Dear Parents and Carers,

It was unfortunate that this week we have had to cancel our swimming carnivals given the extreme heat. The Department of Education and Training has a policy which documents that if the temperature is 36 degrees or over that activities need to be restricted. Given that 36 degrees in Townsville is probably even worse given the humidity, a decision was made to cancel. This means that in order to select a team of swimmers for the interschool carnival we need to reschedule and Friday was the only day available at the Aitkenvale pool so we will be taking our competitor swimmers only. Parents would have received a note on Monday explaining the situation.

**Induction of School Leaders**
Thanks to Mr Alan Evans, Principal of William Ross State High School who gave up his time to attend our ceremony on Monday morning and speak to our students about Leadership. Congratulations to our students who were elected as Leaders.

**School Captains:** Jordan and William, **School Vice Captains:** Carisse and Scott, **Music Captain:** Mia, **Sports Captains:** Brannen, Mackenzie, Bailey, Haylie, Keagan, Keira, Jesse and Nikita. **Student Council Representatives:** Riley, Ebony, Lila, Talhon, Charlee, Isabelle, Heidi and Emmy.

**Positive Partnership Meetings**
These meetings which occur with the class teacher, your child and you to set learning and behaviour/study goals for the term have been scheduled between Tuesday 21 February and Friday 3 March. You should have received a letter yesterday explaining the process to go online and book an interview time based on available times set by the teacher within this time frame. If for some reason you are unable to access this, please contact the office and the office staff will be able to schedule a time for you. These meetings are very valuable in ensuring communication about what your child needs to do to succeed that can be actioned both at home and at school. Hence by working together in partnership our evidence is that students are more successful in achieving improvement.

**Code of Conduct for Volunteers**
Thank you to the many parents who were able to attend the training in order to volunteer time in the school this year. We really appreciate that you have made time for the training and to help out in many and varied events or activities in the life of the school. P&C is one way that you can volunteer some time. This group of volunteers/members do an amazing job and need your support to continue to be able to provide funding and resourcing for the school. Hope to see you at the meeting tonight from 5.30pm.
of students wishing to volunteer will require a Blue Card before volunteering so please see the office for more details.

**Prep Photos**

Yesterday our preps had their photo taken by the Townsville Bulletin who provide a special insert in the paper of all the Prep classes across Townsville. This will be available at a later date as they are still going to schools to take the photos.

**Regards**

Anne-Marie Day
Principal

**FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK**

*Positive Partnership Meetings* with teachers, students and parents will be completed over the next few weeks. Those involved will be engaged in conversations about ‘learning goal setting’ for the student in English (reading and writing), Mathematics, Behaviour/Work Habits and Attendance.

The research indicates that *goal setting* is crucial for enhancing performance of students. Our teachers, using learning data collected so far about each student, will set appropriately challenging goals and will structure learning situations through explicit teaching of the curriculum so that the student can work towards reaching the learning goals that have been established. The goals are more likely to be attained when there is commitment to these challenging goals from both students and parents.

**Parent Curriculum Overviews for Term 1**

Your child’s class’ curriculum overview will be sent home by this Friday. Information relates to Australian Curriculum English, Mathematics, Science, History or Geography.

**Visiting Performance by Boori Monty Prior**

Next *Wednesday 22 February* students in Prep to Year 2 will have the opportunity to participate in a performance by Boori Monty Prior. Information has gone home to families and the performance will be held in the MPH at the following times:

- 09:00am Prep students + 1B and 1P
- 10:00am Students in 1FM 21M Year 2 students

Please follow the instructions regarding returning of notes and performance cost.

**Lakeland Boulevard Car Park**

Thank you to the many parents and family members who, after school, are actively looking to find vacant car spaces to park their car rather than join the line of traffic out into Lakeland Boulevard and the roundabout area around the corner. The peak time for congestion is at the 2:50pm bell and soon after, given it does take time for our students to get to the B Block gate, and then to motor vehicles. We do encourage parents to find a car park, park and leave the car, and then use the B Block gate crossing, rather than line up in the street.

**Swimming Carnival**

All the best to students for this Friday’s competitive swimming carnival. House captains are eagerly waiting for their opportunity to lead their houses for the first time this year.

Next week we will hear from some of our school leaders as they report back to us about their great day last Thursday with Mrs Walker at the GRIP Student Leadership Conference.

*Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference!!*

**Have a great week!**

Trevor Milton
Deputy Principal

**Payments to the Office**

Payments to the office can be made from 8:00am – 9:30am via EFTPOS (minimum transaction is $10.00) at the counter or cash via the new payment slot which is located inside the main office doors. All payments made outside of this time will not be receipted until the next school day. Payments by cash need to be in the correct amount as the office does not issue change. **Please ensure that all permission slips are sealed inside the envelopes and your child’s name is clearly marked on the outside.**
Managing excessive heat in schools

Unless the Principal or Regional Director determines that the school must temporarily close due to a disaster or emergency situation, Queensland state schools remain open and students are not sent home during periods of excessive heat or heat wave conditions. Heat-related conditions cover a wide range of symptoms ranging from swelling of hands and feet, prickly heat occurring in acclimatised people and heat cramps, through to heat exhaustion, to the more severe and potentially fatal heatstroke. Animals in the care of a school can also be affected by heat-related illness. Animals should be monitored and sufficient food, water and shelter provided to safeguard their welfare.

Managing schools during excessive heat or heat wave conditions:
- modify or suspend normal school activities during excessive heat
- postpone any outdoor or sporting activities where appropriate
- increase access to the coolest areas of the school grounds or facilities for lessons or other activities
- ensure students with special needs are appropriately supervised, including the monitoring of their hydration
- ensure school lunch boxes are stored in cool areas
- facilitate and encourage students to drink plenty of water and to stay out of the sun.
- Department of Health recommends that during hot weather, water (room temperature or slightly cool rather than very cold) is the best fluid to drink. Drinks containing caffeine as well as drinks containing excessive sugar should be limited or avoided altogether
- undertake normal first aid procedures in the event of a student or staff member becoming heat stressed
- prepare a communication strategy for the school community informed by the Assistant Regional Director that the school falls within the Extreme Heat Warning Zone (a heat wave is imminent).

Playing and exercising safely in hot weather

In any sporting or outdoor activity, the risk of heat stress increases with increasing air temperature. This is the case for sporting participants, as well as umpires, officials and volunteers. Factors which need to be taken into account before considering cancelling or postponing a sporting event include but are not limited to:
- the temperature – both ambient temperature and relative humidity
- the duration and intensity of the event (for example, an endurance or distance event has more potential for problems than a stop-start team event)
- hydration and interchange opportunities
- time of day
- local environment
- acclimatisation of the participants (for example, students visiting from hot, dry climates may not cope well with the hot, humid conditions of some northern, coastal regions)
- fitness levels of participants
- age and gender of participants.

If the ambient temperature is between 31 and 35 degrees Celsius and the relative humidity is over 30%, planned vigorous, sustained activity may be limited in intensity or duration to less than 60 minutes per session.
If the ambient temperature is over 36 degrees Celsius and the relative humidity is over 25%, planned vigorous, sustained activity may be postponed to a cooler part of the day or even cancelled.

What to drink

Queensland Department of Health recommends that during hot weather, water (room temperature or slightly cool rather than very cold) is the best fluid to drink. Drinks containing caffeine (tea, coffee, cola and some “energy” drinks) as well as drinks containing excessive sugar (soft drinks, colas, some “energy” and “sports” drinks) should be limited or avoided altogether.


STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who will receive ‘Student of the Week’ certificates at parade on Monday.

Payton, Chayse, Nash, Grace, Hunter, Luke
Emily, Rose, Avery, Hannah, Sierra, Jay
Landen, Jordyn, Ava, Brock, Ellie, Summer
Lila, Reagan, Zac, Joe, Keizele
Sporting Schools Afterschool Hockey Program
Tuesday saw students in Years 3 – 6 participate in Week one of the “Hookin2Hockey” program being run at Oonoonba. Under the guidance of Townsville Hockey’s Coaching Director, Mark Pike, students worked on their hockey and teamwork skills. This program will run for the next 4 Tuesdays from 3pm – 4pm. If your child is interested in participating, it’s not too late to sign up! Please see Mr Williams or Mr Green for more information.
Matt Williams
Classroom Teacher

Defence and Chappy News
Hello. This week Chappy Ros and I went to Rowes Bay on Tuesday for the National Servicemen’s Remembrance Day to present them with some books on behalf of the School. We were met with a warm welcome and were honoured to be able to be a part of their special day. Due to the extreme weather that we have been having Chappy and I have had our room open first and second break over the last two days to help keep the students cooler during the lunch breaks. Over the next few weeks we will also be asking the students to complete some drawings for us so that we can take part in an arts display for Harmony Day at The Townsville Hospital. Origami Club will start on Monday at 2nd break in the Defence room for students aged 9-12 years old. There is also a flyer on the Defence room door with all upcoming Defence events or groups. Coffee club will be on next Monday after parade till then take care.
Donna Warde and Chappy Ross

P&C Matters
Keep up to date with all the news on the P&C Facebook page. Our next meeting will be held tonight in the Library and commences at 5.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.
Oonoonba P&C - Creating opportunities-Making a difference.

Oonoonba State School Student’s Writers Workshop
Who: Year 3 to Year 6 students
Where: Oonoonba State School Library classroom 1
When: Every Wednesday first break lunch 11.15-11.45am (Starting next week!)
Come and join Ms Stewart for fun around using the 7 Steps to Successful Writing techniques!

What ARE the Seven Steps?
1. Plan for Success
2. Sizzling Starts
3. Tightening Tension
4. Dynamic Dialogue
5. Show, Don't Tell
6. Ban the Boring Bits
7. Exciting Endings

Seven Steps is about Authors who use seven main techniques to make their writing interesting. So do come and join me for the Seven Steps 'quick tips' and fun writing ideas, for you to try out!

I am looking to have authors visiting as well as entering in writing competitions. If you think you would like to do some fun things around writing. Come along and join the fun!