2016 - The Year of the Mindful Learner

HISTORY IN THE HIGHSCHOOL

YEAR 9

Year 9 are continuing their study of World War 1 and Australia’s involvement in this major conflict. We have been investigating how Australia’s involvement in World War 1 helped to create the ANZAC legend and develop us as a young nation. Students have undertaken a practise historical essay on this topic and are now working on their final assessment piece for the unit – writing a historical argument about the ANZAC legend and whether it has changed over time. They are working hard on analysing historical sources and incorporating evidence into their essay to back up their arguments.

THE ANZAC LEGEND DISPLAY

YEAR 10

In Year Ten, students are studying a unit about Popular Culture in Australia since the end of World War 2. We began the unit by studying what popular culture was like in the 1940s and 1950s and we discovered that sport and radio were important aspects of post war Australian culture. We then traced some developments in popular culture since this time – especially the advent of television and rock and roll music and how these impacted on our society. Students are now completing their research assessment for this unit – investigating an Australian individual who has contributed to popular culture since World War 2.

SOME OF THE POPULAR CULTURE WE HAVE STUDIED – DO YOU REMEMBER THESE?
PRIMARY NEWS

Prep
Ms Nettie

Last Wednesday, Prep joined Year One for a fun morning visit to our local Texas Museum. We were greeted by Mr Burley and Mr Prance who talked to the students about the museum and were on hand to answer any questions. We were fortunate to have a few parent helpers join us for the visit. We broke up into small groups to go on a 'Find the Object' hunt that involved the students looking for objects from the past. On our return to class, we watched and discussed a slide show of photographs of all the wonderful things we saw and finished with a matching activity. We would like to thank Mr Burley and Mr Prance who generously gave of their time to open the museum.

Congratulations to Our Student of the Week: Nicolas

Year 4 News
Mrs Ramsay

Congratulations to the following students of the week: Madison and Brooke

This week students will be presenting their final English Assessment for the year. They have created and will deliver an informative multimodal presentation about an Aboriginal peoples’ or Torres Strait Islander peoples’ story. Students have prepared a PowerPoint presentation and a speech that will accompany this. I will be looking for students to:

- Make connections between the ways different storytellers represent similar storylines, ideas and relationships
- Incorporate new and researched vocabulary to provide key information and supporting details. Place visual, print and audio elements to extend key ideas
- Demonstrate control over text structures and language features appropriate to audience
- Vary tone, pitch and pace to create and sustain audience interest

In maths, we have been exploring area. Students have measured the area of shapes with informal units of measurement and compared the areas of these shapes. We then moved onto measuring the area of shapes using formal units.

At the end of the week, we will be investigating time and starting a guided inquiry on "How long it takes to read a book?"

There will be NO READING GROUPS this WEDNESDAY afternoon.

Have a great week.
Hi Everyone,

With four weeks left of the school year for most of us can I strongly encourage everyone to make every day count by firstly being in attendance and fully prepared for the school day. In recent weeks we have had several days where our whole school attendance has dropped to around 88% and although our yearly attendance is currently at 92.4%, which is considered good, I think we can still do better. To put things simply, the difference between 85% and 95% (where I believe we could be) is around 1 week of schooling per term, 4 weeks per year or an entire year of learning across a student’s time here at Texas P-10 SS. Even small gains make differences. It is for these reasons that the opening sentence of your child’s term four report card will highlight their attendance percentage and next year as a school we will make more frequent contact regarding attendance and how we can work together to support our young people.

This coming Monday we will have the opportunity to celebrate the many successes that have occurred during this year from supporting young people at our Annual Awards Night. If possible please make the effort to attend the evening regardless if your child is receiving an award as by merely attending the evening your child may be motivated slightly more in 2017 to strive to be recognised at future award ceremonies. Thank you to everyone who has already assisted in preparing for this Monday and for everyone who is attending please bring along some spare change as our P&C will be running a small stall selling some of their products and raffle tickets in our Christmas multi draw raffle.

Have a great week.
Justin.

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**THE QUEST – STATE FINALS**

Holly, Alex and Charlotte travelled to The University of Queensland on Saturday to compete in the State Finals of The Quest competition. The 3 students worked very hard against the best in the state and placed as follows:

- **Mathematics** – 10th out of 20 teams
- **Humanities** – 7th out of 20 teams
- **Science** – 5th out of 20 teams

**Overall placing – 7th in the state**

We are so proud of these students. They were so very keen and worked well together as a team leading up to and in the event. WELL DONE!!!
**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

**Expectation for Week 7 – Be Respectful – Always respect others rights when playing**

- Include all students in free play
- Invite students to join organised games and team sports
- Encourage, mentor and praise peers
- Be a team player
- Share equipment
- Speak in a respectful tone using appropriate language

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

- 6 classes above 93%
- AVERAGE – 92%

*Cathy Cameron*
Dean of Students

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**HPE Award – Week 6**

**TEXAS P-10 STATE SCHOOL**

**P&C Multidraw Raffle**

**TICKETS $1.00 each**

- Books of tickets have been sent home with the youngest in the family.
- **1st PRIZE:** Wheelbarrow of Goodies
- **2-6th PRIZE:** Scratchie Tree
- **7-8th PRIZE:** Gardening baskets
- **9th PRIZE:** Homewares
Swimming Timetable

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Student Representative Council Fundraiser

WHEN: Friday 18th November
WHAT: 1000 Hundred Ways to Show Keeley We Care

The purpose of this fundraising day is to assist Keeley’s parents with the cost of expensive medication, so they can optimise the time they spend together as a family.

WEAR: 100’s and 1000’s of Colours

*Please join the SRC in donating A GOLD COIN for DRESS DOWN DAY*
HELPERS STILL NEEDED – YEAR 10 DINNER

The year 10 Dinner will be held on Saturday 26th November at the Texas Memorial Hall. We are calling on parent volunteers to help with cooking, preparing, serving and cleaning. The general idea is that the parents of the year 10 students DO NOT help but instead enjoy the evening with their child. This means that we need volunteers from parents with children in Prep – Year 9. Listed below is the jobs that we need volunteers for, please contact Toni Day and let her know what you are able to help out with – tday47@eq.edu.au or 0438 776 822.

Thanks in advance          Toni Day and Jaime Scott

CHOOSE A JOB AND LET TONI KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO......

Cooking to be done at home and delivered Friday afternoon to the Memorial Hall:
- Potato bake x 8
- Coleslaw (4L) x 2
- Pasta salad (4L) x 2
- Egg salad x 2

Volunteers needed for preparation of food on Saturday at the hall (11am – 5pm) x 10 people
Volunteers needed for serving of food and clean up on Saturday at the hall (5pm – 10pm) x 10 people

Thank you to those who have already offered to help.

We will call you within the next week to clarify exact details.
ACADEMIC PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY

2017 year 9 and 10 Students

The ConocoPhillips Science Experience is a hands on science activities program being conducted in 31 universities and tertiary institutions around Australia in 2016/2017. The aim is to inform students of the importance of science and technology while stimulating and heightening their interests in a wide range of science disciplines and career opportunities, encourages further studies in the sciences, while at the same time giving them a ‘taste’ of university/tertiary life. There are still places available in the following programs;

University of Queensland, St Lucia
18 – 20 January 2017
Cost $120

Combined program
University of Queensland for 2 days, Queensland University of Technology for 1 day and Griffith University, Nathan for 1 day
17 – 20 January 2017
Cost $160

This is not a school funded activity although Rotary sponsorship is often available for those who need it. There is no selection process and students can:
- Enrol online at www.scienceexperience.com.au or
- Post the registration form to PO Box 158, Monbulk, Vic 3793.

Further information can be obtained by calling 03 9756 7534 or email admin@scienceexperience.com.au

2016 P-10 Texas State School
Tea Towel Fundraiser

As part of our fundraising for 2016 we have created a commemorative Whole School Tea Towel!

The unique design is made up of individual drawings by all the students and staff at our school which have been screen printed in green onto a high quality white tea towel.

The tea towels look amazing and because each child was involved they make a wonderful memento and a meaningful gift for parents, relatives and special friends. A sample is available to view in the school office.

ONLY $10 per limited edition tea towel OR SAVE by ordering 3 for $25.

They can be ordered by dropping the order form with payment to the school office in an envelope clearly marked “TEA TOWEL ORDER”.

Make sure you don’t miss out! Preserve your child’s artwork and remember friends and teachers forever!

If you would like more details please contact Jill on 0428161176.
The Principal, Staff & Students of TEXAS P–10 STATE SCHOOL cordially invites Parents, friends and community members to attend our 2016 Awards Night to be held at the Texas Memorial Hall on Monday 21st November 2016 commencing at 6.30 pm sharp Seating from 6.15 pm

YEAR 10 DINNER – REMINDER
Money and RSVP’s are due back TOMORROW!!!
Please make cheques payable to Texas P-10 State School P&C.
Don’t forget to pay for your year 10 student also.
Kindergarten Information Session
Tuesday 22nd November - 5:15PM

This Information session is for all parents with children attending or interested in attending our 2017 Kindergarten program on Tuesdays and Thursdays next year. This session is open to any and all interested person/s obligation free.

Topics to include:

- What the program entails?
- What is school readiness time?
- How does the Kindergarten funding work and how does it benefit my child?
- Ms Nettie to speak about ‘Ways to help prepare your child for school at home’

POSITION VACANT
Up to 21 hours / 5 days per week

TEXAS to STANTHORPE BUS DRIVER
Commencing ASAP

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
## 2016 CALENDAR

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### “BETTER IN TEXAS”

Better in Texas Shirts now in 4 NEW colours; Iris, Mulberry, Gun Metal Grey & Hot Pink Ladies and Mens sizes available for $30 each And we also have bucket hats Pink & Navy various sizes $18ea or 2 for $30

### BOOK CLUB NEWS

Thank you to all parents who have supported Book Club during 2016 – your purchases allow us to buy some great reading resources for the School Library and students have certainly enjoyed reading these!

Brochures for the last Book Club of the year came home last week. Orders are due to the school Office by this Wednesday 16th November.

Payment may be made by cash; cheque (made out to Ashton Scholastic) or credit card using the Book Club Loop for Parents. Details of this service can be found on the order form in each brochure.

Happy browsing!

Kate Spriggs  
Book Club Coordinator

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### 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 class.