**Principal's Pen**

Hello All,

**CLASS CHANGES**

After day 8 we closed with 320 students, which was more than we anticipated. I am sure that everyone is aware of this when they visit the full classes. As a result, the school is entitled to another classroom teacher. This is a positive step for the school as it will reduce the class sizes for most classes. Unfortunately, the changes can be disruptive to some students as they are just starting to settle with their new teachers and routines. I believe that in the longer term of the full year of learning it is better to maximise student learning by making these changes early and swiftly. After discussion with teachers, we have reviewed the class allocations and will be making changes to all classes this week. Changes will commence next Monday – Week 5.

The deputies and I will be directly contacting families that are affected by the changes. I do apologise for this disruption to the start of the year.

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**Student Events & Achievements**

Congratulations to our Prep students who have settled in beautifully to school life. I enjoy my time in the Prep room immensely and also hearing all of the excited chatter about whatever the students are engaged in. Well done to all of our other students as well, it’s great to see how quickly you have taken on new learning again.

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**Newsletter via E-mail...**

Please return this portion with your details so we can add you to the mailing list. This way your family will receive our school newsletter electronically.

Unfortunately our system is not compatible with Yahoo, so please use a different service.

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**Term 1 – Week 3  Average % Attendance**

Congratulations to all classes who have hit our 90% target and a special congratulations to those who hit our regional target of 95%.

**EVERYDAY COUNTS**

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**Music**

Congratulations to all classes who are meeting regional expectations by having 95% or more attendance each week. We know when students attend for at least 95% of the time that they will experience success in their learning and in their lives.

**EVERYDAY COUNTS**

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**Student Events & Information**

- Students who are not to bring toys to school
- We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.
Principal’s Pen continued....

PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN TEACHERS & PARENTS

Parents are children’s first teachers. You taught them to walk, to talk, to do lots of things....Now you have handed your precious child over to school and in particular your class teacher. Like you, our teachers want the very best for your child. If they didn’t care, they would not set high expectations for learning and for behaviour. Partnerships between teachers and parents ensure the best learning for students. There are many things that you can do to help; I have listed a few below.

10 ways parents can work with teachers to help kids ACHIEVE

There’s no doubt that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support children’s learning. Here are 10 ways you can work with your child’s teacher to maximise your child’s chances of school success.

1. Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve.
2. Help your expectations reasonable & positive.
3. Support your teacher’s expectations & activities at home.
4. Send kids to school ready to learn & on time.
5. Inform teachers of your child’s challenges & changes.
6. Skill children to work with others.
7. Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems & difficulties.
8. Participate fully in class & school activities.
9. Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism & experience.
10. Talk up what happens at school.

JANE’S JOTTINGS

Building Resilience

All parents want what is best for their children. Sometimes though, in our endeavour to protect our children, we take control of a situation, and make decisions, that are not always in our child’s best interest.

Michael Grose (Parenting Educator) talks of 7 resilience robbers that reduces a child’s development of resilience.


Sometimes adults can take too much responsibility for issues that are really up to the child to work out or decide.

Solution: Know when to make their problem their problem.

A couple Quick Tips for Helping Kids Keep Cool and Calm

Get Organised. Rushing is nearly always stressful, and so is forgetting things. Having clear systems for everyday tasks is vital, and so is scheduling regular “chill out” times in between activities.

RELEVANT

HIGH SCHOOL 2015 INFORMATION EVENING

Trinity Bay State High School will be hosting

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7 - Wed 26 February 2014

YEAR 7 INTO YEAR 8 - Thur 27 February 2014

6 pm start approximate finishing time 8:30pm

Please meet at TBSHS Theatre