1 February 2017

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school year. Our classes have experienced a settled beginning to the year with routines and procedures being established for learning. It has been a pleasure catching up with students and seeing them make a bright and positive start. Special welcome to all of our newly enrolled students and their families.

Our learning focus for 2017 is in the areas of Reading, Writing and Numeracy. In 2016, we were able to achieve a high standard of student achievement as a result of high student attendance. My expectation is that every student will attend school every day unless they are ill. The aspirational reading benchmark for each year level is listed below for our school.

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At the conclusion of 2016, we were successfully designated as an Independent Public School. This was recognition for our achievement in school improvement work over the past 5 years. In essence, it means that we will continue to create improvements for our students in Literacy and Numeracy and to build on our broad base of school programs in areas of academics, sport and culture. In coming weeks, I will communicate details about the creation of a School Council for our school.

On Friday, Mark Jones, Acting Assistant Regional Director will attend Tinana to speak with me about school and regional priorities. Mr Jones has been a fellow principal colleague and brings a range of fresh ideas and perspectives to our school in the role of Assistant Regional Director.

We are currently watching our numbers closely as we move towards the all-important Day 8 Enrolment collection. We have enrolled a large number of students. Tinana is currently staffed on 19 classes however this may change should we receive more enrolments this week. The all-important Day 8 enrolment collection (which determines staffing and resourcing) takes place tomorrow. Adjustments may need to be made to the classes after Day 8 should numbers increase sufficiently.

While every minute of teaching and learning time is important for your child’s education, from time to time it may be necessary for students to be released on the first bell. If you routinely require your child to be released on the 2.55pm bell, you should make application to do so by writing a letter requesting an early release, the day or days this refers to, and stating the reason for the early departure. Teachers will not ordinarily release students on the first bell without such an authorisation.

It was pleasing to see the large numbers of students who have expressed interest in being part of our instrumental music program in 2017. Students will have opportunities to learn and enjoy stringed and wind instruments as well as to engage with the choirs and boys singing club “Bloke Sing”. I look forward to performances from all of these groups in coming months.

Unfortunately, the civil works that were planned for our carpark over the Christmas Vacation, did not occur. Survey works have taken place in the last two weeks. I will keep you informed of any developments with this project and we await further instruction as to implementation timelines.

I will be away from Tuesday 28 February until Friday 3 March to attend the Bi-annual State-wide Principals Conference.
Every principal in Queensland will meet to align education priorities and to hear from high quality educational speakers. I will also attend the Independent Public Schools Induction Conference in the same week. Mrs Donohue will be Acting Principal in my absence.

Due to the increased risk of injury to students, ring pull tin can food containers have been banned from our school. Please ensure your child’s safety and the safety of others by decanting any foods in ring pull tin cans into other suitable containers such as re-usable plastic containers. Your cooperation is appreciated in managing this safety issue.

The first meeting of the P&C for 2017 was held last night. The P&C confirmed their priorities for 2017 including finalising payment for classroom air-conditioning. The AGM for the P&C will be held on Tuesday 7th March at 6pm to be followed by a general P&C meeting. All welcome.

In closing, I encourage our students who are creatively minded in the visual arts, to enter the Art Competition being sponsored by our Federal Member for Wide Bay Mr Llew O’Brien. Students are invited to create visual art works or photographic images that relate to local scenes from the Wide Bay area. Selected art works will hang in the offices of Parliament House and the Member’s chambers in Maryborough. Details are available from your child’s teacher.

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

Chappy News

What a wonderful start to the year it had been for our school community. If you are new to our Tinana Community - WELCOME!! If this is your last year with us, cherish every moment and milestone before your child moves on to high school.

2017 is going to be a terrific year at Tinana.

Our first key to success is confidence. And the start of the year requires much confidence from staff, families and students. Each Tuesday, I will be playing games in the hall with students in first break helping them learn to be more confident.

Tinana is fortunate to have a talented and dedicated staff and it has been wonderful for me to watch them welcome our students into their classes.

So what does chaplaincy look like at Tinana State School?

This year we will be hosting our lunch time games program each Tuesday at ‘You Can Do It Club’ for grades 1 and older.

The BEAR PLAN is an initiative of Bundaberg North State School and gives students strategies that help them deal with anxiety and anger. I may visit some classes to discuss these strategies.

BRIDGE BUILDERS teaches students (and adults) how to effectively deal with conflict. It trains students to understand the difference between bullying and conflict and then gives them 8 useful tools to resolve conflict.

Chaplaincy is also involved in school events such as camps, the Eisteddfod, ANZAC Day services, Family Fun Day, NAPLAN Breakfast, Graduations, and Theatre Restaurant etc.

We really do have a wonderful community at Tinana State School. To make this year better than great, I would encourage you to volunteer within our school community. There are plenty of ways to help out: school banking, P&C, classroom support, tuck shop and many more. I would encourage you to sign up for something- if we all do our part, our school will be a better place and in the end, it’s our children that will benefit from our efforts. Let’s make an investment into the lives of our children by investing some time this year into our school.

2017- It’s going to be better than great so make every day count.

Amanda the Chappy

News from the Library!

If you would like to help the school but don’t know what to do… come down to the Library. We would love to have you!!

Sign in at the office or ring 07 4120 8500 for more info.

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.

SWIMMING INFORMATION

SWIMMING begins THIS FRIDAY for all students in years 2 & 4. If you have not paid the fee of $40 per child, please do so immediately at the school office.

Physical Education News

Welcome to an exciting 2017, in Physical Education. Parents please ensure that your child has the following to assist in their enjoyment of P.E. – a broad brimmed hat, water bottle, no jewellery (as per uniform document) and shoes (joggers) and socks.

This term will be busy with Interschool Sport, Cross Country and District Trials.

Prep to Year One, will be focusing on ways of moving activities and practising for their cross country run. Parents, you can help assist by running or walking with your child over short distances gradually increasing to 750m.

Year Two and Four, will be practising their swimming and Cross Country. Year Four students who are turning 10 this year may also trial for District Teams.

Year Three, will be learning skills for Netball, Hockey and Cross Country. Parents can assist with cross country training by running short distances gradually increasing to 750m.

Year Five and Six, will be focusing on Cross Country, Basketball and Netball skills. Cross country training with classes will commence for students with sessions of walking and running.

There are many trials for District Teams coming up.

Softball trials boys and girls – Wednesday 22nd February
AFL trials boys only –Wednesday 22nd February
Touch trials boys and girls – Wednesday 15th March
Basketball trials boys and girls –Wednesday 15th March

Students must be turning 10, 11 or 12 year olds to attend the trials. To attend the trials a consent form must be completed and presented at the trial. This form can be collected from me.
Friday Afternoon Interschool Sport (for years 5&6) will commence on Friday 24th February with sports – Soccer (boys and girls), Hockey (boys and girls), Tennis (boys and girls), Netball (girls) and Rugby League (boys).

Yours in sport
Leeanne Murtagh
P.E. Teacher

Important Office News

Tinana State School has a Facebook page! Subscribe to get up to date information about what’s happening at school!
https://tinanass.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

Please keep an eye out in the coming weeks for information about Q-Parents. A flyer will be sent home with your youngest child at Tinana.

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 PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD

There is a new payment method available for parents to pay invoices, please check out the pamphlet for more information.
School Photo Day is scheduled for Thursday, 27th of July!

**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.

**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.

**Hearing Test**

- **Where:** Queensland Health – Child Health
- **Contact:** Baulkham Hills Road (behind Merrylands Hospital)
- **Address:** 187 Newport Rd, Merrylands, NSW
- **Phone:** 40287230 for an appointment
- **Who:** Any child up to 18 years old
- **Cost:** No cost
- **Report:** You will be given a written report, please bring this to school and we will take a copy for our files.

**Vision Test**

- **Where:** Any ophthalmologist will do the testing and bill to Medicare.
- **How:** Phone for an appointment
- **Cost:** No cost
- **Report:** They will bill to Medicare. (Be sure to take your Medicare card)
- **Contact:** Please ask for a written report and bring this to school so we can take a copy for our files.
The P&C Association will be looking for new members, and members to take on Executive and various committee roles. Without a functioning P&C, your children miss out on all the “extras” (such as air conditioned classrooms, subsidised behaviour rewards activities, new reading book sets and much more)! Many hands make light work, so please, volunteer some of your time and contribute to your school community. Tinana School is a great school!

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop is open Mondays & Fridays from 8am to 9am.

School Banking

Firstly “Thank You” to all our fantastic bankers for making 2016 the most successful year to date. We have raised $1432 which will be used to purchase valuable resources for the whole school! CONGRATULATIONS!

School Banking Students should have received their Token Balance to start the year along with the 2017 Future Savers – School Banking Pack which has everything your child needs to set off on this year’s saving adventure. The pack includes a Reward Card with details on this year’s New Reward Items and how to redeem a reward and a Savings Tracker so your child can keep track of their School Banking deposits throughout the year.

Remember, no matter how small, regular deposits will help your savings grow.


• Cyber Handball – Term1
• Colour Change Markers – Term1
• 3D Chalk Set – Term 2
• Tablet Case – Term 2
• Smiley Emoji Keyring – Term 3
• Volt Handball - Term 3
• Pencil + Tech Case – Term 4
• Epic Earphones – Term 4

P&C Meetings

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7th March from 6pm in the Staff Room. Everyone is welcome to attend!
1st Competition – New Students

We will give one lucky NEW student a $20.00 Toyworld Gift Card for joining our School Banking Program and by making a deposit in Term One your name goes into the draw.

To join this savings adventure with School Banking, your child will need a Youthsaver account. There are two simple ways to open one:

Online
Visit the Commbank website and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account

In Branch
Visit the Maryborough Commonwealth Bank branch in Adelaide Street and their friendly staff will assist. Please bring along identification for you and your child.

2nd Competition – Existing School Bankers

We want to reward our existing diligent school bankers by running a competition to support and motivate them to keep on banking and also to celebrate their continued efforts. For a chance to win they have to bank at least 5 times in Term One. Their prize is a $20.00 Toyworld Gift Card.

We will be running both these competitions until the last week of Term One.

Congratulation to Rodney the winner of the Itunes Card and Kelsey for winning the Dollarmites Prize Pack. We hope you enjoyed your prizes!

Regards Tammy & Sharon School Banking Co-Ordinators

Keep in Touch with P&C through Social Media

Check us out on Facebook!

Community Notices

Party Class with
BEL-MONDO
ZUMBA
FITNESS

WHEN
Saturday 4th February
Doors: 6:00pm
Class: 6:30pm – 8:00pm
BONUS free mini CONCERT included
WHERE
Aldridge State High School
Boys Ave, Maryborough
TICKETS
$26 Pre-Paid
$25 At Door
CONTACT
Bec Blender
P: 0427 047 189
E: becblender@gmail.com

Toni Robinson’s Dance School – Dance classes will resume on Tuesday 7th February. Times as per 2016. Jazz, contemporary, hip hop and tap classes are available for 3 years to adults.

Phone Toni on 0419212740 for further information.
Junior Basketball

Sign On

Friday 27th January and
Friday 3rd February
Maryborough Basketball Stadium
Corner Frank & Ariadne Street @ 3.30pm

Fees

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Secretary: Karen Gallagher

Contact: 0429 034 918

Jnr Co-Ordinator: Ray & Elva Alloway

Contact: 4122 1957

Season commences Friday 10th February

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Granville Football Club

Junior Info/Sign On Day...

When: Wednesday 1st February
Where: Granville Fields 'Canning Park', Banana St (river end)
Time: 4.00pm - 5.30pm
What: Kids can have a kick & see committee for info on how to register for 2017 Season

Granville Football Club are looking for players!!!
Family friendly Club with great social activities through the year!
Registered for "Get Started" vouchers
Come and join us today!
All are welcome!!

For more information - please email granvillefootballclub@outlook.com
& keep an eye on our Facebook page!

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Sunbury Blues Football Club

Friendly Soccer Club

Location:
Cricket Club (Newtown Oval) at Ariadne Street

All ages from U/6 - Seniors. Our Squirt Program for ages 3 - 5 will commence after Easter.

FREE Shorts and Socks for all Junior Players!!

Information Day Dates:
Saturday 28th January plus 4th & 11th February from 9am - 1pm. Big W end of Station Square. Plus, Cricket Club each Thursday from 5 - 6pm.

Don't forget there is Government assistance:

Enquiries please contact: David - 0438 715 145, Josh - 0419 736 888 or Cassie 0438 152 352

Check out our FACEBOOK Page - Sunbury Football Club - Maryborough Queensland.

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Tennis News

* Free Come and Try Day
  Saturday 4th February at Alice St courts, 3-5 pm. Novelty games & prizes finishing with a sausage sizzle.
* COACHING - Group & Private Lessons starting soon.
* Hotshots Tennis, 4-9 year olds. Enrol now.

Enquiries please contact Bruce Rayner 0487 601 018

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WALLAROO J.R.L.C.
MARYBOROUGH

Register Online Now for the 2017 Season

www.playwhl.com/register/player

Girls & Boys welcome

Mini Mods 6-12 years
Rego only $60
Pack $100 (includes rego, shirts, shorts, socks, bag)

Internationals 13-16 years
Rego only $90
Pack $135 (includes rego, shirt, shorts, socks, bag)

Training - Tuesdays & Thursdays 4.30pm @ Eldsdale Park, Maryborough

Payment Details: Credit Card (when registering online) Cash, Get Started Voucher, Direct Deposit - Bank Details: BSB 139 0436/46

Email: wallaroojrlc@outlook.com
Contact: Dan 0477 604 467

Facebook: Wallaroo JRLC

"If it's Blue & White, it's alright"
Manorbier Netball Association
Primary School Netball Competition
Information & Nomination Form 2017

Want to try a new sport?
Get a School Team together and come along for a fun day...

When: Sunday 19th February 2017
Time: Games commence at 9.00am
Finish at 2.00 pm
Divisions: Net Set Go
Prep to Year 2
Primary School
Year 3 to Year 6
Where: Manorbier Netball Association Courts,
36 Queen Street
What to bring: Hths, Water, Sunscreen
What to Wear: Comfortable sports clothing, shoes – no spikes, short fingernails and please no jewellery.
Canteen will be in operation.

School Name:

School Year:

Team Name:

Team Manager (Name):

Team Scorer (Name):

Cost: $20 per person, 9 people required per team
Email nominations to Tammy @98.s@gmail.com or phone 0424 364 555 for more information
Nomination close 8th February 2017

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"Star Dust Drama Academy is a drama school with a difference! Acting lessons provide students with the tools to tackle not only the stage but the skills to take on life."

What is Star Dust Drama Academy?

- Dramas, acting and speech classes for students aged 4 to 18 years
- Emphasis on building confidence, character and self-esteem while learning skills for the stage, the screen and behind the scenes.
- Students will gain practical experience (in public speaking and performance, script writing, directing, hair and makeup, props & stage and costume design)
- Weekly lessons are themed (taking influence from famous playwrights, popular theatre genres and plays, preparation, current affairs, social issues and the students own work)
- The division of age groups allows students to learn in an age-appropriate environment with similarly minded peers.

Who is Rhiannon Patten?

Rhiannon has been working as an acting teacher in Brisbane for more than 10 years with many students graduating to pursue careers in television, music or media. Having always had a passion for the theatre, an acting career seemed a clear choice. However a part time job working with kids soon afar Rhiannon's ambitions. So someone with a talent for the microphone, Rhiannon discovered that for many people, this was a skill they had to learn—a skill which many people were never able to learn. It is more than knowing your lines, it's more than memorizing a monologue, it's about having the confidence to carry on when everything goes wrong.

Teaching experience both on and off stage sharpened the skills she honed. Rhiannon with a vast knowledge of "Show business", Rhiannon's love of the arts led her to study Media and Public Relations at university, giving her invaluable insight into the business side of theatre productions.

After fighting her way through the cut-throat acting world of Brisbane, Rhiannon has decided to apply her skills and open the Star Dust Drama Academy based in Maryborough.