7 December 2016

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents

Your will receive your child’s semester two report card this week, including any certificates of commendation issued and your child’s class allocation for 2017. On receipt of your child’s written report, I urge you to consider the effort grade awarded by the teacher, which represents the work your child has put towards attaining their result. I congratulate any student who has received a very good or better for effort in any subject.

We received news late last week that Tinana State School will join the group of 250 Independent Public Schools from 2017. This is an affirmation of the tremendous improvement work that has occurred in this school over the past 5 years. In terms of day to day school life, very little will change as an IPS. The school will appoint a School Council to support governance of the school and some additional funding will be available for us to support innovation in our school programs. I am very excited for our future operations as an Independent Public School joining Aldridge SHS, Maryborough SHS and St Helens SS as the IPS schools in Maryborough.

Our School Improvement work in 2017 will remain firmly focussed on Reading and Numeracy. We will continue to refine our teaching in both of these areas supported by our coaches. We will engage with regional and local projects to continue to develop our skills in effective teaching approaches.

Please keep an eye on our school over the Christmas Vacation period. These are typically the times when our school is vulnerable to abuse when staff are on leave and the school is vacant. Report any suspicious activity to Police.

I wish our year 6 students every success in their future education as they attend for the last time on Friday. Thank you for a tremendous 2016, I am confident 2017 will be even better.

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

Chappy News

Countdown is on to the holidays! Christmas holidays are my favourite because

1. They are the longest (ok so I am honest)
2. They are the ones where we get to catch up with family we don’t often see
3. Its summer; and
4. IT’S CHRISTMAS!!!!

Before we eagerly wait for the final bell for 2016 I have a few shout outs:

Firstly, Justine the Yearbook looks amazing. It is seriously better than my year 12 one. Not only is it a great quality, a wonderful compilation of the successes our school community has celebrated this year, and really inclusive of all grades, but I can honestly say I have never heard Justine complain once. It was a huge task, and I am certain she had a myriad of helpers but she was so positive about it and the end product is something we are going to be proud to brag about in our wider community.

Graduation Dinner: Words escape me. I am speechless. So much thought went into every little detail from the seating arrangements, to the name tags, to the video, the dance, the farewell roll call and so much more. Year 6 teachers and
staff, ‘thank you’ doesn’t quite seem to make the grade. The night was all about the students and they have a night full of wonderful memories to take into adulthood. Thank you.

Theatre Restaurant: The senior students and staff have done it again—they have excelled themselves. They have come together and worked tirelessly through the heat to pull off what is going to be a spectacular event and one not to be missed. I am so excited about it I have organized an excursion for my St Helens’ drama students to come and watch it Wednesday morning.

Farewell year 6s: To our current year 6s and their families—I am really going to miss you. I get so attached to so many families and it really is hard to farewell you. I am thankful I will still see some of you through my work at Aldridge and for the others, Maryborough is a small town—I will catch up at Station Square no doubt.

To the awesome staff at Tinana: I am not sure our school community will ever know the blood, sweat and tears you put into the job. And I hesitate when I use the word ‘job’ because so many of you have said to me on countless occasions, “It’s all about the kids.” Tinana really is ‘all about the kids’ and the students have reaped the benefits. From Prep to senior we have outstanding staff who excel in their field. I thoroughly enjoy visiting classes and standing in amazement when I see how excellent your teaching standards are. I wonder sometimes if my schooling might have been easier if I had some of you as my teachers. Thank you for loving the students, working with integrity, teaching creatively, being flexible and juggling every ball that has been thrown your way. Tinana is blessed because of our teaching staff.

To the staff who aren’t teachers: I am so proud of our school. It runs so smoothly, looks amazing and is such an awesome environment because of your effort and energy. Thank you for putting your whole heart into what you do and making our community awesome.

To the families: We have some of the best kids in town at Tinana and it takes a village to raise a child—thanks for choosing us to be that village for your child. We take the responsibility of education very seriously and look forward to continuing the partnership we have with you in 2017.

HAVE A WONDERFUL BREAK. Remember to stop, breathe and just enjoy each other. These holidays are for family. May your family know love, joy and peace during these Christmas holidays. Thank you for the absolute privilege and honour of being your Chappy these last 10 years—looking forward to 2017 with excitement and anticipation.

Merry Christmas.
Amanda the Chappy.

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.

### 2017 Booklists

**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 via 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

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**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.
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 (SRF, Test Book Fees, Camps, etc.)
   • Access via ANY Computer or Smart Phone
2. Payments Accepted:
   MasterCard | Visa
3. Secure Payment Method
   Easy to Use Interface


We would like to thank all the students who have returned forms & attended their appointments. Well done everybody, we have loved your never ending enthusiasm to come over to the van.

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.

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop will operate on Mondays and Fridays in 2017

**Please note that Tuckshop will begin operation in Week 2 of school in 2017. There will not be any Tuckshop in the first week of the school year.

Volunteers Required

Volunteers will be required to help in Tuckshop in 2017. Please let the Tuckshop or Office know if you will be able to help!

Dental Van News

The Dental Van will be closed from 3pm on Tuesday 6th December. Please note: The school office cannot accept any dental forms after this time.

For all dental pain, emergencies and trauma, please contact The Children’s Oral Health Call Centre on 4122 8670.

Some students will still have outstanding treatment, and appointments will be made and a letter posted home shortly. These appointments will be at the West School Dental Clinic in Ariadne Street.

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

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the P&C Meetings this year.

The first P&C meeting of 2017 will be held on Tuesday, January 31st from 6pm in the Staff Room. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28th from 6pm in the Staff Room. Everyone is welcome to attend!

P&C Fundraising Information

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.

- https://www.ezcovers.com/au/
  ** Please insert the Fundraising Code “TINANASTATESCHOOLPANDC”


Pie Drive

Thanks again to everyone who helped fundraise with the Pie Drive and also thanks to the helpers who helped pack and sort the orders. We hope everyone is enjoying their pies. We had some wonderful families with lots of orders this year and we would like to reward these families with a prize for being the highest sellers. The top sellers were:

- **Trish Ebert** – 72 items – received a $50 Tinana Bakery Voucher
- **Kylie George** – 25 items - received a $20 Tinana Bakery Voucher
- **Carla Rice** – 24 items - received a $20 Tinana Bakery Voucher
- **Nicole Heath** – 21 items - received a $20 Tinana Bakery Voucher

We would like to thank the Tinana Bakery for donating the vouchers for the prizes. Thank you again for your support to the P&C. We look forward to another wonderful year of fundraising next year.

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop will be open Wednesday January 18th, Thursday January 19th, Friday January 20th, Monday January 23rd and Tuesday January 24th from 8am-10:30am for all of your uniform needs. Payment is by cash, cheque or layby. All profits go back to the school.

- **Prep Pack for $100** includes: 3 x School Polos (same size), 1 x Sport Polo and 1 x Prep Hat
- **School Pack for $115** includes: 4 x School Polos (any sizes), 1 x Sport Polo and 1 x School Hat

The Uniform Shop volunteers would like to thank you for your continued support of the Tinana State School P&C Uniform Shop and look forward to seeing you in 2017!
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
We are fast approaching the end of 2016. Sharon and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting the School Banking Program. It has been a fun year and also a very successful year thanks to our diligent bankers.

Next year, there will be more competitions and top secret “Future Saver” rewards program.

Students Tokens that haven’t been redeemed this year will be carried over into the New Year and Tuesday 24th January will be our first banking day for 2017.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Regards School 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!

Community Notices

Chipmunks
2 for 1 Deal*

Show this voucher at Chipmunks Bundaberg along with two children and get the lowest entry value for FREE

*Must present this voucher to redeem offer. Non-transferable. Cannot be used with any other offer. Offer only valid on full price entry only. Minimum entry of 2 children. Not a member? Sign up for FREE today! Offer Expires 20/12/17

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 club nights, fun days and carnivals.

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

regarding community notices, one can visit their Facebook page for more updates.

Regarding advice, one can get more information by visiting their website or contacting Kathy, the club secretary.
**Whodunit?**

Examine hands-on exhibits and apply the latest crime-solving techniques to solve a murder.

**Open 7 Days**
10am-3pm
Adult $12, Child $10.
Family & Concession tickets available.

**Maryborough City Hall**

3 Dec - 22 Jan 2017


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**Summer Reading Club**

Have a wicked-good summer filled with super-reads and join the Summer Reading Club.

Join in the fun at Fraser Coast Libraries and online at [www.summerreadingclub.org.au](http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au)

**5th December 2016 to 20th January 2017**

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**Major prizes include**
An iPad mini, Big W/Kmart gift cards
Incentive prizes are also given

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**Play Touch**

2017 Training camps coming

Kingaroy-Sat 7th Jan
Gandah-Sun 8th Jan
Childers-Tue 10th Jan
Hervey Bay-wed 11th Jan

Games, Skills and Drills at your local club

IT’S FREE: To register now, go to [www.sunshinecoasttouch.com](http://www.sunshinecoasttouch.com)

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**1001 Arabian Nights**

Pantomime... Fun for the Whole Family

By Damien Trayer, David Lively & Steve Clark
Directed by Graeme Roberts

Aldridge State High School, Maryborough
December 9th 7:30, December 10th 2pm & 7:30pm
Z-PAC Theatre, Hervey Bay
December 16th 7:30, December 17th 2pm & 7:30pm
December 18th 2pm – Tickets - $15 – $25
Book online or visit our box office
Fridays 9.12. Phone bookings welcome

Phone Liane Mills for more information 0418 712636
or email promotions@zpactheatre.com
15 Zeptyr Street, Scarness | [www.zpactheatre.com](http://www.zpactheatre.com)
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.

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.