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New Chaplain
We would like to welcome Drew Millar, our new Chaplain, to the TCLC school community. Drew moved to Townsville from Melbourne 2 years ago and will be working at TCLC on Thursdays and Fridays commencing 29 May, 2014. Welcome Chappy Drew!

New Students
We extend a warm welcome to Cleo Turek, Ohnja Cloudy and Daquan Ernest-Kelly who join our junior sector and middle sector respectively.

Celebrating State Education Week and P & C Day
State Education Week is a celebration of the learning that occurs in our State schools and TCLC students shared their abilities with the whole school community and invited guests at the assembly on Friday 23 May. Special guest, Member for Mundingburra, The Hon David Crisafulli, was delighted to see the students' showcase their knowledge and abilities. He thought Thai's drawing of Prime Minister Tony Abbott was a masterstroke! He kindly donated a wonderful book for the library. Other special guests included members of the TCLC P & C and officers from the Mundingburra Police Station. Our special guests awarded the following students with their Student of the Month certificate for following the Cool Tool of Act Calmly and Safely.

Junior school – Deacon
Middle school – Ben and Billy
Senior school student: Joshua G

Congratulations to these students for being great role models to their peers.
**Cool Tool for June**
Talk Politely is the Cool Tool for June. How do we show others that we are doing this?
- I use my manners – “please” and “thank-you”
- I use my inside/outside voice.

**Jump Rope for Heart**
The breezeway was bussing on Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 May as students enthusiastically participated in Jump Rope for Heart. After many weeks of preparation, with senior students in the school modelling both the skill of skipping and moving through a rope, the students got to showcase what they could do.
The banners were flying, the music was humming and students were skipping, playing modified ten pin bowling, badminton, ping pong, using a parachute, swirling ribbons to the music and shooting basketball hoops. PE co-ordinator, Angie Bathesby, commented on how far students have travelled with their levels of confidence. All students were willing to have a go and they participated with such energy and pride. As well, students’ physical skills have also improved dramatically.
Could all sponsorship money be returned to the school as soon as possible.

**Student Literacy – Showcasing work from Senior 1 Class**

*Mitchell independently retold his class excursion to The Strand waterpark*
*Alyssa independently used Boardmaker on the interactive whiteboard to tell her travel story*

**Head Lice**
No school escapes the nuisance of head lice. If you are notified of an outbreak, please treat your child immediately and remain vigilant in case of re-infestation. Advice on head lice control is available from the school website, the school office and chemists.

Reduce the spread of head lice

If someone around you has head lice, follow these steps...

- reduce head-to-head contact
- tie long hair at the back
- don’t share hair brushes or combs
- check for head lice every two days using the conditioner & combing techniques and treat if you find them; and
- notify the school if you find head lice.
Dental Health Visit
Dr Don, the school dentist, recently visited the school to examine student’s teeth and remarked how clean their teeth were. Parents and carers are to be congratulated for teaching their children the importance of good dental hygiene. Dr Don will be visiting the school again on Thursday 24 July, 2014. If your child missed last visit or has not had a dental examination and you would like them to, please collect a Dental consent form from the office, complete and return to the office as soon as possible so your child can have their teeth examined next visit.

Food Allergy Facts
- A food allergy is an immune system response to a food protein that the body mistakenly believes is harmful
- Symptoms can include: hives, swelling of the lips, face and eyes, swelling of the tongue and breathing difficulty, abdominal pain, vomiting or sudden drop in blood pressure
- It is estimated that up to 2% of adults, 1 in 10 babies born will develop some sort of food allergy.
- 6% of children have food allergy and some of them will experience a life-threatening allergic reaction (anaphylaxis)

What can we do
- Get help if someone is sick – tell the teacher
- Wash your hands after eating
- Don’t make jokes about food allergy – no laughing at your friends
- Don’t share food
- Ask people what they are allergic to

Written by H2 - School Warriors – Term 2

This is My Story- written by a Mum

My son was diagnosed with a severe food allergy that causes Anaphylaxis. He was officially diagnosed and given a EpiPen a few days after his 1st birthday. Like every parent when you leave the house you think have I got his lunch, water bottle, etc. but now I also have to remember have I got his EpiPen. We go to Birthday parties with a packed lunchbox of safe goodies. He gets offered cake and I have to politely decline the cake explaining he has allergies. Sometimes I get looks and advice offered that a little bit won’t hurt him. The truth is trace amounts could kill him. People also think that because he has his EpiPen its ok to have these foods around him. Yes, the EpiPen will buy him time to get to the hospital, but do you really think it is ok for a child to go through this just so that another child can run around on play equipment with food in their hand?
As his parents we are trying to educate him about his life threatening food allergy, without giving him anxiety about food.
His food allergy doesn’t stop us from doing most things, however you might think it’s strange when I ring a restaurant prior to let them know of his food allergies and to watch for cross contamination. Or when we go to the restaurant and I wipe his seat and table down with baby wipes before he can sit at the table. Or we go to a playground near a café where I know they have served his allergen, I wipe the play equipment down and continuously lift his shirt looking for hives and signs of anaphylaxis.
As a parent of a child with food allergies there are some small things you can do to help our children.
1. Always wash your hands and wipe the table down after eating.
2. Don’t let your children play with food on the playground.
3. Educate yourself and your children about food allergies and become aware.

At the moment there is no cure for food allergies but we can prevent deaths from anaphylaxis by becoming aware.

Challenge Games – Volunteers Needed!
The TLCPC Association are again running the canteen during the Challenge Games to be held on Wednesday 30 July and Thursday 31 July, 2014 at the Sports Reserve, North Ward. As this event is a major fundraiser for the school, we would appreciate any assistance parents/carers can give during the two days, whether it be helping out in the canteen or baking goods to be sold in cake & bake stall. If you can assist, please contact Jenny Roberts – TLCPC P & C Association Secretary on 0412 344 162. As always we thank you for your support!
2014 Senior Graduation
You are invited to participate in the organisation of the 2014 Senior Graduation. Planning starts in Term 3 and will be co-ordinated by the School Warriors class. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Carla Collins at the school. Graduation preparation will be timetable on Wednesday 11.15am – 1.00pm. Please contact the office with your details.

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching 2014
On Bundock Options for Wellbeing would like to invite you to attend their 1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Parenting Course for 2014. This course is designed to enable parents to effectively manage difficult behaviour in 2-12 year olds. You will learn: how to stop behaviours such as temper tantrums and sibling rivalry; how to get your kids to complete daily tasks such as getting ready in the morning, household chores and homework; and what makes discipline effective.

When: 3 Tuesday sessions 9.30am – 12.30pm:
3, 10 and 17 June, 21 & 28 October and 4 November
Where: On Bundock Options for Wellbeing, 61 Bundock Street, Belgian Gardens
Cost: $300.00 person or $500.00 for two
Contact: On Bundock Options for Wellbeing for bookings on 4724 0861
**$100 non-refundable deposit required to confirm booking.

Townsville Sailing – School Holiday Program
Sailing is a brilliant sport for ALL children, and encourages responsibility and confidence. It is a skill for life. The Townsville Sailing Club will be conducting fully supervised care in an active learning environment. Participation in 4 days completes discover Sailing "Better Sailing" accreditation.
Dates: 30 June to 3 July (first week of holidays), ages 8-11 years
7 July to 10 July (second week of holidays), ages 12-16 years
Cost: $75.00 per day
What to bring: hat, sunscreen, lunch, stinger suit
For more information visit: www.discoversailing.org.au to register.

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*** SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 28 JUNE → 13 JULY, 2014 ***

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News from D4

D4 have been exploring imaginative and informative texts from across the globe. We have ‘visited’ Africa, USA and New Zealand. The students identified many animals in game reserves they would enjoy visiting including lions, giraffes, gorillas, elephants and zebras. Places of interest in the USA included The Grand Canyon, New York City, Los Angeles and Yellowstone National Park. When we explored New Zealand the activities of snow skiing, tramping, jet boat rides and sea cruises were places the students would like to add to their itinerary. We also discussed flights, accommodation and transport. We have also had two excursions to Pallarenda and Castle Hill as part of our travels.
30 May 2014

Nationally Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Dear Parents/Carers

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will be collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

- Townsville Community Learning Centre website under the Quicklinks section on the home page.

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Regards

Michael Statham
Deputy Principal
Townsville Community Learning Centre