Dear Parents and Carers,

School review – opportunity to have your say

Our school is scheduled for a school review from 14th - 16th March. The Department of Education and Training introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students. All schools have a review at least every four years. A report from the review is made available to parents and the community on the school’s website.

The review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver quality education for students.

Feedback can be provided to the review team by phone or by person. All feedback remains confidential.

If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the school office or email the review team at siumb@dete.qld.gov.au.

Further information about the reviews is available from the department’s website at: schoolreviews.eq.edu.au

On Wednesday morning our 2016 school leaders received their badges. Mr Shane Knuth MP presented the badges to the students and then joined the parents for a celebratory leaders morning tea. Thank you to Casey for organising the morning tea again this year. A special congratulations to all of our leaders!

This year our students from Years 1 – 4 will be involved with swimming lessons in the last two weeks of term 1 instead of term 4. This has been organised so that the children can have a more condensed lesson package rather than spreading it over several weeks which tends to make the learning a little more difficult. Also we are not competing with other schools in the 4th term for time at the pool.

As many people are aware our enrolment is continuing to grow at Tolga SS. At the moment the bulk of the student body is in the lower grades – so with this in mind we will be having a change with our Traditional Easter Bonnet parade this year. The change will be that Years 4 – 6 will not be the audience enabling more room for the younger students and parents. In 2017 the Easter Bonnet parade will be open to years Prep - 3.

On the night of Monday, 14 March is the P&C AGM and General meeting starting at 7.00pm in the community room of the library. Please remember that you need to have renewed your 2016 Tolga SS P&C membership. If you wish to vote in meetings on important decisions or participate actively in meetings. Applications were sent out in the last newsletter, if you have misplaced it please contact the office for a replacement.

Many parents have attended parent/teacher gatherings over the last couple of weeks however if you did not manage to get to your child’s room please make an appointment with the class teacher to discuss the progress of your child and ask any questions that you need to have clarified.

Remember Easter is early this year so we only have 3 more weeks of school left for the term. I hope you all have a good week!

Regards,

Kayleen Wright

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Easter Hat Parade

This year’s Easter Hat parade is almost upon us again. Every child in Years Prep to 3 will participate in the parade. Parents and carers are asked to work with their child/ren at home to make their Easter Hats. There are three categories for the Easter Hats:

1. Traditional (Easter eggs and chickens)
2. Aussie (includes Australian flags, crocodiles, anything associated with Australia)
3. Futuristic (open to any interpretation)

Children will be judged in their year levels and prizes awarded for each of these categories. Parents are warmly invited to come and watch.

The parade will be held on Thursday 24th March in the undercover area at school and will begin at 9am.

REMINDER

2016 International Competitions for Schools entries close on Friday, 18 March, 2016.

Please consult with your class teacher before paying for your child to participate.

Ensure signed permission notes with payment are returned to the office as soon as possible.

Permission notes and more information can be collected from our office.

WIN A SIGNED FOOTBALL

For all the families who pay their voluntary levy by the 24th March, 2016 they will be entered into a draw for 5 fabulous prizes. First prize is a brand new football signed by Johnathan Thurston and Brent Tate. Other prizes include a petrol voucher, school uniform vouchers and a voucher from Atherton Health Food Centre.

Levy monies directly benefit each student through the purchase of materials and resources, for their class, by their teacher.

Thank you to the many families that have already paid this levy. If you have misplaced your letter (payment slip), copies are available from the tuckshop. Otherwise, simply write your children’s name and grade on the front of an envelope, enclose payment and drop it into the tuckshop.

Fees are $25.00 for one student and $50.00 for a family.

Thank you for your support.

SWPBL Focus for the Week

Safety, Respect and Responsibility

Before 8:30am Children must

- Sit underneath the under-covered area
- Supervision commences at 8:15am

At 8:30am options are classroom or oval with P.E Teacher