



Toowoomba North State School

Newsletter

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P&C Association

Meets at 5.30pm on the last Thursday each month. All parents welcome.

School Motto

"Nothing but the best"

School Values

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be a Learner

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Term 3

It's great to be back at school for Term 3. I hope that everyone in your family enjoyed a safe and happy winter vacation with some time to reconnect as a family. Many thanks to Mrs Brighton and the staff here for their care and leadership of the school while I was ill during the last week of the term. I am enjoying feeling well again and am looking forward to a great term 3.

Staff changes

Miss Emily Druitt has returned to her family in New South Wales leaving a vacancy on our Year 2 class. Mrs Sue Yeates will fill the vacancy after her long service leave this week. I am grateful to Mrs Karina Jordan who is teaching our Year 2 class for this week. Ms Dianne Dryden is taking long service leave for 2 weeks this term. Thank you to Mrs Katrina Meara for her teaching in our Year 3/4 class.

Enrichment Maths Workshop

We have invited "Fun With Maths Pty Ltd" to present a Maths Incursion at our school next Wednesday 19th July. They offer a range of creative, problem solving activities suitable for your child's level of maths. All their activities use "hands-on" materials to develop understanding and solve "real-life" problems. The children work in pairs and can move around. The activities use "Thinking Mathematical" strategies from the new National Syllabus and previous NAPLAN test questions. The cost is \$ 6.00 per child. We are offering this to the children in Years Prep to Year 6. Please complete the Permission Slip sent home with this newsletter and return it with your money before Tuesday, 18th July. Late payments cannot be accepted. Parents are welcome to attend.

Languages and Cultures Festival – a heads up!

This year North State School will be represented at the Languages and Cultures Festival and this is because the festival celebrates the value and opportunities evident in a multicultural community such as our school community so this event really fits our school values and vision. I am leading the school activity which will be to produce and sell gourmet strawberry ice creams that are reflective of our school's strawberry patch. I am looking for students and parents/carers to help me please. In next week's newsletter I will be listing the roles and responsibilities that are needed for our stall to be a success and I am hoping I will be flooded with kind offers of assistance from students and parents/carers please. The event is on Saturday 19th August and your help would be appreciated please.

Attendance

A reminder that the school's target for student attendance is 93%. We are a community of learners where everyone makes a contribution to the learning and wellbeing of others. I ask all parents/carers to please support our school and our students by ensuring that your children are present and active in our community of learning each day.

Kind regards,

Karin Littleton
Principal

TERM 2 AT A GLANCE FOR 2017

JULY

Monday 10 th July	First Day of Term 3
Wednesday 19 th July	Maths Incursion – Fun with Maths
Friday 21 st July	Interschool Soccer

AUGUST

Thursday 3 rd August	Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 16 th August	Central Zone Athletics – nominated students
Thursday 24 th August	Pre Prep Information Evening

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 13 th Sept	PCYC Cycle Safety Introductory Visit – 10.15am
Friday 15 th Sept	Last Day of Term 3

Payments Due

Instrumental Music – 14th July
Interschool Soccer – 14th July
Camp Deposit – 14th July
Maths Incursion – 18th July

OPTIMINDS

Optiminds will meet in the library every Tuesday afternoon from 2.40 to 3.40 pm. Thank you to the parents who have returned their paper work. Parents and carers, could you please pack an extra lunchbox snack for afternoon tea?

OFFICE NEWS – Changes to Contact Details and Medical Records

If you have recently moved to a new address, changed phone numbers or emergency contact people, please call or phone the school office with relevant details so the school system contains this new information. If your child's Medical Plan is outdated, please request a new document when next visiting the family doctor. It is vital that we have up to date information about your child's current medical condition/s so that appropriate support can be given in emergent situations.

ATHLETICS NEWS

On parade this Friday age champions, runners up and overall house winners will be announced on parade. Please note this is applicable for students turning 9 and above only.

INTERSCHOOL SOCCER

Inter school soccer commences next Friday the 21st of July. The \$30 fee is due by this Friday the 14th of July. When the draw comes out we will notify parents of times and venues where the students play each week. We will have a senior boys, senior girls and a mixed junior team. Please remember students cannot play without shin pads. It is optional to wear soccer boots but they are better for grip on the ground whilst playing. Water bottles, hats and school uniform (sports – no dresses for girls) is compulsory. It will be enjoyable for all participants – have fun, enjoy playing, make friends and show sportsmanship.

HORSE SPORTS DAY

Toowoomba North State School would like to congratulate Zhyloh Darcy on her amazing effort at the Horse Sports day held on the 23rd of June. She walked away with nine ribbons – 1 first, 4 second and 4 third. We are so proud of Zhyloh and her representation of the school – Brilliant Effort!

SCHOOL BANKING

If you'd like to start school banking, it's never too late and it's easy!

- **Online:**
Visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.
- **In branch:**
Visit any Commonwealth Bank Branch (Kmart Plaza, Clifford Gardens or Grand Central). Parents will need to bring along identification for themselves and their child, like their Driver licence and their child's birth certificate.
- Then on Thursday mornings each week, fill in the deposit slip for you child and secure the money in the pocket of the bank book folder. Drop the whole thing into your classroom teacher to put into the grey banking bag located in your classroom. Banking Coordinators will collect the grey bags and return them to your class for your collection as the end of the day.

Please make sure you have you child's Name and Class (eg 2W or 3/4D) on the outside of their bank book. We look forward to assisting your child to learn to save and earning fantastic rewards in the process.

PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION NEWS

P&C MEETING TIMES

Our monthly meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month and are now at 5.30 pm. If you are a parent, guardian or community member who wishes to be a part of the planning and fundraising of our school then please join us at our meetings. Thank You.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

A big thank you goes to staff, students and parents for their support on Subway day and a big thanks to Yaz, Terri and the tuckshop volunteers for their help in taking orders and counting money. Tuckshop goes back to normal times and days this week.

Tuckshop/uniform shop operates every Wednesday and Friday from 8:00am to 1:30 pm. Payment for tuckshop is required when placing an order and no telephone orders will be accepted. The P&C are able to help with applications for Blue Cards. If you have any queries please contact one of the executives or email pandc@toownortss.eq.edu.au

Tuckshop/Uniform Shop- Opening Hours

Wednesday 8-1.30pm

Friday 8-1.30pm

LITTLE LEARNERS PLAYGROUP

Do you have a young child at home and are looking for a playgroup? This is a reminder that **Little Learners Playgroup** meet every Friday @ TNSS from 9 -11 am in B block (next to Prep). We provide a variety of activities each week allowing yourself and child to socialise and explore a fun learning environment. We ask you bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea (there's also tea & coffee available for our mums, dads, and carers).



Knitting Group – Term 3

In term 3 we will be learning how to knit. Come along and have a go at learning something new. See Mrs Griggs if you would like to attend. Limited spaces available every Thursday at first break in the library.





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Fun With Maths



"Using both sides of your brain, you have twice as much fun"

<http://www.funwithmaths.com.au>

I give my permission for of Year
..... to attend

the Fun With Maths incursion to be held on Wednesday, 19th July, 2017.

I enclose \$.....

Signed (Parent/Guardian)

Your presenter Geoff Todman will set up the displays in the school hall, library, double classroom or under cover area.

