Our Motto — Work Conquers All
Our Vision — Every child improving, every day in every way.

Principal Communication

Dates to Remember:-
* NEXT P & C meeting 24th February - 6:00P.M.
* Movie and popcorn evening - 23rd of March
* Cross country and fun run (date to be advised)

This coming Tuesday is the P and C meeting, and we welcome all parents. The meeting will begin at 6:00P.M. The next meeting in March, will be the Annual General Meeting (AGM), where P and C executive members are nominated.

We are very proud of the achievements of our all our students both past and present. Ricky Lippiatt, has been rewarded for his attitude towards learning, his polite manners and his willingness to work hard at Kingaroy State High School. Congratulations Ricky for being the first year 7 class captain, for all of the year 7 students. We are very proud of you and wish all of our past students great results and successes, at high school and beyond.

Next week, painters will be at our school to begin painting the outside of A block, building. Safety is paramount while work is being carried out at Tingoora S.S. I have been assured there will be quite high fences and other barricades to protect all school community, members.

Thank you to Dylan Goodchild and the Goodchild family for selling the 2nd lot of hundred dollar boards of the year, at the Tingoora Hotel. We are well on the way to saving our families some money this year off the price of their school camp and having a ‘bonza,’ of an End of Year Rewards day. We are grateful of the support the Tingoora Hotel consistently offers us, and all our families.

Each Friday, students are being reminded to bring in $1.00 to buy an Ice Block. Proceeds go towards the student council.

You may have noticed a boat in our yard! Thanks to the (Ryan’s) Stolzenberg family, who collected it for us. While it is currently out of bounds for children, who are not allowed to play on it, we have our first boat for next terms garden regatta. Even more exciting times ahead.

Attached to the newsletter are the invoices for the 2015 Student Resource Scheme and Term 1 Swimming. If you have already paid, we thank you for your prompt attention and your receipt is attached. We would appreciate payment of these accounts by the end of Term 1. Please contact me if you would like to discuss payment options.
Children work at a fast pace at our school and we are getting some pleasing results due to our high expectations and the dedication of our staff and students. While we do have amazing, talented and excellent teacher aides at our school, they are not the teachers and are therefore, unable to answer questions relevant to the homework, or the curriculum. Please make an appointment with me, or alternatively write a short question or statement about your concerns. I will subsequently contact you via phone, as soon as I get a chance, (normally the same day, or the next day), to clarify any concerns, or see you at a scheduled time. Homework is important to us, and we DO give homework every week. Please ask your child to show them your homework as some children will consistently miss out on playing if they consistently either don’t do their homework or forget it.

Congratulations to our stars this week. Georgia Millers received the Principal’s award for being organised, safe, persistent and getting along. Gemma Beutel received the Student of the Week award for great work to improve her reading results. Sam Jukes has also been organised, demonstrated persistence and getting along skills to receive his achievement award and Katilin McLeod’s award was for very neat bookwork.

Congratulations, Dylan Goodchild, Jordan Brown, Gemma Beutel, Jason Bone and Brandon Clancy, for their good manners and great ways they represented our school at the recent leadership camp.
This week our focussed behaviour is—**safety in all areas**

Students will be taught to keep hands, feet and objects to themselves. They will learn that in the playground their hands can tag a person but not grab their shirt. Their feet can kick a ball but not kick a person. They can play handball but not throw the ball at someone.

Reinforcing these behaviours at home would be appreciated, and help develop these skills more easily.

**Cyclone Information**

As you are all aware of Cyclone Marcia crossing the coast. Some information that may be useful for you.

How to prepare for Cyclones and floods-

- Secure buildings, furniture, equipment, chemicals, fuels and other facilities
- Turning off gas and electricity supplies (where impact is imminent)
- Checking fuel for generators (if applicable)
- Keeping a list of emergency numbers on hand
- Tune into Warnings as follows:-
  - **Tune in** - to your local radio and TV station
  - **Log on** - to the Bureau of Meteorology website
  - **Listen out** - to Emergency Alert messages sent to your phone
  - **Act!** - Warnings are urgent. Act immediately on the advice provided.
- Move vehicles, outdoor equipment, garbage, chemicals and poisons to higher locations
- Secure any items that may float away or move in flood waters e.g. gas bottles, garbage bins
- Store drinking water in clean sinks, plastic bottles and any other safe storage containers
- If you have livestock, move them to a safe area
- Contact school bus companies to confirm services.
- Lock up your facilities.
- Plan your evacuation route to avoid flood water and other possible hazards

Information about school closures will be as follows -

1. Every effort to contact you via the telephone or email
2. Listen to the local radio for notifications
4. If in the event, power goes out and you have not been contacted and you are concerned for the safety of your children, please keep your children with you.
5. I will not hesitate in shutting the school, or sending children home, if I believe the children are at risk in any way.

Numbers to have

- SES Floods - 132 500 or 5420 7568 or 137168
- Police link - 131 444 or Wondai Police Station - 4168 5211
- South Burnett Council Emergencies - (24hrs) 4189 9100
- Ergon Energy - 13 22 96
- Tingoorra School at any time - 41 685 685

Cyclone Marcia—yesterday