Last Friday the school hosted its annual INTERHOUSE Swimming carnival. Swimmers from PREP through to Year 10 proudly participated in the carnival. Early on in the day it was evident that BURILDA were going to be a force to reckon with. A sea of yellow balloons, posters, streamers, swimmers and parents filled the pool.

The day commenced with the traditional march past and war cry. Mrs Cameron and Mrs Tracy selected BURILDA as the winning march past team and COOLAC as the winning war cry team.

The day was filled with many records being broken, personal bests and swimmers just in there “having a go”. It is always wonderful to watch Burilda and Coolac chant across the pool to each other and support all swimmers who are in the pool. Burilda was successful in defeating Coolac on the day 822 points to 540 points. Congratulations Burilda!

**AGE CHAMPIONS:**

8 years: Braithen S
9 years: Lily H and Mac R
10 years: Holly C and Harrison S
11 years: Evie M and Izak P
12 years: Chloe F and Ben C
13 years: Carrie M and Tom P
14 years: Jaime C and Dalton P
Open: Claudia H and Sam W

**RECORD BREAKERS:**

200 m IM 12 years and under HOLLY C
200m IM 16 years and under JAIME C
50 m BUTT JAIME C
50 m BACK JAIME C

**MAC ZONE SWIMMERS:** The following swimmers will travel to Goondiwindi this Wednesday and compete at the Mac Zone Carnival. We wish them all the best


A big thank you to all staff and community members who assisted throughout the day. ALSO a BIG CONGRATS to the winning STAFF TEAM who regained the relay title back from the community relay team. BRING ON NEXT YEAR!!!!
**PREP**

Ms Nettie

Hello and welcome to all Preps parents and family members. The students had a great first week with a few little people at the end of it! We did have some tears here and there but they all settled into the routine of the classroom very quickly. We started our week with a tour around the school, visits from many of the teaching staff (and a baby blue tongue lizard) and a discussion about class and school expectations. We are an explicit teaching school and this means that the Prep students will be taught ten lessons a day. Our lessons involve students sitting at desks to complete work as well as mat time activities. All lessons are taught up to the end of the school day, so we do ask that you please arrive to pick up your child/ren no earlier than 2.55pm each afternoon. 

C2C (Curriculum to Classroom) Lessons include:

- **My lessons** –
  - C2C English
  - C2C Maths
  - C2C History

- **Mrs Mitchell** –
  - C2C Geography on Tuesdays

- **Mrs Tracy** –
  - C2C Science on Tuesdays

Other lessons include:

- **My lessons** -
  - Art, Reading Groups, PreLit Program (teaching literacy skills explicitly and sequentially) and Friday Assessment

- **Mrs Scott** –
  - PE (Physical Education) on Thursdays (Congratulations to Oliver, Sophie, Nate, Leah and Chad who participated in the Swimming Carnival and received ribbons. Well Done!)

- **Mr Day** - Technology (in the Manual Arts building) on Monday afternoons

Prep will join the Year 10 students for Smash Up exercise rotations each morning. Prep will be able to get to know the older students who attend our school and they will look to these students not only to assist them, but also as valuable role models. Thank you for sending in Crunch and Sip (piece of fruit) that will be eaten during roll time in the morning. Home work will start this week and will involve learning letters and sounds, sight words and home readers. After week three, I will send home a timetable and from there you can see if you are able to assist in the classroom. Please read the newsletter each week and look in your child’s diary each day for information. For example, a letter poem will be placed in the diary each week that you can look at with your child. Also the diary is checked each day for any messages that you may have for me. I hope to see you at the Parent Information Afternoon held in the Prep room at 3.15pm this Thursday.

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**Year 4/5 News**

Mrs Ramsay

I hope you all had a great first week of school, and congratulations to BURILDA on winning the swimming carnival!

Congratulations to last week’s STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

- Maggie
- Tyler
- Charlotte K
- Imenah

Last week, we started our English Unit on “Appreciating poetry”. In this unit, students will listen to, read and view a range of poems, songs, anthems and odes from different times. Students will create a portfolio on the authors’ use of language and how the poems impact us. This week, we will begin to examine the text structures in poetry. In maths, the Year 4s are applying place value understanding to 4-digit numbers. The Year 5s are exploring factors of whole numbers. Later in the week we will be studying “time”.

**Reminder:** YEAR 4/5 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION—WEDNESDAY 3.30 IN THE YEAR 4/5 ROOM.

Hope to see you there!
Positive Behaviour for Learning is the new title for School Wide Positive Behaviour Support.

Expectation of the Week: Be Safe—Fire Drill

⇒ Continuous ringing of the school bell
⇒ STOP!
⇒ LOOK!
⇒ LISTEN to your teacher
⇒ FOLLOW teacher instructions
⇒ WALK in line
⇒ WAIT QUIETLY while the roll is marked at the evacuation area

Cathy Cameron
Dean of Students

PRINCIPALS POINTS

Hi Parents

Week 2 already! WOW!! Congratulations BURILDA on a mighty win at the Interhouse Swim Meet last Friday. It was an excellent opportunity to witness the maturity and great sportsmanship of ALL competitors and this was backed by the overwhelming SUPPORT by all students to the swimmers in the pool – no matter which house swimmers swam for!

Jaime Scott does a great job of the carnivals and this is always made easier when STAFF, such as ours, really put a huge effort in too! So thanks must go to the staff for making the carnival a great event! Good luck swimmers at Mac Zone and Darling Downs in coming weeks.

Friday was Day 4. This Thursday is DAY 8. These are the two most important dates for the school administration calendar. DAY 8 is used to calculate funding and resourcing for schools based upon enrolment. PLEASE ENSURE ALL STUDENTS ARE AT SCHOOL THIS THURSDAY. If your child is unable to attend on Thursday, it is very important that you contact the office to advise us of the non-attendance.

We started this year with an expected 194 enrolments, confirmed at the end of 2014. I’m pleased to advise that on Day 4 (Preliminary Reporting Day), our student population was 200 STUDENTS across the 11 Year levels. I will report in next week’s newsletter if there has been any change to this. 200 is an AWESOME result and it reflects strong community confidence in our school – thank you for continuing to choose Texas P-10 State School as your child’s school!

Have a great week,
Mike

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.
SPORTS NEWS

2015 Term One
Swimming Timetable

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Congratulations to our staff members and student who participated in the Hell of the West triathlon on Sunday at Goondiwindi. Simone Thompson completed the 20 km run with her team Raymond Scott, Jaime C, Mrs Scott and Leanne Spooner placed 3rd in the ladies teams event. Jaime C swam 2 km, Mrs Scott rode 80 km and Leanne Spooner ran the 20 km.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Brochures for the first Book Club of the year will be coming home this week. Orders are due to the school Office by Friday 6th Feb.

Payment may be made by cash; cheque (made out to Ashton Scholastic) or credit card (by ringing through your payment to Scholastic and returning the order form to school – just follow the instructions on the brochure).

Happy browsing!

Kate Spriggs
Book Club Coordinator

School Dental Van News

Please be advised that the dental van has now completed treatment for students attending Texas SS in the 2014 recall. At the present moment we are not offering treatment to new enrolments in 2015 as the van will be shifting at some stage in the future to Inglewood or Yelarbon SS. At present school dental recalls for the Texas / Goondiwindi area are sitting on approximately 12-18 months so it is anticipated the van will return to your school sometime within that timeframe. In the interim should your child have an accident or emergency please call Warwick Dental clinic on 4660 3893 (Mon-Fri 8am-4.30pm).
YEARS 7-10 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
Teachers from Years 7-10 will be holding an Information Session in the Year 8 classroom next Monday 9th Feb at 3.15pm. Parents and caregivers are invited to attend this session to meet your child’s teachers; discover what your child is studying this semester and the assessment and homework expectations for each subject area.
We look forward to seeing you there!

NEW & RETURNING
Texas JRL PLAYERS
Texas Junior Rugby League Sign on / General Meeting
Tuesday 10/02/2015 @ Reg Saunders Oval Texas 5pm
Any enquires call Simone 0437025457

GYM NEWS
Please note Pump is on at 10am this Thursday. If you’re interested please come up to the gym.

TEXAS STATE SCHOOL TUCKSHOP ROSTER
SEMESTER 1 2015

TEAM 1: Olivia Moore (4653 5237), Emma Coventry, Jody Stewart, Kim Ramsay
DATES: 27/01/2015
02/03/2015
20/04/2015
25/05/2015

TEAM 2: Shelley Roser (4653 0440), Heidi Dawson, Anna Henry, Kylie Belford, Leanne Spooner
DATES: 02/02/2015
09/03/2015
27/04/2015
01/06/2015

TEAM 3: Kelly Ostwald(4653 6145), Erin Harms, Mandy Paterson, Rett Cleeve
DATES: 09/02/2015
16/03/2015
04/05/2015
09/06/2015

TEAM 4: Julie Campbell, Jill Finlay, Annabel Cleeve, Tammi Atkin
DATES: 16/02/2015
23/03/2015
11/05/2015
15/06/2015

TEAM 5: Amanda Sutton, Louise Higgins, Kath Roberts, Lisa Stevenson
DATES: 23/02/2015
30/03/2015
18/05/2015
22/06/2015

FOR BACK UP OR RELIEF: Ros Sinclair 0447 151 939
Thanks so much everyone for being part of the tuckshop team. I realise the effort you all go to. If anyone knows of any other back up candidates then please let me know. If you have any other roster questions please call me on 0428 475 095. Thanks!
RACQ Careflight
Golf Day

12 Hole  3 Person Ambrose

Saturday 21st March 2015
Texas Golf Club
Shotgun start at 11.30am
Nominations by 11.00am
Cost $25 per person
(Includes green fees and burger)
Over $4000 in prizes.

Major Sponsors

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Texas Cricket Club

7-A-Side Cricket

Saturday 14th February 2015
Start – 8.30am Qld time
$10 per player
Bar & Lunch Available
Nominations close – 9th February

Contact Greg Moore
or
Geoff Fearby
to nominate.
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**Public Notice**

The Riverside Rabbit Processing Works in Texas is having a Reunion!

It will be held at the Rabbit Works, Texas in **April, 2015**.

If you have an interest in the Rabbit Industry or the Processing works and would like to catch up with old friends, please watch this space for more information with a confirmed date!