



2016 - The Year of the Mindful Learner

Action Not Words

Year Three News

English – This term we have been looking at poetry. We have read the Australian classic, 'My Country' by Dorothea Mackellar. We have looked how her words create images in our mind and also how each of us may see different images. For those of you who don't know Dorothea's work, the most well-known stanza is ...

*I love a sunburnt country,
A land of sweeping plains,
Of rugged mountain ranges,
Of droughts and flooding rains,
I love her far horizons,
I love her jewel-sea,
Her beauty and her terror -
The wide brown land for me!*



C.U.P.S. – this is a new editing process that we are now using in Years 1-3. Why not ask your child all about it!



100 Must Have Words – Please note that we have an expectation that all students can read write and spell these 100 words. Together these words make up one quarter of all the words we use in the English language!

Maths – We have been learning a lot about angles this term. Do you all know what an obtuse, acute, reflex, straight and right angles are?

We are also learning about division and have been very busy sorting things into groups.

Science – In Science, we have been learning about the movement of Earth, the Moon and how this relates to the Sun. We have looked at shadows and how they change during the day as the Earth rotates. We had a lot of fun chasing our shadows outside with Mrs Kent!

Mrs Tracy & Mrs Scurr



PRIMARY NEWS

Prep

Miss Dunn

Hi, my name is Bec Dunn and I am a part-time, third year early childhood education student with USQ via distance education. I am honoured to be completing my 15 day professional experience with Ms Nettie and the Prep students from the 9th August 2016 until the 29th August 2016.

My first week with the Prep class has been a wonderful experience and a delight. I have been very privileged to interact with the children through numerous learning and teaching experiences and look forward to the upcoming weeks with them.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Ms Nettie, all of the staff and students for making me feel so welcome at the school during my first week. I look forward to working with you all and seeing your smiling faces around the school over the next few weeks.

***Congratulations to Our Student of the Week: Parker
An Active Learner. Well Done!**



PREP SPRING FAIR

TRASH & TREASURE STALL

**Do you have any items
you don't use anymore?**

We are looking for items in fairly good condition for our Trash and Treasure Stall at the Spring Fair

Some suggestions are:

Kitchen items

Bathroom items

Knick knacks

Plants etc..

All donations will be greatly received!

Many thanks

Ms Nettie



Year 4 News

Mrs Ramsay

Congratulations to the following students of the week:

Braithen, Byron, Brooke

In Geography, we are looking at Australia's World Heritage Sites. We will understand that people may have regional and national connections to significant places in Australia and different views about their purpose. We will also understand how to pose questions to investigate people's opinions about places of significance.

We will begin our assessment task in English this week. Students will plan and write a traditional story which includes a lesson or message for a younger audience. Students will also need to include direct speech, a range of grammatical conventions and create a developed storyline.

Last week, we received the Attendance Award. We were all very surprised as this is the first time we have earned it this year. Well done year 4!!

Everyone has been working hard to complete their homework. It's great to see so many improved results in spelling.

Have a great week!

PRINCIPAL'S POINTS

Hi Everyone,

We move into the second half of term three, with the final preparations occurring for our upcoming Spring Fair. The excitement is building and we're all suitably looking forward to an enjoyable day on Saturday 3 September. In the past couple of weeks, I've focussed on some of the extra opportunities which complete the great schooling experience for our students. This week I'd like to refocus on some of the core aspects which contribute to being a successful learner.

It is impossible to learn if you don't turn up. Many of our students achieve the desired attendance rate of 95% (no more than 2 days absent per term). However, some of us can do more to make the most of our schooling. You may have noticed we have recently changed some of our follow-up processes relating to absences. You may receive a phone call or a text message for any unexplained absence. Please support your children by ensuring they attend every day possible and when absences are necessary contacting the office as soon as possible.

I would like to encourage everyone to talk with your children at home about what they are learning at school. Emphasise them telling you about what they are learning opposed to what they are doing. When talking about learning students would be referring to skills that they could use repeatedly in a range of situations (eg. comparing, sentence structure, multiplication).

Generally students who are learning literate (knowing about what they are learning; their strengths and weaknesses; what is required to improve and how to attempt improvement) are far better placed to be successful and fulfil their potential. Assisting students to increase their learning literacy is something as school we are looking to further develop through a range of actions. Please talk with your child's teacher for ways you can support your child.

Have a great week.

Justin.

POSITION VACANT

Up to 21 hours / 5 days per week

TEXAS to STANTHORPE BUS DRIVER

Commencing August

Minimum requirements—**MR Driver Licence, Industry Authority**

(Driver's Authorisation Card) and

Blue Card (Working with Children Check)

Application package available at Admin Office—Texas P-10 SS
or by phoning (07) 4653 3333

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Expectation for Week 6 - Be Safe - Sun Safety

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!

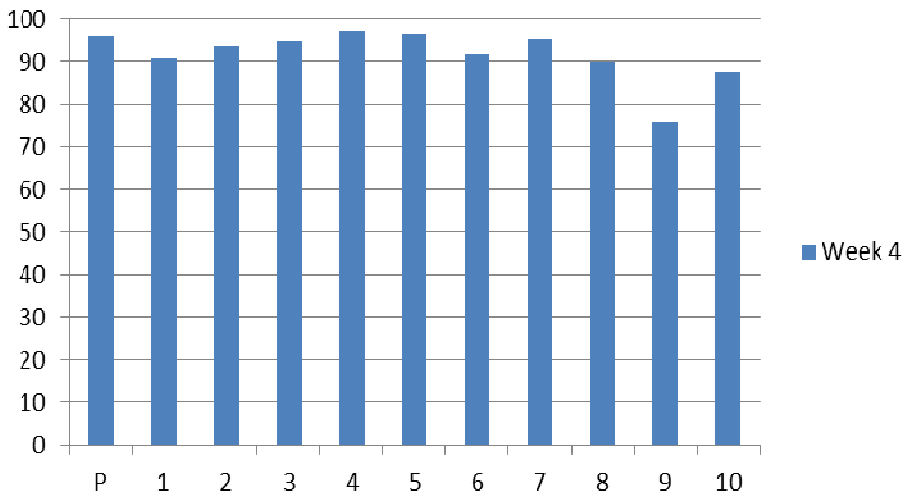
Remember to rehydrate - drink plenty of water



Deb Perry PHOTOGRAPHY & GRAPHIC ARTS



Year 4 97.39% Attendance Week 4



CLEANERS' Award - Week 5



A Block— Year 6

B Block— PREP

C Block— Year 9

EVERY DAY COUNTS

⇒ 6 classes above 93%

⇒ AVERAGE—92%

Cathy Cameron

Dean of Students

ATTENTION

Date change for P & C Meeting. It's held this **THURSDAY 18th August at 5:30pm in Admin Building.**

Thank You

Sports News

Mac Zone Success

On Friday the 12th of August, Texas hosted the Mac Zone athletics carnival. Seven schools and three small schools within our zone competed in the day. This event was an amazing success with a number of records broken. Congratulations to our 13 students who were selected in the Mac Zone Team.

Congratulations to the following athletes:

Braithen S Maggie C Holly C Harrison S
Mac R Madison W Bridie B Jacob S
Hamish C Molly C Halle B Harry H
Joseph M



Congratulations to Braithen S who won age champion in the 9 year old division. Braithen also broke three records including the long jump, 200m and high jump.

Texas placed 2nd overall, 9 points behind GSPS (Marsh). Texas did win the per capita shield. A remarkable effort considering our school size.

We wish all our athletes all the best at the Darling Downs carnival in Toowoomba on the 6th of September.

A MASSIVE THANK YOU to our wonderful helpers. We received many positive comments throughout the day on how wonderful our high school students were with their jobs, their work ethic and level of sportsmanship.

Thank you to our Little Athletics helpers who assisted with timekeeping and field events. Thank you to our wonderful Texas P-10 staff for their assistance on the day and before the day. Thank you to our Groundsman, Mr Kent, for presenting a well-maintained track for our students to compete on. Lastly, a massive big thank you to Jill who ran an impressive canteen with her Year 9 helpers.



Border District

Amelia S placed 3rd in the high jump event at the Border District carnival last week. Unfortunately, I had misplaced adding her into our last week's news. (SORRY!!!!) Congratulations Amelia on a fantastic result.

The following athletes have qualified for the DD Secondary carnival in Warwick on the 1st and 2nd of September

Tahnee G – 100m , 200m 400m and Long Jump

Amelia S – 100m

Braden B – 100m

Skye T - Javelin

Record Breakers special parade

This Thursday (18th of August) our record breakers from our Interhouse carnival will be recognised and rewarded. The following students have broken a record and will be presented with their record breaking frame on parade.

We would love to see as many parents/ grandparents at our parade.

Congratulations to the following:

Nate S Braithen S Tahnee G Nash S Indy L Harry H Skye T Mac R Amelie M
Sara B Harry C Halle B Holly C Leah S

Mrs Williams will also attend the carnival to present the **RISING STAR** award.

Cheers

Mrs Scott

Texas P-10 State School



Expression of Interest

**AO2/AAEP – 27.5 hours/week
5 days a week**

*Expressions of interest are being called for the above position for the period of:
12th September 2016 - 09th December 2016, with possibility of extension.*

Applicants are required to:

*Nominate 2 referees - one being current supervisor
Provide a brief resume of their relevant experience*

Email applications to: sthom758@eq.edu.au

Main Duties include:

- *Student Management*
 - *Front Counter/Phone*
 - *General Office duties*
 - *Accounts Receivable*
 - *Accounts Payable*
 - *IT assistance (desired but not essential)*
- Assets and Facilities (administration support)*

Applications close 3pm Friday 26th August 2016

Contact Person:

Justin Kuskie

Phone: 46533333

Email: jkusk5@eq.edu.au



Free one day workshop for parents and carers

Workshop: 16-17QLDPCS

Location: Goondiwindi QLD

Like all school-aged students, young people on the autism spectrum benefit from strong, positive relationships between home and school. Positive Partnerships use evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers.

This workshop is suitable for parents, full time carers and grandparents.

What will you gain?

The Positive Partnerships parent/carer workshop intends to:

- Increase understanding of the impact of autism on learning
- Introduce a planning tool that can be used to share an understanding of your child
- Explore ways to work in partnership with your school
- Share information about how to access support both inside and outside of school
- Provide an opportunity to network and share strategies with other parents/carers

Workshop details

Venue: Jolly Swagman Motor Inn
1 Andersen Street
Goondiwindi QLD 4390

When: One day workshop – Wednesday 14 September 2016
9.15 am – 3.00 pm (Registration from 8.30 am)

Online registrations open on Wednesday 3 August 2016 and close two days prior to the workshop.

If you have an email address and access to a computer please register directly through our secure website www.positivepartnerships.com.au.

You will receive a confirmation email of your registration.

If you have any enquiries phone the Positive Partnerships Infoline 1300 881 971 or email pp.rentocare@autismspectrum.org.au.

SPRING FAIR

BARROW OF GOODIES RAFFLE

Would you be able to donate an item to the Barrow of Goodies Raffle?

Year 4 and Year 6 are putting together a raffle for the Spring Fair. We would like it to be a great prize. To assist with this goal we are hoping that each family in the school could donate an item for the barrow.

Suggested items include:

- Non-perishable grocery items
- Craft items
- Gardening items
- Bathroom items
- Kitchen items
- Drinks
- Small toys and games



Items can be left at the WELLNESS CENTRE.

TEXAS P-10 STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

SPRING FAIR - 3 September 2016

TICKET PRICES

ALL DAY PASS

Discount ONLY on tickets pre-purchased by 2 September 2016 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

TICKETS SOLD ON THE DAY

ALL DAY PASS

RIDES - \$35

LASER SKIRMISH - \$20

OR

RIDES/LASER SKIRMISH - \$5 EACH

(INDIVIDUAL RIDE/SESSION)

This year we are offering a payment plan. Payments to commence during term 3 and balances to be settled by 2 September 2016 – for further information please contact the Treasurer – Di White on 0427531636

Please note that the Family Discount applies to immediate family only

Texas Student Representative Council

School Social

WHERE: Texas Sports Complex

WHEN: TOMORROW

Wednesday 17th August 2016

Prep—Year 6 TIME: 5.30pm - 7.00pm



Dress As your Best Friend

P & C SAUSAGE SIZZLE



Drinks and packets of Chips also available

Year 7—Year 10

TIME: — 7.00pm - 8.30pm

'Tie Dyed'



ADMISSION \$ 2.00**

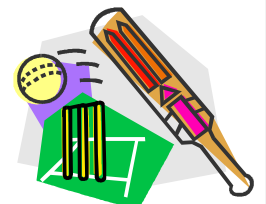
****All students must be dropped off and picked up by an Adult**

Cricket Coaching Clinic

Boys and girls aged 8 -16 years are invited to attend a free cricket coaching clinic this Friday 19th of August at the Texas Sporting Complex from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.

Students will be coached by the touring Wanderers Club who are here to play against a local team on Saturday.

Parents and anyone interested in cricket coaching are also welcome to attend.



Millwood Junior Rugby League Design Our Logo Comp

All children are invited to design a new logo for our football club, Millwood, which consists of players from Millmerran, Inglewood and Texas.

Get your creative hats on to win yourself and your school a great prize!!

Winning school—\$1000 sports equipment

Winning student—\$100 cash and football pack

Designs are to be submitted to your school office by Wednesday 14th September.

Good Luck!

Example logos



ATHOLWOOD BRANCH CWA

Would like to invite you to their International Day on

Saturday the 20th August

11.30am for a 12noon lunch

Country of Study – Mongolia

Join us for a delicious Mongolian lunch!

Guest Speaker to follow lunch

To be held at

Goat Rock

1040 Goat Rock Road

Texas NSW

Cost – \$15

All proceeds to CWA International Aid

RSVP by Thursday 18th August

Vicki or Amanda (Texas Treats 8am-5pm Mon-Fri) 07 4653 0999

Amanda 0437 713 488

amanda@goatrock.com.au



PRIMARY STUDENTS - SCIENCE OPPORTUNITY

Does your child enjoy Science? Would they like to enter the NATA Young Scientist of the Year competition?

The competition encourages students to look at how science impacts on people's lives. Students from primary schools across Australia are invited to enter the competition to win cash prizes.

This year's theme of '**Science in our lives**' has been chosen to give students a broad range of topics to choose from as well as thinking about how science affects their everyday lives. They can investigate any area of their lives in which science has had an impact – from food and clothing to weather forecasting!

The Competition Rules

Entry to the NATA Young Scientists of the Year Award is **free** and open to Individuals and class groups in **primary schools** across Australia. There are three age groups eligible for this competition (birthdays as at 30 June 2016) from primary schools: 7 & 8 year olds; 9 & 10 year olds and 11 & 12 year olds.

This year's theme is '**Science in our lives**'

All submitted materials must be wholly designed and produced by the entrant (s).

Each entry **MUST** be accompanied by an entry form downloaded from the

NATA website (<http://www.nata.com.au/nata/news/nata-young-scientist-award>) and the student name (s) clearly written on the entry form.

Please note that each student who enters will receive a certificate so it's important to ensure that student names can be clearly read.

Students are required to undertake an experiment or investigation around the theme of science in their lives. There is plenty of scope for students to look around them and explore how scientific discovery has an impact on everything they do, from the moment they wake up until they close their eyes at the end of the day.

Each submission should contain a title, a written element and a visual element.

Entry

Entries should be sent to Diane Lyons, NYSYA 2016, PO Box 7507, Silverwater NSW 2128 for receipt no later than 23 September 2016.

Please see/email Mrs Day with any questions – tday47@eq.edu.au

2016 CALENDAR TERM 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 August <u>WEEK 6</u>	15	16 ICAS Maths	17 School Social	18 P&C Meeting in admin building @ 5:30pm	19 Queensland Cricket visiting	20 CWA Atholwood meeting @ Goat Rock 9:30 before lunch
21 August <u>WEEK 7</u>	22 Two way meet Athletics Inglewood	23	24 Prep & Year 1 Granite Belt Dental Talk	25	26	27 Kindy Rainbow Run
28 August <u>WEEK 8</u>	29 Arts Council Primary	30	31	1 September DD track & field Secondary	2 DD track & field Secondary	3 P&C Spring Fair
4 September <u>WEEK 9</u> Father's Day	5	6 DD track & field Primary	7	8	9 SRC Dress Down Day (Info to come)	10
11 September <u>WEEK 10</u>	12	13	14 P&C Meeting in admin building @ 5:30pm	15	16 Last day of Term	17
18 September	19	20	21	22	23	24

ABSENCES

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

Sacramental Programme

Any child wishing to participate
in the sacramental programme
please contact Bernadette on
0746531198 or Sonya on
0417793825 by 30.08.16