Hi Parents and Welcome Back!

How great are the kids after 2 weeks off. They’re back into it today, as if we’ve just had a long weekend, not 2 weeks holidays as well. “Yeah!! Right!!” You say!!! How are parent’s sanity after 2 weeks school holidays!!!! It’s great that the students are back in school today, learning, yearning for information!!

I have a few things to cover this week.

Firstly, Josh Arnold will be live on ABC 747 AM or ABC 711 AM radio this afternoon at 3:30 in a state wide program talking about Small Town Culture and the work that we have done here at Texas. David Illiffe will be talking with Josh and then playing the “Better in Texas” song to the whole of Queensland audience. Very exciting!! If you’d like to purchase any of the Better in Texas Merchandise, I know Simone and Ali are looking to place an order for more shirts and hats and we still have CDs at $10 which should make a great Christmas present for Nan or Pop who have everything!

Also, I need our community to be aware that during the holidays we received an announcement from the Department of Premier and Cabinet alerting all Government Agencies that the Australian Government has raised the National Terrorism Alert Level to HIGH. Our Queensland Government is taking the current security situation very seriously, reviewing security arrangements to ensure the safety of all staff and members of the public, especially when they are receiving government services.

All staff have their part to play and are being given further information this afternoon at our first staff meeting for Term 4. Community is encouraged to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to Police or the National Security Hotline on 1800 123 400. More information regarding Australia’s national security arrangements is available at www.nationalsecurity.gov.au. If you feel you need to discuss this matter further, please contact me at the office.

Thank You Curly! In the last week of the holidays we farewelled our Temporary Schools Officer, Richard “Curly” Ward. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Curly for his contribution to our team over the last 13 months and wish him well in his future endeavours. Curly was certainly a character the students liked, especially the great work at our school discos! Thanks Curly!

We welcome Anthony “Boo” Kent to our team. Anthony has relocated from the Sunshine Coast with his family and comes to our school with horticulture, irrigation and previous school experience and he commenced today. Please make him feel welcome and say “G’day”, when you see him around the place!

Finally, you may notice some new teaching faces in your children’s classrooms over coming weeks. Our school has become a Strategic Partner with the University of Sunshine Coast (USC) and through this partnership, we are accepting 4th Year (Final Year) Educational Students to complete their final practicum at our school. The criteria for these students is they need to be academically high-achieving; focussed on rural students and teaching in a rural setting and they stay for the duration of the Prac, which is usually about 6 weeks. Mentoring teachers work with the USC Students and the service delivery in classrooms dramatically increases. All USC final year students are only a small step away from being qualified teachers and the experiences shared between the USC students and our own students will be invaluable, setting them up for a positive career.

Please remember, P and C is on this Wednesday from 5:30 at the school. I know the executive would love to see you there. Don’t forget to tune in to ABC this afternoon and have a great first week back!

Mike
**PRIMARY NEWS**

**Prep**

Ms Nettie

Welcome back to school! We look forward to a busy ten weeks! We start new units in Maths (this week looking at number and place value) and English with a unit called, *Learning About Stories*.

A big thanks to Mrs Moore, Mrs Tanya and the Kindy Kids for an awesome Teddy Bears Picnic morning that we attended in the last week of term 3. Thanks to all the parents who came too and joined in the activities. An extra big thanks to our wonderful police and fire department for generously giving of their time. The Kindy and Prep students also thoroughly enjoyed listening to the story, *The Very Cranky Bear* read to them by Mr Townsend. The Preps also enjoyed Rewards Day that involved games and a sausage sizzle at the skate park and a fun movie.

We are still looking for parent/carer helpers to listen to students read each day. If you can spare an hour or more to join us at the Prep, it would be greatly appreciated.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**School Swimming**

School swimming will commence in Week 3 of this term. All students will receive an information letter and a timetable of their allocated swimming time. To ensure school swimming is beneficial to all swimmers it is extremely important to have parent helpers. If you are available to assist with PREP to Year 3 / 4 swimming please complete the helpers section of the note and return to class teacher. Please find attached swimming timetable for term 4.

**Aquathon**

Darling Downs Aquathon will be held again this year at Dalby on the 25th of October. Students who are born 2003 and 2004 are eligible to attend. Please return ASAP. Please note that medical forms will be handed out to students AFTER permission form have been returned.

**UNIFORMS 2015**

Polo shirt orders for 2015 will need to be at the office by the end of week 2 to ensure delivery for the start of next year. These do not have to be paid for, we are just wanting numbers for 2015.

Many thanks.

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**Remember when you believed in anything and everything?**

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s tendencies to being tricked, fooled and misled by their peers. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this.

We are looking for parents of **10 – 11 year old children** across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers.

To participate go to:

[http://tinyurl.com/childsvq2](http://tinyurl.com/childsvq2)

Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652 or rebecca.seward@research.uwa.edu.au
**Attendance Award** Every day counts

**Attendance Award Week 9—YEAR 3/4**

**Facts**
- 2 classes at or above 95%
- Weekly average 90%

**HPE Award week 10—PREP**

**CLEANERS AWARD**

**STARTING THIS WEEK THE CLEANERS AWARD WILL BEGIN. STUDENTS NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT:**

- **FLOOR IS PAPER FREE**
- **CHAIRS ON DESKS**
- **WINDOWS CLOSED**

**THIS WILL ENABLE THE CLEANERS TO DO THEIR JOB QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY.**

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**Rule of the Week**

**BE RESPONSIBLE**

**TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR OWN ACTIONS**

**WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN ACTIONS?**

Students should know that there are consequences for actions and accept responsibility for their actions.

**LEARNING**

- Listen carefully to the teacher in class
- Follow INSTRUCTIONS given by the teacher
- COMPLETE WORK set by the teacher
- Take responsibility for actions if not LISTENING and FOLLOWING teacher instructions

**PLAYGROUND**

- Hands and feet to yourself
- Follow the playground rules
- Include all students in games
- Accept responsibility if you do not follow the rules

_Cathy Cameron_
_Dean of Students_

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**School Photos**

2014 School Captains
2014 Whole of School
2014 Student Councillor Representatives

Available to order through the office for $21 each photo.

Photos are on display in the office

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The ICAS English results have arrived at the school. Thank you to the many students who participated in this competition.

**Congratulations to the following students:**

**DISTINCTION**
- Holly - top 4% of Year 3 students in Australia
- Lachlan - top 6% of Year 3 students in Australia

**CREDIT**
- Thomas - Year 2
- Amelia - Year 7

**MERIT**
- Matthew—Year 2
- Charlotte - Year 3
- Eliza—Year 9

Thank you to parents for supporting their children when completing these competitions.

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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.
From Couch to 5km Running Group
Commencing Monday 13th October
Total Beginners/no running experience needed
Only 3 x 30 mins session per week.
Flexible times
More information please call Leanne Spooner @ Texas Hospital or 0437531301

Get in2 Fun!! Get in2 Cricket!!
Sign on/Info Day
9 October 2014
Texas p-10 State School
Girls and Boys 5yrs and up
Enquiries: James Moore 0427 105 035
Milo In2 Cricket introduces girls and boys to Australia’s favourite sport.
It’s great fun, safe and teaches basic skills to help kids learn to play just like their Australian Cricket Heroes.

Tuckshop Orders
It would be a great help to our fantastic tuckshop volunteers if parents could please use correct money with students orders.
If possible please also mark the bags with the Class Teachers name as well.
Thank you!!

Texas Swim Pool
Early morning swimming
Starting Monday 16th Oct.
5.30am – 6.30am
Halloween night Friday 31st Oct.
Now commencing
Swim lessons & squad.
Enquiries & Bookings
Phone: 07 4653 1287
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TUCKSHOP MENU

EXTRA ITEMS MAY BE ORDERED AND PLACED IN LUNCH BAGS
FOR AFTERNOON TEA. Tuckshop is held each Monday, if there is a public holiday or pupil free day it will be held Tuesday. Please write your child’s order on a brown paper bag (available free from the Tuckshop), including year level.

**HOT FOOD**
- Traveller Pies 160g
- Stockman Outback Pies 190g
- Sausage Roll
- Cob of corn
- Pizza’s Ham & Pineapple or Cheese & Bacon

**SANDWICHES OR WRAPS**
- (White multigrain or wholemeal)
- Chicken
- Ham & Salad
- Ham & Salad
- Egg
- Cheese Stix

**FROZEN PRODUCTS**
- Fruit Slices 270g
- Frozen Fries 270g
- Chicken 300g
- Ham 200g
- Chips small 150g
- Salad 200g

**DRINKS**
- Favourite Milk, strawberry, choc, longer life (100% Juice) Orange, Apple, Apple & Blackcurrant
- L.O.L Drink (Carbonated fruit drink, Assorted flavours)
- Bottled water

**OTHER ITEMS**
- Fresh Garden Salad
- Apple Slinky
- Seasonal Fruit
- Chips - Red Rock Sea Salt (honey soy)
- Jumpy’s BBQ Chicken
- Smith Chips (Salt/Vinegar BBQ)
- Ovaltine
- Hello Panda
- Small Choc Chip Muffins (60g)

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