Dear Parents

The start of the school year is about establishing productive routines for learning. Our teachers have done a wonderful job of settling the students into their learning routines. I have been especially impressed with the prep students’ engagement with the new reading programs. You are encouraged to attend the beginning year class meetings being held across the school to meet your child’s teacher and to ask any questions that you may have.

Over the last few weeks, we have seen in the media, threats being made to schools across Australia including locally. I want to reassure you that we have emergency procedures in place to deal with such threats. I encourage you to update your mobile telephone number with the school office to ensure that we can make contact with you in an emergency. We view Safety as our highest priority and will take every precaution to ensure the safety of everyone on our site.

We have an ongoing issue with parents parking in the staff car park. Access through the staff car park is restricted for safety reasons. Parents are not permitted to drive into the staff car park without the permission of the principal. Doing so endangers the lives of students and hinders access for emergency vehicles. Your cooperation in this is appreciated.

When your child is at school they are learning and achieving. As parents, it is our responsibility to ensure that our children are at school every day. Next week, our ID Attend SMS messaging service goes live. This means that you will receive a text message alerting you to any student absence that is unexplained. Absences can be explained by phoning the absence line on 41208066, by sending a note to the teacher or by calling at the office counter on your way through.

In 2016, we are enhancing the teaching of reading and numeracy in every classroom with additional teacher aide support. The teachers provide your child with a guided reading lesson at their instructional level of learning with two additional lessons provided by a teacher aide trained in the guided reading method. Teacher aide time is also being provided to support effective numeracy approaches.

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Our effective enrolment currently stands at 497 students with 63 students in Prep. It has been necessary to make some changes to classes as a result of increased numbers in year levels where enrolments were higher than expected. We continue to enrol new students on a weekly basis.

The School Leaders positions will be announced on Year 4-6 assembly this Friday. The badges will be presented at a ceremony on Friday 26 February. Parents are invited to join us for refreshments after the presentation ceremony.

Unfortunately, a recent storm caused a significant amount of damage to our school electronics infrastructure. A number of switches that control telephones, internet and security were severely damaged. The damage bill will likely be well over $10,000. We thank you for your patience as we worked through the restoration process. Special thanks to parent Tim Howell from Telstra who organised an emergency phone for us within a few hours. We are lucky to have an expert team of technicians...
working with us to restore our services as quickly as possible. Another storm was responsible for the wash outs in the new area of the carpark. We appreciate your patience as we had those repaired.

The AGM of our P&C will take place on February 23 at 6pm in the school staff room to be followed by a general meeting. I encourage you to become an active member of the P&C supporting your child’s education.

David Burns 
Principal

“EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY, LEARNING AND ACHIEVING”

Library News

Hi everyone what a busy start to the year! Welcome back and welcome to new staff. I try to get this Library news out once a term to share with staff, parents and students what’s happening in the Library. Reading is our school focus and library activities will reflect this throughout the year. We have an exciting year ahead. Read below for important dates and edStudio information.

Happy Reading!

Mrs Yates 
Teacher Librarian.

Check out the Library edStudio.
It is full of resources for teachers as well as students.

Tinana State School Library Access key: S54765491
IMPORTANT DATES

- Tinana State School Book Fair Dates
  * Term Two, Week 3,
    Date: Tuesday 26th April 2016
    Theme: Monster Book Fair: Reading is so much fun, you’ll get goose bumps!
  * Term Four, Week 2
    Date: Monday 10th October 2016
    Theme: TBA

Library & Information Week 23-29 May

National Literacy and Numeracy Week 29 August-4 September

Book Week dates for 2016 Saturday 20 August - Friday 26 August

The CBCA celebrates its 70th Anniversary in 2015. It celebrates the 70th anniversary of the Book of the Year Awards in 2016.

The Book Week theme will be Australia: Story Country

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) - Wednesday 25 May at 11am (AEDT)

Book: I Got This Hat, Written By: Jol and Kate Temple, Illustrated By: Jon Foye.

I got this hat in China. I got this hat from a miner. I got this hat from a deep-sea diver. I got this hat from a racing-car driver... Hats. Only the headless dislike them. Everyone else loves wearing them! In this fun title we take a peek at the world around us through the playful medium of hats.

Chappy News

Term 1 is well and truly under way.

I came across a very useful App while working at the high school last week and am keen to share it with you. It is free to download and is called, ‘My Smiling Mind.’


It has programs for children aged 7-11 and covers all ages right through to adults. Once downloaded, you can choose one of many programs to help you control your negative thinking (we call it ‘stinking thinking’) and bring a sense of clarity, calm and contentment in your thinking and your world. It is designed by Psychologists and there is a ‘My Smiling Mind’ Facebook page. It might be useful on the way to school if your child is anxious
about coming to school. It can also be beneficial after a tough day, before bed, or before that dreaded oral task at school. It is a useful tool to help us calm our minds and bodies.

Tinana School is a great community to be a part of and to contribute to. I have included a .jpeg file this week which is a summary of an article written by ‘Kids Matter’ about the importance of connecting with our school community. While we have an awesome Facebook page, connection is more than just receiving Facebook notifications. There are many ‘official’ and ‘unofficial’ ways to connect in to the wonderful community at Tinana State School.

Parade, P&C, Classroom Helpers, Class Information Nights, School Banking, Tuckshop, Uniform shop, or grabbing some parents for coffee after the school drop off are all wonderful ways to link in.

Let’s get connected and make 2015 our best year ever!!!!

Have a great fortnight!
From Chappy

Office News

Interschool sport begins on FRIDAY 26th February for all children in Years 5 & 6. Permission slips & payment of $15 is now overdue. If your child is new to the school this year, or was new to the school last year in semester 2 (year 4), please come to the office to sign a sport project consent form. Please make payments directly to the office.

The Fraser Coast Chronicle will be here on Friday 26th February to take photos of our Prep Students! Please Ensure your child is dressed in full school uniform (red shirt, black skirt/skort/shorts).

Welcome to our Adopt-A-Cop Scott!

Scott will be visiting the school at various times across the year to visit classrooms and also supporting school events. Scott visited the school last Tuesday and had instant celebrity status!

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.

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 to 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.

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

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Tuckshop News

Tuckshop operates on Mondays and Fridays

Ordering

Make your mornings easier by ordering on Flexischools, our online Tuckshop ordering system!

P&C Meetings

All parents are invited to come to the P&C Meetings to find out about the exciting things happening at Tinana State School.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held Tuesday, February 23rd 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. All positions will be declared open, but do not feel you need to take on a position. Come and check out the great things happening through the P&C this year.

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop is open Mondays and Fridays 8-9am.

Second hand uniform and Band/Strings uniforms are available at the Uniform Shop. Get in quick to be ready for performances in 2016!

P&C Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 2016
6pm - Staff Room

Available at the Uniform Shop
Band Uniform Items

Are you ready for Music in 2016?

共享单车
2nd Hand Black Midford
Girls Boot Leg Pants - Good Condition $15
Boys Scags Long Black Pants $5

Open Mon & Fridays 9-8am

Money raised goes back to the Music Department

Thank you for your Support

Volunteers Required

In order for Tuckshop to run we require volunteers to help the Tuckshop Convenor on Mondays and Fridays. It is easy and you meet lots of great people. Once a week or once a term, any help is appreciated. Please let the Tuckshop Convenor or Office know your details and preferred day if you are able to help.

Check out this You Tube video to find out more about Tuckshop:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6sTtVCTekU
P&C Fundraising Information

We have started the year off with a very successful Sno Cone Day! The profits from this day were $745 and will be contributed to the Air Conditioner Fund.

Upcoming Free Dress Day

Keep any eye out for a note coming home about the upcoming Free Dress Day. In order to wear Free Dress students are asked to bring a pantry item to stock the Tuckshop. Year levels will be given suggestions of donation items and the date will be provided in the note coming soon. The more items that are donated the less cost to the Tuckshop and that means more profits being put towards school programs and air conditioning! Remember all clothing on Free Dress Day must be sun safe and appropriate.

If you have any fundraising ideas you would like to share please leave them at the office or message the P&C Facebook page.

School Banking

We are happy to be back and ready for a great 2016. A big thank you to our fantastic bankers for making 2015 the most successful year to date, we raised $1427, which will be used to purchase valuable resources for the whole school – CONGRATULATIONS.

Tuesday is School Banking Day! Please bring your Dollarmites Bank book and place in the grey banking bag located in your classroom and we will do the rest.

Banker of the Week

Our lucky school banker is Mylee. Each week a lucky banker will be drawn and gets to choose a prize from our prize bank. Do not forget you have to bank each week to go into the draw.

New Rewards for 2016

This year’s theme is Outback. CRIKEY!!!!!!!

Banking students should have received their 2016 Outback Rewards Pack. If you have 10 Silver Tokens you can redeem straight away by selecting either the Flying Snake Tail or the Wildlife Writer Set which are our Term 1 Rewards.

Competitions

Once again we are running a competition to reward our Tinana School Bankers. For a chance to win simply make 3 deposits in Term 1. The winner will receive a $20 voucher for Australian Geographic.

For all those new students that have started banking with Tinana State School. We are offering you the chance to also WIN a $20 Australian Geography Card. Simply go into the local Commonwealth Bank, open a Dollarmites Account and make a deposit with school banking and you will go into the draw to win this prize.

Winners will be drawn at the end of term one.

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!
COMING SOON

TENNIS COACHING

Contact: Bruce Rayner
0741222958
0408740418

YOGA!

NEW CLASSES @ THE STUDIO
4 / 71 Wharf st.
The Mary River Marina.
Ph 0429967628 for more info

KIDZ YOGA $8 per class
AGES 5 – 10
MONDAYS 4PM - 4.45PM

Yoga is great for growing bodies and growing minds. Yoga helps with anxiety and stress. Improves attention and learning. Your child will have more body awareness and feel calm and centred.
TEEN GIRLZ YOGA $10 per class
AGES 11 -17 (older accepted in adult class)
TUESDAY 4PM -5.15PM

Yoga is a great way to ease the pressure of the teenage years. It is proved that it is beneficial for body awareness and acceptance, growing pains, menstruation, posture and releasing stress anxiety and tension. It gives vitality and improves learning.

Maryborough Community Kindergarten currently has vacancies for children 3 years to school age.

Educational program with qualified educators, 2 kindergarten groups - 5 day fortnight. Come down and experience our fantastic indoor and outdoor environments and enquire today.
Ph 4121 3865