



2016 - The Year of the Mindful Learner

Action Not Words

Electives

Art



Year 7

The Year 7 art class has been exploring collage and paper art. We have looked at techniques such as Notan, Crayon Etching and Magazine Collage. The students really enjoyed changing the famous 'Mona Lisa'.

Year 8

The Year 8's have been working on recycled sculptures. The students had to use rubbish to create a natural sculptural artwork. Some of the materials that were used include bolts and nuts, rocks, paddle pop sticks and a variety of everyday materials.

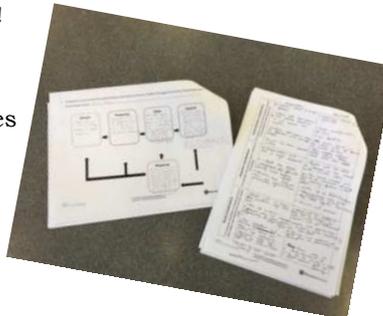
Year 9 & 10

The students in Year 9 and 10 Art have worked together in pairs or groups to create a mini mural. Each mural had to have a positive message for school aged children. The students have been working on their painting techniques and have used exterior paint.

Year 9/10 GEOGRAPHY NEWS!

The Year 9/10 Geography class have been busy this term researching a region in the world that is experiencing human-induced change. Areas for research have included Tuvalu, Glacier National Park in Washington, the Great Artesian Basin and the Great Barrier Reef. Students have discovered how their chosen region has been changed by human influences and have investigated strategies that can be used to reduce human impacts on this environment. Students completed a decision-making matrix weighing up the positive and negative effects of each strategy to determine which strategy would be most effective in sustainably managing their chosen area into the future. Students are to be commended for the mature attitude and dedication they have displayed towards research for their assignment. Their final recommendations for the management of their chosen area should give much food for thought!

Decision Making Matrixes



Students hard at work on their assessment

HOME ECONOMICS

This term year 9 and 10 have been studying the factors that make a house design effective and functional. They have designed their own floor plan keeping those factors in mind, along with creating a folio of evaluations and tips on kitchen planning.

ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

This semester, students have studied the similarities and differences between Indonesia's and Australia's government and how laws can be changed in each country. They looked at the importance of Australia signing international treaties and conventions and how these in turn affect how Australian acts are developed. These may be environmental, social or economic issues.

Mrs Fearby

Mrs Spriggs

Mrs Byrnes



PRIMARY NEWS

Prep

Ms Nettie

Prep students have enjoyed visits from the Wrigglers and Giggles and the Kindy kids over the past two weeks. They are also looking forward to their visit to the hospital tomorrow, with Mrs Tracy and Year Three, to sing a selection of Christmas Carols for the aged care residents at the hospital.

Congratulations to **Aiden** who received a **List 6 Sight Word certificate** and **Students of the Week** on parade. Well Done!



Year 4 News

Mrs Ramsay

Congratulations to the following students of the week: **Bridie, Mac, Toby, Thomas**

In maths, we are calculating addition and subtraction. Students will apply place value to partition, rearrange and regroup numbers and, calculate addition and subtraction using a range of mental and written strategies. We will also be moving on to calculating multiplication and division. By the end of these lessons, students should be able to:

- recall multiplication facts to 10 x 10
- identify multiples
- complete number patterns
- calculate solutions to multiplication problems, using number sentences and a range of strategies
- recall division facts
- complete number patterns
- calculate solutions to division problems, using number sentences and a range of strategies

Perspective drawing has been our focus over the last few weeks. Students have gone from step-by-step instructions to complete a drawing, to individual perspective artworks. They look great. Here is an example of some we have completed:



Reading groups have finished for the year. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to help us. Our reading groups would not have been a success without your weekly dedication. You are greatly appreciated!

Christmas Church Service

Where: Catholic Church
When: Tuesday 6th December
Time: 9:20am



All parents and friends are welcome.



PRINCIPAL'S POINTS

Hi Everyone,

Last week we farewelled our Year 10 students with a parade on Friday and their dinner on Saturday evening. At my first experience of a Year 10 farewell I can honestly say I was thoroughly impressed with every aspect of their last days. A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to the events. The students conducted themselves in an extremely mature manner (as we would expect) which allowed everyone to wish them well with the appropriate emotional mix of being sad to see them leave, however also excited for them as they begin their next journey armed with everything they have gained from the Texas community.

As a school we are in our final preparation phase for 2017. This week we appointed Steven Krauss (Grounds Officer) and Cathy Cameron (Head of Department) to act in the respective positions for 2017. I am confident they will do a magnificent job to maintain and even grow further our great service.

We are now able to confirm the majority of class and teaching structures for Prep – Year 6 in 2017 with our Year 7 –Year 10 and specialist being confirmed next week in our final newsletter for the year. In the main we have been able to maintain consistency of our teachers for the year levels from 2016.

2017 Core Teachers

Prep/Year 1: Ms Nettie Shields (Supported by Mrs Jane Lang, Master Teacher)

Year 2: Mrs Sonya Finlay

Year 3: Mrs Tracey Thompson (4 days per week, 5th day to be confirmed)

Year 4: Mrs Lisa Ramsay

Year 5: Ms Harmony Collins

Year 6: Mrs Koby Cox

In the past weeks our teachers have been pending considerable time in preparing to make 2017 a fantastic year with a particular focus around continuing to improve our students ability read well and comprehend what they are reading. Further attention has also been given to expanding the opportunities the complement their core learning with attention being given to academic, sporting and cultural activities.

For our secondary students there has been some refinement to their 2017 elective choices to ensure students are best prepared with the skills and knowledge required to move seamlessly from Texas to their next learning opportunity at the end of Year 10. I will provide a more detailed explanation of these changes next week with the confirmation of our secondary staff teaching areas.

Thanks for your support.

Have a great week.

Justin.



YEAR 10 FORMAL

Congratulations to our 2016 Year 10 students who all looked very grown up on Saturday night. It was lovely to see the community at the front of the hall welcoming the students along to the special night. An extremely BIG thank you must go to the army of volunteers who helped toward the night – there is just too many to name them all.

Thank you also to the families of our year 10 students, we are very lucky to be part of these students lives. And lastly to the year 10 students – thank you for being a part of the Texas P-10 State School community. We will miss you, good luck in the future and remember to come back and visit.....



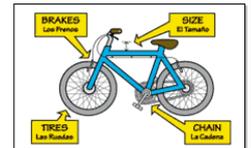
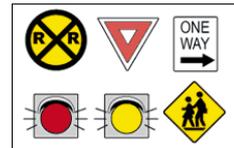
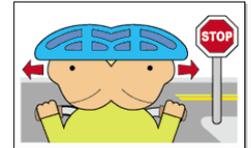
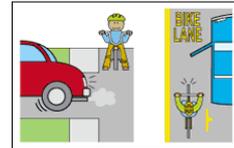
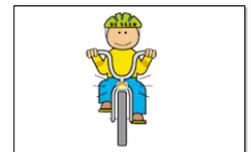
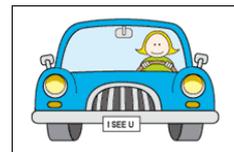
Jaime Scott and Toni Day

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Expectation for Week 9 - Be Safe -Keep safe over the holidays

Road safety

- ♦ Driving takes a lot of concentration - try not to distract your parents when travelling as a passenger.
- ♦ Make sure it's safe before you cross the road. Cross at pedestrian crossings, wait for the lights and look in every direction to check there are no cars coming.
- ♦ Always wear a seatbelt in the car.
- ♦ Obey the road rules when on your bike, scooter, skateboard, rollerblades



Water safety

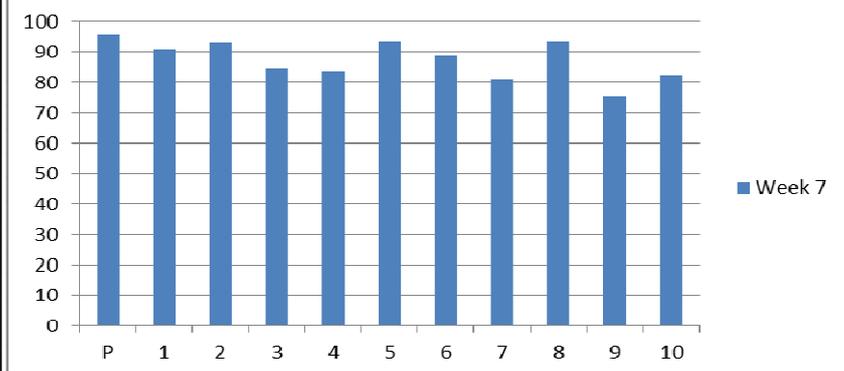
- ♦ Make sure that an adult can always see you when you go swimming.
- ♦ Always swim between the flags at the beach.
- ♦ Never swim or play in flood waters.
- ♦ Learn to resuscitate

Sun safety

- ♦ Always wear a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and protective clothing when outdoors.
- ♦ Seek out the shade and drink plenty of water



PREP 95.56% Attendance Week 7



EVERY DAY COUNTS

⇒ 4 classes above 93%

⇒ AVERAGE—88%

Cathy Cameron

Dean of Students



HPE Award - Week 8



YEAR 9

Winner of the
2016 Number Facts Challenge
COOLAC

Perfect score of 132 correct
Facts in 4 minutes
Charlotte Spooner—Year 5

Sports News

Swimming

Last swimming lessons were today. Thank you to all the Prep to Year 2 parents and teacher aides who helped out over the term. I truly appreciate the time and effort that you put in. Special thanks also to Danni Colley who has also assisted with delivering these lessons.

Don't forget to nominate your child who is aged 5 to 8 years (next year) for our 2017 school swimming carnival. These nominations are due next week.

Our school swimming carnival is FRIDAY 27th of January 2017

Nationals in Melbourne

Natasha and Chloe P travelled to Melbourne to compete at the MGA (mounted games) Nationals at the Australian titles. Chloe was first reserve for the Qld team but unfortunately didn't get a chance to ride in the competition however she did complete some pre work with the ponies. Natasha competed in the four day event for the Qld team. Natasha rode extremely well throughout the competition. Both Chloe and Natasha are in the running to be selected in the Australian team to compete in New Zealand next year. We wish them all the very best for this and congratulate them both on being selected into the QLD team.

Mrs Scott

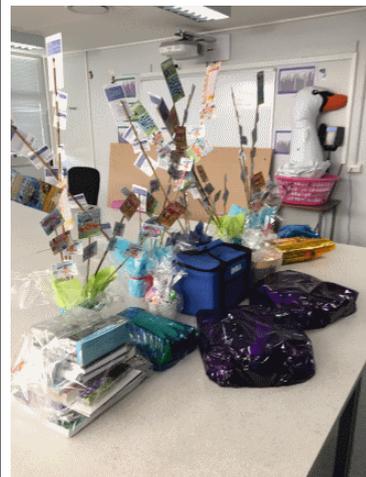


Multi-draw Raffle

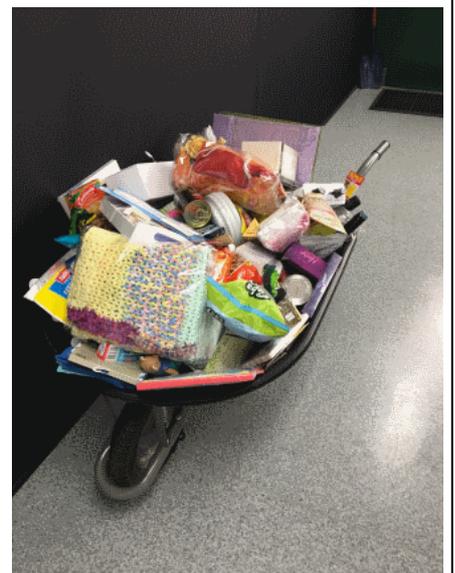
Please return all tickets to school

Drawn : Thursday 1st December

Tickets: \$1 each



**Winners in
Texas
Telegraph
Week 10**



Roof Evaporative Air Cooler Units & Parts

OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER

Texas P-10 State School

Process:

The listed item is being made available for sale by *Texas P-10 State School* tender process. Tenders must be submitted on the attached tender document that can be collected from the school office. School Office contact 0746533333

Timeline:

Tenders will be accepted from ***Tuesday 29th November, 2016*** until ***3pm Tuesday 6th December, 2016***. No tender will be accepted after this time.

Persons submitting the successful tender will be notified on the morning of

Wednesday, 7th December, 2016 and are asked to finalise payment by 3pm of ***Thursday, 8th December, 2016***. Payment may be made via cash, bank cheque or EFT please. A collection time must be arranged with the Administration Office to allow access to the site. All removal charges are the responsibility of the successful tenderer.

Tenders must be submitted to:-

The Principal,

Texas P-10 State School

1 Flemming St Texas Q 4385

"Confidential - Offer"

Condition and Inspection of Goods:

Items are offered on "as is" basis only and can be inspected by arrangement with the Administration Office from 9 a.m. Wednesday 30th November, 2016.

After the Sale:

No warranty or backup service is available, either implied or stated. *Texas P-10 State School* cannot and will not provide any support either by way of parts or expertise after item has been removed from the school.

Conditions:

The Department of Education and Training reserves the right not to accept a tender, and may set a reserve price.

Whilst all care has been taken, the Department of Education and Training disclaims all liability for loss or damage to person or property arising from the removal and subsequent use of any item for tender. Any and all utility services, above and underground, are clearly marked and all care should be taken by the remover to avoid these.



Prep Enrolments For 2017

Texas P-10 State School is currently taking enrolments for
All children born between



1 July 2011– 30 June 2012

Prep is
compulsory
from 2017

who are eligible for enrolment in the 2017 Preparatory Year.

Prep develops children's independence and prepares them for Year 1. Prep is a full-time program that runs five days per week. Birth certificates are required for enrolment.

For an enrolment pack contact the school on 4653 3333.

Texas P-10 State School
Flemming Street TEXAS QLD 4385
Ph: 07 4653 3333 Fax: 07 4653 1101
Email: the.principal@texasss.eq.edu.au
www.texasss.eq.edu.au



POSITION VACANT

Up to 21 hours / 5 days per week

TEXAS to STANTHORPE BUS DRIVER

Commencing **ASAP**

Minimum requirements—**MR Driver Licence, Industry Authority**

(Driver's Authorisation Card) and

Blue Card (Working with Children Check)

Application package available at Admin Office—Texas P-10 SS
or by phoning (07) 4653 3333

2016 CALENDAR TERM 4

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 November <u>WEEK 9</u>	28 Year 4-10 Gala Day @ Inglewood	29	30 Year 5 Camp	1 December Year 5 Camp	2 Year 5 Camp Rewards Day Year 9	3
4 December <u>WEEK 10</u>	5 Year 9 Work Experience Week Spelling Bee Comp 4-5-6	6 Church Service Catholic Church 9:20am Spelling Bee Comp 4-5-6	7 Year 7/8 USQ University Discovery Day Spelling Bee Comp 4-5-6	8	9 Last Day of Term 4 Rewards Day	10

2017 CALENDAR TERM 1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 January	16	17	18 Uniform Shop Open 10-2	19	20	21
22 January <u>WEEK 1</u>	23 First Day Back at School	24	25	26 Australia Day	27 Interhouse Swimming carnival	28
29 January <u>WEEK 2</u>	30	31	1st February	2	3	4
5 February <u>WEEK 3</u>	6	7	8	9	10	11

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.