9 December 2015

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents

The end of the school year is now upon us. I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your child for a productive year of learning. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading the Semester two progress reports which indicate the successes (and challenges) that students have experienced. My sincere gratitude to all of our wonderful staff for their contributions to student success. Congratulations to everyone who will receive awards with their reports for academic achievement, encouragement and attendance. Progress reports were released to all students today.

Last Friday, we held our final whole school assembly. While it was a long assembly, we did honour a number of students for important successes. Awards for Reading achievement were presented for Reading Eggs and the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. The State Chess Competition entrants were presented with certificates along with the new record holders for Track and Field. Following another successful Bookfair where we met our target, Mrs Yates’ team of helpers dressed Mrs Donohue and myself in underwater themed costumes.

We continue to enrol students for 2016. If you know of someone who is intending enrolling their child for 2016, please encourage them to make contact with us as soon as possible. Likewise, if you are intending leaving in 2016, please advise us as soon as possible. We are now finalising class placements and classes will be advised when the reports are issued on Wednesday. We will begin the year on 20 classes however it will be close to numbers for a 21st teacher subject to the day 8 staffing numbers.

Reading Targets by the end of Term Four

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Tonight, our senior students will attend their graduation dinner. There are a number of awards to be presented for academic, sporting and cultural achievements. This is a special occasion on the school calendar and I look forward to reflecting with them on their 7 years of primary school education.

Tomorrow at midday, as is our tradition, we will hold our Seniors Farewell Assembly. The awards presented tonight at the Graduation Dinner will be re-presented in front of the other students of the school. Following the awards, the last duty of the school captains is to announce the new school captains for 2016. All of the seniors will receive a memento of the school courtesy of the P&C.

The digging boxes on the oval are nearing completion. All that remains is for them to be filled with soil after the break. I want to thank Luke Clayton and his band of helpers for their tireless work in completing these projects. Without the work of our volunteers in the school, these new projects would not be realised. In the new year, students will only be permitted to dig in the sandpits or digging boxes. We will be taking steps in the new year to arrest the erosion on the lower oval and to regenerate the grass to enhance the play areas for students.

Due to the efforts of the P&C, and your help with raising funds this year, Air Conditioning will be installed in B Block over the holidays. Fundraising will continue next year in the hope of air conditioning another block as soon as possible.

Finally, I want to pay tribute to a number of teachers who are leaving us at the end of the year. Hermann Tuia-Thomsen
(Mr T) will return to Grand Avenue SS in Brisbane on transfer after three years with us at Tinana. He has been a tremendous role model and a positive contributor to our school in many ways. Miss Shari Ward transfers to the Gold Coast to take up a music position at Palm Beach SS. Miss Ward has been a key member of our music team. Her enthusiasm and leadership of the various music groups has been very much appreciated. Miss Rosi Franklin leaves us to take up a position locally in the private system. Miss Franklin has been a tremendous role model for our string students and we will miss her talents in the school. I also want to make special mention of the tremendous work of Mrs Michelle Poulter on year 5 and Mr Ron Townsend on year 5/6. Both teachers have stepped into their roles at short notice to relieve and both have done a tremendous job in those roles. To all of the teachers who have been working with us in temporary capacity this year, we offer our gratitude and wish you our very best regards for 2016.

Mrs Donohue has been confirmed as our Deputy Principal for term 1 2016. Mrs Shelley Stokes will be Deputy Principal for the first four weeks while Mrs Donohue is on Long Service Leave travelling. The acting Head of Special Education Services replacing Mrs Stokes will be announced as soon as it is decided.

Please take notice of any unauthorised use of the school facilities over the school break. A number of contractors will be working on the site over the vacation break. If you see anything unusual, please report it to the School watch number on the school sign. On behalf of the staff and P&C, we wish you a safe and relaxing break. School begins again on Wednesday 27 January.

David Burns
Principal
“EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY, LEARNING AND ACHIEVING”

Tinana Kids Get Involved

Year 5 Student Briana competed at the AASCF (Australian All Star Cheerleading Federation) in Melbourne last weekend, competing against teams from all around Australia. Her Hip Hop Crew came away with the 1st place national title against 6 teams! Briana also competed in the Youth Duo Hip Hop division with her partner Tahlia, and they managed to come away with second place up against 13 teams in that age group! A great achievement! Well done Briana!
Booklists have been sent home! You can also download your child’s booklist for next year here:

Or head over to Insert link www.officemaxschools.com.au and order straight away! **Order before Thursday 10th December for FREE delivery!**

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**ABSENCES**

Please Phone 4120 8066 and leave a message on the Absence Line in the event of a student being absent. Please phone each day your child is absent from school unless the office has been previously advised of the absence. Verbal messages by the student are not sufficient. This prevents any misunderstanding and ensures the safety of your child. Please note that, by law, we are required to report any long term unexplained absences from school which may then be investigated by the police.

**LATE ARRIVAL**

The school day begins at 8:45am and all staff will begin instruction at this time. Arrivals after 8:45am are considered to be late. Late arrival should be accompanied by a note, but parents may ring the office with this information. Students must first report to the office to obtain a late slip that is to be given to their teacher.

**EARLY DEPARTURE**

Children leaving school early must be picked up from the office. Parents may ring in advance to arrange for their child/ren to be ready for collection, or send a note to the class teacher. Your child will be given an early departure slip from the office.

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**MONEY COMING TO SCHOOL**

Would parents please ensure that any money sent to school for any purposes other than tuckshop is sent directly to the office and is placed in an envelope with student’s name, grade and particular item or excursion they are paying for, clearly marked on the front of envelope. Pre-printed envelopes are available at the office for any payments. Parents that prefer to deposit the funds directly into the school bank account are requested to advise the office of the deposit and use the student surname and invoice number as the payment reference. As large amounts of money pass through the school office it becomes difficult and time consuming to identify payments without this information.

**NEW PAYMENT METHOD**

There is a new payment method available for parents to pay invoices, please check out the pamphlet for more information.

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Please remain vigilant about checking and treating your children for head lice. For more information on breaking the cycle, please click here:

2016 Prep Enrolments

Check out this video.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-xobleB9s9U

If you know of families that intend on enrolling in Prep 2016, please ask them call us on 41208000, or email news@tinanass.eq.edu.au

Tinana State School

Prep Enrolments 2016

Now Open!

Children born between 1st July 2010 and 30 June 2011 are eligible for Prep in 2016.

Contact the School Office to enrol today and register for Prep Orientation commencing in Semester 2 2015

Ph: 4120 8000
Email: news@tinanass.eq.edu.au

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop is finished for 2015! Thank you to all of the volunteers who have helped our Tuckshop Convenor, Chanel Bishop, throughout the year. The Tuckshop could not run without all of you! The Tuckshop is one of our largest fundraisers and this year has raised over $10 000 for the P&C to invest back into the school. Remember to look out for the new menu at the beginning of 2016!

Ordering

If you have not used FlexiSchools yet, why not set it up to make your mornings easier in 2016?

http://www.flexischools.com.au

2016 Tea & Tissues

You are invited to Tinana State School
Tea & Tissues

Where:
1st and Second day of School
Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th January 2016
9am to 3:30pm
Tinana State School Hall
with the Uniform Shop

Why:
Come and have a cuppa and a sit down, or a cuppa and a chat about any concerns, with some of the School Representatives, and other parents, after you have your young students for their first days at Tinana School. There will also be an area with toys on hand for younger children to play with while you stay.

P&C Meetings

2016 Meetings

Our first meeting for 2016 will be held Tuesday, February 2nd at 6pm in the Staff Room.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held Tuesday, February 22nd at 6pm in the Staff Room. It would be great to see lots of interested parents come and find out how the P&C Committee works.

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop is open Tuesdays and Fridays 8-9am.
Check the dates & we will see you in the Hall before 
School starts in 2016…….

P&C Fundraising Information

How did we do? Do you have new ideas?
The P&C are looking for feedback in regards to our fundraisers this year. These fundraisers included Cookie Dough, 5 Cent Fundraiser, Father’s and Mother’s Day Stalls, Sno Cone Day, Pie Drive, Family Fun Day, and the Holiday Raffle from Family Fun Day. If you have feedback regarding these ideas or new ideas that we could use please submit these in writing to the school office to be passed onto the P&C. Thank you to all of our volunteers and helpers over the year that helped with these fundraisers!

Book Covers and Labels
If you are purchasing Book Covers or Labels for next year please consider purchasing through the following companies. If you put our school code in during your order Tinana State School will receive a commission from the companies.

EzCover Book Covers
Choose Tinana State School from the from the drop down list and enter the code EZ15. Click on the link below for more information.
http://www.ezcover.net.au

**Stuck on You Labels**
Create a personal account and place your order online. Enter our fundraising code “TINANASTATESCHOOLPANDC” at the checkout. Click on the link below for more information.

http://www.stuckonyou.com.au

**Pie Drive**
Thank you very much to our Fundraising Committee and parent helpers who organised and sorted pie orders. The Pie Drive raised $2,693.69 towards the Air Conditioning Fund. A total of 1695 items were sold, sorted and packed!

A big thank you goes out to Handy Hire for the use of their cold room for two days to store the pie orders awaiting pick up!

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**Top sellers:**
We have decided to add a few more seller prizes since we had such a great response and 4 really big orders. Those winners are:

- Leeanne McIndoe - $1,263.05 sales with 152 items - $50 Big W Gift Card

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**Mitchell Ebert** - $1,003.45 and 124 items - $10 Tuckshop Voucher

**Axcel Baker** - $870.95 and 109 items - $5 Tuckshop Voucher

**Kendra Bust** - $706.70 and 98 items - $5 Tuckshop Voucher

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**School Banking**
We are fast approaching the end of 2015. Jodie and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support in the School Banking Program. We have had a fun year and also a very successful year thanks to our diligent bankers. There will be new rewards and competitions next year to look forward to.

**Banker of the Week**
Our lucky school bankers are Shakira, TJ & Henry. Each week a lucky banker will be drawn and gets to choose a prize from our prize bank. Don’t forget you have to bank each week to go into the draw.

**iTunes Competition**
This term we are running a competition to reward our Tinana School Bankers. We are offering a chance to win a $20 iTunes card. For a chance to win simply make 3 deposits in Term 4. We will draw the winner at the end of term. Good luck.

**Regards Tammy & Jodie Banking Co-Ordinators**

**Keep in Touch through Social Media**
Check us out on Facebook!

https://www.facebook.com/TinanaStateSchoolPandC

We have a YouTube Channel for Tinana State School P&C!
The Paint Pit Art Studio will be offering children’s art & craft workshops over the Christmas vacation. Workshops will include rock painting, paint a portrait, underwater mixed media, cardboard puppet & more. Open to Grade 4 and over. Check out our “Paint Pit” facebook page to keep updated, or email Robbyn Gergos at robbyn@southernphone.com.au
Are you looking for caring, fun, safe, inspiring and educational environment for your child to begin their lifelong journey of learning? Why not enrol them at the Maryborough Community Kindergarten and Pre-Prep where your child will have access to quality early education and care within a supportive, local community. Health Care Card Subsidies are available for Pre-Prep children also. Taking Enrolments now for 2016. Please also contact us if you were on our waiting list for 2016. If interested, please phone the Kindy on 41213865.

Young Leaders

Burnett Division, Tinana Branch hold their Craft mornings at the QCWA Hall in Gympie Road, Saturday mornings from 9 - 11. $2 entry, and morning tea is provided. For more information, please contact Ethel on 4121 6134, or just come along.

- Are you under 25 and looking for an organisation to join, where having fun and learning are priorities?

- Are you under 25 and would like to join the QCWA but would prefer to mix with people your own age?

- Are you a young lady from age of 6 to 25, who would benefit from getting involved in activities and in meeting others?

The QCWA Young Leaders or as it used to be called - the 'Younger Sets' - has been around since the 1930s. Of course, Young Leaders has evolved as times have changed. It used to be about debutante balls, fundraising, an annual leadership school, and about having fun for those under the age of 25. It’s about having fun, learning and undertaking activities which boost confidence and help to develop friendships.
Finally, a GUITAR TEACHING system for Kids aged from Five Years that Excites, Engages and Educates

Copy, Play and Learn Guitar is here!

- Teach kids to read music and play guitar the natural way
- No stress for teachers or students
- Establish your students’ love for learning music through the Easy, Progressive and Fun pieces
- You only need basic guitar playing ability
- Your students receive instant gratification and positive outcomes.

"If a child can't learn the way we teach, then maybe we should teach the way a child learns." - Steve Spangler.

Make use of the natural way children learn! You'll teach them to play through imitation and read music by association.

You’ll be isolating and developing one motor skill at a time in your students as they imitate you playing a visually logical and predictable pattern of notes.

- Become an affiliate partner and earn 35% commission for you or your school.

For more information please visit the website. www.copyplayandlearnguitar.com