He looked at me with his big, smiley blue eyes and said, "Because other people are precious."

This was a moment of both pride and conviction for me. I spend a lot of time talking with my kids about the preciousness of others. For me this is important because it speaks to the golden rule of humanity – treat others the way you want to be treated. All people are precious and this should inform the way we treat everyone. It was so awesome to see the practical application of this as understood by my 4 year old. But it also challenged me. His simple display of kindness reminded me that people are valuable, more valuable than me getting my tasks completed.

I realised in this moment that I was not valuing the preciousness of others. I was getting flustered because the crowds at the shops were getting in the way of me finishing my tasks. But that little conversation prompted me to

just slow down and appreciate the people around me more. It actually changed the whole dynamic of my day. Rather than becoming frustrated by the crowds slowing me down, I took the time to smile at people and be friendly. I found that people were friendly in return and this made my trip to the shops a much more pleasant experience. Since then I have been asking myself how I can demonstrate the preciousness of others every day. It certainly has helped me to appreciate the people around me more and has made for a much better week. I hope that you know that you are precious too. Have a beautiful week. Chappy.

MORE PHOTOS OF OUR AMAZING TUCKSHOP MURAL



Helping Hands

Outside School Hours Care - Ph: 0427 001 821
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Capricorn Coast Netball – Sign on days: 10th and 11th March from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the clubhouse at Barmaryee. Online registrations open 1st February, with team nominations due 3rd March. For more information and registration details visit: www.capcoast.qld.netball.com.au

Capricorn Coast Football Club – Come and Try days and Sign on: 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), Junior Competitive: U12, U13, U14, U16. 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.

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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!

