The Fantastic P-3’s!

In Geography, Prep are learning all about *How to Care for Special Places*. Curly, our groundsman, has created a couple of garden beds in the area just off the Prep playground. We are going to plant some vegetables and herbs and care for them each day. The Preps are very excited! We have also been sampling the small oranges that are in the garden as well! Lots of mixed reactions to the taste of them!!

In Maths, we have been working with Mrs Cameron to make and write number stories using lots of hands on resources, such as, blocks, beads, counters and sand play equipment.

In English, Year 2/3 are learning about procedures. We have read the Roald Dahl book entitled George’s Marvellous Medicine. We have learnt that using the right ingredients and equipment, along with the correct method determines the success or failure of the procedure.

In Maths, we have been learning about the relationships between addition and subtraction and multiplication and division (a fair share). Year 2/3 are continuing their good work and learning more about hundreds.
There will be no Texas Treats orders taken on Friday due the Athletics Carnival.

Press News

Ms Nettie

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

- List 3 Sight Words – Eli
- List 4 Sight Words – Khushi
- List 7 Sight Words – Sophia
- List 8 Sight Words – Ava
- List 9 Sight Words – Harry
- List 10 Sight Words – Kayden
- List 12 Sight Words – Monique, Leah, Annabelle

Students of the Week – Khushi and William

Secondary News

HOME ECONOMICS

Year 7 are working on safety and hygiene. They are learning to find their way around the kitchen and learn to use utensils. They have cooked toasted sandwiches, as well as mini pizzas in week 4. They will be making fruit salad in week 6 so will need to bring along ONE piece of fruit to share.

Year 8 are also revising safety and hygiene, as well as studying what food is and where it comes from. They have made savoury pinwheels and mini quiches. This class have been wonderful remembering their ingredients for their cooking this term. The next recipe the students will be making is Apple Crumble. They will need up to 6 cooking apples, the other ingredients will be supplied by the school.

Year 9/10 are studying menus and the courses that are found on menus. They have covered breakfast, appetisers and soups. They have made roulades, pumpkin soup and feta and spinach filo triangles. They will be cooking a main meal next. They will be making lasagne. The required ingredients will be sent home next week.

BUSINESS

Year 9/10 are studying Accounting Fundamentals and Transaction Analysis. They have learnt about assets, liabilities, owners’ equity and balance sheets. They will be learning about ledger accounts and how to analyse a transaction in the coming weeks.

Hi Parents

On Friday I met with all staff to ask they consider transitioning our school to an Independent Public School. This afternoon, in our regular, weekly teaching staff meeting, I have asked Queensland Teachers’ Union Organiser for our region to come and talk with our teaching staff around the implications for their careers if the school was to move to an IPS. This is essential as there are some changes for teaching staff.

Following the meeting this afternoon, there is a formalised process we will need to take to shift to the next step. My intention is to keep all shareholders “up to speed” on the progress through the newsletter and notices home (like on Friday) as required.

I would like to answer the question: “How do IPS differ from other state schools (our current model)?”:

Queensland Independent Public Schools have greater flexibility to enable innovation that improves performance through:

- Managing their planning and review processes
- Determining staffing options
- Determining departmental policies and procedures that best suit our individual community

All Independent Public Schools remain part of the strong state school system. As we would move to IPS, we need to operate within the system enacting the core values, beliefs and priorities.

I want to assure ALL SHAREHOLDERS (staff, students, their parents, our community and commerce sector), that Every Child will continue to Matter, Everyday, whether we remain a State School or transition to an Independent Public School. This opportunity is too great for us NOT to ignore. I need to re-affirm the timelines: the final Expression of Interest is to be lodged by 5 September 2014.

See you all at the Athletics Carnival on Thursday and Friday,

Mike
RULE OF THE WEEK
BE SAFE, RESPONSIBLE, RESPECTFUL IN AND AROUND THE OFFICE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE SAFE, RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL IN AND AROUND THE OFFICE?

Many visitors come to our school each day. The office is the entry point. Students need to be quiet, use their manners and move around the area in a safe way. First impressions are very important.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
⇒ Walk in and around the buildings
⇒ Keep our voices down while in the office area
⇒ Greet visitors to the school in a respectful way
⇒ Show visitors the office if you are asked
⇒ Enter the office area in an orderly manner
⇒ Wait quietly until the office staff can help you
⇒ Always use your manners

Attendance Award: Every day counts

Attendance Award Week 3—YEAR 3/4

Facts
◇ 1 class at 95%
◇ Weekly average 89%

HPE Award Week 4—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

Literacy Update

Julie Campbell
Literacy Coach

As I have already explained, each week classes in P-6 undertake explicit writing lessons. These focus on a particular aspect of writing in order to improve overall writing skills.

During the last two weeks, the lessons have involved a strategy called “Story ladder”. Students use a familiar text and change the characters/events/ending to write a new story. The students in Year 4/5 chose “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt” and changed it to “We’re Going on a Prep Hunt”. They thoroughly enjoyed stretching their imaginations to create stories to be read to Prep students.

A wonderfully collaborative result!

THRASS

This is the phonics program we use at Texas. Last year I provided parents with a PD opportunity to explain how the system works. As there are new parents to our school who might be struggling to understand the system, I am available to provide support if required. Just contact me during school hours to arrange a suitable time.

Maths Olympiad
4—27th August

Maths 12 August
SPORTS NEWS

THE DECIDER - Athletics Carnival

When: Friday 15th of August
Where: Texas SS sports oval
What: "The Decider" between Coolac and Burilda
Time: 9.00 am March Past to kick off the day
Who: Prep to Year 10

Come dressed in support of your house!!!!!!

Athletics Carnival

* Helpers for canteen required 15-08-2014 even if only for ½ hour at a time.
* Donations of baked goods required 15-08-2014 (cakes, muffins, slice etc. etc).
* If any child in Prep or Years 1, 2, or 3 needs to purchase lunch on the day of the sports carnival (15-08-2014) the need to have the order in the tuckshop slot the day before (14-08-2014).
  Everyone else can buy on the day.
* Please leave any baked goods at the canteen the morning of the carnival

If anyone has any queries they can contact Shelly Roser on 0417075425

Visitors to the School

If you are visiting the school to help with classes or tuckshop, please remember to come to the office first and sign in. It is important the Office is aware of visitors at the school, especially in an emergency situation.

Thank you

Student Representative Council Fundraiser

When: 20th August
Texas School Social
Prep—Year 6
TIME: — 5.30pm -7.00pm
‘Hippie 60’s THEME’
Primary Social Music Provided by DJ — CURLY

P & C SAUSAGE SIZZLE AVAILABLE
Drinks and packets of Chips also available

Year 7 —Year 10
TIME: — 7.00 -8.30pm
MOVIE NIGHT
ADMISSION $ 2.00**

*******All students must be dropped off and picked up by an Adult*******

Congratulations to Indiah L, Sarah W, Chantel P, Carrie M and Tahnee G for trialling in the DD Rugby League Team.
Spring Fair Raffle

There will be a raffle at the Spring Fair. A wheelbarrow has been purchased and we are looking to fill it with household items.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

We are asking each student to bring in one item for the raffle.

**WHAT CAN YOU BRING?**

A few suggestions:

- Anything you find useful for the house
- Non perishable grocery items
- Kitchen utensils
- Linen – hand towels, tea towels, pot holders
- Plastic storage containers
- Cleaning agents

**WHERE DO YOU LEAVE YOUR ITEM?**

- At the Office
- At the Wellness Centre
- With your class Teacher

Let’s make this a successful raffle and raise funds for the school. All funds raised by the P&C at the Spring Fair go towards purchasing much needed resources and equipment for the school.

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Good luck to all of the competitors at the Interhouse Athletics Carnival this week!!

Go Coolac!!

Go Burilda!!

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**Position Vacant**

**HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO JOIN OUR DYNAMIC TEAM??**

**TEXAS P-10 STATE SCHOOL**

is recruiting a

**Permanent Full-Time Schools Officer (Grounds & Facilities)**

Great Working Conditions

38 hours per week + ADO hours

The successful applicant will commence duties from **beginning of Term 4**

If you’re up for the challenge, why not apply today??

Application packages available from the school office

*Please send your completed application to:*

The Principal

Texas P-10 State School

1 Flemming Street

TEXAS QLD 4385

*by close of business 05/09/2014*

*For more information, please contact Simone at the office on (07) 4653 3333*
**AGENDA**

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2. Apologies
   - Guest Speaker - Dr. Michael McCarthy, St. Joseph’s Stanthorpe
3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes
4. Business arising from previous Minutes
5. Correspondence
   - Inwards - see attached list
   - Outwards -
6. Business arising from Correspondence
7. Treasurer’s Report
8. Principal’s Report
9. Agenda Items
   - Independent Public School Information
   - Spring Fair
10. New Business
11. Applications for membership and recording new members
12. Next meeting - 10 September 2014
### Athletics Carnival Menu

#### Hot food
- 1 Sausage Sandwich $2.00
- 2 Sausage Sandwich $4.00
- Steak Sandwich $6.00

#### Sandwiches
- Chicken $2.00
- Chicken and salad $3.00
- Ham $2.00
- Ham and salad $3.00
- Salad $2.50
- Egg sandwich $2.00

#### Drinks
- Popper $1.00
- Bottled Water $1.50
- Soft Drink $2.00
- Sports Drink $4.00
- Tea and Coffee $2.00

#### Other Items
- Chips $1.00
- Hello Pandas $0.60
- Pick and Mix Chocolates $0.50
- Mixed Lollies $1.50
- Cake/Muffin $1.00
## 2014 CALENDAR

### TERM 3

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### Retune Coming to Texas 20 August 2014

As the final step in Australia’s successful move to digital only TV, all free-to-air TV channels will change frequencies in Texas on August 20. After the channels have moved, viewers will need to retune their digital TV, set-top-box or digital TV recorder. The retune will affect most TV viewers in Australia but different areas will need to retune on different dates. The retune is due to be completed nationally by 31 December 2014.

Channel changes should not impact on the quality of television transmission or reception across the area. If people continue to experience difficulties with reception on a particular channel they should contact the relevant broadcaster for more information about reception issues.

For more information call 1800 20 10 13 8am-10pm AEST 7 days or visit the website http://retune.digitalready.gov.au

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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.