Dear Parents and Caregivers of the Tarampa State School community, It is great to be back after my break and have many children coming up to me and welcoming me back. Thank you to the staff and parents who have done the same. It is greatly appreciated. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Smail for acting as Principal in my absence. He has done a terrific job. Unfortunately, Mrs Marquardt our LOTE teacher, has decided to reduce her hours of work and will not be here on Thursdays to teach German. We wish Mrs Marquardt all the best as well.

I am extremely pleased with the NAPLAN results that students in Year 3 and 5 received this year. Firstly there has been a very positive gain in writing ability of the Year 5 students from the levels recorded in Year 3. The most outstanding data is that no students at Tarampa SS were below the national minimum standards in any of the subjects tested in NAPLAN. Furthermore, there were students in the top two bands in all subjects in both Year 3 and Year 5. The number of students ranged from 10% to 50% which is very good indeed. Once again this is as a result of the commitment of the Tarampa SS staff and the fact that all students tried really hard with the tests. Well done.

I have been overwhelmed by the amount of money that has been raised by the P&C in relation to the running of the food and drinks services at the Lowood Truck show last weekend. Many thanks to our P&C, parents and staff for their help. This event provided the greatest single amount of funding for the school for a very long time. Thank you.

Year 5/6 Tallebudgera Beach School Camp Tues 4—Fri 7 October 2016: Years 5/6 Camp costs $138.50 per child. This cost includes the bus, accommodation, food, T-shirts and activities. Full payment is required by next Friday 9th September at the latest. No late payments can be accepted. 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. Please fill in and return the Medical forms ASAP.

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

Student Absences: Please call the dedicated Student Absence Line on Ph: 5427 8466. Please ensure a reason is given as, if no reason is supplied, it 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
A big thank you to everyone who made such a huge effect last week dressing up for Book Week. We had some awesome ideas. I think the students really enjoyed their day of activities. The pizzas were delicious!

Year Prep/1 News
We have had a very exciting 2 weeks with book fair and the science fair! We are coming to the end of the term so we are currently doing reading tests to see how far everyone has come and we will be doing our written assessment next term. I will be marking the roll at 9:15 every morning, so if you arrive after that you will need to sign in at the office so the roll can be marked as late and you can give your reason.

Year 1/2 News
Please send in boxes and other constructions materials for us to use for our science assessment. We will be making boats. Don’t forget History Show and Tell next week. We have been working very hard getting ready for assessment in the next couple of weeks.

Mrs McGeary.

Year 3-4 News
We have begun a very interesting unit of work in English on Quest novels. We are reading Rowan of Rin. It is a great story so far. We are also focussing on Geography for the last three weeks of term and are learning about significant places in the local area and around Australia. I am very interested to learn more about the local area as well.

Year 5-6 News
For our Book Week Australian theme on Wednesday the students did some excellent dot paintings. I was really impressed with some of their efforts. This one was done by Annie in Yr 1.

We had a wonderful day at the Science Fair last Friday. Many of our students won prizes for the various competitions. I contacted the president of the Australian Paper Airplane Association, Mr Red Barron, and he is sending me some information on how to further develop the students’ skills in this important endeavour.

As requested by students the “Moon” recipe from Activity Day:
3/4 cup icing sugar
1 cup choc chips
1 cup desiccated coconut
250g copha
3 cups rice bubbles
1 cup powdered milk

Mix dry ingredients well, pour over melted copha mix, put into patty cases, freeze for 10 mins. We added the choc chips last so they didn’t melt before freezing. The students loved them. So quick!
Reading tips!!!
Get your lips ready! Say the first few phonemes of the word out loud. Read to the end of the sentence and say the phonemes again. Tryin’ Lion! Try it again! Try to reread the sentence. Try a word that makes sense!
Lowood Cooking Classes
When: 1st Wednesday of every month (starting 3 August)
Where: Lowood SS – Peace Street Lowood
Time: 5pm
Cost: Free
Classes led by Principal Mr Burke. As an experienced chef before beginning his career in education. Spaces limited to 10 per session.

School Holiday Offer
Sports Tuition for student only and family based activities
Adventure based Survivor Camp for 8-13yr olds 27-29 Sept
Fishing weekend where one adult needs to attend 30Sept-2Oct
Both held at Camp Laurence, Moogerah Dam
JZapan Ski & Cultural Tour 27 Dec – 9 Jan – 2 tours are being offered. Student only (12-15yrs) and family based.
Details for all events are at www.sportstuition.com.au
Or phone Ph: 0403 154 510

Somerset Teddy Bears Picnic
10am – 2pm Sat 10 September
Pipeline Park, Esk
Free activities
Stalls, food and performances
Bring a blanket Ph: 5424 4000

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Somerset Free Ambassador Program Workshop
Who Can Participate: Anyone who welcomes/interacts with people from outside the Somerset Region to their business
Wednesday 14 Sept - Kilcoy Info Centre
Thursday 15 Sept - Simeon Lord Room, Esk Library
For more info, contact: Somerset Regional Council
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