Year 8 GEOGRAPHY NEWS!

The Year 8 Geography students have been focusing this semester on a study of landforms and landscapes of the world. We have been investigating how landforms are created through tectonic plate movement, erosion and deposition. Students have learned how to read contour maps and then create a cross section diagram. We are now focusing our studies on how humans can alter the appearance of landscapes through our actions such as deforestation. Students are to be commended for their enthusiastic attitudes in class discussions and for their independent work ethic. They are a delightful class to teach!

Year 7 GEOGRAPHY

This term students have been studying the liveability of a place. It is easy to take clean running water and facilities, like shops and hospitals, for granted. Education is also a privilege that our students have access to, whereas many children throughout the world do not. Students are investigating a place of their choice to analyse how liveable this place is. As a class, we are also looking at and contributing to the worthwhile cause, ‘Cows for Cambodia’. We certainly are privileged to live in a great place like Texas.
Ms Nettie

Last Wednesday, we had our Prep Information Morning and I want to congratulate all the preppies for making our new students for 2017 feel welcome.

Last night, we had our Awards Night and I want to congratulate all the prep students for their fantastic behaviour! A big congratulation must also go to Lillie for receiving the Angela Dunn Attendance Award.

For the next couple of weeks Mrs Malloy and the Wrigglers and Gigglers students and Mrs Moore and her kindy students will be visiting on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. They will be arriving at 9.00am to join us for Crunch and Sip, Calendar time and a few lessons.

**Congratulations** to the following students who received *certificates* on parade last week:

**List 4 and 5 Sight Words** - *Lillie*
**List 5 Sight Words** - *Coen*
**List 5 Sight Words** - *Abhi*
**List 5 Sight Words** - *Aiden*
**List 10 Sight Words** - *Olivia*

**Congratulations** to Our *Students of the Week*: *Olivia* All Active Learners. Well Done!
Hi Everyone,

Yesterday evening we celebrated our annual Awards Night recognising many students whose efforts have resulted in noteworthy achievements or improvement. It was brilliant to see so many of our families celebrating together to recognise our students. A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to making the evening a success.

As we prepare to farewell our Year 10 students, I would like to thank them for their contribution to Texas P-10 SS and wish them and any of our departing families the very best in their future. Of course for us remaining at school we are still very focussed on completing our requirements for 2016.

In relation to 2017 our planning and organisation is certainly in it's final stages. Last week we conducted our school leader elections, well done to all students who nominated for any of the positions all candidates conducted themselves extremely well and would have served Texas P-10 admirably. Specific congratulations go to Amelia Spriggs and Indiah Loy Primary (School Captains); Holly Campbell and Charlotte Spooner (Primary School Leaders); Alex Paterson and Mikeely Scott (Primary Coolac House Captains); Halle Belford and Sam Shannon (Primary Burilda House Captains). We will be finalising the Secondary House Captains at the beginning of 2017.

Our classroom teachers are also busy preparing to make 2017 a great year. From the perspective of classes and teachers I anticipate being able to confirm the specific details relating to our teaching staff next week, however I am expecting very minimal changes in relation to our 2016 structure. We will be operating a Prep/Year 1 class (supported by extra teaching time allocation), with straight year level classes in all other year levels.

Finally I would like to remind everyone that this semester report cards will only contain general comments relating to overall conduct and effort, along with the specific grades for the subject. To complement this modification from 2017 we will be introducing opportunities for parents to meet with our staff every term.

Thanks for your support.
Have a great week.
Justin.

Year 4 News
Mrs Ramsay

Congratulations to the following students of the week:
Lucus, Rose, Braithen, Ruben

Well done to all the students for completing and presenting their English multimodal presentations on traditional stories, to the class last week. Despite some nerves, all students were confident and spoke with great volume and expression. Their powerpoints reflected the hard work they had put into their assessment task. I am very proud on how they all went.

In science, we are investigating the pulling force of the Earth. Students will examine how the pulling force of the Earth is a noncontact pulling force that acts on objects. Students will also understand that the pulling force of the Earth:
• is a constant presence that we really don’t notice at all — it is an invisible force
• acts on all objects to pull objects downwards, towards the centre of the Earth
• is able to keep us and most other objects on the ground. If the Earth did not exert this pulling force, we would all float off.

Land ownership is the topic in history. Students will understand how different concepts of land ownership affected relationships between Aboriginal peoples or Torres Strait Islander peoples and European settlers. In previous lessons, students have learnt that Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a strong relationship with the land. They rely on the land daily and their knowledge of the environment helps them protect and care for the land and each other.

Have a great week.
Positive Behaviour for Learning

Expectation for Week 8 - Be Safe – Keep hands, feet and unkind words to yourself

EVERY DAY COUNTS

⇒ 5 classes above 93%
⇒ AVERAGE—91%

Cathy Cameron
Dean of Students

HPE Award – Week 7

YEAR 6

Year 8 97.65% Attendance  Week 6
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

Uniform Shop Hours for Back to School

Wednesday the 18th January 10-2pm
Contact Marea Harley 0408 010 951
Or Mandy Paterson 0459 438 500
For further details

"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
## TEXAS WRITERS DISPLAYED SENSATIONAL SUCCESS IN MACINTYRE YOUNG WRITERS 2016

Macintyre Young Writers is one of the biggest writing competitions in Queensland and received over 1000 entries from across our region. This year 250 of those entries belonged to students from Texas P-10 State School. There were 34 students awarded prizes. Our results were:

### Year 1
- Major: Sophie D, Oliver S and Ashleigh R
- Highly commended: Emilia C and Phillipa R
- Book prize: Sophie D

### Year 2
- Highly commended: Harriet W and Leah S

### Year 3
- Major: Bailey D
- Highly commended: Kate P

### Year 4
- Major: Macalister R
- Highly commended: Thomas S

### Year 5
- Major: Holly C
- Highly commended: Tyler P and Charlotte S

### Year 6
- Highly commended: Grace R and Imenah P

### Year 7
- Major: Emma C and Kayla B
- Highly commended: Madalyn L, Daneka C, Cailin S, Harry C and Natasha P

### Year 8
- Highly commended: Skye T

### Year 9
- Major: Amelia S and Sara B
- Highly commended: Reegan J, Dawson W and Christopher W

### Year 10
- Major: Jaime C (2 awards), Caleb H, Aaron Mand Holly P
- Highly commended: Jaime C (3 awards), Caleb H, Holly P, Dalton P and Charlee W
- Book prize: Jaime C

Congratulations to all of the Texas writers as they have written some amazing stories over the year.
Reward Night Recipients

Merit Award for Indigenous Partnerships                    Christopher Wheeler
Cultural Award - Junior                                    Isabella Ramsay
Cultural Award—Senior                                       Leshenta Warren
Industry Award                                               Charlee Wright
Angela Dunn Memorial Attendance Award                       Beau Corbett
                                                           Oliver Corbett
                                                           Lillie Warren
                                                           Leshenta Warren
                                                           Dawson Warren
                                                           Lexi Dawson
                                                           Jaime Colley
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                                                           Jaime Colley

Commitment to School Bursary
Caltex All-Round Award                                       Jaime Colley
Pierre de Coubertin Award                                    Jaime Colley
Aust Defence Force—Long Tan Leadership                      Jaime Colley
2016 DUX

Our Texas Book
Written and illustrated by the 2016 Year 5 Class with A Chalmers and H Collins
We still have copies available for sale at the office $15 a copy

Prep Enrolments For 2017

Texas P-10 State School is currently taking enrolments for All children born between
1 July 2011—30 June 2012

who are eligible for enrolment in the 2017 Preparatory Year. Prep develops children’s independence and prepares them for Year 1. Prep is a full-time program that runs five days per week. Birth certificates are required for enrolment. For an enrolment pack contact the school on 4653 3333.

Texas P-10 State School
Flemming Street TEXAS QLD 4385
Ph: 07 4653 3333 Fax: 07 4653 1101
Email: the.principal@texasss.eq.edu.au
www.texasss.eq.edu.au
Dear Parents,

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 below 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.

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**Tea Towel Order Form**

($10 each or 3 for $25)

Name: ____________________________________________

Phone Number: ____________________________________

Tea Towels Ordered: ________________________________

Total Amount: $ __________________________________

Please enclose payment with you order.

Cash or Cheques payable to Texas P-10 State School P&C Association
YEAR 10 PARENTS
There will be a Farewell Parade on Friday 25th November at 9:30am. The Parade will be a chance for the staff and students of Texas P-10 State School to say goodbye to our year 10’s. Parents are most welcome to join us in the Parade area for a 9:30 start.

Tuckshop News
Spaghetti Bolognese is currently unavailable from our suppliers. However, we still have Lasagne.

Hello Pandas are back in stock and cost $1.00.
Thankyou all for your custom this year.
Enjoy the last 2 1/2 weeks.

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
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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.