 Semester 2 reports will be sent home today along with a student equipment list for 2015. It would be appreciated if these items could accompany your child on the first day of school commencing Tuesday 27 January, 2015.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students and families a happy and safe Christmas.

Rhonda Hillyard
Acting Principal.

*Increased resources to empower principals and their school community*

The Queensland Government is committed to empowering principals and their school communities to deliver high quality education and to lift outcomes for every state school student in Queensland.

That’s why there has been a significant increase in the amount of resources allocated to schools, as well as a concerted effort to allocate these resources directly to schools.

Now, more than ever, principals have the resources and the autonomy they need to lead school improvement.

The direct allocation of the Great Results Guarantee funding, the Students with Disability Resources, and the Whole School Support – Student Learning Resources give schools the means to lift outcomes for all their students.

Our school is working hard to make the most of the opportunity to work with our community using high impact strategies that will make a positive difference for all of our students.

*Keep a watch on our school these holidays*

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number — 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local Police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy — 13 17 88 — and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

If you would like to know more about the School Watch Program, please call the Department’s Emergency and Security Management Unit on (07) 3034 6013.

*Thank You*

Thank you to the Rollingstone and District Lions Club for the donation of a patient lifter to the school. It will be an invaluable resource for the students at TCLC.
CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2014
Jingle bells, jingle bells…there was an old lady who swallowed a star…six white boomers…all I want for Christmas is a dinosaur…
The room was packed with families, it was unbearably hot and yet the joy and talent evident in the room made it all worthwhile. Students had the opportunity to showcase their talents at the annual Christmas concert with a variety of musical acts, a drama presentation and a Christmas fashion parade. Merry Christmas to all and a happy start to the new year.

SPORTS CAPTAINS FOR 2015
Students in the senior sector of the school (Years 10, 11 and 12) have completed the following process to choose our sports captains for 2015:
Students:
😊 nominated to be a sports captain
😊 voted on who they would like to see short-listed for the position
😊 prepared speeches to convince other students as to why they would be a great sports captain
The following students were chosen to be the sports captains:

Turtles
Aiden Doran-Hawkins
Keeley Smart

Frogs
Adam Trezona
Bonnie West

Congratulations to all students who participated and to our new sports leaders.
CHAPLIANCY CHRISTMAS CRAFT STALL - A WORTHY FUND-RAISER
On Wednesday 3rd December we held our second annual craft stall to raise money to support our school chaplain. The motivation behind the event is one of our hard-working parents, Julie Evans. She gets so much support from the community who work tirelessly throughout the year to make items for students to buy for their families. The students from the senior sector ran the stall and served customers.
People and organisations from the community who made items for the stall were:
Julie Evans                                    Mooney Street News
Jan Mitchell                                     All Fired Up and Ready Ceramic Group
Glenda Brien                                    Click Clack Knitting Group
Hilary Mangan                                           Jenny Hunter
Greta Evans                                        Jill Moxam
Ross Pettigrew                                     Val Knight
Kym (the Avon lady)                                Mrs Jackson and friends

Their kind donations raised $1284 in sales. Well done to all involved!

TCLC is growing
Last week saw the arrival of a new building to TCLC. The new building will be Block O which will form part of a new junior secondary area for 2015.

IMPORTANT DATES
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13 DECEMBER, 2014 – 25 JANUARY, 2015 : SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
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Monday 26 January, 2015 - Australia Day – Public Holiday
Tuesday 27 January, 2015 - First day of school for Term 1, 2015
Smoke Free School

The Queensland Government has passed amendments to the Tobacco and Other Smoking Products Act (1998), banning the use of smoking products, including tobacco and electronic cigarettes, in all enclosed and outdoor areas at state and non-state schools in Queensland—including primary, secondary and special education facilities—and for five metres beyond the boundary of school land.

The new laws take effect from 1 January 2015.

These laws offer further protection to the Queensland public—and in particular, children and young adults—from exposure to harmful environmental tobacco smoke.

Children’s health is particularly affected by environmental tobacco smoke, with exposure increasing the risk of ear infections, respiratory illness and asthma.

The new laws apply at all times—during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. The five metre ‘no smoking’ buffer will ensure that smokers extinguish their smoking products well before they approach school land.

The five meter buffer includes: a five metre no-smoking area around the perimeter of the school, beyond the school land boundary; including all structures in this area, such as bus shelters and car parks.

A note from Chappy Drew:

Believe it or not, Christmas is just around the corner, and it’s time to get the Christmas decorations out from under the stairs, or from where ever they have been ‘lying-in-wait’ from last year. We are already hearing Christmas carols being played in the shopping centres as we do our Christmas shopping. On that note I would like to draw your attention to the following event coming up...

Stable-on-the-Strand: Between Thursday 18th to Monday 22nd Dec. from 5:30pm to 9:30pm each night, the Strand Park will be transformed into the historic town of Bethlehem; complete with Roman soldiers, traditional craftspeople, livestock, shepherds and sheep, wise men & camels - and of course Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus.

It is a ‘Free Event’ for all the family.

It has been an incredible learning curve for me over the past 8 months at TCLC. I have learnt so much and appreciated getting to know many of the students; they are wonderful!

It has also been great getting to know most of the staff; who are all incredibly gifted and passionate about the way they teach, care and look after their students

God Bless, and have a very, very merry Christmas!

Chappy Drew

Stable on the Strand – SPECIAL PREVIEW NIGHT

You and your family are invited to Stable on the Strand's special preview night for those with disabilities.

When: 17th December, 2014
Time: 6-8pm
Where: Strand Park, The Strand

If you are unable to attend this night you can join in the fun at Stable on the Strand when it officially opens.

Dates: 18-22nd December  Time: 5.30-9.30m
Introducing Emma “The Master Shredder”

Let me introduce you to this new small business. Emma Lynam is ‘The Shredder’ and she is interested in how she can help your business deal with disposing of confidential paper waste.

Emma is a bright and happy 20 year old woman who just happens to have Downs Syndrome. She is also a former graduate of TCLC.

My name is Jo, and as her mum my role is to support Emma with the networking side of the business. I have felt for a long time that every person is here for a reason. For many disabled people the biggest challenge is finding something that gives them purpose. I believe that it is important for all people to be engaged members of the community, to me that means giving something of yourself back to the community which in turn gives you a place in it.

Emma is very fortunate that she lives in a country where she receives a Disability Pension, for this reason she is engaged in voluntary work in the community, so that she too can give back. Like all parents my dream for my daughter is to be happy standing on her own two feet taking her place in the world. I came up with the idea of a shredding business for her because she likes shredding paper, and I hope that through this she might be able to help financially support herself.

So what does Emma have to offer your business?

• Loyalty
• Laughter
• Joy
• Kindness
• Good work ethic

If you are a small business ask yourself do you have enough of these elements in your business? Perhaps you could use a little more.

There are a number of businesses across Queensland that offers employment opportunities to intellectually impaired people like Emma. In return those business report employees being happier, less friction amongst workers, which in turn they conclude has led to happier more productive workplaces.

We look forward to the opportunity of working with you.

Jo Lynam PH: 0400 701 911
News from E4

This year has been a busy year for E4. Brianna, Jayr, Isabella, Saxon, Jonah and Vedette have participating in excursions to Lollipops. It was so much fun! Brianna, Jayr and Saxon have recently celebrated their birthdays so we have baked cakes and made party food to celebrate! Our favourite part is tasting the ingredients of the cake and decorating the final product. We are looking forward to holidays but can’t wait to come back to school for the new year!