TUESDAY TELEGRAPH

24 June 2014
Term 2 Week 10

2014: YEAR OF THE LEARNER

Small Town Culture is “Better in Texas!” ....

Our students have started their Small Town Culture journey with singer / songwriter JOSH ARNOLD. The aims are to produce a 10-track CD; and perform the songs live to a wide audience in September.

Texas School has engaged the wonderful talents of Josh Arnold to write a CD called “Better in Texas!” that will feature every student singing a track that they have written during the music workshops with Josh. The main Track will feature about 30 students that 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 become involved. Students have been given an opportunity to be inspired to participate in Music and Performing Arts. This follows on from Kim Whitta’s Ballet and NiiArmah’s African Drumming at Texas in 2013.

A key component of Josh’s artistry, is to work with the students, and in our setting, that’s 11 age groups! From the first week, students mapped out the songs, drew on key lyrics and themes; and wrote each chorus. WITH SOME AMAZING RESULTS!

This partnership between the Josh and the School will create an opportunity for our students to further develop their keen interests in The Arts, improve their skills in song-writing, music performance and production and build a vital sense of self-worth and pride!

Josh hails from Tara, a small town in south-west Queensland. In other centres in which Josh has recently worked, towns such as 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.

I know our community will benefit from a strong collaboration with the school, there will increased community awareness and appreciation of The Arts and we will be given an opportunity to show-case our students to the wider community through events such as the Spring Fair on Saturday 13 September. In fact, the world, through digital media including CD sales & music clips!!

Filming of the Title Track starts in early Term 3. Log on to see some of Josh’s great work at: http://www.smalltownculture.com/

Proud to be TEXANS!
**SPORTS NEWS**

Four students from Texas State School played in their first ever Queensland Tennis Competition against Inglewood last Tuesday at Inglewood. Declan S, Jared F, Nicholas S and Luke W played fiercely against Inglewood in Singles, Doubles and Reverse Doubles.

All matches were extremely competitive and extremely close. Results are as follows:

**Singles**
- Declan lost 3 – 6
- Luke lost 3 – 6
- Jared won 6 – 1
- Nicholas lost 6 – 7

**Doubles**
- Declan and Luke won 7 -5
- Jared and Nicholas won 6 - 3

*On a count back Texas boys defeated Inglewood by 4 games.*

A big thank you to Andrea Fearby and Kim Osborne for organising and running the event.

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**TEXAS POLICE NEWS**

I have previously reported about an active trespass and property offender in the town area. In recent times there has been a further spike in the number of trespass and prowler type offences reported to Texas Police. These offences have been most common in the area bordered by Severn Street, Middleton Street, St. John Street and Texas State School. Police are paying particular attention to the Texas State School as this area is being used as a shortcut to and from the Texas Sporting Complex. The Principal has made it clear that no person should be on the school grounds outside hours without the express permission of himself or another member of staff. Given the current circumstances, it can be reasonably expected that any person found on the school grounds will be prosecuted. Police believe the offender main to be a juvenile male. I would request that parents pay particular attention to the movements of their children as I can assure them that we will be.

These incidents are also a timely reminder for everyone to secure their vehicles and premises at all times and not leave unsecured items in vehicles. I would urge everyone to review their security arrangements to make it as difficult as possible for these people to steal your hard earned possessions. I would also urge residents to be vigilant and report suspicious behaviour. **Anyone with information can contact Texas Police on (07) 46531420 or Crime stoppers on 1800 333 000.**

Sgt. Greg Moore
Officer in Charge

TEXAS POLICE
**Rule of the Week**

**Be Respectful**

**Care and Use of Equipment**

*Why is it important to look after equipment?*

Students need to be responsible for the equipment they need to do their work at school.

**What should we do?**

- Return laptops to the charger at the end of the day - Year 7/8
- Charge your laptop at home - Year 9/10
- Bring a Library bag for your library book
- Place your textbooks in your locker for safe keeping
- Return library books on or before the due date
- Leave the computer lab tidy and ready for the next class
- Keep your desk free of graffiti
- Use lockers to store books and equipment you do not need to take home

**Attendance Award**

*Every day counts*

**Attendance Award Week 8 - Year 10**

**Facts**

- 4 classes at 95%
- Weekly average 93%
- 100% for Year 5 in 5/6 and Year 2 in 2/3

**HPE Award Week 9 — Year 7**

**Congratulations to the 109 students who achieved 100% attendance for the period 26th May—6th June. Keep up the great work!**

*Cathy Cameron*

Dean of Students

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**Granite Belt Maths Challenge**

26th June 2014

**Maths Olympiad**

3—30th July

**English 31st July**

**Attendance Award for Week 8**

**Attendance Week 8**

**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.
Year 10 – Blake J, Lawson C, Riley T, Jared F, Erin S
Year 8 – Charlee W, Thomas S, Sam W, Jaden C, Monique C, Daimon W

Every day counts

Literacy Update
Julie Campbell

Interhouse Spelling Challenge

Last Thursday the results were announced on Assembly. And the winner was......

COOLAC  1266
Burilda  1133

As you can see, the results were close. The winner of the shield will depend on the Term 4 Challenge.
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