Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

We’ve had a busy fortnight at Tarampa State School with presentations and visits from a number of community groups and organisations. The children have been learning about fire safety, animal care and the different species that are present around the Somerset Region.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for making me feel welcome at your wonderful school. I am thoroughly enjoying working alongside the staff and P&C to help make Tarampa a fun, safe and supportive learning environment.

Last week it came to my attention that some children were becoming intimidated by a dog that has been barking at students riding/walking past the property. We have been assured by the owner that the dog is not aggressive and only becomes excited when it sees people. If your child is feeling intimidated by the dog please assure them that it is contained and to move past it quickly and quietly.

NAPLAN results are out today. Please find your children’s results attached. This Monday, the 8th of August, is our Show Day Public Holiday. This means that it is a non-school day.

Regards,
Matt Smail

Science Fair Forms - Permission notes and request for payments of $6/child are attached for the upcoming Science Fair taking place at Minden SS on Friday 26 August. Please return these notes, along with full payment by Friday the 19th of August if you would like your child to attend.

Year 5/6 Tallebudgera Beach School Camp - Years 5/6 Camp will cost $138.50 per child (reduced from $238.50 due to the generosity of our P&C which is subsidising each child by $100). This cost includes the bus, accommodation, food, T-shirts and activities. Full payment needs to be paid to school by Friday 9th September at the latest. Part payments can be accepted until fully paid by this date. Children need to be at Minden SS by 8.45am for a 9:00am departure by bus. A camp information meeting for parents next Wednesday at 3.30pm. Invoices will be given out then. Please fill in and return the Medical forms ASAP, preferably by tomorrow or Monday next week.

The Truck Show is on at Lowood Showgrounds on Saturday 27 August. This is a large scale task that will involve a considerable amount of human resources. We need as many helpers as possible for this to be successful. If you can volunteer your time, please send in a note to school. The more people who are able to help man the stalls on the day or cook home baked goods for this day, the more our P&C will be able to subsidise the swimming buses for next term.

Student Resource Scheme: The last part-payments from families, who have chosen to pay their children’s Student Resource Scheme this way, is now due. Please make your payment ASAP.

Student Absences: Please call the dedicated Student Absence Line on Ph: 5427 8466 to inform the school of the reason for any absences to ensure they are entered on our electronic class rolls correctly. If no reason is supplied, they can only be entered as “Unexplained”.

School Improvement Agenda

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.
In the Library
This month, we will be celebrating Book Week. This year’s theme is Australia—Story Country. We will be having an activities day and a dress up day on Wednesday the 24th of August. Dress up as anything Australian, from the past or present!! How easy is that? We look forward to having a fun day! We have an Australian theme in the library that you are welcome to come and see.

Our 96 Story Tree House displayed in the library.

Year Prep/1 News
We have had an exciting couple of weeks with different animal visitors. We have been learning about how to care for pets and the importance of looking after the environment.
We also had a visit from the firefighters who gave us all some homework: Could you all talk to your children about their address, your family’s fire evacuation plan and also check your smoke alarms! They are coming back tomorrow to let the kids look at the fire truck!

Year 1/2 News
Over the next few weeks we are using newspapers in our reading groups. We send these home with the children to encourage them to talk with you about the news that they have learnt and to use it as a possible learning experience at home.

I am very happy about the effort everyone is putting in to their Writing ready for assessment next week!
Mrs McGeary

Year 3-4 News
We have had another busy week in year 3/4. We’ve been working hard to improve our understanding of equivalent fractions and how to place them on a number line. Over the next week, we will be continuing to write our very own traditional stories with a moral to teach/warn others about how to behave. If you have any of these types of stories at home, we’d love to be able to read them in class. We look forward to sharing our work with you soon.

Year 5-6 News
I have been really impressed with the way the students are learning their English unit ‘Exploring Characters in Comics’. It helps that they get to watch the movie “How to Train Your Dragon” as part of the unit—they have certainly enjoyed this part. The students had to create a literary sociogram and then create their own sociogram. This was very well done.

We are all looking to going on School Camp in the first week of Term 4.
DAYS TO REMEMBER

We will be having a JEANS 4 GENES day tomorrow, Friday 5th August. Students may wear their jeans for a gold coin donation.

Thursday 11 August will be Beanies 4 Brain Cancer. Students can wear a beanie for a gold coin donation.

Reading tips!!!

Skippy Frog!
Skip it... read on come back, re-read it re-read it!!

Chunky Monkey!

Chunk the word!
* Look for a chunk you know.
* Look for a word part you know.
FREE Triple P Program for Parents
Qld Parents can now get free parenting support! The State Government is giving parents and carers of children up to the age of 16yrs free access to the evidence-based Triple P – Positive Parenting Program. Triple P helps parents to use positive feedback and encouragement to guide behaviour and give children the best start in life.
Families can sign up for as much or as little support as they like by going to www.triplep-parenting.net
New sessions are added regularly!

Lowood State High School
2017 Year 7 Enrolments
Are now open
To find out how to enrol
Contact Enrolments on Ph: 5427 8333
Or
Visit: www.lowoodshs.eq.edu.au

JP Available to Help
Mrs Gail McKenzie is a local, Qualified JP who is available if required.
Contact Gail on Ph: 5426 8604