Dear All

Our Year 6 student leaders attended the GRIP leadership day at the Boyne Island Community Centre yesterday and by all accounts had an amazing day. I look forward to working with them now to crystallise their goals for the year and the legacy they will leave to Tannum Sands State School and our school community.

Often in this day and age, our children are often labelled with words such as self-centred, demanding and the list goes on. It was clearly evident yesterday with our Student Council’s first activity for the year, RAK Week 2017, under the leadership of our Student Council Leaders, Walter Van der Merwe, Hayley Smyth and Sophie Tucker, that this is not the case at Tannum Sands State School. Our student body has embraced this with both hands and it was pleasing to see yesterday (Day 1) so many students demonstrating kindness towards others. I know that this will not only be a feature of this special week but something that our student leaders will all have front and centre as part of their work in 2017. I look forward to seeing other random acts of kindness throughout the week and the coming year.

We also celebrated the start of Library Lovers’ Week and our Library was a popular place yesterday, at first break, for our students in Prep – Year. Our newly appointed Library monitors were kept busy supporting and assisting our Junior School students. Today, our year 2 and 3 students join in the fun.

Yesterday afternoon our girls’ and boys’ soccer teams competed against other schools and again I observed the children’s support of one another, the positive coaching from our coach and manager and the positive support and cheering of our parents and staff on the sideline.

These are but three examples of where I see our Tannum Wave alive and well in our school community. Schools are not just about academic learning but learning and teaching the whole child to become responsible and active citizens.

Here’s to a great year!

Yours in Education,

Leanne J Ibell
Principal
Library Monitors
This week the new leadership role of Library Monitor was implemented in our school. 35 keen Year Five students volunteered to assist in the library during their lunch breaks! Each day two students are rostered on to interact with library users and to help with resource management. Monitors proudly wear their identifying badge whilst demonstrating a friendly, responsible approach to helping others. Some of the tasks library monitors do include reading to younger students, shelving, helping create displays and delivering resources. What a great asset to our school community these volunteers will be.

Library Lovers Week
Activities are at 11am first break next week.
ALL STUDENTS are WELCOME.
Let’s Celebrate!

YEARN TO LEARN HOMEWORK GROUP
GAICS Yearn To Learn and Tannum Sands State School have an exciting new homework group commencing in week three and continuing throughout the year during the school terms.
The group is primarily for indigenous students, but all students are welcome to apply.
If your child struggles with understanding or completing their homework this is a great opportunity to access the assistance they need.

Please be aware that all children must be signed out at 4:15pm by an adult for reasons of safety.

A teacher and teacher aide will be present to supervise and assist the students.
A Yearn To Learn worker and/or volunteer will be present to assist teaching staff and supply students with a light refreshment.
Numbers are limited so please return your completed forms to the school office promptly.

WHERE: Tannum Sands State School – Computer Lab
WHEN: Tuesdays 3:15pm to 4:15pm
CONTACT: Lisa McClelland (Yearn To Learn Co-ordinator) on 0424 437 516

Student Council News – February 2017
The 2017 Student Council (facilitated by Mrs Justine Crompton and Mrs Sue Spence) has had their first meeting to plan events and activities to organise and support this year. Class captains, and the Student Council leaders Walt van Der Merwe, Hayley Smyth and Sophie Tucker, eagerly brainstormed and discussed ideas to investigate further. Councillors will be collecting ideas from their classes to bring to meetings. Meetings are held on Thursdays and the next meeting will focus around how to benefit others with any funds raised by the Student Council.

The first event the Student Council is promoting is Random Acts of Kindness Week – RAK Week.
Over the next week student leaders and staff will encourage the student body to be mindful of performing small acts of kindness towards each other. This event is not a fundraiser, it’s free! It is simply a week of showing kindness in our school community. It is all about being kind without expecting a reward or certificate for your actions. It is looking out for each other and “paying it forward”.

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School Photo Day
at
Tannum Sands State School

‘Country School Photos’
will be at our school to take class and portrait photos
on
Thursday 9th March 2017

- Each student is to bring their envelope to the photographer on photo day or as directed by your school.
- Each student will be photographed in their class photo and individually.
- Photo packages and prices are on the envelope. Payment can be made by cash, credit card or cheque.

Envelopes will be issued the week before Photo Day.

2017 NRL Development Cup Draw

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All games will be played Briffney Creek JRL Fields. Grand Finals will be played at Marley Brown Oval.

Field 1 – Field closest to car park.
Field 2- Field furthest from car park.

Week 1- Wednesday 15th February

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Herb Bags for Sale
Friday is Herb Bag day. Green Club picks and pack Herb Bags on Friday – fresh from the garden. Order you Herb Bag from Mrs Bowtell - $6 per bag. Bags include a range of fresh herbs including chives, parsley, rosemary, tarragon, oregano, sage and thyme. Money raised goes to our environmental initiatives.

Tuckshop Roster

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We are still looking for volunteers to work half days from 9am to 11.30am.
Chappy Chat

Looking at the area of resilience, this week I’ll be sharing information on another important factor that helps us bounce back and work through problems in life——- problem solving.

Allowing children to believe in their own competence and ability to solve problems can go a long way in them having confidence to give it a go. It’s so easy and tempting for us to tell them what to do and just ‘give them the obvious solution’. Some easy steps to allow our children to work through their problems are:-

• Ask children to identify the problem by describing what’s actually going on for them. Help children to reframe the problem so it’s defined as their problem, not someone else’s problem. For example: “I want to use the iPad,” instead of, “they won’t share the iPad.”

• Encourage children to think of as many solutions as possible. In the beginning, you may need to help them with this. Write down possible solutions. The focus at this step is just to generate lots of options. For example: “Let’s think of some ideas to solve the problem.” Listen to their responses as you help flesh out possibilities.

• Ask children to think what would happen next if they chose a solution. Does the solution mean anyone will get hurt? Is the solution fair? How will everyone feel? Have the children go through the solutions they’ve generated and think about what would happen next. Role playing the solutions can help children understand possible consequences.

• Model to your children that making mistakes is ok. They’re a normal part of life and simply part of the learning process. We all make them! Help them persevere in their problem-solving efforts by showing them that it often takes time and deliberate effort to find solutions that work, often with mistakes along the way.

• Step back. Once you’ve given children structure and helpful strategies to solve problems, it’s important to let them try out their solutions, and see the results for themselves.

• Foster an “I can do it” attitude in children by giving them accurate and specific feedback that describes their effort and accomplishment, e.g., “You decided to ask for help in class when you’re confused. That’s a good solution. Now you feel more positive, well done.”

As parents, it’s so helpful to learn to ask questions of our children, rather than simply tell them the answer. Happy parenting! ☺ For more information or support in this area or any other, please contact me either through the school office, mobile 0404 937 250 or email sandyb@chappy.org.au

Remember – A problem is an opportunity to do your best learning.

Class/School Photos

On March 9, we will be conducting our Class/School Photos. It is standard for the photographer to print all the students first and last names under the photo in order. If you do not want your child’s name listed on the photograph, please email the school on nsank5@eq.edu.au and we will pass on your request to the photographer.

Playground Access

Parents are asked not to allow younger children to play on the playgrounds whilst waiting to pick up their school aged children.