

Principal

Kaarin Littleton

**Outside School Hours
Care**

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P&C Association

Meets at 5.30pm on the last Thursday each month. All parents welcome.

School Motto

*"Every child, every day,
moving forth at
Toowoomba North"*

School Values

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be a Learner

Our Vision

We are strong, smart and big in heart. We will learn, grow and make a start. At Toowoomba North State School every student shines with the freedom to set free the potential that's inside.

School Improvement**Agenda:**

Improve reading comprehension levels so that all students are at or above DDSW benchmark

Behaviour Focus:**Be Respectful**

Treat others the way you would like to be treated. Kind words, kind actions

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Toowoomba North State School

Newsletter

Strong, Smart, Big in Heart



**Congratulations to our
Week 4 award winners.**



**Congratulations to our Golden Ticket
Winner Arcadia. Golden tickets are
given to students who borrow a book
from our library, read it and return it.**

Fun in Year 3M!



Year 3's having lots of fun
"Walking the Dinosaur"!

From the Principal

15th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Open classroom afternoon, Tuesday 02 March

On behalf of our school community it is my pleasure to invite families along to our 2021 Open Classroom afternoon including our musical presentation called 'Reading: the Musical' which is a musical illustration of the process we use to teach and learn how to be readers. All of our students have a part to play in this presentation and we look forward to having all of our families join us. See the details below:

What: Open classrooms and musical presentation

When: Tuesday, 2nd March. 2.45 pm start with classroom visits, 3:15 start moving towards undercover area, 3.30 pm student performance and sausage sizzle at 4.30 pm following the performance.

Who: all students and their household family members (all students may have 2 households attending.)

Tickets needed? Yes, please return the slip at the bottom of the invitation to share your details for contact tracing.

Invitations will be coming home with students this week.

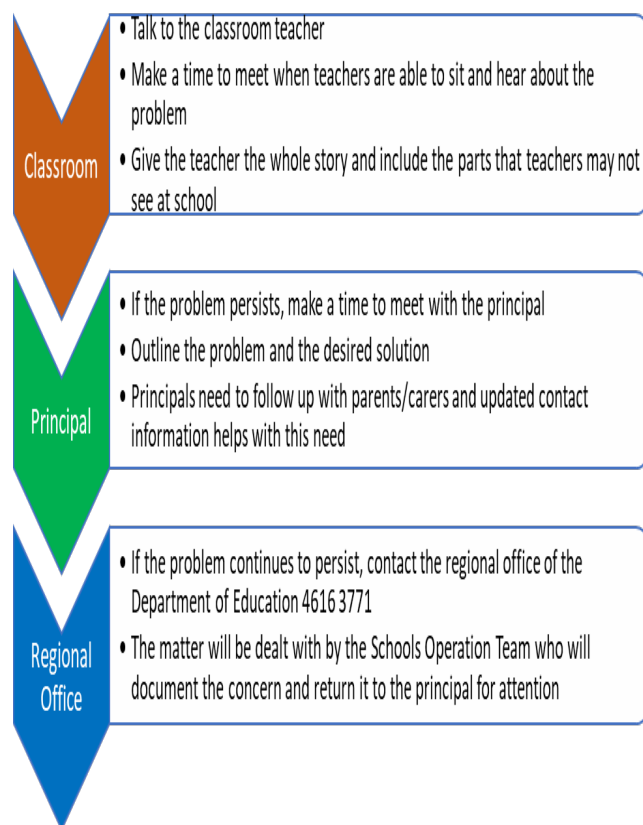
The teaching of reading – it begins with oral language, includes the teaching of phonemic awareness, phonics and builds to fluency

Phonological awareness and phonics are teachable elements that require a systematic, diagnostic approach. These two elements contribute strongly to the third pillar of literacy which is fluency. Reading fluency is a measure of three things – 1. Accuracy in word decoding 2. Automatic processing 3. Prosodic reading which is all about the reader's ability to modulate their voice and use appropriate expression when reading aloud. Fluency helps readers to understand what they are reading and to make meaning from the text. This is an area in which we get the best outcomes for students when families are involved in listening to children reading and then reading as much as they can for and with children. Please help our students to grow their fluency by reading with them every day.

Customer compliment/complaint process at North

The Toowoomba North team want to ensure that

we are meeting the expectations of our community and providing the best education for primary children in Toowoomba. It is necessary for our staff to receive feedback when we can improve our practices. Below is a very basic overview of the compliment and complaint process in place at Toowoomba North. Attached to this newsletter is a more comprehensive document detailing the contacts beyond the regional office. I encourage and support all families to share your feedback with us so that we can continue to improve our work for your children



Kind regards,
Kaarin Littleton
Principal

No Parking Areas

Parents are reminded that the car park on the school grounds is for **staff only**. This is a private car park and for the safety of our students and staff, parents are requested **NOT** to use this area as a drop off or pick up zone.

PRICE LANE is now a NO PARKING Zone. Please be aware that Council will be patrolling this area and an alternate collection point for students will have to be arranged.

Calendar

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 23	Year 5/6 Camp information meeting 5:30pm
Thursday 25	P & C Meeting

MARCH

Tuesday 02	Parent meet & greet afternoon
Friday 05	Nude Food Day Clean Up Aust. Day
Monday 08	Year 2 & 2/3 Amaroo excursion
Thursday 11	School Photos
Thursday 18	Year 1 Amaroo excursion Book Club orders due
Friday 19	National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
Tuesday 23	Harmony Day
Thursday 25	P & C Meeting

APRIL

Thursday 01	Last Day Term 1
Friday 02	Good Friday
Monday 05	Easter Monday
Friday 16	Toowoomba Show Holiday
Monday 19	School resumes Term 2
Sunday 25	ANZAC Day
Monday 26	ANZAC DAY Public Holiday
Thursday 29	P & C Meeting

MAY

Monday 03	Labour Day Public Holiday
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PBL Corner (Positive Behaviour for Learning) Term 1 Week 5

Rockstar Rocket says.....

Be Respectful

Treat others the way you want to be treated -
Kind words
Kind actions



What do we want?

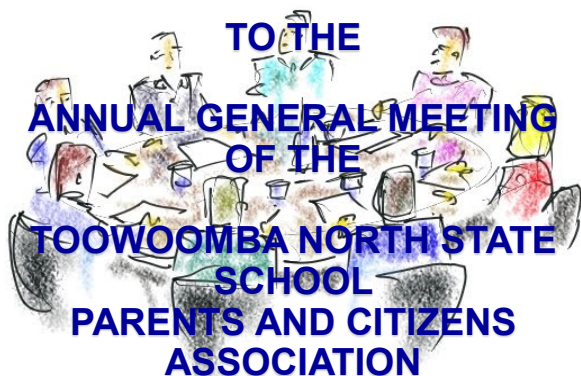
Everybody speaking kindly to each other.

What does this behaviour look like?

Students speaking respectfully to each other.



INVITATION



WHEN: Thursday, 25th MARCH 2021

WHERE: SCHOOL LIBRARY

TIME: COMMENCING AT 6.00PM

AGENDA

WELCOME

ANNUAL REPORTS

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS
FUNDRAISING

Please come along and support our school

Toowoomba North State School P&C AGM

Nomination 2021

I _____ would like to nominate

_____ for the position of _____ on the Toowoomba North P&C

Committee for 2021.

Name of Nominator: _____

Signed: _____

_____ Date: _____

Signature of Nominee: _____

Date: _____

READ

20 MINUTES A DAY



STUDENT A
reads at home

20
min/day

STUDENT B
reads at home

5
min/day

STUDENT C
reads at home

1
min/day

THEY WILL HEAR

1,800,000

282,000

8,000

WORDS PER YEAR

THEY WILL HAVE READ FOR

851

212

42

HOURS BY 6TH GRADE

AND ON STANDARDIZED TESTS,
THEY WILL LIKELY SCORE BETTER THAN

90%

50%

10%

OF THEIR PEERS

Source: <http://readdbq.org/2014/11/19/read-20-minutes-day/>

School Banking

Please note that school banking has been temporarily suspended whilst the P & C books are being audited. Banking will resume at the end of March.

Tuckshop

Our school tuckshop runs every Wednesday and Friday and provides a valuable service for our students. The tuckshop is run solely by volunteers and we greatly appreciate the time and energy they devote to providing nutritious meals. We are always on the lookout for assistance though, so if you are able to help for an hour or two please give the office a call or pop in and see our wonderful tuckshop convenor!

Application for P&C Membership for 2021

Toowoomba North State School P&C Association

Please complete and return to the P&C Secretary

Name:

Address:

Email address:

Home phone:

Mobile phone:

I am:

a parent of a student attending the school

a staff member of the school

an adult interested in the school's welfare, and my date of birth is: _____.

I am:

applying for new membership

renewing my membership.

I apply for membership in the [Toowoomba North State School Parents and Citizens' Association and I undertake to:

promote of the interests of and facilitate the development and further improvement of the School and the good order and management of the School; and

comply with the constitution of the P&C Association, including the P&C Association Code of Conduct as specified in Schedule 2 of the constitution, and any valid resolutions passed by the Association.

If a person has been convicted of an indictable offence, it is grounds for removal in accordance with the *Education (General Provision) Act 2006*.

Signature:

Date:

P&C Secretary Use

Date received:/...../..... Date accepted:/...../.....

Secretary's signature:

Entered in P&C Register. Y/N

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR **TNSS P&C ASSOCIATION**

This Code of Conduct clarifies the expected standards of all P&C Association members. It has been adopted to aid all members of our school community to work as a cohesive group in partnership with the school.

The Code is intended to promote and maintain the highest standard of ethical behaviour by P&C Association members. Members of a P&C Association should adhere to the Code of Conduct at all times. This Code applies to each member of a P&C Association.

P&C Association members are to:

- act in the best interest of the total school community at all times
- conduct and present themselves in a professional manner and act ethically and with integrity at all times
- act with courtesy and demonstrate respect for all persons, whether fellow P&C Association members, school staff, parents/carers, students, community members
- remain objective and avoid personal bias at all times
- represent all members of the school community
- engage the school and wider community in developing and effecting school priorities, policies and decisions in a manner that is consultative, respectful and fair
- declare any conflicts of interest and not misuse their office to advance individual views or for personal gain
- make fair, transparent and consistent decisions
- provide objective and independent advice
- listen and be tolerant of the views and opinions of others, even if those views and opinions differ from their own
- treat official information with care and use it only for the purpose for which it was collected or authorised
- respect confidentiality and information privacy (about the school, community members, staff or students) at all times and not disclose confidential information
- not use confidential or privileged information to further personal interests
- be responsive to the requirements of the school community
- seek to achieve excellence in educational outcomes for all students at the school
- listen and respond to issues and concerns regarding strategy and policy
- work within the boundaries of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*, the *Education (General Provisions) Regulation 2017* and the Department of Education's policies and procedures relevant to P&C Association operations.

Name _____

Date _____

Signature _____