2016 - The Year of the Mindful Learner

Year 9 Work Experience

Dawson Warren
Working at Spar—Texas.
Will be stacking shelves, cleaning, unloading orders and general duties. Hopes to achieve improved interpersonal skills with customers.

Logan Withers
Working at AJD Farming—Yelarbon
Assisting with tractor work and general farm hand. Hopes to have experience with tractors and heavy machinery and gain knowledge of day to day farming.

Reegan Johns
Working at Texas Motors & Crash Repairs. I will be assisting with general duties in the workshop, cleaning and changing tyres. Hoping to achieve knowledge in this field and maybe pursue a career as a motor mechanic in the future.

Hannah Wright
Working at Texas Treats.
I will be helping with the cooking, collecting orders & deliveries to school and cleaning. I hope to understand how the workplace operates and see if hospitality work suits me, and if so pursue a career after school.

Indiah Loy
Working at Inglewood Aquatic Centre.
I will be assisting with squad training and swimming lessons, serving customers and cleaning. Hoping to achieve greater understanding of this field.

Sarra Magann
Working at Glen Eagle—Walcha.
Mustering, everyday farm work, tractor work and lots of cattle work. I'm hoping to build new skills and develop a better understanding of farm work.

Alyssa Baker
Working at Knox Veterinary.
Assisting with call outs, general clinic duties, computer work and cleaning. I would like to see if this field is of any interest to me, I love animals and it could be a further career path. I would like to be a vet with rural animals.

William Weber
Working at Ed Van Amstal Store.
I will be doing general workshop duties and assisting Ed with repairs and cleaning. I like to fix things and I hope to achieve a better understanding of the workshop.

Christopher Wheeler
Working at Foodworks/Mitre 10.
I will be unloading trucks, stacking shelves, cleaning and general assistance. I hope to achieve an understanding of the work place and the everyday running's.

Declan O’Halloran
Working at Texas P-10 State School.
I'm helping with sight words, reading and Christmas activities. I hope to be a teacher and teach the children in Africa one day.

Keesha Thompson
Working at Wrigglers & Gigglers.
I will be cleaning, helping at meal times & outdoor play. I love being with children and babies, if I enjoy the week I would like to become a early childhood teacher.
**PRIMARY NEWS**

**Prep**  
**Ms Nettie**

Last week, Prep and Year three students did a terrific job singing Christmas carols for the Mingoola residents at the hospital. Their singing was enjoyed by all!

We have had Declan, a work experience student in our classroom this week and he is proving to be a great assistant and a popular added member to the class!

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates on parade:

- **Aiden** - You now know your List 7, 8, 9, 10 Sight Words. Well Done
- **Parker** - You now know your List 8, 9 Sight Words. Well Done!
- **Nash** - You now know your List 5 Sight Words. Well Done!
- **Amelia** - You now know your List 3 Sight Words. Well Done!

**Students of the Week: Coen and Lillie**

I want to thank you for working with your child on their sight words and reading this year. Please continue with sight word revision over the holidays, so we can hit the ground running next year!

A big thanks to Mrs Dauth and the teacher aides who have worked in the Prep classroom this year. They are an amazing team!

I’ve had a great year with the Prep students! I hope you all have a Safe and Happy Christmas and an enjoyable Holiday Season!

**Year 4 News**

**Mrs Ramsay**

Congratulations to the Week 9 Students of the Week: Deakin, Lily, Matthew, Ruben

It's hard to believe that we have reached the end of the school year. I have had an awesome time teaching Year 4. They are wonderful students and I wish them all the best for the future.

Today the students attended the Christmas Church Service. They did a great job in presenting their play.

Friday is our rewards day. The following activities will take place:

- **MORNING SESSION** - Gladiator Water Challenge. Students must wear shoes (bring an old spare pair) and they also need to bring their swimmers, sun shirt and towel.
- **MIDDLE SESSION** - Art and Craft Activities. We will be having a class party. It would be great if all students could bring a plate of healthy food to share.
- **AFTERNOON SESSION** - Classroom fun and games.

*Have a wonderful Christmas break!*
Hi Everyone,

As we head into our Christmas holidays and we finalise our school year I wanted to begin my last piece of the year by saying thank you to everyone for their ongoing support throughout the year. Specially I would like to thank and wish well to our staff members who will not be with us in 2017, whether it be heading off on their next life adventure or taking leave in 2017. We are saying goodbye to Mandy and Anthony Kent who are leaving for the Sunshine Coast and on behalf of the school community I wanted to thank them both for their dedication to the Texas community in their time here. For 2017 we are also saying a temporary goodbye to Lisa Putzolu and Nel Byrnes who are both taking 12 months leave. We wish them well on their time off and good luck to Nel with the upcoming birth of her child.

We have now finalised our staffing and teaching allocations for the beginning of 2017. I will be continuing in the Principal position for Term 1. Mrs Heather Scurr will be supporting our Special Education Program (three days per week), along with teaching Year 3 for one day per week. Mrs Keisha Kuskie will also join Texas P-10 SS as the locally based District Relieving Teacher (DRT).

Please see below for the outline of our secondary subject offerings and the staff members who will be taking the respective classes. Please note subjects not offered to a particular year level are shaded out, and in years 9 and 10 students will select either Technology (Digital) or Business Studies and Technology (Man Arts) or Technology (Home Ec). We are very privileged at Texas P-10 SS to have the quality offerings delivered by skilled staff which allows our secondary students a quality educational experience. 2017 is set up to be a great year.

At the end of this year we also have several students and families leaving us. To everyone who is leaving thank you for your contribution to Texas and specially Texas P-10 SS. I hope your next phase of education and life is rewarding and please remember all the great things about Texas P-10 SS.

Finally for the year I would like to say Merry Christmas, thank you for 2016 and please, regardless of how busy things are take some time out to spend it with those who are important. Have a great, safe and enjoyable Christmas break and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school (students return on Monday 23 January) in 2017.

Thanks for your support.

Merry Christmas

Justin.
Internet safety

- If you come across material that scares you or makes you feel uncomfortable, tell your parents, carer or another adult you trust.
- Keep your personal information safe. It's very important to check with your parents or carer before you give out any personal details to anyone, especially if you don't know the person.
- Some websites are not protected and can be viewed by anyone. Be careful posting photographs of yourself on the web.
- If you have received upsetting text messages, emails or had things posted on the internet that are hurtful, tell an adult you trust.

Farm safety

- Motorbikes and quad bikes - only ride a bike that is suitable for your size and always wear a helmet and safety gear.
- Don't ride on tractors, farm machinery
- Refrain from riding in the back of a ute.
- Be careful around water including dams and creeks - only swim with adult supervision.

If you are sad

If you are sad and you want someone to talk to, remember there are people who can help you. Contact Kids Help Line on 1800 55 1800 or visit their website: www.kidshelp.com.au

Child Safety

- The Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum is available to all Queensland schools and aims to teach children about personal safety and awareness, including cybersafety and phone safety, by focusing on three key safety messages: Recognise, React and Report.
Torture on the Border

Get training over the holidays for the annual Torture on the Border triathlon.

Sunday the 26th of February

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Texas P-10 P& C Multi-Draw Raffle Winners

Wheelbarrow of goodies: James Moore
Scratchie Tree 1: Matthew Lang
Scratchie Tree 2: Christian Moore
Scratchie Tree 3: Lisa Finlay
Scratchie Tree 4: Nash Schwenke
Scratchie Tree 5: Evie Moore
Garden Goodies 1: Jenny Paganin
Garden Goodies 2: Tracy Thompson
Garden Goodies 3: Lucy McCaffery
Garden Goodies 4: Anna Henry
Garden Goodies 5: Mandy Paterson
Esky: Darren Marsh
Lolly Pack: Charlee Wright
Book Pack: Andrea Fearby
Liberty Pack: Jamie Rossiter
Pink Purse Pack: Lisa Finlay
Vase Pack: Maddy Townsend
Lolly Pop Pack: Lisa Finlay
Baskets of Lollies: Teagan Molloy

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and supported the raffle.
Uniform Shop News

Texas P-10 SS
Swimming Caps
Available at the uniform shop for $15.00

The Uniform shop will be open on Wednesday 18/01/2017 from 10am—2pm

INTERHOUSE SPELLING CHALLENGE

Coolac—629
Burilda—654

Congratulations to our top spellers:


To the dear Texas Community,

We can’t believe our time in Texas has come to an end. What an experience it has been, I doubt there is any other town quiet like this wonderful little town.

Can we say a big thank you to the students and staff for making our time here as amazing as it had been. We have made friendships that will last a life time.

It is with a heavy heart we leave to move back to our home on the Sunshine Coast and hope that if you are ever in the area please look us up!

Thank you for your generosity, kindness and friendship.

Best wishes to you all,

Groundsman Boo( Anthony), Mrs Kent (Mandy), Noah, Calvin and Jessie Kent
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 Term 4

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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.