2015-2017 School Planning - Strategic Directions

Thank you to the parents that were able to come along to our meeting. As a result the school now has its Vision Statement for 2015-17 and two of the three Strategic Directions.

Vision Statement 2015-17

Tumbulgum Public School is a leader in the delivery of inclusive 21st Century Education. It is a vibrant school that possesses strong leadership of staff and students with active, ongoing collaboration of the community. Staff continuously engage with world class professional learning to create 21st century citizens.

Strategic Direction 1

Develop 21st Century citizens with a mastery of core academic subjects within dynamic learning environments.

Purpose:

21st century citizens possess a mastery of core academic subjects and personal and interpersonal skills including:

- creativity & innovation
- critical thinking and problem solving
- communication and collaboration
- flexibility and adaptability
- initiative and self-direction
- social and cross cultural skills
- productivity and accountability
- leadership and responsibility
- information, media and ICT literacy

Strategic Direction 2

Staff & leaders collaborate within and across learning communities to build their individual, and the professions collective capability, to personalise programs and develop 21st century practices.

Purpose:

A performance and development culture will exist that is characterised by a clear focus on improving 21st C teaching and leadership. Staff will know what is expected of them, receive frequent, useful feedback and access high quality support to improve the individual and collective capabilities of the profession.

2015 International Pilot Study

At the school planning meeting I mentioned an international study being conducted next year that will seek to assess problem solving skills and the extent to which a student is able to collaborate (a 21st Century skill). I am very pleased to announce that Tumbulgum PS, in consultation with the DEC’s High Performance Unit, will participate in this international study next year, one of only 100 schools in Australia to do so. This is an exciting opportunity for our students and staff to be on the cutting edge of research into this area of education and shows we are already working towards our vision for Tumbulgum PS.

Tweed Children's Christmas Celebration - 3rd December

On Wednesday, 3rd December, our school will once again host the Children’s Christmas Celebration. We are one of eleven public schools to host this Tweed community initiative, in its eighth year. The whole school program will include three learning centres, celebratory songs, activities and craft with the theme “Christmas Lights” that will include references to Christ and Christmas. There is no cost. If you do not wish your child to attend please let your child’s teacher or the school office know.

Presentation Night & Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Thursday 11th December

Please be advised that we have had to change the date of the Yr 6 Farewell Dinner & Presentation Night. Some of our senior students have a sporting event on the Wednesday and so it was necessary to change the date. We hope this won’t cause any inconvenience.
Yr 3 to 6 Sunshine Coast Camp
We request that students be at school by 8.15am. The bus will depart at 8.30am sharp. Please be mindful when packing that all students must be able to carry their own luggage, sleeping bag and pillow on and off the bus. We expect to arrive back in Tumbulgum on Friday afternoon at approximately 5.00pm NSW time.

K–2 Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary Excursion 5/12/14
Thank you to those parents who have already returned the permission slip and money for this excursion. The bus will depart school at 9.15am and return by 3.00pm. Students must be in full school uniform and have their broad brimmed hat, sunscreen and enough food and water for the day. The cost is $23.50.

Samantha Rowsell
Principal

The Rugby League Clinic started last week and runs for 3 weeks

Yr 6 Farewell Dinner 5:00pm
Students from Year 5 and Year 6 are invited to this event. They will have dinner with staff at The House of Gabriel starting at 5:00pm. The cost of the dinner is $20.00 and should be paid to the school office.

Presentation Night 6:30pm
Following the Yr 6 Farewell Dinner, we will hold our Tumbulgum PS Presentation Night in Mrs Rowsell’s classroom. This night involves annual awards, presentations from both classes and the cutting of the Yr 6 cake. All students, along with parents and families are invited to attend. The evening usually concludes at approximately 8pm.

Fun Day Friday 12th December
As the name suggests this day is about fun! Students can wear “mufti” on this day. Following recess on this day, students have class parties and a video. Each child is asked to bring in a plate of party food (no lollies or fizzy drinks please) to share with their class mates.
After lunch, students put on swimmers with rash shirts and participate in “water play” with the teachers. Students are reminded to bring a towel and plastic bag for wet swimmers! All these events occur at school and there is no cost.

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Samantha Rowsell
Principal
**Weekly Awards—Week 6**

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**Value Awards—Week 6**

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**P&C News**

Please come along to our next P&C Meeting tomorrow night, Tuesday 25th November at 7.00pm.

**Canteen**

Friday 28th November
Regular Menu

Friday 5th December
Regular Menu

All food provided by the House of Gabriel

**Kindy Transition**

Please support the Tumbulgum Community Chest raffles on Friday nights at the Tumbulgum Tavern

**Please ensure all library books are returned to school as soon as possible for stocktake. Borrowing has now ceased for the year. Thank you.**

**Fundraiser for MYA**

Saturday 13th Dec 2:00-9:00 pm
Tweed River Jockey Club
Racecourse Rd, Murwillumbah 2484

**Cancer Council**

Nutrition Snippet

Here are our 5 top tips for saving money at the checkout:

1. Create a weekly menu plan
2. Write a shopping list according to the menu plan + stick to it!
3. Compare unit pricing - often you will be able to save a lot of money this way
4. Buy fruit and vegetables that are in season, this can save you up to 35% than other times of the year; or buy canned/frozen where fresh is not available
5. Limit your purchases of processed snacks/meals - these are often unhealthy and expensive

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

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**Family Fun Day**

- Children’s entertainment supplied by Mad Sports
- Henna Tattoo/Face Painting
- Activity & Craft Tables
- Jumping Castle
- Silent Auctions/Raffles
- Hot Food, Cakes & Coffee
- Live Music by Local Bands
- Licensed Bar

Admission: $5 per family
Single entry, gold coin donation

Further enquiries: Erye Young 041268636

**Jonathan’s house**

A crowd funding website has been set up at www.mycause.com.au (search for Mya)
Making the most of these holidays

Often family differences are contained during the year but spill over when normal routines cease over the holiday period.

You don’t need an instruction manual to make the most of the school holidays. After all, holidays are about kicking your feet up, relaxing and getting away from the usual routines. Right?

But the festive season can be stressful for many. For parents the prospect of keeping children occupied for up to six weeks can be daunting.

Christmas can also be a difficult and lonely time for some. Sole parents and step-parents usually experience particular challenges at this time of the year as family catch-ups cause conflict, and disputes can arise over who children spend their time with.

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Here are some ways to help reduce tension over the festive season and make the holiday season enjoyable and fruitful for all:

1. Be creative with how festivities are organised.

   If you are flexible with your arrangements as well as your thinking then the potentially tricky times will flow more easily. For instance, two or more Christmas dinners may be needed so everyone is included.

2. Mix up the routines.

   The best part about holidays is the change from the routines of school-life. Some kids feel comfortable with the routines of school-life and can feel a little lost until the new holiday routine kicks in. Be patient with these routine-junkies! Also make sure you begin adjusting the routine as returning to school comes closer so kids are prepared for going to bed and getting up at earlier times.

3. Mix ‘me’ time with ‘them’ time.

   Plan a mixture of outdoor activities or trips with quiet at-home activities where you can relax and recharge your own batteries. The holidays give you a chance to spend time as a family but you also need to take some time for yourself each day. It helps to let your kids know that you are having some timeout too.

4. Resist being your child’s home entertainment machine.

   Give children opportunities to keep themselves occupied or think of inexpensive, fun ways to keep themselves amused. “I’m bored” is an invitation for kids to keep themselves occupied rather than for you to keep them amused.

5. Team up with other families.

   Whether it is sharing celebrations with other families or just holidaying with friends, holidays offer the chance to broaden your child’s social circle.

   Make sure you provide the three types of activities that children want with their parents – i.e. rituals and celebrations, including family mealtimes; one-on-one activities where you spend some time alone with each child; and unstructured, impromptu activities such as playing simple games, storytelling and walks around the neighbourhood. These are important relationship-building activities that bind families together and enable you to build up emotional collateral with kids as they move into adolescence.

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