2014: YEAR OF THE LEARNER

Technology – Home Ec

This term students will be covering textiles units.

Year 7 will be concentrating on safety in the classroom, along with the use of sewing machines and other equipment that is necessary to create their items. Their final product will be a water bottle cover. During the unit they will make a stitch sampler with a straight stitch, zig zag and appliqué stitch. Students require a washer to complete this task. Please send them in by week 4.

Year 8 will be covering safety, along with types of textiles – whether they are natural, artificial or synthetic. They will also learn parts of fabric i.e. warp, weft, bias and selvedge. They will be creating and producing a journal cover. If you could send along an A5 hard covered book with your child that would be great.

Year 9/10 are learning basic pattern terms. They will be completing a TOY unit. During the term they will create Ellie the Elephant, along with another toy of their choice. Their task will also include producing their own easy-to-follow pattern.
Technology and Industrial Design

Year 9/10 Industrial Skills – We are currently finishing up our Hall Mirrors with final sanding and staining/lacquering. Then all that is left is to fit the mirror glass! Next project for us is a retro style timber esky. Students will build a timber frame around a standard Styrofoam broccoli box. This project is a great example of reusing a product which would otherwise end up as landfill.

Year 9/10 Industrial Design – We are continuing construction of our individually designed coffee tables. Final sanding, assembly and finishing are the tasks ahead. The next project for this class is designing and making CO2 powered dragster cars! Students will learn about aerodynamics, drag, friction, designing to specifications, and practical shaping and forming techniques.

Year 9/10 Design Graphics – The task for this term is Business Promotion. Students will create a business identity including designing a logo. Students then utilize the logo to create business cards, brochures and flyers, key chains, and other items promoting their business.

Year 8 Design Graphics – Term 2 unit of work involves students designing and drawing a Children’s Toy. Students are using both hand sketching and computer drawing skills to draw each component of their toy while considering practical aspects such as; could the toy actually be built? Does it have small parts which could be a danger to young children? How could we modify, change, develop the project to better meet the needs of the target group?

Year 8 Manual Arts – Students are busy measuring and marking out timber to be used in the construction of a shelving unit. They are learning how to create through housing and half-lap joints to ensure the projects long-term durability. In the latter half of the term we will be switching to a sheet metal project involving folded edges and seams.

Year 7 Manual Arts – Our Cattle Trucks are coming along very nicely! I am so impressed at the level of enthusiasm shown by the students! Sanding and finishing is our next step, then we move on to sheet metal work making a simple rectangular box with riveted seams.

Primary Technology Classes:
Prep/Year 1-2 – Continuing to work hard at learning, the lower primary classes are focussing on making a simple timber box. Students are becoming familiar with normal workshop processes and procedures. They know to wear their safety glasses, put their names on their jobs, and to use progressively finer sandpaper to get a smooth finish.

Year 2-3/Year 3-4 – After an introduction to the workshop last week, we will be starting our first project this week! This unit we are constructing a timber box with a lift-off lid. We will begin to look at measuring and marking, squaring up and nailing.

Year 4-5 – This Friday will be the first time this group of students have been in the workshop. We will discuss aspects of safety and procedures when in the workshop and have a good look around so that students become familiar with the set out of the workshop. The first project is a toy truck! Later this term we will construct a spinning top!

Year 5-6 – We have finished making our pencil boxes and acrylic key rings!
Students now have some experience with a number of different materials and methods for manipulating them. Our next project is an acrylic photo frame then we move on to constructing a toy aeroplane!

Stephen Bagnell
**PREP ms Nettie**

This week, Prep has commenced small group **Literacy Rotations** (Monday and Tuesday – 2 lessons each day) that will focus on reading skills. The different types of reading groups are:

- **Modelled** big book reading (focus on text type fluency, font and picture usage, predicting outcomes, identifying words in context, grammar and punctuation).
- **Guided** reading -text types-fiction and non-fiction (students work through a set of texts with associated activities).
- **Independent** work on computers using the Fitzroy Reading Program.
- **Letters and Sight words** (working with letters/sounds and sight words with associated activities).

In Maths, we have been exploring measurement with a focus on length. This week we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes. We will be exploring the features of 2D shapes and comparing and sorting 3D objects based on their visual and functional features. In English, we are looking at favourite stories and traditional stories.

This week, we also have **School Photos** to look forward to on Thursday. The Cross Country will be held in next week and Prep has been practising their run every morning for Smash Up.

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**PRINCIPAL’S POINTS**

**Good Afternoon Parents**

Thank you to students and their parents who attended the **ANZAC Day** march last Friday. It was an impressive turn-out with students looking ‘dashing’ in their school uniform and proudly representing our school! This year’s inclusion of an ex-WWII Army Jeep was also fantastic. This is a photo from after the service.

**JOSH ARNOLD is in Texas from next week.** Josh is recording songs with the students in our community and will commence song-writing on the “**It’s Just BETTER at Texas!**” Project. Josh has been working across southern Queensland in partnership with University of Southern Queensland on the recording label ‘**Small Town Culture**’. Similar projects that Josh has completed includes the very catchy ‘Charleville’ track and also ‘Thargomindah’.

Josh’s work has been established to inspire students participation in music and performing arts. **He works with students from Prep to Y10** to write, perform, and produce music and music video clips – which has led to improved student attendance at school, and in turn; improved students who are actively involved in their school work and community. Josh’s work is across cultures and backgrounds and builds self-confidence and pride in school and community. His work extends beyond the school to the local community and he actively seeks community involvement and expertise. His work showcases the best of the regional and rural communities that he works in.

The University of Southern Queensland supports the work of our School by providing experiences for their students and financial support for Josh Arnold and Small Town Culture. USQ believes that a partnership between the School and Josh Arnold will create an opportunity for students to develop their interest in The Arts, improve their skills in song-writing, music performance and production and build a vital sense of self-worth and pride. The community of Texas will benefit from a strong collaboration with the school, increased community awareness and appreciation of The Arts and show-casing Texas to the wider community at the **Texas Country Music Roundup**, in the September school holidays, and in fact the world through the sale of CDs and music clips.

It’s a great opportunity for students to become involved. Josh will be holding auditions next week for some students to record with him on some of the tracks, as well as whole-class recordings! It’s a very exciting few months ahead and I am pleased that Texas Qld Inc., the USQ and the P and C are all very supportive of Josh’s work – It’s AWESOME!

Have a Great Week ….. It’s just BETTER at Texas!

**Mike**
Texas P & C General Meeting
P & C Association
General Meeting to be held on
Wednesday
30 April 2014
5.30pm

Interhouse Cross Country
Wednesday 7th May 2014
See you there!

UNIFORM SHOP
Any orders placed before the end of term 1, will be ready to be collected on Thursday afternoon. The uniform shop will be open THIS Thursday from 3.10pm. There are still some orders from term 1 to collect – they will be added back to shelf stock if not collected within the next two weeks.

Canterbury shorts are back in stock. All sizes from 28“-38” are available. A new order of polo shorts have also arrived.

Literacy Update
Julie Campbell
Literacy Coach

Through explicit teaching lessons, the staff are underpinning the message that **reading** and **writing** are tightly linked and other areas of learning need these foundations too. Our focus this term is to provide students with more strategies to enhance their ability to transform their ideas into the written form. The hardest part of writing for a student is getting started, so teachers are giving them the necessary stimulus to write through “warm up” sessions. You might hear your child refer to Zoo View or Great Starts or Sentence Completion in the coming weeks and these are examples of the warm ups.

I have also attached a flyer to this newsletter promoting a family reading competition as May is **National Reading Month**. Entering as a family supports your children in their efforts to improve their reading.

Maths Olympiad 2014
Students in Years 5-7 will be selected to participate in the Maths Olympiad again in 2014.

**Competition dates are as follows:**
- 21st May
- 11th June
- 30th July
- 20th August
- 10th September

*Cathy Cameron*
Numeracy Coach

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**Interhouse Cross Country**
Wednesday 7th May 2014
See you there!
**Rule of the Week**

**BE SAFE: ENTER A ROOM IN AN ORDERLY MANNER**

**WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ENTER THE ROOM IN AN ORDERLY MANNER?**

Students need to be responsible for entering the room with the least disruption possible. This allows them to settle quickly and allows the teacher to begin the lesson and have maximum teaching time.

**What should we do?**

- Put your hat in your bag or take it off
- Collect books for the block of lessons
- Line up in two straight lines in designated place
- On the teacher’s instruction forward into the room
- Inside line first, outside line follows on
- Move quickly and quietly to your seat
- If necessary put down your chair quietly, sit and be ready for work

**Attendance Award— Every day counts**

**Focus on Jewellery**

In Term 2 we will have a major focus on jewellery.

**Allowed:**

- Watch, signet ring, sleeper or stud earrings, medi alert bracelets.

**NOT ALLOWED:**

- Bangles, anklets, rings, necklaces

**Bell Times**

8.15am—Students may enter the school grounds
8.30am—Students may put their bags in the port racks and return to the playground where there is a teacher on duty.

**HPE Award begins week 2**

**How can your class get the HPE Award?**

- Active participation by all students in the lesson
- Listening to instructions and following directions promptly
- Participating to the best of each students’ ability
- Being considerate of others

**Cathy Cameron**  
**Dean of Students**

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**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN is now just two and a bit weeks away. Students have been busy preparing and last week each year level completed a trial test. Following on from the test, students went back through the questions they had difficulty with and worked through them.

The language of Mathematics is extremely important in all testing. Students need to be familiar with the words they will encounter in the questions.

A few for you to ask your child about:

**Match**

- ♦ Find a partner

**Means**

- ♦ The same as— Not equal to ≠

- ♦ Another way of saying

**Represents**

- ♦ Has the same meaning as

**Indicates**

- ♦ Tells us

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**What’s happening in Maths?**

Maths Olympiad No 1-21st May
Inter house Number Facts Challenge  
5th June
Granite Belt Maths Challenge-26th June

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**Cathy Cameron**  
**Numeracy Coach**

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Tuesday 20th May—Computer Skills
Texas Netball Association
AGM and General Meeting
Thursday 8 May
7 pm at Stockman Hotel

Texas Little Athletics
Sign On Day
12th May 2014
2pm - 4pm at Texas State School Oval

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Twice a week Mon-Thurs 3.15pm – 4.15pm
**Your choice** to go both days or just one!!
Monday – Track/Running
Thursday – Throws/Jumps

For more info contact
Kath Roberts 0427 747 264 or Jody Stewart
0417 563 880

Kid’s Gym
Tuesday’s at 3:30pm – 4:30pm
For students in grade 4 – 10
If you wish to attend or want more information please contact Shannon on 0746533207 to book in.
Please don’t just turn up as there is paperwork that needs to be filled in and spaces are limited so I would hate to have to turn someone away.
Starting Tuesday 13 May 2014

Say Cheese
School Photo Day is 1st May 2014

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, credit cards, cheques and money order only are all accepted.

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1. Write your name on the cheese wedge.
2. Read books for 31 days representing 31 days in May.
3. On the last day of June, total up your Reading Minutes for May and go online to http://www.readmoreinmay.com for additional games and enter the competition.
4. All winners will be announced on the website by the end of June.

To Read More in May:
- Read for at least 20 minutes every day in May and write on a cheese wedge each day.
- You could win $250 worth of book vouchers for you and your family and books for your classroom teacher.

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