Welcome everyone to the new school year at Tarampa State School. The staff have been working very hard since a week before the students came back and all students are now very well resourced and organised for a hard working year. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to supply their children with the correct books and stationery. It makes our job as teachers so much easier.

We will probably not reach our target of 103 students which would have given us a fifth teacher as we have to reach this target by this Friday and we presently have 99 students enrolled at Tarampa SS.

We have had some roadworks done at the front of our school to provide us with a two bus drop off point. It is very important now that cars are not parked in this zone as it is a dedicated area for buses. It will look great when the final layer of bitumen is added.

Thankyou to Gwen and Deanna for having our school clean and presentable for the start of the school year.

I invite all parents especially new parents to be a part of our wonderful P&C. I would love to see as many new faces as possible at the P&C AGM meeting held at 6.30pm on Monday 22nd February.

I will have more news as the weeks progress.

Our commitment at Tarampa State School is to the core learning priorities of Reading, Writing Numeracy, and Science.

We will develop productive partnerships with students, staff, parents and their communities to improve student learning opportunities.

At Tarampa State School we will implement the Australian Curriculum and differentiate to cater for all ability levels in the curriculum planning process.
**Year Prep/1 News**
Welcome back and a big welcome to our new students!
I just want to let everyone know that our library day is Monday, so please return any books and make sure you bring your library bag.
Year One students have homework so please return it this Friday or Monday morning. Please also make sure everyone has a hat and a water bottle. **Could all students please bring an old sock to use to rub out on whiteboards.**

Mrs Grassick

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**Year 1/2 News**
Just a few reminders this week:
- Homework is due on Friday or Monday mornings.
- Tuesday is Library day so please remember to return books and bring Library bags.
- If you have not brought in any of the stationery requirements please do so ASAP
- Please also name all items.

Mrs McGeary

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**Year 3-4 News**
What a lovely group of students I have - a large group of thirty students who are all very well mannered and very well organised. Please do not worry yourself too much with the homework as it appears at this stage some changes will be made to make it less complicated and to accommodate THRASS and Writing.

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**Year 4-6 News**
Welcome back to Tarampa State School!
I just want to let everyone know that our library day is on Mondays so please return any books. Homework is handed out on Mondays and returned Friday mornings. Please also make sure everyone has a hat and a water bottle.

Mr de Grussa
Parents and visitors to our school grounds
Evacuation Procedures:

**FIRE:** A siren will sound for you to proceed to the evacuation area which is beside the P/2 playground. Remain there until the “All Clear” is given.

**LOCK DOWN:** A whistle is sounded continuously for 1 minute. Proceed to the closest classroom/building as soon as possible. Remain inside building until the “All Clear” is given by principal or police.

**Reading Tips for Parents:**
Each fortnight, we will insert some reading tips for parents to use with home reading. Encourage your child to read whenever possible. Not only books but signs, magazines, shopping lists in supermarkets and labels whenever possible.

Keep reading!
Autism Sensory Workshop - Ipswich
For Teachers, health professionals, support workers, carers and families. Nelle Frances is delivering her popular Autism/Asperger’s Sensory Workshop in Ipswich on Thursday 25 February 2016 from 9.00am – 4.00pm at the Brothers Leagues Club, Wildey Street, Raceview. Focus: Sensory-triggered behaviour - the missing piece of the Autism puzzle! Leave with great strategies and specific techniques for dealing with challenging behaviours. Costs: $145 (for Early Birds) Save the date and register early for a discount with Michael Wall at: Michael@aspiechild.com.au

Indigenous Cultural Program
Young people and their parents/carers are invited to attend an afternoon of free cultural activities. Bring a hat and water bottle.
Commencing 18 February 2016
3:30pm – 5pm
Lowood Community
1 Peace Street, Lowood
For more information, please contact: mail@somerset.qld.gov.au Ph: 5424 4000 www.somerset.qld.gov.au
Backed by Somerset Regional Council & Anglicare
This program has the potential to become a weekly afterschool program.