INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
2017

Congratulations to all the swimmers who turned up, dressed up and supported their house at the 2017 inter house swimming carnival. The level of sportsmanship, cheering and participation was outstanding. A number of personal bests and records were achieved throughout the day. Many students swam outside of the comfort zone to gain as many points for their house. A massive thank you to all who assisted with the running of the day. Results are as follows:

Burilda  923 points
Coolac  801 points

AGE CHAMPIONS
8 years- Nate S and India C
9 years – Will R and Leah S
10 years – Braithen S and Amelie M
11 years – Mac R and Halle B
12 years – Alex P and Holly C
13 years – John L and Taylor Morgan
14 years – Ben C and Kayla B
OPENS - Indiah Loy and Dawson W

Record Breakers

Congratulations to all our record breakers and swimmers who created new records.

Leah F – 25m freestyle and 25m butterfly
Lexi M – 25m freestyle
Nate S – 100m freestyle
Leah S – 100m freestyle
Halle B – 200m IM and 50m butterfly
Ben C – 200m IM
Holly C – 100m freestyle, 200m IM, 50m butterfly and 50m backstroke
Braithen S – 100m freestyle, 200m IM, 50m freestyle, 50m breast stroke, 50m backstroke and 50m butterfly

Mac Zone Swimmers

Good Luck to the following swimmers who have qualified to swim at the Mac Zone swimming carnival in Goondiwindi on Friday 3rd of February:

PRIMARY NEWS

Prep/Year One News

Ms Nettie

We survived the first week! It won't be long before the preppies are "old hands" at school and we will be talking about Easter holidays! Be prepared for your prep child to be tired as the days are quite long and jam packed filled with lessons and activities!

Thank you to the parents who are reading the school diary and using it for communication. We check them every morning and transfer any messages into our classroom book. Please remember to send in your child's homework folder and diary each day. Home work will commence next week and will consist of letters, sight words and reading for prep. Year One will also continue with sight words and reading.

Our school library day will be every Wednesday. The students get to choose their own book to take home and keep for a week. Hope to see you today at the Parent Information Afternoon.

Year 4 News

Mrs Ramsay

Due to the heat, school swimming will start in WEEK 3 with Mrs Scott. Students must have their swimmers, a sun shirt and a towel. They can also have goggles and a swimming cap if they like. Sunscreen is provided.

In science this week, we will learn about Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander peoples' use and knowledge of geology, and discuss how this knowledge of relationships between rock types and their properties allows for the fashioning of specific tools.

In last week's geography lesson, we learnt about environments and human and natural characteristics of places. We discussed how geographers need to find places in the world and to do this they use maps. In this week's lesson students will learn how geographers use maps to find places and what kinds of maps they use.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our Parent Information Session this afternoon.

Have a great week.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT

Congratulations to the 18 students who attended the BrainWays Summer Camp at USQ on the school holidays. Texas students made up a large portion of the group and were commended on their behaviour and attitude. Well done to the following students: Tyler P, Lily T, Sally S, Oliver S, Brock D, Bella R, Holly C, Charlotte S, Alex P, Matthew D, Tom S, Henry T, Indie C, Stafford C, Molly C, Bailey D, Emilia C and Sophie D.

Lost Property

If your child has lost or misplaced anything please check the lost property area (out front of the uniform shop). There are some good quality unnamed uniforms that must belong to someone. In the coming weeks if they remain as uncollected we will recycle what we can.
Week two is here and it is fantastic to visit the classrooms and share in the enthusiasm and excitement which comes with the beginning of a school year. Of course the challenge is to transfer this early feeling into results which see all students experience, ‘at least one year’s growth, for their one year of learning’. This phrase is something of a mantra for us this year where we aim to be more individual in the way we cater for students and more purposeful with how we use our time. This is not to say that time before now was wasted, in all fields, it is the highest performing groups that are the most self-critical and self-reflective to take things to the next level.

Before highlighting a couple of areas in this week I would first like to thank everyone who contributed to our swimming carnival being a success last Friday. Whole school events allow us to come together as an entire community in an enjoyable manner, they however don’t happen through magic and everyone’s efforts are appreciated. Congratulations to Burilda on a great result. Good luck to all students who are progressing on to MacIntyre Zone or Border District carnivals.

Maintaining focus on last Friday unfortunately our whole school attendance was only 75.5%, well short of our 93% target. I appreciate that swimming carnivals aren’t everyone’s idea of a great day and Friday was between a public holiday and the weekend however as I wrote about last week, 50% of our Friday’s in 2016 saw attendance below 90%. Let’s start the way we want to finish.

This year I have noticed a more consistent uniform across the school with the office selling a number of school hats. This is great to see from both a sun safe perspective and growing the pride in our school. Please ensure your child has a full school uniform including the school hat. Additional uniforms can be purchased through contacting the school office. On another positive note it is pleasing to see the definite absence of litter across the school, well done students, keep up the good work.

Finally for this week, but certainly not in any way at least, congratulations to all nominees for the Australia Day Awards with special recognition going to Lisa Finlay (Citizen of the Year), Jamie Colley (Young Citizen of the Year) and Natasha Paganin (Junior Sports Award).

Have a great week.

Justin.

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**Texas Students Shine at 2017 Australia Day Awards**

At the recent Australia Day Awards many Texas students were acknowledged for their extraordinary sporting achievements in 2016. These students included;

- Holly C. Queensland State Swimming
- Harrison S. Queensland State Rugby League
- Chloe P. Queensland State Rugby League
- Sophie S. Queensland State Rugby League
- Tahnee G. Queensland State Track and Field
- Bonnie M. Queensland State Water Polo
- Jaime C. Queensland State Swimming and Water Polo
- Natasha P. Mounted Games Association Australian Championships
  - World Kickboxing Association Australian Championships

Natasha P. won the Junior Sports Award, while Jaime C. won the Young Citizen of the Year Award.

In addition, the Millwood U16 Girls League Tag team comprising of all Texas students (Indi L, Tahnee G, Carrie M, Madalyn L, Cailin S, Chantel P, Mikeely S, Sophie S, Sara B, Evie M, Grace R, Maddy T, Bonnie M, Michaela D, Holly P) were nominated in the sporting team category for their outstanding success in their debut year.

Congratulations to all the students nominated, the Texas community are very proud of all your accomplishments.
Week 2—Be Safe—Fire Drill

- Continuous ringing of the bell for 30 seconds
- STOP LOOK and LISTEN to your teacher
- Move in an orderly manner to the assembly point under your teacher’s instruction
- Roll marking—listen for your name and answer in a loud voice
- All clear by the Principal return to class under your teacher’s instruction

Attendance Award

93%

Cleaners Award

Starts Week 2

Cathy Cameron
Dean of Students

STEM GIRL POWER CAMP

Congratulations goes to Amelia Spriggs in Year 10 who has been selected to participate in the 2017 STEM Girl Power Camp. This camp will be held in Brisbane from 21–25 March 2017. The camp aims to provide students with experiences in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and to encourages students to participate in STEM at school and consider it as a future career option. Less than 30 girls were chosen throughout the state which makes this a fantastic achievement for Amelia.

WELL DONE!!!
## Easy Lunch box recipes

### Noodle, corn and bacon loaf

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**Method**

**Step 1**

Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced. Grease a 6cm-deep, 10cm x 21cm (base) loaf pan. Line base and sides with baking paper, allowing paper to extend 2cm above edges of pan. Place noodles in a large heatproof bowl. Cover with boiling water. Stand for 1 minute. Separate noodles with a fork. Drain. Return to bowl. Using scissors, roughly chop noodles.

**Step 2**

Heat oil in a medium frying pan over medium heat. Add onion, garlic and bacon. Cook, stirring often, for 4 to 5 minutes until bacon is starting to brown. Set aside for 10 minutes to cool.

**Step 3**

Add bacon mixture, zucchini, corn, cheese, flour and egg to noodles. Season. Mix until well combined. Pour into prepared pan. Bake for 50 to 55 minutes or until golden and firm. Cool in pan for 15 minutes.

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### BOOK CLUB NEWS

Brochures for the first Book Club of the year will be coming home this week. Orders are due to the school Office by next Monday 6th February.

Payment may be made by cash; cheque (made out to Ashton Scholastic) or credit card (by using the Book Club Loop for Parents – just follow the instructions on the brochure).

Happy browsing!

Kate Spriggs
Book Club Coordinator
CODE OF CONDUCT FOR P&C ASSOCIATION

This Code of Conduct clarifies the expected standards of all P&C Association members. It has been adopted to aid all members of our school community to work as a cohesive group in partnership with the school.

The Code is intended to promote and maintain the highest standard of ethical behaviour by P&C Association members. Members of a P&C Association should adhere to the Code of Conduct at all times. This Code applies to each member of a P&C Association.

P&C Association members are to:

- act in the best interest of the total school community at all times
- conduct and present themselves in a professional manner and act ethically and with integrity at all times
- act with courtesy and demonstrate respect for all persons, whether fellow P&C Association members, school staff, parents/carers, students, community members
- remain objective and avoid personal bias at all times
- represent all members of the school community
- engage the school and wider community in developing and effecting school priorities, policies and decisions in a manner that is consultative, respectful and fair
- declare any conflicts of interest and not misuse their office to advance individual views or for personal gain
- make fair, transparent and consistent decisions
- provide objective and independent advice
- listen and be tolerant of the views and opinions of others, even if those views and opinions differ from their own
- treat official information with care and use it only for the purpose for which it was collected or authorised
- respect confidentiality and information privacy (about the school, community members, staff or students) at all times and not disclose confidential information
- not use confidential or privileged information to further personal interests
- be responsive to the requirements of the school community
- seek to achieve excellence in educational outcomes for all students at the school
- listen and respond to issues and concerns regarding strategy and policy
- work within the boundaries of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, the Education (General Provisions) Regulation 2006 and the Department of Education and Training's policies and procedures relevant to P&C Association operations.

Come and join the P&C at our first meeting for 2017.
To be held on the 8th February at the Admin Block starting from 5.30pm
**Application for P&C Membership for 2017**  
**Texas P-10 State School P&C Association**

Please complete and return to the P&C Secretary

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Home phone:**

**Mobile phone:**

**Email address:**

I am:
- a parent of a student attending the school
- a staff member of the school
- an adult interested in the school’s welfare, and my date of birth is: __________.

I am:
- applying for new membership
- renewing my membership.

I apply for membership in the Texas P-10 State School Parents and Citizens’ Association and I undertake to:

A. promote the interests of and facilitate the development and further improvement of the School and the good order and management of the School; and

B. comply with the constitution of the P&C Association, including the P&C Association Code of Conduct as specified in Schedule 2 of the constitution, and any valid resolutions passed by the Association.

If a person has been convicted of an indictable offence, it is grounds for removal in accordance with the Education (General Provision) Act 2006.

**Signature:** ........................................................................................................

**Date:** ........................................................................................................

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Texas Junior Rugby League

Come and Try JRL

Sign Up afternoon

Tuesday 7th February @ 5pm, Reg Saunders Oval Texas

Special Guest David Fa'alogo

Online registration assistance will be available on the grounds

More info Call Lee 0428531459 or Simone 0437025457

Swimming Carnival 2017
TOB costs (online registration - closes Friday 24th February 5pm)
Adults (including tempter) - $45
Adult teams - $90
Children - $20
Children's teams - $60
TOB costs (registration on the day)
Adults - $55
Adult teams - $110
Children and children's teams - as above
Website - [http://tortureonthebordertexas.weebly.com/](http://tortureonthebordertexas.weebly.com/)
Registrations will be open soon....

2017 Distances (Swim, Ride, Run)
Opens - 500m, 26km, 4km
Tempter (novice adults) and 13-15 year olds - 300m, 11.9km, 2km
10-12 year olds - 200m, 3.6km, 1.1km
7-9 year olds - 100m, 1.2km, 600m
Age is at 31st December 2016
RESOURCE LEVY TO SUPPORT CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

$55 per student

This contribution covers the cost of:

- Art and Craft Supplies
- School Diary
- Reproduction of materials
- Student materials used for classroom projects
- Bus transport to local excursions
- Use of school text

A payment plan can be negotiated

Payment is due by FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY, 2017

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P & C CONTRIBUTION TO STUDENT RESOURCING

The P and C Association are providing the following resources free of charge.

- Arts Council Productions for 2017
- Reading books for the Literacy Block
Parents may choose to join the Student Resource Scheme (sheet for completion is attached) OR Supply all of their own textbooks and materials required for class.

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( A list of required textbooks is available from the school office.)

**Calculator Hire Fee - $10**

*If you do not wish to purchase the calculator listed on the back of this sheet.*

Please note:

*Full payment of the Student Resource Scheme is required before students are allowed to take home any items made in Manual Arts or Art classes, or be allowed to participate in school camps.*

*A payment plan can be negotiated*

*Payment is due by FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY, 2017*

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### Absences
For all student absences please phone Student Absence Line: 4653 3366

### Late to School
Any students arriving at school between 9am and 9.30am must present at the Office before going to class.

### "Better in Texas" Stock
Better in Texas Shirts now in 4 NEW colours; Iris, Mulberry, Gun Metal Grey & Hot Pink Ladies and Mens sizes available for $30 each And we also have bucket hats