Term 4, Week 5, 2013

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- QSR Meeting - Wednesday 6th November
- Year 7 Transition Day TSHS - Wednesday 6th November
- QSR Verification - Wednesday 13th November
- P & C Meeting - Wednesday 20th November

Week 3 Term 4
Student of the Week (Kangaroos): Rebecca
Student of the Week (Emus): Bec

Week 4 Term 4
Student of the Week (Kangaroos): Kaitlyn
Student of the Week (Emus): Jordan

Hello Linville,

PREP ORIENTATION DAY

This Friday, our incoming students for Prep in 2014 will be joining us for the morning session. Invitations have been sent out to all students who have contacted us for enrolment packs. We look forward to meeting our new students and their family members. If you know of community families who have a child to start Prep next year, please invite them to come along on Friday. Enrolment packages are available.

The morning will officially start at 9:00 am, though you are welcome to arrive earlier with your student. Over the course of the morning, the students will be involved in a series of activities in the classroom, similar to what they will be doing next year. If you are available for an interview, Mrs Jackwitz and Mr Mac will complete the enrolment interview with you during the morning session. We do need to sight a birth certificate as part of the enrolment process.

Please remember your child will need a packed lunch, a hat and plenty of enthusiasm.

STAFFING FOR 2014

It was announced to the P & C at the last meeting that Mrs Kirsty Jackwitz has been transferred to Hattonvale State School for 2014. We wish her all the best for 2014 and we will say a more formal farewell to her at the Awards Night.

At this stage our Region’s Human Resource department is yet to notify us as to who will be coming to Linville State School in 2014, as Mrs Jackwitz’s replacement. I understand that there are quite a few processes that HR are working through, and that it may take a few weeks before we know who will be coming to join our staff. As soon as we do know, the information will be passed on to everyone.
Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Audit

We have received the executive summary of the Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Audit. Every family will receive a copy with the newsletter today as well as the factsheet for parents. This document is used to inform our school strategic plan, which is currently being developed as part of the QSR process.

QSR Meeting

This afternoon at 3:00 pm in the library, we will be meeting briefly with any staff, parents and caregivers to view the draft of the school plan. This is the last meeting before the school strategic plan is finalised and presented next week.

CARTOON DAVE

Some of our students attended the session by Cartoon Dave at the Storytime Festival in Esk last term. Cartoon Dave drew us a cartoon picture, which is on display in the library. He has e-mailed the school an order form for his new book. This has gone home with the newsletter today. If you would like to purchase his new book (not available in bookstores) please return the slip and exact money to the office by Monday 25th November. Cartoon Dave has said that he will sign all books personally to students/-recipients.

Inclusive Schooling Practices

Last Thursday and Friday I had to attend a mandatory training for school leaders in Kingaroy. The training was focussed on increasing school leader’s awareness of the legislation about the Disability Discrimination Act and the Disability Standards for Education. Over the two days we were updated on recent changes as well as our schools responsibility to provide an environment that is welcoming to all students and that provides a school program that caters for every individual student’s learning needs.

Music Count Us In

Once again, Mrs Crosato and the students of Linville and Harlin schools gave an enthusiastic performance at the Music – Count Us In concert, to the very appreciative applause of their audience. Thank you to Mrs Crosato for the opportunity for our students to perform on stage, in front of an audience, in this event.

Halloween Disco

A big thank you to Faith! From all the families and students who attended the Disco on Friday night. You did it once again Faith, and by all accounts it was a fun and enjoyable night for everyone who made it. I have already heard that Faith has begun planning for next year!

School Photos

School photos are on display in the Office. Orders close on Monday.

Mr Mac
The next P&C meeting is Wednesday the 20th November at 9am.

Non-Members are always welcome to come along and listen to the proceedings and if they wish to become a member, can fill the paperwork out at the end of the meeting.

General P&C Meetings will be normally (subject to change due to timetables, holidays etc) held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9am.

Chaplain's Corner@ Linville

Hi! Just a quick hello to say how much I am enjoying meeting and working with the children and staff at Linville. It was good to become a bit more familiar with parents too at the P&C Meeting...sorry that I don't remember your names so quickly.

It is great to see children enjoying their school time and that so many try to show good manners and friendliness amongst themselves. As the older students are currently learning about Speeches, I have listed 6 speech etiquette tips by Nancy Campbell that I thought might be good to remind children about as they speak with family, friends and community.

- Be Truthful...always have the courage to tell the truth
- Be Polite...make people feel you are interested in them
- Be a speaker with a smile...rather than a frown
- Be clearly spoken...don't mumble
- Be a considerate speaker...let others share the conversation
- Be a sweetie...encourage them to speak loving words

Coming-up Events

Tuesday 12th November - Invitation to a Morning Tea & Getting to Know the Community - 10am- Linville Anglican Church

I am looking forward to the invitation so I can get to know a few more Mums and their families...so please come along if you can, and Mums with little children are especially welcome!

Sunday Evening 15th December-7.30pm - Carols at the Moore Uniting Church

Again I am looking forward to seeing lots of families come together to celebrate Christmas through a Carol Evening.

Let us all try to be involved in our Community to show children that life can be good and we can make our Community a great place to live.
INVITATION.

To the past and present families of the Toogoolawah Kindergarten

You are cordially invited to attend a dinner in honour of Robyn Girdler. We will be offering our best wishes to Robyn for her future endeavours.

Join us at the Toogoolawah Golf Club.

22nd November 2013.
At 6pm.
Cost: $22 adults and high schoolers
$11 primary schoolers

Seats are limited!
RSVP by the 17th November.

Phone Rachel Hughes
(Toogoolawah Kindergarten President)
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REMINDER THIS IS A SURPRISE FOR ROBYN
TEACHING AND LEARNING AUDIT
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - LINVILLE SS
DATE OF AUDIT: 16 OCTOBER 2013

Background:
Linville SS is a two teacher school with approximately 30 students. The school is located north of Toowoomba in the Darling Downs South West region. The school is arranged into two classes, Prep - 3 and Years 4 - 7.

Commendations:
- There has been some progress made since the previous Teaching and Learning Audit in the domain of a Systematic Curriculum Delivery.
- The school has begun to effectively implement its Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.
- Most parents take an obvious interest in their children's learning.
- Physical learning spaces are used creatively and technology is accessible to the majority of staff members and students.
- The school has been effective in implementing the English curriculum following the Curriculum into the Classroom (C2C), using assessment and criteria sheets.
- The school undertakes professional learning activities.
- There is some clarity about what students are expected to learn.

Affirmations:
- The school is implementing the Department's Developing Performance Framework as the basis for professional discussions with staff members.
- Staff members expressed that they were open to observing each other teach and giving and receiving feedback.
- The school has a documented Professional Learning Plan.

Recommendations:
- Develop the Principal and teachers' data literacy skills to monitor the effectiveness of their teaching and to review classroom and school practices.
- The Principal needs to further develop the agenda for improvement and be able to clearly communicate the improvements they wish to see in student behaviours and outcomes.
- Support all staff members to use data to identify gaps in student learning, to monitor improvement over time and to monitor growth across years of schooling.
- Ensure the school and parents are engaged in conversations and planning around the transition of students into Junior Secondary.
- Further develop the whole school pedagogical framework to align with the school improvement plan, with a continued focus on explicit teaching of literacy and numeracy.
- Develop a school wide self-reflective culture, with coaching and mentoring and openness to critique by colleagues, which is reflected in the fact that teachers regularly invite leaders and colleagues to visit their classrooms to observe their teaching and to provide feedback.
- Develop a whole-school curriculum plan which identifies the curriculum, teaching and learning priorities and requirements. Ensure moderation is a key element to monitor delivery of the Australian Curriculum.
- Ensure data discussions trigger in-depth discussions of teaching practices in the school.
Teaching and Learning Audits

As part of an initiative to improve student learning in Queensland state schools, Teaching and Learning Audits are conducted in every Queensland state school to provide quality feedback on how the school is performing and to inform school planning processes.

The audits are usually carried out every four years or following the appointment of a new school principal. A school community may request another audit within the four-year cycle, however no more than one audit will be conducted at the same school within a 12-month period.

During the audit, an independent, experienced school principal visits the school to collect a range of data and information about school practices, programs and procedures in the area of teaching and learning.

Interviews will also be conducted with staff, students and the P&C President to gather a range of perspectives on school strategies and practices.

The audit will usually take one to two days, depending on the school’s context and size. The school will receive the auditor’s report within 15 days and key findings will be discussed with the principal, the school’s leadership team and the school staff.

From this report, the executive summary and eight-page profile will be made available to parents and caregivers on the school’s web site. The principal will work with the school community to include any recommendations in the school’s forward planning.

For further information about Teaching and Learning Audits, please contact your child’s school or visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nationalpartnerships/teach-learn-audits.html.
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