Hello to the Tarampa State School community.

We are approaching the end of the year and have our Awards Night and Year 6 Graduation coming up in the last week of term.

**Graduation Night** - Graduation for our Year 6 students is to be held on Tuesday 6th December at 6pm in the main dining hall at the at the University of Queensland – Gatton Campus, 5391 Warrego Highway, Gatton 4343. All parents should have received their invitations which indicates that payment for the dinner is to be handed in to the office by Monday 28th of November. Students are working on their power point presentations and Mr de Grussa and I are working on our speeches that we will deliver to each student. I am looking forward to the night and being part of a large group of parents, relatives and teachers as there are a large number of students graduating this year.

**Christmas Concert/ Awards Night 2016** - The concert this year will be conducted similar to last year. The concert will be held on Wednesday 7th December. Each family is asked to bring a plate of food that is ready to eat which will be distributed by the P&C. The meal will take place before the concert. Please bring in your plates at around 5.30pm so we can begin eating at 6.00pm. The concert will begin at 6.30pm and end at approximately 8.00pm. Each class will be performing a number of concert items followed by the announcement of Award Recipients for each year level for Academic Achievement and Citizenship.

The P&C will be selling: bottled water, soft drinks and poppers.

Raffle tickets for a number of hampers will be sold and drawn on the night.

I look forward to celebrating Tarampa State Schools’ achievements for 2016 and look forward to seeing everybody on the night.

Booklists for students will be available on Monday 28th November. These will be distributed to students to take home or they can be picked up at the office.

A big thankyou to Mrs Denman and Mrs Roach for the organizing our excursion to the Darling Downs Zoo. It was a very enjoyable day out and students were very well behaved.

**Absences 2017** - Next year, we will be using a new application for parents to download onto their smart phones to be able to text us when their child is absent from school which is in the ultimate safety of all the children here. Please ensure that your details, especially mobile phone number of carer/parent to be notified, are up-to-date with our office. Messages will be sent directly to your mobile at 10am to inform you that your child is absent and request a reason be sent back by you.

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**Pick up Children:**
Please ensure teachers know of any changes regarding who is picking up your children and that your children themselves are aware of the different arrangements.

Parents, if your children arrive after 9.00am or if you pick up your children early, you need to sign the appropriate folder at the office please. These forms are also in each classroom.

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**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.
**Library News**

All students need to return their borrowed library books by the end of next week. Thank you.

Thank you to all students for looking after our books and bringing them back each week.

We look forward to another exciting year in the library in 2017.

**Community Notices**

**LifeFlight Toowoomba Base’s 10th Birthday:**
RAQ LifeFlight Rescue has treated and transported more than 38,500 patients over the past 3 decades. Each Rescue Mission costs $12,500 at no direct cost to the patient. More than 1/3 of funds come from the public. For more info on the birthday celebration, please call Nicole Bloom on Ph: 4633 7299.

**Cobb & Co Museum Dates**

**Santa’s Workshop:**
5–23 December weekdays
Story, Craft & Games Countdown to Christmas.

**Rapt in Reptiles:**
Get up close to reptiles and join in the fun with a reptile themed scavenger hunt, puzzles and activities on at the Museum from 4–20 January weekdays.

**Teen Workshops:**
With a variety of vintage trade workshops to choose from, teens can complete a 3hr course with an expert tutor and make something unique to take home!

To find out more, contact Cobb & Co Museum, 27 Lindsay Street TOOWOOMBA Qld 4350
Opening Hrs: 10am–4pm

**Year Prep/1 News**

The end of the year is fast approaching and I am happy to say that our assessments are almost complete! I would like to thank everyone for helping me make this such a fantastic year! I am so proud of everyone and the effort they have put into this year.

I can’t wait to begin doing some fun and exciting Christmas activities in the next few weeks.

**Year 1/2 News**

All of our assessment will be over by the end of the week which means we get to start having fun doing some Christmas activities!! We are very excited to have our elf Jingles visiting, check dojo for daily updates on his cheeky behaviour.

I will begin sending home student’s belongings and any unused stationery items over the next few days.

**Year 3-4 News**

I have informed students that they all need to have their homework in by this Friday so that they can avoid having homework next week.

My students have worked extremely hard this last couple of weeks, particularly with Maths assessments.

Well done students.

**Year 5-6 News**

**Remembrance Day**
We held our Remembrance Day ceremony last week and it was very impressive how all students responded to this sombre occasion and showed their respect. A special thanks to Ruby Hammond who read the Pledge of Remembrance.

**Graduation**
Graduation is on Tuesday 6th December. We have decided to dress semi-formal/formal for this important event. A number of students, (and I), have decided to wear suits and ties which I think is fitting.
Reading tips!

Tryin’ Lion
*Try to re-read the sentence.
*Try a word that makes sense!

Lips the fish
Get your lips ready. Look at the phonemes.
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Lowood Community Action Group
9.30am – 12.30pm on Wednesday November 23rd
$2 Gold Coin Donation if you can afford it on the day to help pay for the hire of the hall.
FOOD, CLOTHING & 1 FROZEN CHOOK per Family
First in best dressed for a chook – 100 chooks generously Donated by Steggles
**For Pension & Centrelink Card Holders

Lowood Playgroup
When: Wednesdays
Where: Lowood SS – Peace Street Lowood
Time: 9:30am – 11:00am
Cost: FREE  To Register or More Info call Ph: 1300 114 397
Parents, grandparents, primary care-givers and their children are invited to come along for a fun time which includes a snack time for all, in a playful environment. Physical activities, music, sensory and craft will be provided to suit a range of ages from 0 – 5yrs. Bring a hat and water. Adults must accompany.

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Gifts and Souvenirs

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

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