Our Motto — Work Conquers All

Our Vision — Every child improving, every day in every way.

Principal Communication

Dates to Remember:-

* NEXT P & C meeting **10th MARCH - 6:00P.M.**
* Movie and popcorn evening - 23rd of March
* Cross country and fun run 1st April

Thank you to all those who attended the P and C meeting last Tuesday. The next meeting will be held in two weeks, on Tuesday 10th March at 6.00pm. This will be the Annual General Meeting. A meet and greet with a free sausage sizzle will be held at the same time. Everyone is welcome all to attend.

Students who attend Tingoora are going onto bigger and better things. Rahab Murray made the Queensland team for netball and soccer and Deidre Murray made it into the Australian team for netball. We are proud of both girls and are happy to hear of the successes our former students achieve.

On the 18th and 19th of April, the last weekend of the school Easter holidays, the Wondai Garden Expo is being held. Through Jenny Bone, we have been able to secure a position to sell food which will be a great fundraiser for the P and C. However, there are volunteers desperately needed to help serve and prepare the food. If you are able to donate some of your time during that weekend, please indicate on the attached timetable your preferred timeslot. We also need some baking, so if you are unavailable that weekend, we would appreciate your support by providing some cakes, slices or biscuits that could be sold at the Expo. This will help to raise funds towards the purchase of resources for the school which will benefit your child or children. If you require any further information, contact the school or Bec Reinke.

The P & C is also running a major raffle which will be drawn on the Friday before Mother’s Day. First prize is a Thermomix Machine valued at $2089. Second prize is a Thermoserver and third prize a Quirky Cooking Recipe Book. Tickets will be $5 each.

The Student Council are raising money for the school camp and reward days. Please can you donate something towards the Easter Raffle to be drawn just before the holidays. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

Next term, our culminating task is to create a garden regatta. Students will paint, design and write stories about the ideas generated from the garden and the boats. They will learn about plants and life cycles. If you know of any boats people are willing to donate to the school, please let us know as we would be very grateful.

We are having a Cross Country and fun run on the 1st of April. All parents and friends are welcome to join in the fun and cheer on the kids, as they participate in the Cross Country.
**From Miss Matherson**

I am grateful for every day I have the pleasure of teaching at Tingoora. I am proud of the attitude and efforts of our wonderful children. While we all have very high expectations for our students, they are rising to the challenge.

I am also grateful to you for your support in making sure they read, do their homework and come to school with the most powerful and healthy foods, for their developing brains. Thank you for your support. Also a great big thanks to the many parents who are listening to the morning reading, for all our students. You are really making a difference!

**From Mrs Bishop**

Thank you to all parents who are supporting their child with homework and Show and Tell activities. Your support is greatly appreciated. Most children really enjoy our Show and Tell routine and the more prepared children are the better the session.

This week we have been working on addition and subtraction in maths activities. The Preps have been learning about the terms - more, less and the same. In English the children have been practising writing persuasive text. Most children are coming up with very interesting arguments. In Science we are investigating “Push and Pull”. The children are really excited about building a toy that demonstrates this scientific concept.

Our next library day will be 9th March. If returning books before this date, please leave them in the library ‘Returns Box’.

**From Mrs Thomas**

Hello! I am new to Tingoora School this year, though some of you may have seen me visit as a relief teacher. As this is my first addition to the newsletter, I thought that I would tell you a little bit about myself. I was born locally and after completing my degree at Rockhampton, began teaching in the South Burnett area. I have returned to teaching in the last few years after being on maternity leave. I am looking forward working with the students in the 3 - 6 class room over the coming terms and always enjoy the time I get to share with the P-2 class. Please feel free to come and introduce yourself, and as always if there are any concerns I would be extremely happy to arrange a time to discuss these with you. WOW! We are nearing the end of week five already! How did the time pass so quickly!!

The 3-6 students have been given their assessment outline for English, Art and Science. I have been working through the English assessment with them as this is where my focus will be the days that I am at school. This assessment piece will be focusing on a persuasive speech or text depending on the year level. We have been immersing ourselves in persuasive language, talking about high modality words (words that can add to our persuasive sentences) and strong words that emphasise our meaning! I have been super impressed with the detective skills everyone has shown discovering all of the extremely powerful words that can be used in our persuasive activities. Keep up the fantastic work everyone! 😊

**From Mrs Mirtschen**

I have been around the school as a relief teacher for the past few years so I know most faces and families, so thank you for making me feel so welcome. I am originally from Griffith, NSW, but moved to Silverleaf, QLD, 2 years ago with my husband and child.

On Friday’s I have been mainly working with the P-2 children and one half hour session each with Years 3-6. I am enjoying my time and WOW we have been busy!

In P-2 we have been reading, writing procedures, listening, talking, working with the new interactive whiteboard, cooking, playing and getting to know each other. It’s been fun! In 3-6 we have been just as busy practising writing and using our persuasive language in order to complete this terms Rich task. Please have a chat with your child about this as family involvement is very valuable. Looking forward to a fantastic and hardworking 2015.

**WE ARE COMMITTED TO IMPROVING -**  
**READING, SPELLING AND NUMERACY**
This week our focussed behaviour is—learning that it is important to have a full water bottle at all times.

Students will be taught that they need to drink plenty of water each day to keep healthy. They will learn about dehydration and how we feel if we do not keep hydrated.

**Stephanie Alexander Garden Project**

During the last fortnight we planted radish, broccoli, zucchini and beetroot seeds. Most have begun to grow and will soon be ready for planting in the garden. We have also planted out a number of rosella bushes in the hope that we will produce enough rosellas to make jam or just sell so others can make jam. We still have some herbs and succulents for sale. Money raised from the sale of seedlings goes towards the Student Council. The succulents make lovely presents for relatives and friends. The herbs include parsley and chives.

Children are being encouraged to bring an old, long sleeved shirt to wear while gardening to help protect their uniform and for sun safety.

**Our STARS this week**

Congratulations to all our stars.

Chloe Lippiatt received the Principals Award for being organised, safe, persistent and getting along with others. Chase Kendall received a reading award for his improvement in reading. Laylah Millers received her first award for being organised, showing persistence, getting along and following instructions. Bookwork awards were received by Xavier Brown and Kevin Lippiatt.