Dear Parents and Community Members,

How quickly it seems the year has come to a close! Thank you for your support throughout the year. Enjoy a happy and restful break and I look forward to seeing our students, staff and families back at school next year.

Merry Christmas,

Karina

You are invited to

Teelba State School’s Christmas Concert

When: Thursday 8th December 2016
Time: 6.00pm for a 6.30pm dinner
Where: Teelba State School

Please bring along a salad or dessert to share.
School families are asked to bring along a salad and dessert.
Meat will be supplied by the P&C.

Date Claimers . . .

- School Concert - Thursday, 8th, 6pm
- Last day of term 4 - Friday, 9th December
- First day of Term 1, 2017 - Monday, 23rd January
- Tara & District Swimming Carnival - Friday, 3rd February
FOCUS ON….REPORT CARDS

Over recent years, parents, students and teachers across Queensland have been gradually becoming more familiar with a more uniform process for reporting in all schools. The use of a more consistent 5-point scale:

Prep - Applying, Making Connections, Working With, Exploring, Becoming Aware
Year 1 to 2: Very High, High, Sound, Developing, Support Required
Years 3 to 6: A, B, C, D, E

has been one of the significant developments.

Most of us who were schooled in generations past are familiar with the A-E scale and for many it offers a great deal more comfort and better understanding of achievement.

An important point that deserves clarification though is that the 5 point scale has some subtle differences these days and that when we see a “Working With, Sound or C” on our child’s report card it means something a little different to what it used to on our own report cards, many years ago.

In the past the achievement scale used a “Bell Curve” distribution which means that a small group of top students in the class got an “A”, the next group got a “B”, the majority of the class were given a “C” and so on until the whole class represented a distribution from A-E. This means that it was harder to get an “A” in a school filled with academic students and easier to get one in a school with less academic students.

The new system works on “benchmarks of achievement” or “criteria” such that, what constitutes an “A”, “B”, “C” etc is predetermined. Any student who shows evidence of meeting that level deserves that grade.

This is where we consider the difference in what a “Working With, Sound or C” really means:

A “Working With, Sound or C” no longer means that the student is simply in the middle of the class, it means that the student has met the criteria for a learner at the appropriate age level.

A “Working With, Sound or C” means that the student is doing everything required at their Year Level.

The best description is that a “Working With, Sound or C” means a student’s academic development is exactly where it needs to be – A “Working With, Sound or C” is ON TARGET or AT YEAR LEVEL STANDARD.

With all of this in mind, we must accept that it may be harder to get an “A” or a “B” than it used to be. These grades are no longer awarded simply to the top students in the class; they are only given to students who show that they are independently capable of working beyond the criteria for their year level.

So what does all this mean?

- Many parents are likely to see more “Working With, Sound or C” grades on their child’s report cards.
- The “Effort” grades are a really important reflection of whether your child is achieving the best they can.

An “A” for effort and a “C” for achievement indicates that your child is “On Target” for their age and “applying their best effort”. This grade should be celebrated with students because they have worked hard to be where they need to be.

How to Read your child’s Report Card

Many parents on receiving their child’s report card for the first time are unsure of how to read it. All parents of children enrolled in a Queensland State School receive the same formatted report card twice a year.

These written reports are a culmination of how a child has achieved in their academic studies over a school semester. The report cards contain the following information:

- An overall academic achievement for each subject
- An effort achievement and
- A comment

The academic and effort achievement use a five (5) point scale to indicate a child’s cumulative achievement in a semester.

The academic and effort achievements are consistent across all Queensland State Schools however; each school is permitted to use the comment box how they see fit. Currently at Teelba teachers comment on what the children have studied in each subject area.

When reading your child’s report card it is suggested that parents read the comment first, to know what the class has studied, then read the academic grade your child received, this indicates your child’s level of achievement measured against what was studied, followed by their effort, how your child worked throughout the semester.

As mentioned previously the end of semester report card is a culmination of your child’s results over the semester. With parent teacher interviews being offered to all parents the beginning of Term Two parents will already be well informed of their child’s academic progress.
Accident insurance cover for students

Students are not covered for any type of injury in a School. Parents are advised that the department does not have Student Accident Insurance cover for students. If your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs, are the responsibility of the child, parent or caregiver.

Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If parents have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered through the private health insurance. Any other costs would be borne by the parents.

Student Accident Insurance is an insurance policy that pays certain benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident. It is a personal decision for parents as to the types and levels of private insurance they arrange to cover their child for any accidental injury that may occur. Parents should contact their insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker for more information about student personal accident insurance cover for their child.

Our attendance rate for the year so far.

Remember: EVERY DAY counts for EVERY child.
Next Meeting:
2017 AGM
Please consider a position within our wonderful P&C committee!

If any P&C Members have something to add to the agenda for the meeting, please email the Secretary, Sarah McInnerney or Theresa Penfold.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club catalogues go home monthly. Please remember that any books ordered through book club can be paid for directly online via credit card or via cheque made out to ‘Scholastic Australia’. Cash cannot be accepted. Every book purchased gives points to the school to spend on books for our library.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wondering about school???

Starting school for the first time is an important event in the lives of children and their families. The Wondering about school resources provide schools with an opportunity to connect with families and neighbouring early childhood education and care services, to support children with their transition to school.

The resources also give Prep- and kindergarten-aged children opportunities to connect with each other, share their experiences, and build a sense of belonging in their community to make a positive start to school.

Please copy and paste the link below in your web browser to find more information and helpful resources.

Congratulations Teelba SS students, who won the ‘B’ schools AVERAGE and AGGREGATE trophies as well as the OVERALL AVERAGE of all the small schools - WOOHOO!!

It was so lovely to see the Teelba spirit alive and thriving at our recent swimming carnival, with some students even donning school colours in the form of zinc!!

Congratulations to………


NB: If you would like to know your child’s times/places etc. please see Mrs McMillan.
On Sunday, 6th December a lively & bright bunch of students including Olivia, Peggy, William, Dougal, Maggie and Sally left for their rite of passage pilgrimage across to the biennial Tallebudgera beach leadership camp!!! Unfortunately photography was a bit thin on the ground but we managed to secure this line-up of Dougal and friends, perhaps you’ll have to fill us in Dougal??!! Students returned home on Friday, 11th December not so lively and bright but FULL of stories!!!
BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL

QUEENSLAND TENNIS CENTRE
THURSDAY 5 JANUARY 2017
8AM BREAKFAST
BEFORE 11AM START OF PLAY

PLEASE RSVP BY 11 DECEMBER AT
tennis.com.au/GLDschools

GLENMORGAN STATE SCHOOL

The Principal, Staff & Students
with
The President & Members
of the Glenmorgan State School P & C

cordially invite you to the

GLENMORGAN STATE SCHOOL
ANNUAL END OF YEAR CONCERT &
PRESENTATION EVENING

Tuesday the 6th December, 2016
5.30 for a 6pm commencement
at Glenmorgan State School

Including a performance of “Little Red Rocking Hood”
Followed by dinner provided by the P&C, BYO Drinks

Year 6 Graduates - Hannah, Cameron, Jake & Sam
We’d be delighted if you would join us
RSVP: 0416 626 757 or the.pcnr@glennmorgan.qld.edu.au
HANNAFORD STATE SCHOOL
HANNAFORD Q 4404
Phone: 0746639239
Fax: 0746639277
Email: admin@hannaford.qld.edu.au
Principal: Mrs Reeshyn Bougoure

Make learning a life experience

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

POSITION VACANT

CASUAL TEACHER AIDE POSITION

19/01/2017 to 31/03/2017
(with the possibility of extension)

ROSTER: Up to 3 days per week - Thursday & Friday, with the 3rd day to be decided upon.

Hours: 5 hrs per day, plus ADO

As a Teacher Aide at the Hannaford State School, you will be required to work with and supervise students in a multi-age classrom. Be involved in lesson preparation and clean up, reading support, computer skillimg, photocopying, playground duty, library duties and the ability to work as part of a team.

You must also be able to work independently with a group of students, and display confidentiality, tact, reliability and sensitivity to students and their families.

You must have a Working with Children Check (Blue Card) or be prepared to apply for one.

Please send your Expression of interest and resume to:

MAIL: The Principal
      Hannaford State School
      344 Hannaford Road
      HANNAFORD Q 4406

EMAIL: the.principal@hannaford.qld.edu.au

IN PERSON: Hannaford State School

Please include the phone number of one previous employer as a referee.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 3:00pm, Monday 5th December, 2016