2015-2017 School Planning - Strategic Directions
Tuesday 4th November 5:00pm

Last term, we held a Vision Planning meeting and extended an invitation to all parents. We had a good representation of parents attend and they have agreed to form a “focus group” to continue the planning process this term.

If for some reason you were unable to attend last term but would still like to be involved, I invite you and the focus group to attend the next meeting where we will look at 3 strategic directions for 2015-17.

This meeting will be held in Mrs Rowsell's room and should conclude at approximately 6.30pm

Mathletics - 24/7 Access
Mathletics is a world-leading e-learning resource, including highly engaging curriculum-aligned content, live fluency activities and targeted adaptive practice in K-12 mathematics. This week I am pleased to send home with each student a username and password that will enable all our students to access this website 24/7 from home.

Our students were given access last week at school and so will be a little familiar with the site. We will continue to use this resource in our numeracy sessions. Access at home will enable your child to practice their numeracy skills at home as well in a fun and engaging way. You can log on at www.mathletics.com.au

2015 School Captain Speeches
This Friday at our K-6 Assembly our Year 5 students will be delivering their 2015 School Captain speeches. As always, all parents are invited to attend our assembly that begins at 9am and concludes at 9:30am. This week, following, the speeches, students in K-Yr5 are asked to vote for their choice of 2015 School Captain. The successful candidate is announced at our Presentation Night on 10th December.

P&C Fundraising - Melbourne Cup & Car Rally Events
A sincere thank you to all the parents who kindly gave their time and effort to the two latest fundraising events. These events raise a lot of money for the P&C who then use the funds to support all Tumbulgum PS students. A prime example of the use of these funds is below.

Yr 3-6 Sunshine Coast Camp Update
Tumbulgum Community Chest have kindly donated $500 towards the cost of the Sunshine Coast camp. We thank them most sincerely for their generosity. In addition to these funds, the P&C also donated money to assist with bus travel for our school students. Having used these funds to subsidise bus travel for various excursions K-6, the remainder of these funds have been allocated to assist in covering some of the cost of the bus travel to the Sunshine Coast. As a consequence, of these generous donations, each student on the excursion will individually receive $50 off the total cost of the excursion! If you have already paid the excursion in full, you will receive a $50 refund. Those who are still to finalise the total cost will obviously have $50 less to pay.
Weekly Awards
Week 4

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Welcome to some of our Kindy Transition students

K-2 students entertained us at the last Assembly
Canteen
Friday 14th November—Regular Menu
Friday 21st November—Regular Menu
All food provided by the House of Gabriel

Hey kids... are you aged 7-12? Are you up for this?
Kingscliff TRIATHLON
Sunday 23 November 2014
Swim + Cycle + Run = FUN

Contact Sebastien 0411 757577 or visit www.kingsclifftri.com.au

P&C News
A huge thank you to all the parents who kindly donated their time and effort in helping at the Melbourne Cup Day function and the Car Rally. Both were a great success.

An Evening with Awarding Winning Author/Illustrator

Matt Ottley
Thursday, 13th November, 6pm
Regent Cinema, Murwillumbah
All Proceeds In Support of the UK Refugee Project

John Marsden’s text and Matt Ottley’s illustrations have been re-issued with an accompanying DVD and will be launched in Murwillumbah on November 13th at the Regent Cinema. Home and Away was shortlisted by the Children’s Book Council of Australia. Originally published in 2008 it was never officially launched because it was deemed too controversial.

Matt Ottley, now a resident of the Tweed, is much in demand as an artist, illustrator over thirty books, including some he has himself written. His Regal for a Rent was awarded CBCA Picture Book of the Year in 2008. Matt is also a professional musician and composer. His latest DVD (locally produced) is the book’s story in words and images, reinforced by music specially created to enrich its mood and message.

Home and Away
The story involves a role reversal in which was broken out in Australia and a family is forced to escape by boat. Those members of the family who survive the journey reach a land where they are told that there is “no room” for them, and that they are “illegal immigrants... non-genuine refugees.”

Home and Away is now published with an accompanying DVD that, along with the complete illustrated text, includes original music composed by Matt Ottley. It is a unique multi-sensory experience.

After the book launch and the DVD viewing, Matt will be exhibiting and discussing some of the photographs to be used in researching the book, including some on Christmas Island. His presentation will conclude with a Q & A opportunity.

This film version of Home and Away will be paired on the night with New Land, New Life, produced for the Horn of Africa Relief and Development Agency. It offers five inspiring firsthand accounts of refugees from Somalia, Ethiopia and the Sudan. They build new lives in a new land for themselves and their families while making a significant contribution to Australian society in the areas of law, education, accountancy, fine arts, aged care, social work, and business.

In addition to conscious raising, the purpose of the evening, organized by the UK Refugee Project, is to raise money to help finance Friendship Visits to the Tweed by families in community detention in Brisbane and with their legal costs. All book and DVD sales will be donated to the UK Refugee Project.

Admission charges are $15, school students $5 and families $20. Tickets available in advance from Regent Cinema or at the door. A light meal will be provided. The programme will commence at 6.00pm and is expected to run for about two hours. Book and DVD available on the night, sold separately or together.

For further information contact: John Tyson on 6675 5223 or Heather McConnell on 6679 5003. Jo Spiller Teacher Librarian Uki Public School on 0427298604

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Mumbuzz
Christmas Soiree
Kingscliff Beach Hotel
Monday 8th December, 2014

A morning out for Tweed Coast Parents and kids under 5
9:30am - 12:00pm
$30 per Parent and Children Free
Ticket Price Includes
A delicious morning tea for the parents.
A visit from Santa where each attending child will receive a small gift.
Activities on the day include Art & Craft (10am - 11am), try Mums & Bubs yoga (11am - 12 noon), Mini Hand-Heads treatments, face painting, and cupcake decorating.
Children will have access to the indoor play equipment.
Lots of prizes on offer including: Disney Live! presents Three Classic Fairy Tales Double Pass, Tabatinga Family passes, Tropical Fruit World Family Pass, Movie tickets, massage, face paint, a term of dance classes, a term of swimming lessons, vouchers and more.

Tickets are limited. Bookings essential! Book online now at www.mumbuzz.com.au
For more information: info@mumbuzz.com.au
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The simplest way
...to create a vegie garden at home

This spring all you need to start growing your own vegetable garden is a foam box!

Foam boxes are light and easy for you and your kids to manage.

Step One: Cut six drainage holes in the bottom of the foam box.

Step Two: Elevate foam box by placing it on some old bricks and fill with potting mix.

Step Three: Plant seedlings or seeds, making sure not to cover plant (aim to plant around 4-6 seedlings per box).

Step Four: Water and care for your seedlings daily.

Try planting tomato, pumpkin and zucchini seedlings this spring... and watch your kids enjoy eating the results!

For more information visit www.eattobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eattobeatit

Eat It To Beat It

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Easy ways to develop independence in kids

If you are anxious about your child’s safety and tend to be more protective than you want, then start creating JUNIOR VERSIONS of independent living, so that kids can learn to stand on their own two feet rather than be dependent on you.

A major challenge for parents is to find ways of safely moving children from being reliant on adults to a position of independence. This can be tough because your natural instinct is to nurture them.

Training for independence starts from a young age and continues into adolescence and beyond. Developing independence is one of the best ways to promote self-confidence.

When you teach children to do jobs for themselves, you send a powerful message that you believe that they are capable. Your actions speak louder than words.

Developing independence in kids can be tricky these days. Recently I heard a brilliant, yet deceptively simple idea that all parents can use to develop independence in their kids of any age.

I attended an advanced presentation skills seminar, conducted by Australian professional speaker Glenn Capelli.

Glenn said that many speakers complicated matters for audiences, making things too complex. One way of making it easy for audiences to learn is to create a JUNIOR VERSION of whatever we are talking about.

He likened this to the way that many sporting bodies have now developed modified versions of adult sports, so kids can learn the basic skills of the sport in fun, enjoyable ways.

I had one of those light bulb moments as I listened, and realised that effective parents create JUNIOR VERSIONS of the GAME all the time to help kids develop the skills of self-sufficiency and independence from a very early age.

Here are some examples:

1. We get toddlers to smooth the doonas and arrange their teddies on their beds – that’s a JUNIOR VERSION of making a bed.

2. We encourage early primary school kids to make snacks, prepare breakfasts and help prepare a meal. That’s a JUNIOR VERSION of cooking an evening meal.

3. We drive primary school kids half way to school and let them walk the rest. That’s a JUNIOR VERSION of walking to school.

4. We let an early teen go to a local cinema with friends. That’s a JUNIOR VERSION of going out without adult supervision.

There are plenty of ways to create JUNIOR VERSIONS of independent living every day so kids can become more self-sufficient.

What JUNIOR VERSIONS of Independent living are you creating for your kids?

If you are anxious about your child’s safety and tend to be more protective than you want, then start creating JUNIOR VERSIONS of independent living, so that kids can learn to stand on their own two feet rather than be dependent on you.

Remember, REDUNDANCY is your aim as a parent!

Similarly, one way for kids to develop self-help skills is to create JUNIOR VERSIONS of what you already do, so they can develop the skill-sets needed to look after themselves, and help out the rest of the family.

Now that’s an idea worth thinking about!


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