Principal’s Message

Dear Parents

The big news for our school at present is our consideration to become an Independent Public School. At a recent meeting, the P&C unanimously endorsed our school making application to become IPS. We are currently discussing the opportunities of IPS for our school as a staff. Becoming an Independent Public School would enhance our ability to deliver innovative programs for our students and give us increased annual funding. It gives us greater autonomy as a school to make decisions in the best interests of our students and the school community. If you would like to know more about Independent Public Schools, I am happy to meet with you to discuss further.

It was remiss of me not to mention in the previous newsletter, the wonderful achievements of Tinana students in the recent Mary Poppins Literary Competition. In the poetry section, Lachlan Neilsen received 1st place and Harrison Fraser 2nd in the Years 3-5 section with Travis Martin receiving 2nd place in the Year 6-7 section. In the Short story section, Tea Page received 2nd place in the year 3-5 and Travis 3rd place in the Year 6-7 section. Well done to these talented students.

26 October 2016

Last Monday, staff engaged in a series of professional development activities on the Student Free Days. Teachers heard from a prominent Mathematics educator, reviewed planning processes and undertook some assessment moderation with other schools across Maryborough. There are a number of student free days that are designated and some that are flexible. The October student free day is the only one in the year to fall during the school term.

This week, Mrs Donohue and I begin interviews for prep for 2017. We look forward to meeting all of our new students and their parents. Interviews can be booked online. Letters were sent to all new parents with the log-on details for the session times. Contact the office if you are unable to access the booking website.

Last weekend, our four teams of Tinana students competed in the semi-finals of the Station Square Spelling Bee Competition. The year 3-5 team of Byron and Tyson Griffiths and Alysha Tranent successfully made the final and finished in second place. Our other teams competed strongly exhibiting great team work. Congratulations to all of our team members.

Congratulations also to Adam Moss who was named Sportsperson of the Year at the Fraser Coast Ability Awards. Adam represented Queensland at the School Sport Australia National Cross Country Championships earlier in the year where he was placed second in his category. Adam is an inspirational fellow and thoroughly deserves this accolade.

Now that interschool sport has completed for the year, students in year 5 and 6 will complete their final rounds of recreational sport. Students in years three, five and six are currently swimming on Tuesdays. These lessons are part of the physical education curriculum and very important in our geographic location. Please support your child’s participation by ensuring the relevant levy is paid and students have their equipment at school on Tuesdays.

The booklists have now been finalised for 2017. After feedback from parents and teachers, we have established two options for
parents in sourcing booklists. Options include an on-line/deliver to your door supplier, and a local supplier who has both on-line and shop-in-store capabilities. Parents always have the option to source books for themselves. A letter explaining the booklist options will be sent out to parents in the near future.

This Sunday is the annual Tinana State School Charity Golf Day at the Maryborough Golf Club. Teams of four players can register to play at the pro-shop and the day is always a lot of fun. Special thanks to all of our hole sponsors, some of whom are new and some who have been sponsoring this event since we began. Special thanks also to our major sponsor, Kevin and Sandy Law’s Oncourse Golf who have been our major sponsors over all of that time. If you are able to help out on the day, please call the school to register a time to assist.

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

eSmart Schools

Recently Tinana SS has moved from the planning stage of eSmart Schools to the implementation stage. As a parent you may go online and explore eSmart Schools at the following web address:

what-is-esmart-schools/

What is an eSmart School?

‘An eSmart school is a school where the smart, safe and responsible use of information and communications technology is a cultural norm. Students, teachers and the wider school community are equipped to embrace the best these technologies can offer, while being savvy about the pitfalls.’

Our eSmart journey will be undertaken over a number of years and we will update and maintain our practice over this time.

Student Council Halloween Disco!

Student Council

Happy Halloween
SCHOOL DISCO!

Friday 28 October

Prep - Year 3:  5 pm – 6:45 pm
Year 4 - Year 6:  7 pm – 9 pm

Entry: $4 with drink & treats
$2 Entry only

Supporting the building of a permanent shade shelter for the future handball courts.
Snacks available for purchase
Tinana Students Only

Spring Garden Competition

During National Water Week Tinana State School participated once again in the Water and Waste Wise Gardening Challenge conducted by the Wide Bay Water and Waste Service.

The three judges attending on Wednesday, 19th October were two representatives from the Fraser Coast Regional Council and one from Bunnings Maryborough, the main sponsor of the competition. Shakira Pearse, Jack Clayton, Ethan Morris and Archer Yates amongst other students showed the judges our school’s garden.

The students showed the judges how much they had learned by:

- Talking to a Power Point Presentation about different workshops at the Kids Teaching Kids events held last term
- Pointed out the new shade structures and watering sprinkling system and other changes made to the gardens this year
- Confidently answering questions about Wicking Beds, Composting, Worm Farms and Companion Planting

At the end of the presentation the judges were offered herbal iced tea, a salad from our garden and the students presented them with tussie mussies, a bunch of selected herbs for special occasions.

Mrs Yates and Mrs Lindner supported the students by offering extra information to the judges concerning sustainability of the
At Tinana State School we focus on permaculture and water and waste wise gardening, trench composting (a Grade 4 project), organic waste collection of the sustainability squad and smart watering systems. Many students from Grade 5 attended the presentation and showed keen interest in being involved next year.

Since we were awarded third place two years ago and second place last year we are looking forward to finding out how we compare with other schools participating in Maryborough and Hervey Bay in 2016.

Chappy News

A huge thank you to everybody who participated in the recent free dress day (with an Aussie theme). I saw some of the photos of the students and there were some amazing costumes with loads of creativity.

The Halloween School Disco is coming up this Friday night. I would encourage you to attend this. It is looking like shaping up to be a fun night. And the exciting part is, that students can dress up and have fun in a safe environment. Thanks to the Student Council for providing a safe place on the Halloween weekend.

I had the absolute privilege of watching our Spelling Bee teams compete in the Station Square Spelling Bee last Saturday. One of our teams placed second against a very competitive school. While the words were extremely difficult, I was most impressed with the team work Tinana students demonstrated on the day. They used all the skills they were taught by their very dedicated and talented Grade 3 teachers to work together to come up with their answers. It was very close—one point the difference - but we should all be so proud of our year 3 students and their teachers. CONGRATULATIONS!!! On a separate note, the two Aldridge Teams that placed second and first in the senior school section had some past Tinana Students in them.

Year 5 Leadership Day was another success. Our grade 5 teachers excelled themselves yet again. The students were exposed to all kinds of information and practical demonstrations. Graham and myself facilitated some ‘leadership/team building’ rotational activities in the morning session. We were ably helped by Brittany Foley, a past school leader, who later shared in the middle session about her leadership journey.

I was honoured to celebrate with the Moss family at the Fraser Coast Ability Awards last Friday afternoon. Adam Moss was the winner of the ‘Fraser Coast Sports and Recreation Ability Award.’ He won this award for his achievements in cross country at a national level. The section he was a finalist in was a very large and competitive section and it was lovely to see a Tinana Student win. Adam was an excellent ambassador for our school and was a well-deserved recipient of the award. Congratulations Adam!!!

I attended the Aldridge State High School Awards Night last week in the capacity of high school Chappy, but was secretly beaming with pride at the number of past Tinana students that received awards and acknowledgement on that night. Two of the four 2017 school leaders at Aldridge are past Tinana students. This is just a reminder of the brilliant school community that we have at Tinana. From the auxiliary staff, to the teaching staff, administration, students, parents and community members, we are all working to the same goal of allowing our students to excel in life.

I will be away next week at a conference Monday-Thursday. I look forward to being inspired with new and exciting ideas that will help our chaplaincy service meet the needs of our community in a more successful way.

Term 4 is always big—but we can make it a fantastic one. Commit to making every day count.

Amanda the Chappy.

Student Attendance – Same Day Absence Notification

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for the Department of Education and Training and for the Queensland Government.

At Tinana State School we endeavour to contact a parent or carer via text message when a student’s absence is unexplained after the first roll marking of the day.

As home and school work together, student safety will be increased. Here are some guidelines to make this process more efficient:

- Notify the school by phone or email before 9:00am if your student is going to be absent that day. Please give a brief explanation for the absence.
- If you receive a text message regarding an unexplained absence, please respond promptly, either via text or phone call.
- Please ensure that your mobile phone number and other contact details are up-to-date on the school records. This is critical, as we need to be able to contact you in case of emergency.
- If your student arrives late to school, they must go to the office for a late pass before going to their classroom. If they are leaving early, a leave pass must be obtained from the office.
Music News

Date Claimer Music Night - November 22
Concert Bands, Strings Ensembles, Choirs, and Recorder Ensemble - 6pm in the hall – more information coming home in the near future.

Office News

Booklists
We’ve been working hard to determine how to deliver your child’s booklist options for 2017. Please keep an eye on your child’s home folder & schoolbag in the coming weeks for booklists and information. Prep 2017 booklists will be emailed and posted out.

Day For Daniel
28 October
Dress with some red
As our uniform is predominantly red, students are asked to wear a red hat or socks on this day to remind them of the Child Safety message. Red shorts can be worn but this is not an excuse to wear ‘free dress.’

QParents
Your child’s educational journey in your hands
Would you like to:
- check your child’s timetable on your phone, tablet or computer?
- access your child’s report cards online?
- pay school invoices online with a credit card?
- notify the school of your child’s absences and monitor attendance?
- engage more closely with your child’s school?

Visit qparents.qld.edu.au to find out more.

Does your child have Asthma?
Have you advised the school of your child’s Asthma? If not, please notify the office as soon as possible.

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.
SMS NOTIFICATION

The school is now utilising an SMS system to notify parents of any unexplained absence. If you receive a text message stating your child’s absence is unexplained, you can reply via text, stating your child’s name, and reason for absence. If you believe your child should be present at school, please phone the office immediately on 4120 8000.

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.

NEW PAYMENT METHOD

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

Free Hearing and Vision Tests

Did you know?

Your child’s learning could be improved by having their hearing and vision checked.
A small investment in time (and it’s free) could be very beneficial to picking up undiagnosed problems which may affect learning.
Also, if your child needs to be seen by the Guidance Officer, a hearing and vision test MUST be done first and the results sighted.

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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. Even if you can just help for an hour with breakfast that would be great! Please let the Tuckshop Convenor or Office know your details and preferred day if you are able to help.

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 final P&C meeting for 2016 will be held on November 29 at 6pm at the Westside Tavern. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

Air Conditioning Update

More Air Conditioning!

Please help us continue fundraising so that the remaining buildings (Year 5 block, Year 4 block and the TLC can be air conditioned as soon as possible). We now have air conditioned classrooms for Prep to Year 3 as well as Year 6!

Tax Deductible Contributions

The P&C now has Tax Deductible status and we are now in a new tax year so if you would like to make a donation for this year please complete the form below.

Clubs, Organisations, and Businesses

If you know of a club, organisation or business that might be interested in making a donation towards our air conditioning project please let the P&C know by leaving a message at the office or through a private message on the Facebook page.

P&C Fundraising Information

Pie Drive

Pie Drive forms have been sent home. Please find links to extra copies below. Extra copies also available at the office.

Orders and Payments to be returned to the School Office by Wednesday, 9th November 2016. Delivery Date will be Monday, 28th November 2016.

Ask friends and families to support our school by purchasing some pies baked by Tinana’s Hot Bread Shop. Enjoy a delicious, quick and easy meal while supporting Tinana State School!
Golf Day Date – Sunday, 30th October

Tinana State School’s Charity Golf Day – get a team together ready to play! If you are not a golfer, helpers will be required on the day to help sell food and drinks.

If you are able to volunteer on the day please see the office.

The P & C are chasing a few more Hole Sponsorships for our annual Charity Golf Day. If any businesses would like to sponsor a hole, please contact the School office. Sponsorship costs $260 and this entitles you to the following:-

- Hole advertising for your business for the day
- 4 X complimentary games of golf
- 4 X complimentary burgers
- $2 stubbies for sponsors during your round
- Hole signage hand painted by students from the Tinana State School

Five Cent Fundraiser

Now you can use any silver coins as well!!! Keep bringing in your silver change to go towards the air conditioning fund! This fundraiser finishes in Week 6 so get all your coins into the office ASAP!

Uniform Shop

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

Get ready for next year and start a Lay-by for school packs and Prep packs.

Please welcome our new Volunteers to the Uniform Shop! Your help is very much appreciated. Pop in and welcome them!

Huge range of second hand shorts, skirts, shorts and polo shirts available

Chair Bags – Great Girl and Boy Designs available

Library Bags $12
Volunteers Required

Are you available to help out on Mondays or Fridays from 8-9am? Small children are welcome to come along. Please let the office or Uniform Shop know if you are able to help out!

School Banking

Tuesday is School Banking Day.

Join the Dollarmites School Banking Program

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Account for your child either drop into the local Commonwealth Bank or pick up an Application Form at the school office.

Banking Rewards

Exciting new Term 4 rewards with an Outback Savers theme are now available, while stock last! If your child has 10 tokens they can redeem by completing the rewards coupon and place it in their banking book.

Competition

School Banking is rewarding our Tinana School Bankers by running a competition that will see everyone wanting to continue banking.

There are 2 prizes available: 1st $20.00 Itunes Card & 2nd Dollarmites Prize Pack.

For your chance to win simply make 3 deposits and you will be placed in the draw. Competition will be drawn Wednesday 7th December.

Banker of the Week

Congratulations to Elia & Baden who are our lucky winners. Don’t forget you have to bank each week to go into the draw.
Musical is looking for a leading lady!!

The Maryborough Players are looking for talented actors and singers to audition for the lead role as Eliza in the upcoming musical production of My Fair Lady at the Brolga Theatre next March.

It is a challenging role and those interested should ideally be aged from around 17 to 20 years.

Auditions will be held on November 19 and 20. Anyone interested can phone the production Director and Choreographer, Cleone McRoberts, on 41214010.
we are aiming for is grade 4 - grade 6! Last year we ran a very similar program to this one in Hervey Bay which was quite successful in participation numbers.

Throughout this program AFL Wide Bay Development Officers will be teaching the girls skills and tactics to do with AFL and also implement them into a game of footy each session. Our aim at AFLWB is to get as many girls involved in our sport and for them to have fun, meet new people and get a girls competition running in the future!

**FOR SALE:** 3/4 Red & White Bass Guitar.

Apart from a small chip on the back it is in great condition. Bought from Ultra Music Hervey Bay in 2015. Comes with amp, guitar case & Sound Innovation Book. $220 for the lot.

Please contact Donna 0408 712 621.

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**ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION CHRISTMAS CRAFT STALL**

Looking for that special gift for Christmas?

Check out our range of craft items at very reasonable prices.

**WHEN:** THURSDAY, 17th November, 2016

**WHERE:** HERITAGE CITY MARKETS

Adelaide Street Entrance to St. Paul’s Memorial Hall, Maryborough

**TIME:** 7AM – 1PM

Tickets in our mini draw raffle of a towel set / placemats and a Christmas hamper will be available and drawn on the day. Tickets $1 ea.

All proceeds will be forwarded to Wontulp-Bi-Buya