Dear Parents

With three weeks left in the school year, I encourage every student to attend school every day. Learning remains a focus for us until the last few days of school. I have been most pleased with our achievements in Reading and Numeracy in 2016. These results are possible when students attend every day except when they are ill. Attendance certificates will be handed out with the report cards in the last week. Principal’s Excellence in Attendance (100%) Certificates will be handed out on the last day of term.

Our School Improvement work in 2016 has focussed on our priorities of Reading, Numeracy, Differentiated Teaching and Attendance. I am pleased to say that we have achieved strong outcomes for our students in each of these areas. In 2017, we will continue to focus on these important areas to ensure that our children have the skills to be able to achieve great results in the Australian Curriculum. We will also refine the teaching of writing as an added priority area. I congratulate every child who has achieved their benchmark level in reading this year.

By this time, I would expect that parents of students in Year six should have made contact with the secondary school of your choice to enrol your child for 2017. I have been informed that any student who has not been enrolled prior to the Orientation Days on 28th & 29th November, will be asked to return to their primary school. The orientation days have been structured according to classes for 2017 and it is inappropriate for any students who are not enrolled to participate. Please finalise your enrolment as a matter of urgency in order to be eligible for the orientation program.

We have managed incidents recently where students have sustained injuries from opening canned foods brought to school for lunches. As these cans present a hazard for students, we will no longer allow students to bring foods to school in tin cans. Please take steps to decant food from tins into re-usable plastic containers before they come to school in student lunches.

It was a pleasure to attend the 2016 Premier’s Sustainability Awards. We were again named as a finalist (top 3 schools in Queensland) in the Sustainability in Education category. Tinana received a special judge’s mention on the night for being a finalist two years in a row. Congratulations to Mrs Yates, our sustainability squad, teachers and students on your fine work in sustainability education throughout 2016.

It was tremendous to see so many parents attend and experience our Annual Music Night in the hall last night. I was thoroughly entertained by our large cast of musical talent who performed in bands, ensembles, duos and solos. Congratulations must surely go to every student in the program for their dedication and commitment to their music education. Thanks especially to our teachers Mrs Richardson, Mr Schulze, Miss Shaw and Mrs Brain for preparing our students so professionally and setting up a wonderful night of performances. Thanks also to Mrs Yates and Ms Anderson for production work.

I am very excited to inform you that our first Tinana SS Yearbook has gone to the printers for production. This book...
Chappy News

The busy time of the year has begun! The time when we begin to juggle Christmas parties, end of year celebrations, school concerts and graduations and that’s before we even make it to the shops to do our Christmas shopping. It seems like there is so much to cram in to the next two weeks of school, but remember to enjoy the journey if you can.

We have some wonderful community events to look forward to that staff and students have put so much effort into. I have visited some of the Theatre Restaurant rehearsals and continue to be amazed at the quality of the performances. The students’ and staff’s dedication and commitment to before school, during lunchtime and after school rehearsals is noteworthy and will shine on the night.

I listened to some outstanding leadership speeches from some of our grade 5 students last week and continue to be in awe of the quality of these speeches. Tinana certainly raises fantastic leaders and the grade 5 staff have provided quality foundational training for our students. The speeches were exceptional and the students who spoke should be really proud of themselves.

I am looking forward to the Year 6 Graduation Dinner that is coming up shortly. This is always a time of mixed emotions for all concerned, but one thing is guaranteed, the staff will host a magnificent evening that is a wonderful way to remember 2016 for our graduating students.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

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.

Sustainability News

2016 Premier’s Sustainability Awards

FINALIST
• 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 Night was a fantastic success! Thank you to everyone who attended!

2017 Booklists

Booklists were sent home last week. Prep Booklists are available for download below or collection from the office (otherwise they will be posted out with your child’s class allocation in the coming weeks).

IMPORTANT BOOKLIST INFORMATION:

Dear Parents

This year, we have been working hard to determine how to deliver your child’s booklist options for 2017. We have listened to your ideas: many of you are very happy with last years’ format, some of you were disappointed, and some of you wanted to utilise a local supplier to support local business.

With all your concerns in mind, this year we have chosen 2 suppliers. We have undertaken research and gathered quotes from many different sources, and have decided on the two that best suit the overall needs of our families and school. The details are provided below and in the attached pages.

You are, as always, welcome to purchase your child’s booklist items from anywhere you choose. We have provided the following options as a convenient service to assist our busy families, but ultimately the choice is yours.

Our preferred suppliers, Heritage City News and OfficeMax, both donate a percentage of sales back to our school. This money supports programs within the school that benefit your child.

Attached you will find two lists. BOTH LISTS ARE THE SAME. We have provided them in two different formats to assist you with whichever purchasing option you choose. You only need to choose one option.

OPTION 1: The first page is an easy to read booklist for your child’s year level that is available to order online at the link below and pick up in store, or you may prefer to go in-store to order at Heritage City News on the Corner of Ellena & Adelaide Streets, Maryborough, or phone on 4121 3265. We hope this list will also make life easier for you should you wish to shop around yourself.


OPTION 2: The second page is the OfficeMax specific booklist. This page shows you how to go online at the link below to order and have your items delivered to your home.


We hope we have provided an option that suits your needs, and your back to school shopping is stress-free.

Office News

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.

School Watch

You can help! Your eyes and ears are our security.

Look • Listen • Report

Phone 13 17 88
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.

PARENTS

1. Online System | Pay School Invoices
   - Pay School Invoices (SRS, Text Book Fees, Camps, etc.)
   - Access via any Computer or Smart Phone

2. Payments Accepted: MasterCard | VISA

3. Secure Payment Method
   Easy to Use Interface


Free Hearing and Vision Tests

Tuckshop News

Open to Offers

The P&C have an upright freezer that no longer freezes for sale. It operates at approximately a fridge temperature and would make a great beer or wine fridge.

Please submit all offers in writing to the school office.

Fisher and Paykel Vertical Freezer...
Model E388RW
Total Gross Volume 389 litres
Total Storage Volume 288 litres
With 6 Drawers

Tuckshop operates on Mondays and Fridays

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.

Ordering

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

Air Conditioning Update

Air Con is Here!!

All classrooms at Tinana State School now have air conditioning installed and operating due to the hard work of the P&C Committee and all of the students and families at our school! We are not done yet though! The school has lent the P&C money to complete the last blocks of air conditioning and this money needs to be paid back. Please help us to continue fundraising to pay off these air conditioners!! Keep an eye out for our next fundraisers in 2017!

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 next P&C meeting will be the last meeting of the year and will be held on Tuesday, November 29th from 6pm at the Westside Tavern for a dinner meeting.

Tax Deductions

Tax Deductible Contributions

The P&C 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.

Volunteers Required

In order for Tuckshop to run we require volunteers to help the Tuckshop Convenor on Mondays and Fridays. There are only a few weeks left this year so please come and help out! 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.
Book Covers & Personalised Labels

In order to support our school while covering and labelling your child’s books for next year please consider ordering from the following companies that donate part of your purchases back to Tinana State School.

** Please insert the Fundraising Code “TINANASTATESCHOOLPANDC”

https://www.ezcovers.com/au/

Pie Drive Coming Soon!!

Thanks to everyone who supported the Pie Drive Fundraiser. We raised $1,153.00 which will go towards purchasing air conditioning for the classrooms. Don’t forget the delivery date is Monday, 28th November and you can pick up your pies from the Hall between 1.30 and 3.30 p.m. As we have no capacity to store pies overnight, all orders are required to be picked up on the day of delivery.

Five Cent Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who made donations towards the 5 Cent Fundraiser. The total amount raised for the year was $2,643.30. Congratulations to the winning class who was Prep/1S and the runners up were 6L. Well done to these classes and I hope you enjoy your winning treats.

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.

https://www.ezcovers.com/au/
Check out our Uniform Shop video on Facebook for more information:

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, so bring your Dollamites Bank book and place in the Grey Banking Bag located in your classroom and we will do the rest.

Parents do not forget to write your child’s deposit book out properly. We have had a number of deposit slips not filled out. This way it ensures that the correct amount is deposited and it also helps us to process the banking quicker.

Competition

Keep on Banking – Time is Running Out

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.

Banking Rewards

Outback Savers Rewards are now available:

- Bush Fly Fan (No Longer Available)
- Wriggle Glow Worm
- Outback Pat Bag Tag

If your child has 10 tokens they can redeem by completing the rewards coupon and place it in their banking book. Unfortunately stock has run out on most of the Outback Saver Rewards.

REMINDER: - Token will be carried over to 2017 if you don’t redeem them this year.

Bankers of the Week

Congratulations to Eloise & Isaac who are our lucky winners. Don’t forget you have to bank each week to go into the draw.

 Regards School Banking Co-Ordinators

Keep in Touch through Social Media

https://www.facebook.com/TinanaStateSchoolPandC
We have a YouTube Channel for Tinana State School P&C!

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Community Notices

Granville Football Club’s
Annual Christmas Spins...

When: Friday 25th November 2016
Time: from 5.30pm
Where: Canning Park Clubhouse
River end of Banana Street, Granville
Tickets only $2.00!!

Sausage Sizzle, Burgers, Cheap Drinks
Jumping Castle & Lollies for the kids!
Prizes include vouchers from Granville Butchery,
Schwarzrock Seafoods & more!

Great Family Event - All Welcome!

The Maryborough Swimming Club would like to invite all children to join the club for the summer season.

Membership for seven and under is FREE and children aged eight and half price.

Any children this age group become part of Swimming Queensland “Dolphin” programme and will receive packages from Swimming Queensland.

Swimming has many benefits and by becoming part of the club your children have the opportunity to participate in fun days and carnivals.

Please contact Kathy, club secretary for further information Ph: 0419751568 or email the club at: Maryboroagh@wildbayswimming.org.au

Shopping trip to Sunshine plaza
Sunshine Coast
Tirana Hockey Club Inc

Tirana Hockey Club is holding a fund raising shopping trip by bus to Sunshine Plaza, Sunshine Coast on Sunday 27th November 2016.

COST: $30 per head
Departs: Hervey Bay at 7.00am
Maryborough at 7.30am
Bus trip departs Sunshine Coast at 4.00 pm

For bookings and further information phone:
Beryl Mattsson 0403023853
Perrile Furber 0409874365

Everyone is welcome for a good day out!
BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE!

Why not volunteer to host an international student from France next year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. All the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses ,and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like know more, please email your interest to Rob at Inter Cultural Management on rob.lindsay@icm-education.com.au

IT’S FREE: To register now, go to www.sunsinecosttouch.com

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.
You CAN recycle your soft plastics!

Collect the soft plastics listed below (that you can’t recycle in your kerbside recycle bin) and post to RED Group where they will be processed by RedCycle and then shipped to Australian-based manufacturer Replicas where they will be reprocessed into amazing new products.

**YES PLEASE!**
- Bread bags
- Biscuit packets
- Frozen food bags
- Rice and pasta Bags
- Confectionery packets
- Cereal Box Liners
- Newspaper wrap
- Plastic shopping bags
- Old green bags

**POST TO:**
RED Group
38 Chelmsford Street
Williamstown North VIC 3016


**Brothers Maryborough Christmas Party**

**SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2016**

1pm to Late

FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES, JUMPING CASTLE, FOOTBALL GAMES & WATER Slides (Bring your Towels)

Raffles

FREE DRINKS & RUDI

BROTHERS CLUB HOUSE

CNS ANN & GAIYA STREETS MARYBOURGH

BURGERS & SAUSAGE SIZZLE

SMALL SNACKS, DRINKS & WATER AVAILABLE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

*Thanks for all your support this season.*

*Bring on 2017, Back Em All*