2014: YEAR OF THE LEARNER

Maths

Year 8’s have been working hard to accomplish their 5 Task assignment where they are collecting and analysing data. The game of Scrabble is more technical than students imagined. A great effort by all and needless to say they are a wiz on computers doing tables, spread sheets and graphs.

In Year 9, students are using data sets, represented in back to back stem and leaf plots, to analyse data about students their age, height and other measurements. This analysis will then be used to compare to Texas year 9 students to see if we are a ‘typical Australian year 9 class’.

Year 10 students have been analysing data to identify any correlation between leaving school before finishing year 12 and earning potential. Surveys and data sets have been collected, interpreted and analysed. An observation was made that staff cars are mainly white (followed by light coloured) 4WD’s.

Applications for the Position Vacant advertised, will close on 5 September 2014!!
Prep News
Ms Nettie
Prep enjoyed the Healthy Teeth, Healthy Me Expo that came to visit our school last week. The Preps joined in a number of hands on activities and really appreciated the bag of goodies, the balloons, the face painting and hand art, as well as the healthy eating and crazy science displays.

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates on parade for Week 5:

- List 3 Sight Words – Oliver, Sinead
- List 4 Sight Words – Hunter, Lindsay
- List 8 Sight Words – Brooke
- List 9 Sight Words – Sally
- List 10 Sight Words – Harry
- List 11 Sight Words – Stella
- List 12 Sight Words – Stella, India
- List 13 Sight Words – Isabella, Leah, Annabelle
- Week 6 Brooke and Sophia
- List 13 Sight Words – Stella, India
- List 14 Sight Words – Leah, Annabelle

Students of the Week – Brooke and Sophia

Hi, my name is Mellissa Middleton and I am currently in my third year of studying to be an early childhood teacher at USQ in Toowoomba. I have the privilege of completing my three week practical experience with Ms Nettie and the Prep students from the 18th of August until the 5th of September. As a Texas P-10 State School graduate, it has been wonderful to have the opportunity to catch up with my past teachers and get to know the new faces around the school.

Thank you to all the staff and students for making me feel so welcome. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time so far and I look forward to the next few weeks.

SPRING FAIR
CENT SALE
STALL
Prep are in need of items for our stall.

Some suggestions are:
- Kitchen items i.e. tea towels
- Bathroom items i.e. soap etc.
- Knick knacks
- Books
- Plants etc.

We also need ice-cream containers to use on this stall.
All donations will be greatly received!

Many thanks
Ms Nettie

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
Hi Parents

Yesterday our school hosted 5 teachers from the Granite Belt Cluster of State Schools: 4 from Stanthorpe State School and a teacher from Glen Aplin. They were undertaking collegial visits to our school to see the great work our team has done in the classrooms and with our behaviour management school-wide. They were here with Regional Project Officer Susan Evans – who supports schools in Pedagogical Development and systems support. The overwhelming feedback was impressive!! They couldn’t believe we had a permanent aide in each classroom – they are used to just 3-5 hours aide support each week!

We also hosted the leadership team from Miles State School who came across to look at our systems and the work we have done around MultiLit. Following their visits to classrooms, Principal Adam Myers spoke with staff around Independent Public Schools and the positive impact on their community since they commenced in 2013. Staff were able to seek and informed position on the benefits of becoming an IPS should we be successful in our EOI application in September.

Adam returned to speak with parents and community about the Miles IPS journey and the positive positioning it has created in his community. There were many questions which supported and enhanced our conversation at the recent P and C Meeting. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend.

There are some whispers or concerns parents are hearing at the moment. I need to clarify a few things about Independent Public Schools. As an IPS:

- We would still receive all of our existing School Grant payments – they are the funds we receive from EQ to run our school day-to-day;
- We would be entitled to additional payments of $50,000 initially and then a further $50,00 per year for a maximum of 4 years;
- We would still teach, assess and report student learnings really well;
- We would continue to set high expectations for our students, staff, school, parents and community;
- We will always have a supportive and intrinsic P and C Association that is a key decision maker in our school;
- We will be required to adopt a constitution and publicly elect a School Council that will be involved in school strategy and long-term planning;
- All permanent staff will remain permanent staff; and
- All staff will still be able to be members of their chosen union, be paid under their applicable EB / Award, and be treated in the same way they are now – with the utmost respect.

May I say, my record of keeping costs to parents to an absolute minimum in my time here has never changed. We are a Low Socio-Economic Status Community and our team always support those students that are most vulnerable. I have a business background and have run the school efficiently and effectively and I need community to know that becoming IPS DOES NOT mean that we will suddenly lose all finances and fall in a heap – making parents and community pick up the pieces and costs. NO WAY! IPS does not equal MASSIVE SCHOOL FEES! IPS is an opportunity .... A REALLY GREAT ONE!

Please continue to place your support behind the school – it’s a great time for us to move with this IPS opportunity!

Mike

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Wellness Centre Update

Cathy Cameron & Julie Campbell

There will be a tremendous raffle to be won at the Spring Fair organised by the Wellness team. Families & staff from the school have contributed items for the raffle and it is well worth winning!!

First prize is a wheelbarrow chock a block full of household items, groceries and cleaning products.

Second prize is a pamper pack containing special items to help improve your day.

So make sure you buy your tickets at the fair- just $1.00 each- located near the Year 1/2 stall of tempting treats.
Rule of the Week

Be safe—Our school is a bully free zone

Why is it important for our school to be a bully free zone?

Students should feel safe when they come to school. No student has the right to threaten, exclude, tease or cause intentional physical injury to another student.

What should we do?

Use the following strategy to deal with bullying behaviours

1. STOP! - Tell the person who is using bullying behaviours to STOP. Use the signal along with your words
2. WALK! - If the bullying behaviour happens again and you have already used STOP you should WALK AWAY.
3. TALK! - If you have used the STOP and WALK AWAY strategies and the problem behaviour continues seek out an adult and TALK to them about what is going on
4. You must do STOP/WALK before TALK unless you are in immediate danger

Talking is when you have tried to solve the problem yourself and you have used the STOP and WALK steps first.

Tattling is when you do not use the STOP and WALK steps before talking to an adult.

Tattling is when your goal is to get the other person into trouble

Remember there are no bullies but there are bully behaviours

Cathy Cameron
Dean of Students

Attendance Award

Attendance Award Week 5—Year 2/3

Facts

- 2 classes at 95%
- Weekly average 85%
- Congratulations to Year 3 students in Year 2/3 for 100% attendance last week
- Congratulations to Year 5/6 for 2 days of 100 % last week

HPE Award Week 6—Year 10

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

ICAS Writing Competition

Congratulations to all students who participated in the ICAS Writing Competition this year.

The following students have received a CREDIT for their writing:

- Amelia S
- Blake H
- Jack T
- Holly C

This is the competition that we have the fewest students enter into so well done to each of these students for their efforts in Writing.

Cathy Cameron
Dean of Students

Maths Olympiad 5
17th September

Record Presentation for Athletics

We are holding a special ceremony NEXT THURSDAY (28th of August) in conjunction with parade to recognise the 21 students who broke records at our Inter house athletics carnival. Mrs Donaldson will be presenting the records to our athletes. Parade will commence at 2.25 pm
Mac Zone Athletics
On Friday a team of over 20 athletes competed in the Mac Zone Athletics Carnival. From that carnival ten athletes were selected into the Mac Zone team to compete at the Darling Downs championship in Toowoomba.

Congratulations to the following athletes:

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Congratulations to Tahnee G who was awarded Age Champion.
Tahnee confidently won the 100m, 200m and long Jump. She "smashed" the long jump recorded by jumping 4.19m.
We wish all the athletes selected "all the best" at the Darling Downs trials in September.

Darling Downs athletics High School Representatives

Congratulations to Hannah and Michaela who have qualified to represent our school at the Darling Downs Athletics Carnival in September for shot put and discus.

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**Spring Fair**

Have you been cleaning out the house and have some great items that you just don't use or need anymore?

We are collecting unwanted items in GOOD or NEAR NEW condition for the TRASH AT TREASURE stall at the Spring Fair.

All donations are appreciated and no items are too big or too small.

Items can be left at the library or handed to Mrs Fenwick or Mrs Death.

All unsold items will be donated to the Texas Op-Shop.

Here are some ideas of items that can be donated...

- Homewares, gardening & plants, sporting equipment, tools, furniture, toys, kitchenware, books, CDs, DVDs, electronics, school supplies, clothing, uniforms, collectibles, artwork and much, much more!
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.

Student Representative Council Fundraiser

WHAT: LEGACY DAY (Known as Legacy Week)

WHEN: FRIDAY 5th September 2014

WHAT To WEAR: Armed Forces Colours (Navy, white, red, khaki, green, gold)

Legacy Week is the annual national appeal to raise awareness and funds for the families of our incapacitated and deceased Veterans. It is held in towns and cities big and small across Australia and supported by young and old. The funds raised from Legacy Week help Legacy continue to assist approximately 100,000 widows and 1,800 children and people with disabilities Australia-wide, with essential services such as, counselling, special housing, medical, advocacy and social support.
Public support will also help Legacy nurture children’s education, by contributing towards their school fees, books, uniforms, and recreational activities to aid their self-development and confidence.
There are thousands of Australian Defence Force personnel currently deployed overseas. Legacy stands ready to assist their families should the worst happen. All funds raised will help continue their essential role in the community.

PLEASE HELP THE STUDENT COUNCIL RAISE MONEY FOR THIS CAUSE BY MAKING A GOLD COIN DONATION

MERCHANDISE will be on sale including:
- Badges from $2.00
- Wrist bands - $3.00
- Pens - $2.00 and $5.00
- And much more!
TEXAS P-10 STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

SPRING FAIR - 13 September 2014

Ticket Prices

ALL DAY PASS
Discount ONLY on tickets pre-purchased by 12 September 2014 at School Office

LASER SKIRMISH - $15
Family discount - $5 off 3rd child and subsequent children

RIDES - $30 per child
Family discount - $10 off 3rd child, $15 off 4th+ children

Ticket Sold on the Day
ALL DAY PASS
RIDES - $35
LASER SKIRMISH - $20
OR
RIDES/LASER SKIRMISH - $5 EACH

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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*
TEXAS P-10 STATE SCHOOL
SPRING FAIR
13 SEPTEMBER 2014
10.00AM - 4.00PM

LAUNCH OF
BETTER IN TEXAS
WITH JOSH ARNOLD

STALLS
GALORE

BAR
AND
BBQ

LOTS OF
FAMILY FUN

RIDES

SUPER SWING/MINI JEEPS/INFLATABLE
LASER SKIRMISH

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**2014 CALENDER TERM 3**