



Toowoomba North
State School

POLAR PRESS # 8 Term 1

13th March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Learnings from the Principal's Conference

A statewide conference for principal's was held on the Gold Coast on the 2nd and 3rd March. At this event world leaders in student improvement presented their theories for school and system growth. The development and use of student success criteria was highlighted as a critical factor in the growth of student learning. This week our teachers are released to plan units of work in English and Mathematics that incorporate this strategy. Reading was again highlighted as the most critical factor to the success of a student along with the talk that the student experiences in the home with the family. Whilst the work of teaching for student improvement happens at school, it is important to remember that parents/carers are the first teachers. The work that happens at home to teach children to talk and behave is really important as the foundation for the success that children will experience at school.

Lunch from the garden this week

Earlier this term we asked students to participate in a nude food day where food for lunch was prepared from fresh ingredients and packaged food was left out of lunch boxes. The students who participated in this event will have the opportunity to enjoy a tabbouleh salad from our garden for lunch tomorrow. This salad has parsley, tomato, onion, lemon juice and couscous as ingredients. Salads will be served in cups with spoons provided. Please note, this salad is a taster and will contribute to the student lunch but it will not replace lunch. Students need to have lunch provided from home as well.

Communication

From time to time matters will arise that can be addressed through a conversation between teachers and parents/carers. It is important that our teachers are aware of any concerns that might be experienced by parents/carers. Please raise these with teachers directly or with me, as principal, if you feel that it is not possible to contact your child's teacher. It is important that we hear and can respond to your concerns or feedback.

Kind regards,

Kaarin Littleton
Principal

**2017 at Toowoomba North State
School**

Our goal is for all students to achieve an attendance rate of 93% and improve their grades in mathematics through explicit instruction of number and algebra.

Reading and positive behaviour are our foundations for good learning.



The school and the family are partners in learning. Please join us!

School Banking

✦ *The Commonwealth School Banking Program is each Thursday. The account for school banking must be a Youth Saver or Dollarmites Club account. We are able to clarify your child's existing account type with the Commonwealth Bank. Please bring in your child's Deposit book or account details i.e. name and account number, along with their correct money to be deposited, give it to the classroom teacher to put into the grey banking bag in your classroom. Banking Coordinators will collect the grey bags and return them to your class for your collection at the end of the day. We look forward to assisting your child to learn to save and earning fantastic rewards in the process.*

TERM 1 AT A GLANCE FOR 2017

MARCH	
Monday 20 th March	School Photos
Thursday 23 rd March	P&C Annual General Meeting
Saturday 25 th March	TNSS Working Bee – 9am-11am
Thurs 23 rd & Fri 24 th March	Fact-A-Thon
Week 10 - 27/3-31/3	Parent/Carer/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 29 th March	School Cross Country Carnival/Easter Service-RI Students Only
Thursday 30 th March	SHOW HOLIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday 31 st March	GOLD PASS DAY/Last Day of Term 1
APRIL	
Monday 17 th April	EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 18 th April	First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 25 th April	ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
MAY	
Monday 1 st May	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Week 4 – 9/5-12/5	NAPLAN TESTING

School Photos Monday 20th March, 2017



This year we have Little Images Photography coming on the Monday 20th March here to TNSS. Order forms have been sent home for each student last week. Please see our office if you need another form. All children will have their individual photo taken and a complimentary pack will be provided to all students.

3/4D Art Display

This week on display we have 3/4D art work. It is on display in our front entry way, come past to have a look at our wonderful display from 3/4D. Well done 3/4D the art work is great.

Book Club

Issue 2 of Book Club was sent home and students can order by placing the correct money in an envelope and handing it in to **Miss Harth by Friday 17th March**. Alternatively, parents/carers may wish to order online at <http://www.scholastic.com.au> and use the credit card facility. The school reaps benefits by purchasing from Book Club as the points gained go towards buying more books for our school.



Chaplain's Activity Days

Wed 15th March – Boy's Day: Model making before school and at lunch times.

Have a great week!
Chappy Deb

P&C News

P&C WORKING BEE- SATURDAY 25TH MARCH

The P&C are having a Working Bee at the school on the 25th March 2017 from 9am to 11am. We are asking for parents and carers to come and help. The P&C will supply a Free Sausage Sizzle for all volunteers. Please come and support your school.



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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to work in the Tuckshop. 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

Toowoomba North State School P&C AGM Nomination 2017

I _____ would like to nominate _____

for the position of _____ on the Toowoomba North P&C

Committee for 2017.

Name of Nominator: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Nominee: _____ Date: _____

Scrapbooking Thursday 1st Break

It's on again, scrapbooking will be this Thursday at 1st break in the library. Please see Mrs Griggs if you would like to come and have some scrapbooking fun!



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).

INVITATION

TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE

TOOWOOMBA NORTH STATE SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

WHEN: Thursday, 23 MARCH 2016

WHERE: SCHOOL LIBRARY

TIME: COMMENCING AT 6.00PM

AGENDA

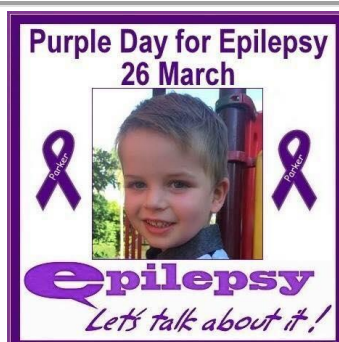
WELCOME
ANNUAL REPORTS
ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

TUCKSHOP
FUNDRAISING
SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please come along and support our school and join with us for afternoon tea at the conclusion of the meeting.

Community News



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