2014: YEAR OF THE LEARNER

Busy Week of Sports

Cross Country

The school held its annual Inter house cross country challenge last Wednesday. It was absolutely inspiring watching all the competitors give 100% from Prep to Year 10. Competition was fierce between Coolac and Burilda and between high school students and staff. Congratulations to Coolac who won the cross country event!! This leaves a one all draw between Coolac and Burilda leading into the “Decider” at the Athletics carnival.

Age champions

5 years: Sally S, Eli H
6 years: Will R, Amelia T
7 years: Braithen S, Amelie
8 years: Maggie Mac R
9 years: Jaye C, Hamish
10 years: Harry H, Imenah
11 years: Chloe F, Dante P
12 years: Indi L, Nicholas S
13 years: Bonnie M, Blake
14 years: Claudia H, Sam W
15 and over: Sophie, Blake

A big thank you to Mrs Cameron and all the staff who assisted on the day. Good luck to the students who have qualified for the Mac Zone Cross Country in Inglewood this Friday.
**SPORTS NEWS**

Good luck to all students who will be travelling to Inglewood this Friday to run at the Mac Zone Cross Country trials.

Good luck to all students who will be travelling to Stanthorpe this weekend to trial for the DD soccer team. We wish you all the best.

Congratulations to Indi who participated at the Darling Downs Touch trials and Nicholas S who participated at the Darling Downs Rugby League trials. Unfortunately both were unsuccessful in gaining selection into the DD teams.

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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.
Prep
Ms Nettie
Hope all our Prep mums enjoyed their Mother’s Day card and gifts. I know there was lots of excitement when they were wrapping what they had made with Mrs Williams. Last week, the Prep students joined the rest of the school for Cross Country. They were all confident in where they had to run and were very pleased with their ribbons. Congratulations to Sally, Eli, India and William who came first and second in their races.

Prep enjoyed a visit to meet Josh Arnold where they listened to songs he’d written with Preps from other schools (Preps thought a song about a frog especially funny). Together they commenced thinking of ideas for their own song. We all look forward to Josh’s next visit. Prep also had lots of fun when they went to the Life Education van. They spent time with Mrs Jackson and Harold the Giraffe learning all about healthy food and being safe.

*Congratulations to the following students who received their Sight Word Certificates on parade last week:

List 1 Sight Word Certificate – Lindsay
List 2 Sight Word Certificate – Brooke
List 4 Sight Word Certificate – Monique
List 5 Sight Word Certificates – India, Stella, Annabelle, Monique

*Congratulations also to Our Students of the Week!!
William and Madison

HORSE SPORTS

Congratulations to a very successful day held on Friday. Riders from all ages participated in the Horse Sports. All competitors displayed outstanding sportsmanship and enthusiasm in all events. A big thank you to the Texas Pony Club instructors, especially Danni Colley, for preparing the riders for the big day. The day wouldn’t have been such a success without the great organisation of Cheryl Paganin.

Texas SS Age Champions:
7 – 8 yrs: Sam S
9-10 yrs: Jaye C
13 – 14 yrs: Sophie F

More information about the day is available in the Texas Gazette

Some members of the Texas Horse Sports Team who competed on Friday 9th May
Hi Parents

Students have started their Small Town Culture journey with singer / songwriter / entertainer JOSH ARNOLD last week with some amazing results. Our school has engaged the talents of Josh Arnold to write a CD called "Better in Texas" that will feature every student singing a track that they have written in music workshops with Josh. The main Track will feature about 30 students who have auditioned their talents – perhaps a little like a popular singing show on TV at the moment!

Small Town Culture is Josh’s music label. Working in collaboration with University of Southern Queensland, Josh and Texas School have come together to work on a Performing Arts experience for ALL students to be involved. Students have been given further opportunity to be inspired to participate in Music and Performing Arts, following-on from Kim Whitta’s Ballet and Nii Armah’s African Drumming in 2013.

A key component of Josh’s artistry, is to work with the students. Last week was all about mapping out the songs; drawing on key lyrics and themes; and writing each chorus.

Josh hails from Tara, a small town in south-west Queensland and has worked in other centres including Mitchell, Cunnamulla, Charleville, Thargomindah, Dirranbandi and Toowoomba, there has been a great deal of community benefit and the USQ is a strong supporter of this work.

To see some of Josh’s great work, go to: http://www.smalltownculture.com/

Proud to be a TEXAN!

Mike
**Rule of the Week**

**BE SAFE**

**WALK IN AND AROUND THE BUILDINGS**

**WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO WALK IN AND AROUND THE BUILDINGS?**

Students need to act in a safe manner when moving around, between and under the buildings. Walking from place to place will eliminate unnecessary injuries caused by falls and crashing into things.

**WHAT SHOULD WE DO?**

- Walk on all concrete and paved areas
- Be aware of the surroundings—concrete poles, railings and furniture under the buildings
- Walk down the stairs one at a time
- Walk on the path after using the bus
- Walk on the paths to the oval to play

**Attendance Award**

**Every day counts**

*Attendance Award Week 2—Year 5/6*

**Facts**

◦ 6 classes above 95%
◦ Weekly average 96%
◦ Congratulations to all school students. 100% attendance at Texas P-10 State School on Thursday 1st May. Well done!

**HPE Award week 2—Year 10**

**HPE Award week 3—Year 4/5**

**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

**WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 23 MAY 2014**

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 23 May 2014!

**Computer Skills—20th May**

**Tuesday 20th May—Computer Skills**

**Olympiad 1–21st May 2014**
**Attendance Award for Week 2**

Year 5/6 - 99%

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**Interhouse Cross Country**

The Interhouse Cross Country was run last Wednesday and students are to be congratulated on their level of fitness and sportsmanship. It was great to see the majority of students running the course and cheering and encouraging each individual student as they completed their run.

**Congratulations to COOLAC for winning the team event!!**

Thank you to Mrs Scott for preparing the students, teachers for encouraging them and the parents for supporting their children. Together you make an awesome team.

MacIntyre Cross Country will be held on Friday 16th May, at the Inglewood Golf Course. Students who are eligible have received the necessary forms. Please make sure the completed forms are returned as soon as possible.

*Cathy Cameron*

Dean of Students

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**HOSPITAL QUIZ NIGHT**

Saturday 24 May 2014

6pm

at the Texas Hall

Tables of 6 – 8, $10/head

Kids welcome

BYO Basket supper

Bar available

All funds go towards a $13,000 Fluid & Blanket Warming Cabinet

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- Sunday 13th July
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(or until sold out)

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For more information, please contact Les at the Newsagency.

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**Literacy Update**

Julie Campbell

Literacy Coach

Good luck to our students in Years 3/5/7 and 9 as they apply their skills and knowledge in the NAPLAN tests.

We are participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year which runs from 20th May to 5th September. It is a state wide initiative for students from Prep to Year 7 which is aimed at improving literacy and encouraging students to engage in reading for learning and pleasure. Home readers are able to be included, but each text must be signed off by the teacher. More information next week.

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