Coolac defeats Burilda in “THE DECIDER”

Friday the 15th of August was the day. The Inter house school Athletics was the event. Mate against Mate, Burilda against Coolac. The day kicked off with the annual March Past and War Cry. The crowd got to witness a sea of chanting yellow and green athletes proudly marching down the track.

The day proved to be a successful event with many records broken.

Record Breakers for 2014:

Braithen S – Long Jump, Shot put and High Jump
E. Hunt – Long Jump
Amelie M – Long Jump and High Jump
Leah S – Long Jump and High Jump
Mac R – Long Jump, High Jump
Maggie C – Long Jump
Halle B – High Jump
Bridie B – 80 m
Aaron Mc – Triple Jump
Sara B – Triple Jump
Declan S – Triple Jump
Sophie F – Triple Jump
Oliver C – High Jump
Indiah C – High Jump
Liam H – High Jump

Ball Games Trophy:

Coolac won the Fran Hodgson Ball Games trophy.

Upcoming Carnivals

Friday 22nd of August – Mac Zone carnival at Yelarbon for 9 to 13 years (primary students)
Tuesday 26th of August – Two Way Meet at Texas for 9 to Open age group (selected students)
9th of September in Toowoomba - Darling Downs Primary - Athletes selected from Mac Zone
4th and 5th of September in Toowoomba - Darling Downs Secondary – Athletes nominated by Mrs Scott (qualifying times / distances apply)

Best of Luck to all athletes competing in the next level of competition

Don’t forget That Texas will be hosting the Two Way Meet Athletics Carnival next Tuesday (26th of August) Students aged 9 years to 16 years will be competing. Students who are selected will have notes by Wednesday.....

GO TEXAS !!!!!!!

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
**PRINCIPALS POINTS**

**Hi Parents**

Firstly I would like to say: “How great was the Athletics Carnival!” on Friday. Thanks to everyone who came along and supported ALL students! We look forward to seeing those selected do very well at Yelarbon on Friday at the Mac Zone meeting.

Last Wednesday we held our P and C Meeting and it was very well attended. We were given an update on the strong partnership between Texas and the schools at Stanthorpe, with an address from the Principal at St Joseph’s, Dr Michael McCarthy.

Following that presentation, we had a discussion about Independent Public Schools and it was decided that our school should submit an application in this year’s round of EOIs. The closing date is September 5. We have meetings with staff and I have contacted the Principal from Miles State School (the only IPS in the DDSW Region) to come across and talk with staff and parents about the benefits of becoming an IPS for our school and community.

There was many questions at the meeting on Wednesday about the School Council in an IPS school. There is a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 15 councillors on the Student Council. The School Council consists of two groups of people:

1. Principal and P and C President appointed to the School Council; and
2. An elected body of individuals that are made up of some or all of the following: parents, business owners, trade and industry people, Indigenous leaders, government employees, local business / small business employees or retired people.

As we move closer to the final decision on IPS, we will be offering more information out to our community so that you are all well informed. Please refer to the Education Queensland Website for more information.

Have a lovely week,

Mike

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**IPS Information Evening**

**Monday 25 August 2014**

**Time:** 5.30 pm

**Where:** Resource Centre

*Adam Myers and his leadership team from Miles State School will be presenting their IPS journey and will be available to answer questions.*
**Rule of the Week**

**BE SAFE: ALWAYS BE SUN SAFE**

**WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE SUN SAFE?**

We live in a harsh Australian environment so we need to protect our bodies from the elements such as the sun.

**WHAT SHOULD WE DO?**

The Sun Smart Countdown

⇒ **FIVE! SLIP!** Slip on your shirt
⇒ **FOUR! SLOP!** Slop on your sunscreen
⇒ **THREE! SLAP!** Slap on your hat
⇒ **TWO! SEEK!** Seek out the shade
⇒ And number **ONE**—to make sure you’re all done
⇒ Before you take off to the sun, **SLIDE** on your sunnies!
⇒ Remember plenty of **WATER** to keep your body hydrated.
⇒ **TEXAS P-10 STATE SCHOOL IS A NO HAT NO PLAY SCHOOL**

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**Attendance Award**

**Every Day Counts**

**Attendance Award Week 4—Year 9**

**Facts**

◊ 1 class at 95%
◊ Weekly average 90%

No HPE AWARD this week as it has been a short week and the Athletics Carnival.

*Cathy Cameron*

Dean of Students

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**Literacy Update**

**Julie Campbell**

Literacy Coach

There has been a renewed effort to improve our students’ ability to read fluently and with expression. Without these skills, students can struggle to fully comprehend the text they are reading. This can be difficult to implement as students do not realise what they sound like to others.

Last week I was using this focus with a group of middle primary students. Firstly, I modelled reading aloud and recorded what I was saying. The group analysed how I read. Then they took it in turns to record their own reading techniques. There was no pressure to perform from myself or their peers and they were very keen to participate. They were astounded to hear their own voices and were very reflective and honest in their self-analysis.

This is a simple reading strategy that can be implemented at home by using the voice recording app on your phone.

Mrs. Tracy is also using this strategy in Year 3/4 using a laptop with a teacher aide providing one-on-one guidance.

**It’s worth a try in our bid to improve Literacy Standards!!**

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**Thankyou**

A huge thank you to everyone helped at the Athletics Carnival. It was very much appreciated.

Shelly Roser
**Spring Clean for the 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 'N 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 Fawcett or Mrs Deeth. 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, animal supplies, clothing, uniforms, collectables, artwork and much, much more!

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**Student Representative Council Fundraiser**

When: THIS WEDNESDAY 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******
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.

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

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
Reading with your young child

You can support your child in learning to read by reading with your child for up to half an hour every day. Here are some helpful hints.

1. Set the scene
Before you read the story, tell your child the title of the book and a bit about it. Try to relate it to your child’s own experience, if you can. If it is about dogs, talk about a dog they know. You can also discuss what might happen in the story.

2. Read the book
Read the story in a lively way with lots of expression. If you come across unfamiliar words, stop and tell your child what they mean. This improves your child’s vocabulary and helps them to understand the whole story. During the week, you might also like to remind your child of some of the new words from the story book and relate them to your everyday life.

3. Recalling the story
After reading the book, ask your child questions about the story. For example, “What happened at the beginning of the story?” or “What happened at the end of the story?” If they can’t remember, tell them. You might also want to try asking different types of questions that require more than a yes or no answer. For example, “Why do you think the little green dragon was so sad?” These sorts of questions help to develop your child’s language skills.

You don’t need to read a different book for every session; in fact, re-reading the same book several times allows the child to become familiar with the story and helps them to learn new vocabulary.

Finally, being patient and enthusiastic will make reading together a much more positive experience for both you and your child. Have fun!
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

RIDES

SUPER SWING/MINI JEEPS/INFLATABLE

LASER SKIRMISH

SAVINGS ON TICKETS

PURCHASED BY 12 SEPTEMBER 2014
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.

2014 CALENDAR  TERM 3

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Market Stalls
Over the previous two quilt shows, the market stalls have been a great success. If you would like to book a stall or want some information please contact Jen Jackson by phone: 0407 741 914; or email: merititj@bigpond.com. The cost of a stall will be $10, whether you attend for both days or only one.