



Tiaro State School

Newsletter

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2024

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16 Queensland's local government elections school polling booth open

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27 Term 1 PBL party

27 Easter bonnet parade

28 Last day of Term

Term 2

15 Day 1

16 Playgroup

23 Playgroup sessions @ Fraser Coast Libraries

25 Anzac Day

6 Labour Day Holiday

24 Maryborough show holiday

June 11 Playgroup sessions @ Fraser Coast Libraries

Aug 27

Oct 22

Dec 10

Focus **"Maximising learning for every student"**

Week 5 – Middle of Term 1

Last Friday staff enjoyed the opportunity to meet with parents and family members that joined us for the leadership speeches and stayed back for a meet and greet afternoon sausage sizzle.

In response to the 2023 parent survey the school is purchasing an online SeeSaw subscription that will show learning in action and extend our communication from school to home. This will also assist in conversations about activities your child has completed through the day. If you haven't returned your permission forms please do so ASAP.

Student leadership

Congratulations to our leaders that received their badges at Wellness Wednesday afternoon.

School Captains Brayden and (VC) Jemma
Sports Captain Kendell Jemma and (VC) Hayden
Sports Captain Lawson Jaxyn and (VC) Max

Personal Items

Can we please remember that school is not the place for toys or sports equipment so if you can please make sure that all personal items including jewellery, toys, games and sports equipment are left at home.

Naplan

This year, NAPLAN tests start on 13 March and run until 25 March. NAPLAN is an assessment that helps parents and carers to see how their child is progressing in literacy and numeracy. The assessment is based on what students have learnt in the classroom, and is not a pass or fail test. Find out more: <https://brnw.ch/21wGuR>

Department of Education and P&Cs Qld

Twilight Reading Sessions for Parents and Carers

Learning to read is life-changing, almost everything we do in society involves reading and writing.

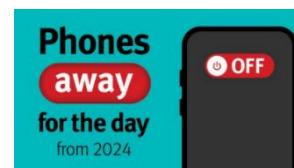
Join the Department of Education and P&Cs Qld for online twilight sessions that will outline the evidence-base behind our Reading Commitment and provide practical tips on how parents, carers and community members can support children's reading at home. More information on Queensland's Reading Commitment is available on the [website](#).

Session details:

Wednesday 13th March 2024 6.30pm – 7.15pm

Click [here](#) to register.

Keeping kids safe: a parent's quick guide to positive tech habits



In our tech-driven world, parents and carers play an important role in helping to shape their child's digital habits. Here's a quick guide:

1. Use technology: Use software tools such as parental controls for online monitoring and filtering. The eSafety Commissioner has some great [videos](#) to help guide you.
2. Lead by example: Set reasonable screen time and prioritise device-free moments for the whole family.
3. Talk about it: Start non-judgmental conversations with your child about their online activities to build trust.
4. Set family rules: Involve your child in setting age-appropriate rules, display them for the family to access, and stick to them consistently.
5. Educate on online safety: Stay informed about online trends and teach your child about privacy, the risks of sharing personal information and respectful online behaviour.

Explore more resources

at www.qld.gov.au/PhonesAway for a positive and safe digital environment for your child.

Simplify Feeding Your Family with the Free Food Friendship Cafe.

We love that the Making Friends with Food program provides every family and staff member the Food Friendship Cafe for Free for this year. The cafe is an online support loaded with resources to help you with challenges you may be facing when feeding your family.

There's a quick 1-minute survey to help The Root Cause customise your support based on the challenges you are facing. You will receive an email with tips customised to your challenges and a login to the Food Friendship Cafe where you can get more help. Enter the URL <https://friends.therootcause.com.au/ffinsightsurvey/> or scan the QR code, get started now, and you can simplify feeding your family.



OFFICE NEWS

Melinda Morrison is available in the office Monday – Tuesday – Wednesday.

DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL

We would like to send out a thank you to Tiaro Foodworks Community Chest for the generous donation of \$296. The money donated from Tiaro Foodworks Community Chest will be going to the school library for the purchase of new books and resources. The students are excited for some new books to borrow.

FORTNIGHTLY PARADE

Fortnightly parade is held every 2nd week on Fridays at 2:30pm. It is during these parades that students are presented with academic certificates. Families of our PBL champions will be emailed prior to the parade notifying you when your child will be receiving a certificate.



LUNCHTIME LIBRARY FUN

Every Wednesday and Friday our school library will now be open for the students to come and visit, read, play games, colouring or building with legos.



SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Sam Howard; Student Wellbeing Professional Social Worker - M.S.W.

Social workers can make a real difference in the lives of young people by working as part of school's wellbeing and mental health. Sam uses his professional knowledge and experience to help intervene early in students' mild to moderate mental health concerns and connect students and their families with support services in the community to support their wellbeing and mental health.

Sam visits Tiaro on a Thursday and if you would like your child to see Sam please see your classroom teacher to discuss how to be added his program.

VOLUNTEERING

The modern climate for volunteers is dynamic and ever changing. The term volunteering has come to mean 'working without pay', and thinking like this has made us miss a fundamental element to volunteering, which is that volunteers get a lot out of volunteering.

The benefits of volunteering include:

- Volunteering creates a resilient community
- Volunteers meet more people
- Volunteers gain professional experience
- Volunteering saves community resources
- Volunteers get to give something back
- Volunteers learn a lot
- Volunteering gives you a great sense of purpose
- Volunteering makes you feel great
- Volunteers live longer ... it's true!

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Our school leaders did their speeches and students voted for our school and sports captains. A huge congratulations to the following students for being successful in obtaining these positions.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN – BRAYDEN SOMMERFELD
SCHOOL VICE CAPTAIN – JEMMA MILLER

KENDALL SPORT CAPTAIN – JEMMA MILLER
KENDALL SPORT VICE CAPTAIN – HAYDEN RANDALL

LAWSON SPORT CAPTAIN – JAXYN MANDERSON
LAWSON SPORT VICE CAPTAIN – MAX PAILTHORPE



Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a whole-school framework that promotes positive behaviour across a school and helps schools develop safe and supportive learning environments.

This fortnight's focus is:



Being safe at school is very important for all of us. Keeping hands, feet and objects to ourself helps us build strong connections with friends and keeps our workspace and play areas safe for all.

I'M A TIARO TIGER AWARD!

This is a reward that students can receive for following the fortnight focus and the previous expectations at school. Students are chosen to be the Tiaro Tiger for a day and take home this to share with their family.



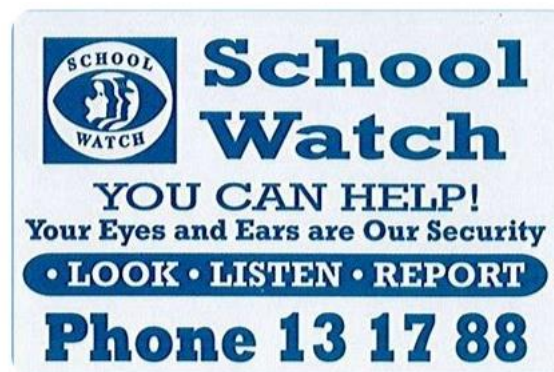
TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICES

The staff at Tiaro State School are trained on Trauma Informed Practices. Trauma informed practice in our school involves:

- Active listening with students and demonstrating empathy
- 3:1 ratio of positive to negative statements for all students
- Active ignoring of negative behaviour
- Consistent expectations and behaviour plan that are based on rewards systems, not punishment
- Collaborative problem-solving with students
- Seeking family input to assist in long-term problem solving

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY

We celebrated our mid term Wellness Wednesday afternoon this week. Student council were in charge of organising the activities for the afternoon. We were really happy with the parent participation and the students really enjoy sharing this 'down' time with their families and friends.



WORKPLACE HEALTH SAFETY and WELLBEING

We are committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of our employees, students and anyone else involved with our school.

Creating safe and healthy schools and workplaces doesn't just happen. When everyone comes together to improve staff health, safety and wellbeing, there is commitment and active involvement of every person within the school.

Heat stress

Take precautions to reduce risks of heat stress. Please make sure your student has a water bottle at school and remember to drink plenty of water during these hot days.

Covid

COVID-19 is still around our country, we need to ensure our hygiene is kept to high standards.

Students will continue to wash their hands before and after eating, after playing outside plus other moments during the day as needed.

If your child shows flu like symptoms including, a temperature, runny nose, coughs and tiredness, staff are required to send the child home.

Snakes

Eyes down and always be aware of snakes. As the months are heating snakes become active so, please be aware of snakes can be present at our school.

All staff, students and the school community are reminded not to attempt to move, catch or kill a snake. A licensed "snake catcher" (holder of a Damage Mitigation Permit) is required to relocate snakes.

Smoking and e-cigarettes

We have new signs up on our fences including e-cigarettes. It's important to remember, the department has a total ban on smoking on and around all departmental premises to comply with tobacco laws. The ban affects all schools, school grounds, outdoor education centres, regional and district offices and central office buildings.

Wellbeing

There are different types of Wellbeing and at Tiaro we strive to look after everyone at school as well as our families. Things to be aware of are the following:

Physical wellbeing, Psychological wellbeing, Social and community wellbeing, Occupation wellbeing and Financial/personal wellbeing.

Andrea Ebert

WH&S representative

CLASS NEWS**Tiaro Tiger Cubs Playgroup**

We are thrilled to inform you that our educational programs align with the Educational National Guidelines and Queensland State expectations, incorporating National Standards and Version 2 of the Early Years Learning Framework (ELYF). Our commitment to providing a diverse range of play-based experiences ensures a rich learning environment for your children.

Join us every Tuesday for exciting educational adventures that follow these guidelines and standards.

It's an opportunity for all parents, Guardians, Grandparents, and Family-day care educators with their children to engage in fun and meaningful activities together. Your presence and participation are highly encouraged to make these experiences even more enjoyable.

Let's create wonderful memories and foster learning through play!

Warm regards

Qualified Early Childhood Education Teacher Anni - often called "Mum" by our Tiaro Tiger Cubs - aren't they just beautiful ★

Miss Ann

Qualified Early Childhood Education Teacher

JUNIOR ROOM NEWS

We have made it to half way through the term and we are going really well all the students have settled into the new school year well. In our English studies we have been looking at stories and retelling them as well as learning sentence structure and what we need to write a sentence. In maths the students have been working on collecting information about different things that we like and how this information could be used (what fruit we should have at school, new playground equipment), as well as working on counting and number recognition.

If you have any question please come and see me.

Mr Peter Friend

P-2 Teacher

Middle and Senior News

Week 5 has brought with it the start of English assessments. Students are reading their stories into SeeSaw and parents that approve the program will be able to hear their child's work as they get finished. Notes went home this week with your codes. Remember not to share this code as only the parent of the child will hear/see the work completed. Sharing your code is not recommended for privacy reasons. If you would like more family members to have an entry code let me know and I will print additional codes for your child's account.

In Science, we are continuing to investigating the sun, Earth and us with the 3 and 4. While the 5 and 6 are exploring the solar system.

Thank to for your continued support with arriving on time ready for learning. When students are punctual, they are more likely to enter the classroom with a clear and open mind, ready to absorb information and engage actively in the day's curriculum. In a primary setting the early moments of the school day often hold essential announcements, discussions, and introductory activities.

Yours in Teaching
Ms Rhiannon Gane
3-4-5-6 Teacher

STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to our committee for this semester:

President: Jaxyn Manderson
 Vice President: Max Pailthorpe
 Secretary: Jemma Miller
 Treasurer: Hayden Randall

BIG CHANGE:- Student council have voted to change the Icey cups to Zooper Doopers for \$1 on a Tuesday.

Student Council have a goal of raising \$250.00 this year to help out with the payment of the end of year excursion.

Wellness Wednesday is on Wednesday 21st February, 2024 so parents, grandparents, siblings, aunties and uncles please come along and have some fun with the students playing games and listening to music. Come and meet us at 2.30pm.

Friday the 16th February student council will be selling poppers for \$1 after parade at the meet and mingle sausage sizzle so please bring along \$1 and help our student council.

Treasurer's report: This week we raised \$32.00

Thank you to all families that support our small school and student council as we really appreciate all your help.

P&C NEWS**Council Elections**

16th March – Thank you to the Tiaro District Community Centre for running the BBQ. We would like to acknowledge the work you do in bringing the community together with a variety of activities and information sessions.

Easter Raffle.

P&C is seeking donations to put towards and easter Raffle. Any families who wish to donate could you please leave donations in the middle classroom for collection.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop is Friday weekly (except week 1 & 10) orders **MUST** be placed by 12pm Thursday using the QKR!! Thank you to our wonderful parents and community members who have offered to assist this term.

AGM

AGM will be held on Tuesday 19th March at 315pm in Middle Classroom. ALL positions will become vacant. If you are wanting to volunteer for an executive position or volunteer a fellow parent/community member please see Ms Gane for nomination form.

Recently we have had 2 executives resign from their positions. We would like to thank Ellen (Secretary) and Christie (Treasurer) for their time volunteered to our p&c over the last 12 months. We would like to thank Leslie for stepping up and taking on Treasurer role in the interim until AGM.

2024 P&C executives

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the Butchulla and Gubbi Gubbi people the Traditional Custodians and acknowledge their connections to land, sea and community.

We pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples today.

