TERM CALENDAR

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Year 2 Swimming
Our year two swimming program has commenced. Mrs Bulger and Mrs Crawford were delighted by the sensible behaviour demonstrated by all our year two students. The program is designed to assist our younger swimmers to develop strong swimming habits in a safe, structured environment. Students are shown correct technique for various swimming strokes along with how to act and behave safely in water environments.

Prep Photos
Tomorrow will see our wonderful prep students have their photos taken by the Fraser Coast Chronicle. Parents will be informed via Facebook and the newsletter when these photos will be published.

Adopt – A – Cop
The Adopt-a-Cop program was implemented in 1985 to build positive relationships between police and members of the school community through the voluntary appointment of Adopt-a-Cops to schools and other relevant organisations.

The program is an integral part of policing and reflects a greater emphasis on police partnerships with the community. Currently there are over 950 Adopt-a-Cops performing duties in over 1100 Queensland schools.

Adopt-a-Cops are police officers and Police Liaison Officers who volunteer to participate in the program.

St Helens is lucky enough to have a dedicated Adopt-a-cop, Angela Trevaskis. Over the course of the year your child will meet and interact with our new adopt-a-cop. Angela’s role revolves around building a strong rapport within our community with a sound focus on education.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Angela Trevaskis to her new role as Adopt-a-Cop for St Helens State School.

Drama Club Year 3 to 6
Miss Rice is looking at introducing a drama club to St Helens with practices being held one lunch time a week. Students will learn self-confidence, drama skills and the techniques need to perform. We have ambitions to perform in the local eisteddfod, weekly parades and cultural evenings.

If your child is interested in being a committed member please come and see Miss Rice in C2. Please note, drama club will not interrupt senior choir on a Tuesday lunch.

Ladies of the Land
Last year the Student Council with the support of Mrs Field called for donations to support ‘Ladies of the Land’. We had many boxes of donations and cards from the school community. We recently received a lovely card from one of the families in the Nebine community who received our packages. It’s wonderful when we as a school can participate in such a worthwhile cause. Great job St Helens!
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Before School
As mentioned on parade, students who arrive at school before 8:20am need to walk, with their school bags, to the under-covered area and sit down sensibly. This expectation has been put in place to ensure all our students are safely looked after when at school. Staff start their morning duty at approximately 8:20am, at this time students will be released to complete their morning jobs and to play with their classmates. We encourage parents to reinforce this expectation with their children to ensure an easy transition when at school.

Choir News
Senior choir kicked off today with students getting a taste of the first few songs we are going to learn this year. The students are all very enthusiastic and ready to sing!

Ice block day Friday!
Every Friday Student Council will be holding an ice block day. Ice blocks will be 50c. There is a limit of one ice block per student, unless buying for a sibling.

Curriculum Corner with Mr Hansen
With school well and truly underway now, your child will be bringing home books for reading each night. This week I have focussed on some key points providing ways in which you can assist your child to read at home.

Reading with your child will begin when your child becomes familiar with the story and can take over some of the reading.

When your child reads to you, allow time for working out words and ask questions to see if he or she understands what they have read.

If your child is trying to read a long or tricky word, give your child time and ask questions like these:
- Look at the picture, what can you see that might start with that letter?
- Look at the picture, what word makes sense?
- What letter does it start with? What sound is represented by the letter? What letter does it end with?

Book talk is an important part of reading. Chat about the book before, during and after reading and really encourage your child to talk about their ideas and ask questions about the book. Here are some questions you can ask at different times before, during and after reading the book:
- What would you like to read about?
- Would you like to choose a book you know?
- Look at the cover – what do you think this book is about?
- What is happening in the pictures?
- How could we work out these tricky words?
- What do you think is going to happen next?
- What was your favourite part of the book?
- Who was your favourite character in the story? Why did you like that character?
- If you could change the ending of this book, what would it be?

It’s also important for you to show your child how you read every day for different purposes, for example: recipes, greeting cards, calendars, shopping lists, food labels, instructions, maps, newspapers, emails, signs, and websites.

Prep Enrolments
If you have a sibling starting prep at St Helens in 2017 please let our admin staff know as soon as possible, places are already filling fast.

St Helens P&C
The first P&C meeting will be tomorrow (Wednesday 10th Feb) at 6:30pm in the library. There will be the annual AGM followed by a general meeting. All are welcome.

School banking
School banking will resume after the next P&C meeting and we have volunteers to run the program.

Library News
Library lessons are now under way for all classes. Just a reminder that if your child is in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 they will require a library bag before they will be allowed to borrow a book. It is recommended that all students have a library bag or some sort of carry bag (e.g. plastic shopping bag) to help keep library books clean.

Please remind your child to return their library books on their borrowing day. Library borrowing days are as follows;

Monday – 5H
Tuesday – 2C, 2B, 1A
Wednesday – 3N, 4S, 4M
Thursday – 1B, 6H
Friday – Prep P, Prep W, 2/3R 3F
Prep Possums & Wombats – Thank you to all our parents who attended our information evening. Please remember to practise your letters, sounds and sightwords with your children.

Year 1A – Ask your child what they are learning about in Science this term.

Year 1B – Just a friendly reminder that homework and camera word books are to come to school each Friday.

Year 2B - Don't forget to find a baby photo to send in with your child for Science this week as part of our Good to Grow unit. We will be using these photos in our lesson to observe similarities and differences. Don't forget to keep your eye out for frog eggs as we are very interested in observing the life stages that they go through.

Year 2C - This week 2C are looking further into the structure and language of a variety of poems. We will be comparing two poems and learning to use volume, pitch and pace when reading them aloud.

Year 23R – It is important your child reads each night and records this in their reading log. This will help them achieve their reading certificate.

Year 3F – Thank-you to the parents who have offered to be parent helpers in the classroom. I will be sending home a timetable this week, in the KIT books, and if you are available during the times listed, please fill in your name. I really do appreciate your help. It makes such a difference to your child as they love to have you here.

Year 4M – The students have taken a keen interest in Geology during Science. We plan to be very hands on this week as we look at a variety of rock types and investigate erosion.

Year 4S – The students thoroughly enjoyed their introduction to Japanese last week. Our class novel is “The Twits” and for assessment they will be able to showcase their creativity by writing their own chapters for this story. Most students now realise this year they will be required to work more independently both in and out of the classrooms.

Year 5H – Your child has started a new Maths Warm Up. Ask them to explain the game and their learning goal they are working towards.

Year 6P– In science this week, students are investigating dissolving and evaporating. Ask your child to explain how evaporating can reverse dissolving.

Are you looking for caring, fun, safe, inspiring and educational environment for your child to begin their lifelong journey of learning? Why not enrol them at the Maryborough Community Kindergarten and Pre-Prep where your child will have access to quality early education and care within a supportive, local community. Health Care Card Subsidies are available for Pre-Prep children also. Taking Enrolments now for 2016. Please also contact us if you were on our waiting list for 2016. If interested, please phone the Kindy on 41213865.

Looking for a friendly, fun, family club? We want you to play Soccer!!

Sign on with Tinana Football Club Register now for the 2016 season. www.myfootballclub.com.au
Junior and Senior information day:
Sat 30th Jan - Station Square from 9am to 1pm Sunday 7th Feb - Our clubhouse, Gympie Road from 11am-2pm (free sausage sizzle)
All age groups, Boys and Girls from Under 6 wanted. Payment of registration can be paid off prior to season kick off in March.
Come and try day:
Sat 13th Feb – Boys and Girls from Under 6 so bring a friend and come down to our clubhouse at Gympie Rd Tinana from 9am – 11.00 am
FREE SHORTS AND SOCKS FOR ALL NEW PLAYERS TO THE CLUB. For more information contact: Trevor Parry - President 0422 487 260 Michelle Ivey - Secretary 0418 150 706 tinanafc@hotmail.com
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<td>Neve Straker</td>
<td>For beginning the year with a winning smile and positive attitude.</td>
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<td>Prep W</td>
<td>Charleigh Falk</td>
<td>For starting the year with a fantastic attitude and wonderful manners.</td>
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<td>Year 1A</td>
<td>Flynn Darvall</td>
<td>For being a polite and hardworking classmate!</td>
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<td>Tahlia Coe</td>
<td>For demonstrating the school values everyday.</td>
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<td>Cooper Neilsen</td>
<td>For his fantastic attitude and towards all learning this week.</td>
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<td>Kirra Dullahide</td>
<td>For the commitment you show every day in the classroom. What a wonderful start to the year!</td>
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<td>Eli-Jay Read</td>
<td>For consistently showing our school values in class, keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>Molly Field</td>
<td>For always being respectful to others, both in the classroom and on the playground. Well done!</td>
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<td>Jayanna Barratt</td>
<td>For showing commitment, respect and integrity in all aspects of her school life.</td>
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<td>Ashley Hatchman</td>
<td>For showing an eagerness to learn and commitment in the classroom.</td>
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<td>Dan Lindley</td>
<td>For his enthusiastic and positive start to the year.</td>
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<td>Akeyden Jambrecina</td>
<td>For an excellent start to the year. Thank you for your enthusiasm.</td>
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<td>Cooper Ambrose</td>
<td>For an outstanding display of commitment across all areas of his learning.</td>
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<td>For helping to tidy the library and his enthusiasm playing chess. Well done!</td>
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