

# **Tiaro State School**

Newsletter ISSUE: TERM 1 WEEK 5 2023

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COMING EVENTS	
2023	
February	
March	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Clean up Australia Day & Soundbites Picnic in the Park
3	Parade 2:45pm
6 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming
6	P&C AGM
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mime O Rama
13 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming
15/16/17	Naplan
20 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming
21 <sup>st</sup>	Cross Country
29 <sup>th</sup>	PBL Party
31	Small School Cross Country
31 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Term
April	
20	District Cross country
May	
31	Athletics day
June	
9	800m @ Bauple
14	Small Schools Athletic Day

### **Principal News**

I would like to welcome our returning and new families to Tiaro State School. The start of the school year has been unique for everyone. We welcome 5 new prep students and 5 new families to our wonder school.

### **EARLY ARRIVALS**

Please be aware that there are NO staff members on general duty before 8:45 am. We have more students arriving before this time. If there is a legitimate reason for students to be at school before 8:45am, then contact the office to make arrangements. These students must then follow the rules by sitting quietly outside the senior room with the bus arrivals.

# **Staff Update**

Tuesday 28 February we will welcome Mr Peter Friend as teacher for Playgroup and Principal NCT. On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank Mr Friend for accepting the position. I would like to acknowledge the flexibility and understanding of our community as we work to get the playgroup back up and running.

### **Updating of Records**

If you have moved house, changed phone numbers or changed emergency contacts please let the school office know as soon as possible

### **Health and Safety Arrangements**

Staff continue to include daily hygiene routines as part of reducing COVID risk when planning for class activities.

One of those activities is students being able to bring treats to share with classmates on their birthdays.

If families wish to do this it is requested that items continue to be individual serves to minimise handling required. These may include home-baked items (eg biscuits, cupcakes).

### **NAPLAN 2023**

Our school is preparing to administer the 2023 NAPLAN tests for students who are in Year 3 & Year 5.

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

This year our students will complete these tests between the 15th of March and the 27th of March (Week 8,9 & 10).

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Leadership Team.

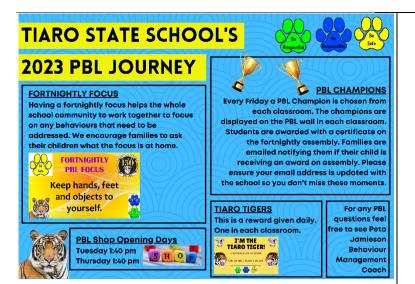
### Office News

From Week 4 Mrs Greaves will be in the office Monday, Tuesday & every second Wednesday (on the even week). A new sign has gone up to show when the office is open. So keep an eye out for it if you need to speak to Mrs Greaves.



Preferred payments for all events, tuchshop and uniforms

- Make faster, more convenient payments from a secure mobile app anywhere and at any time
- Website payment alternative for parents and carers without a smartphone or tablet
- Copy lunch orders from one week to the next to save time
- Pay direct from a credit or debit card without pre-loading funds to a third party account
- Track transactions easily with online receipts



# PBL = Safe, Supportive and Disciplined School Environment

Tiaro State School strives to create a safe, supportive and discipline school environment where the focus is on learning. To achieve this, students, staff and families are required to be actively involved.

Behaviour at Tiaro State School is managed as outlined in the school's Student Code of Conduct.

Our school expectations:

- Be Safe
- Be a Responsible
- Be Respectful

These expectations are for all students, staff and families. These expectations are displayed throughout the school, in each learning environment and discussed daily.

Behaviour that does not match the school expectations may result in a student being referred to the 'Reflection Room'.

These referrals are learning opportunities for students to work with staff to reflect on their behaviour, and create a plan to display behaviour that follows the school rules. Families are informed via phone call if their child is referred twice in one day.

# Appropriate School Games

Play time, and social development, is a valuable part of growing up. Learning to take turns, accepting 'getting out',

dealing with disappointment, accepting others and even negotiating and following rules are important social and emotional skills for children to learn.

Games at school need to be safe for everyone. I encourage parents to ask their child about the games that they play at school, and how they games went. If your child is unable to tell you about their playtime games, or they seem to state that there are regular problems, this may be a sign to contact the school to discuss the matter.

### **Tiaro Tiger Cubs**

I would like to introduce myself!
My name is Peter Friend and I am the new teacher at Tiaro State School.
I will be running the playgroup on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.



I have a Bachelor of Education and a Certificate III and Diploma in Children Services. I have spent most of my teaching career as a Kindergarten Teacher and over the past year I have been doing relief teaching at different schools all around the Fraser Coast.

I am so excited to become part of the Tiaro State School community, and to welcoming families back to Tiaro Tiger Cubs Playgroup.

# Mr Peter Friend Playgroup Teacher

#### **Junior Room News**

Week 5! Halfway through the term already. This week we had our first adventure to the town library. Everyone enjoyed singing and reading along with the Fraser Coast Library ladies.

We also had our first Wellness Wednesday. It was great fun! We had music, a couple of games, some of our parents joined and even our local police sergeant came and took part.

As we head into the second half of the term we will be getting into our assessments. Please make sure our little ones are getting enough sleep and great brain food to help them get through the days.

I am so proud of how well Junior class is doing. Keep up the great work.

# Miss Megs Oldfield P-2 Teacher

### **Senior Room News**

Halfway through the term already.

Students are working towards the English narratives and conferencing with the staff to improve their overall assessment achievement grade.

In Maths we have been focusing on number and place value and extending our number knowledge. Fractions and decimals which has been a little tricky but fun to learn and location and transformation.

# Miss Nicole Jorgensen & Ms Rhiannon Gane 3-6 Teacher

### 2023 Student Council

This fortnights PBL focus will be: keep hands feet and objects to yourself.

Student Council have decided on our weekly fundraiser to be ice cream and topping so keep an eye out for the note to come home as to when that will start.

We all enjoyed this terms wellness activity of games, music and laughter with everyone.

Student council will come up with next terms activity

Book Club Reminders:

No cash to be sent to school
All Orders can only be made online via LOOP!
Due date for orders is 9 March



### **Workplace Health and Safety**

#### **School Staff**

Educational staff have the right to disconnect from work. This means that emails and messages will not be answered (unless urgent) before 8am or after 4pm Monday to Friday. We encourage our staff to disconnect all weekend.

### **Hand Sanitiser**

Please continue to use hand sanitiser on entering the school.

In the classroom we actively promote the use of soap and water for handwashing as this is more effective and less hazardous.

### **Sun Safety**



**Note**: sun-safe hats are the preferred hat option. CAPS are not permitted to be used. Tiaro State School supplies SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for students to use.

### Stand up for Safety and set a safe pace at school

**A huge thank you** to everyone that stick to the 40km/h speed limit in school zones and set an example for the pace around your school.

### Road User Messages - Bicycle Riders

### Another huge thank you to the students for

- Wear your helmet correctly
- Keep your mind on your riding.
- Be aware- Ride with care.
- Walk your bike in school grounds.
- Walk your bike to the end of the carpark.
- Walk your bike across the pedestrian lights on the highway.
- When did you last check your bike?

### If your aware of it take care of it

What does this mean?

If you notice anything in the school that may be Workplace Health & Safety related please let a staff member know immediately so that we can take care of it to keep our

community, staff and students safe. Early detection means early prevention.

### COVID-19 and Flu Staying safe at school

Good habits that protect you from COVID-19 can keep you safe from catching other cold and flu viruses too. Stay home if you have any of these symptoms. Fever, Cough, Sore throat with or without runny nose, Trouble breathing, feeling more tired than normal, Diarrhoea, Vomiting or feeling ill, Loss of taste, Loss of smell. Stay informed at

www.health.gld.gov.au/covid19/prevention

### **Snakes**

Please be aware that snakes are out and about especially in this warm weather. All staff, students and the school community are reminded to tell a staff member if you see a snake on school grounds and do not approach a snake. The school has snake bite kits in each classroom near the sink. It is recognised that some school locations have persistent issues with snakes and the primary concern is for student and staff safety so if you are aware of it take care of it and tell a staff member.

#### Andrea Ebert

WH&S representative

# Rainbow Kidz Family Daycare



\* Provide Care for Children from 6 weeks including Before & After School Care \* Situated in Tiaro on 20acres

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  \* Hours of Operation 6:30am till 6:30pm.

  \* All meals provided for extra charge

  \* Weekly Outings

  \* Children get to enjoy picking fresh vegetables as well as playing with our farm animals.

  \* Weekend & Public Holiday Care available at additional Rates.

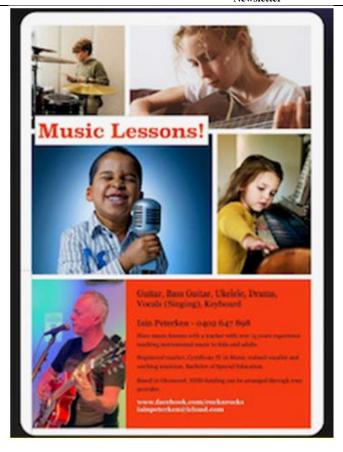
  \* CCS Approved

  \* Pick up & Drop Off Service available (fees may apply)

Enquire today via pm or contacting me on 0417949300.











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