Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome to the 2017 school year! I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing break. It was fantastic to see all of our students return last Monday, ready for the challenge of learning in a new year level.

It was also wonderful to officially welcome our three new Preps: Matthew, Finn and Eloise.

**Tara and District Swimming Carnival**

This Friday, eight of our students in Years 4—6 will be part of the small schools team at the swimming carnival. We wish them all the best!

**Leadership Camp**

Next week from Wednesday to Friday our Year 6 students will be attending the Leadership Camp at Columboola Environmental Education Centre. This will be an opportunity for our students to participate in leadership skill building with leaders from other schools in our cluster. They will then be able to use the skills they learn to assist them in their role as leaders back at school.

**Absence Notification**

While we encourage students to be at school every day, we do recognise that sometimes students are required to be absent. If your child/ren will be absent from school it is a requirement that you notify the school of this absence, preferably with a reason. Parents can notify the school of a student absence via email to the class teacher or principal, phone message or a parent verbally speaking to the teacher prior to the absence if it is planned. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

**Come and Try Day**

On Thursday 23rd February the annual Come and Try Day will be held at Meandarra State School. Students born in 2005, 2006 or 2007 are invited to try out for:

- Netball—Girls
- Rugby League—Boys
- Soccer—Boys & Girls
- Touch—Boys & Girls

More information will be available closer to the date.

**Relief Teacher Aide**

We are currently seeking a relief teacher aide. This will involve the occasional day of casual work throughout the school year. If you or someone you know is interested please contact myself for details.

Until next month,  

**From the principal...**

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**Date Claimers . . .**

- Tara & District Swimming Carnival - Friday, 3rd February
- P&C AGM - Wednesday, 22nd February
- Come & Try Day - Thursday, 23rd February (2007, 06, 05)
- Principal Cluster Meeting - 15th & 16th February

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What’s Happening in Term One

Teachers will soon be sending out information about Term One happenings in the classroom. Keep an eye out for these.

Homework

Homework has started this week. Homework is handed out on Tuesdays and must be returned, completed, on Friday mornings. If students are struggling with any aspect of their homework, they have been reminded to see their teacher BEFORE Friday morning.

Genius Hour

This term all students from Prep—Year 6 are participating in Genius Hour. Genius Hour is time set aside each Wednesday afternoon for students to research a topic on their own. Miss Ward, Mrs Penfold and Miss Schick are each in charge of working with a group of students across the year levels with the teacher aides giving assistance where required.

Genius Hour is important because students take ownership of their own learning. They learn about something they want to learn about. Genius Hour sparks curiosity. While working on their project students will practise research, reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Genius Hour encourages lifelong learning, imagination, perseverance, self-awareness and adaptability.

Through a process of learning about their likes and dislikes, what they know about and want to know about, each student formulated a research question. This research question was submitted for teacher approval. The students will now research their projects with the teachers serving as facilitators. As facilitators the teachers will assist each student with research options that suit their question and to ensure they are going to meet their deadline for completion of the project.

Part of Genius Hour requires students to present the knowledge they have acquired. This means that students may need to create or build something or present information digitally, depending on their research question. Some students may need to collect items from home. The project is to be completed at school unless a student negotiates with their teacher and parents to complete some of it at home.
Does your child have a chance of being successful?

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but........

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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.

Accident insurance cover for students

So far this term we have had 100% attendance on three days out of eight.
P & C NEWS

Next Meeting:
2017 AGM - Wednesday, 22nd February
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.

Due back: Thursday, 9th February

COMMUNITY NEWS

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
TARA SHIRE STATE COLLEGE

Tara Shire State College is calling for Expressions of Interest for a temporary part-time Administration Officer 20 hours/week over 5 days, beginning Monday 13th February 2017 until Friday 31st March 2017 with the possibility of extension.

Our preferred applicant will have the following skills:
- Front office experience, effective communication skills to work with students, parents, staff and community members
- Ability to provide efficient and effective financial and administrative tasks and clerical support including phone and email enquiries

Applicants please submit a current Curriculum Vitae, including 2 references, by 5pm Wednesday 8th February 2017, marked “Private and Confidential” to The Business Services Manager, Tara Shire State College, 22 Binnie Street, Tara Qld 4421 or email bsm@tarashireesc.eq.edu.au.

Applicants must hold or make application for, and be able to obtain, a suitability card from Working with Children Blue Card Services, as well as undergo a criminal history check by the Queensland Police Service.

Please phone 46 787 333 for further details.
DETE is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Glenmorgan Motorbike Gymkhana Fun Day

Saturday 4th February 8am
Registrations Open 7am

Free Camping Available
Canteen Open serving Breakfast & Lunch
Novelty Prizes (Pot Luck)

15 & under ($10 inclusive)
- Barrel Race
- Bending
- Flag Race
- Bang & Go Back
- Short Circuit
- Figure of 8
- Drag Race

Adult/Open Events ($50 inclusive)
- Double Barrel Race
- Bending
- Flag Race
- Bang & Go Back
- Figure of 8
- Rescue Race
- Drag Race

Enquiries & RSVP for catering purposes would be appreciated to ironscottage@bigpond.com

All proceeds to Glenmorgan State School

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MEDIA RELEASE
23 January 2017
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM – APPLICATIONS OPEN FEBRUARY!

Council is calling for community and not-for-profit groups to apply for financial assistance, with two rounds of grants available under the Community Grants Program.

Funding rounds open Wednesday, 1 February 2017 and groups have until Friday, 31 March 2017 to submit their applications.

The two types of grants include:
- Community Grant, valued between $500 - $10,000, where 50% of the total project is funded by sources other than Council
- Major Grant, valued between $10,001 - $20,000, where 75% of the total project is funded by sources other than Council

Councilor Jennifer Stanford, Portfolio Chair for Community & Social Services, said our community and not-for-profit groups play a very important role in our region and the grants program is a fantastic way to reward the hard work they put in.

"Council’s Local Development Officers are on hand to discuss project ideas and to provide feedback on applications, and I encourage interested groups to start applying as early as you can," Ms Stanford said.

Some tips for application success:
- Make sure your project is in line with Council’s Community Plan – include a reference
- Start gathering support documentation early, including financial statements and letters of support, and
- Submit your application early and ask for feedback.

Successful projects in the past have included coaching and training clinics, much needed equipment and entertainment for events.

Guidelines and applications forms are available on Council’s website: www.maranoa.qld.gov.au and for more information, please contact your Local Development Officer on 1300 007 662.

 media@maranoa.qld.gov.au

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Maranoa Junior Basketball
SIGN ON DAY & SEASON START
FRIDAY 3 FEB AT MARANOA PCYC

U10A 3.30pm - 4.30pm
U13A 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Details: Kerrie Hallsworth 0427 779 275, Maroondah Basketball Association 0407 992 445
Swim School

Term 1 2017

5 WEEK PROGRAM (Starting 21 Feb / 25 Feb)

AVAILABLE TUESDAY 8.15 - 8.45am / 10.30am - 12.30pm / 3pm - 5pm or SATURDAY 8.30am - 12.30pm

GROUP LESSONS
30 minute classes $12pp/class
4 participants / class

PRIVATE LESSONS
30 minute classes $22pp/class
1 - 2 participants / class

THE FIT TRACK: 0429 412 620 / downthefittrack@gmail.com / www.facebook.com/thefitttrack

Summer 2017 (Mon 23 January - Fri 31 March)

GLENMORGAN
Returned Soldiers Memorial Hall (opposite pub)
MONDAY 5.30pm 30/30 Fit (2x 30 minute classes, do one or both)
THURSDAY 6.15am KickBoxFit
THURSDAY 9.00am 30/30 Fit (2x 30 minute classes, do one or both)

MEANDARRA
Meandarra School Pool
TUESDAY 9.00am AquaFit

SURAT
Surat Pool
WEDNESDAY 9.00am AquaFit (1st 5 weeks free)
WEDNESDAY 6.00pm AquaFit (25 Jan - 22 Feb)

TIMETABLE

FEES

Single Pass $15
Weekly Pass $30 ($10/class)
5 Class Pass $60 ($12/class)
10 Class Pass $115 ($11.50/class)

Cash or direct deposit preferred (bank details available at class)
If you love to sing, have never sung or just want to know what makes choral singing so good for you, this weekend is for you!

**Program**

**Saturday February 18 - Golden Age Centre**
- 11:00am Community Choir Registration
- 11:30am Community Choir Session 1
- 1.00pm Lunch provided
- 2.00pm Community Choir Session 2
- 3.30pm Afternoon Tea Provided
- 4.00pm Community Choir Session 3
- 5.00pm Workshop Concert

**Saturday Evening - Goondiwindi Regional Civic Centre**
- 5.30pm Dinner provided, drinks available to purchase
- 6.45pm Short Concert by local vocal ensemble Encanto
- 7.10pm Film screening “When we Sing”
- 8.45pm Q & A with film director

**Sunday February 19 - Golden Age Centre**
- 8.30am Youth Choir Workshop (Grades 4 - 12)
  - Teacher Master class registration
- 9.00am Youth Choir Session 1
- 10.15am Morning Tea
- 10.45am Youth Choir Session 2
- 12.00pm Concert for parents
- 12.15pm Students leave
- 12.30 - 1pm Teacher Master Class Q & A with a facilitator

**Location**

Goondiwindi
Golden Age Centre & Regional Civic Centre

**Register online**


**Tickets**

Teacher/Music Teacher bundle
All sessions
Community choir, Pre-screening, Film, Youth Choir Workshop and Q&A
$60

Adult bundle - All sessions on Saturday
Community choir, Pre-screening, Film
$60

15-18 years concession - All sessions
Community choir, Pre-screening, Film, Youth Choir
$60
Youth Choir Workshop only
$10

+ Film screening of “When We Sing”

Workshop facilitator: Stephanie Eaton

View online for individual session prices

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