Mrs Baldwin bids farewell

It was a Thursday full of hugs and some tears for the Primary School as Mrs Brenda Baldwin came to bid us a fond farewell before she headed off to retirement at the Sunshine Coast. Mrs Baldwin has been with TKIS Primary for six wonderful years, coming out of her first retirement so that our little ones could benefit from her invaluable experience in teaching Primary School. She has left an indelible mark on us and we are proud to commemorate her contribution to the school on Presentation Night every year with the Baldwin School Spirit Perpetual Trophy, which will be presented to the Primary School student whose behaviour and efforts best exemplifies the spirit of TKIS.

Students design our new Primary Newsletter Banner

TKIS Primary School has always taken pride in the effort that its students put in and the work that they produce. This year they have another avenue to showcase their work. Each class will be producing a banner for the Newsletter based on what they are learning in Art class. We kick off with Year 1-2 and their "Alphabetimals"; alphabets that look like animals and insects.
Over the past fortnight students in Prep have been working hard to learn the letters A, C and D, while Year 1 students have been learning to read and write a large number of sight words. I am proud to see a huge improvement in the number of words students are now remembering, and that several Prep students are beginning to recognise some high frequency words. Students in Year 1 have also been practicing using their sight words to help improve their reading. In Mathematics we have continued to focus on our numbers and Prep students have been making counting books to help them practice writing their numbers.

This week, I have been pleased to present a large number of awards for students in Prep – 1 who have collected their 20 class stickers and for several students who have already read 20 home readers this term. I would like to thank parents for their support at home with homework. Students in Prep and Year 1 are reading a large number of home reading books each week and working hard on their spelling activities.

Congratulations to our Students of the Week, Liam O’Shea (Week 2) and Avah Wirth (Week 3). Liam and Avah both have fantastic behaviour at school and love to learn! Well done Liam and Avah!

Charmaine Jefferson
Prep-1 Teacher

Well by now I am sure you have either heard from your children or seen for yourself that we have got a fridge in our classroom! Hooray! Now your children can enjoy nice cold drinks and keep their food fresh.

We have been busy looking at stereotypical and non-stereotypical characters and the students have all written a letter to the Wolf from Little Red Riding Hood. They are displayed in our classroom window if you would like to come and check them out.

Congratulations to Charlie Harris and Ruby-Jayne Aitchison for receiving our Student of the Week award (Week 2 and Week 3 respectively) for always giving 100% to all areas of their schooling.

Until next time,
Mrs Baldwin and the 1-2 students

This week in Year 3 we have been going “Map Mad”. On Wednesday we made a town in our classroom and wrote instructions sending our classmates on journeys around the room. After a few attempts we realised how hard it can be to give accurate and concise directions for someone to end up where we want them to. We also became the leader of our own country. Our task was to design our own country and create a map with some towns, lakes, mountains, rivers and a railway line. We also had to include a compass, legend, scale and grid co-ordinates. Some of us included some extras like castles, water parks and animals. Our next job is to write treasure hunt questions for other classmates to try and answer correctly and discover where we have hidden the treasure. If you are keen for an opportunity to hunt for the hidden treasure, drop by our classroom next week and you will find the maps and the clues on the classroom windows. While you are there, you can read the Aboriginal myths and legends that we have been writing about.

Mrs Johns
Year 3 Teacher
The Pre-Prep’s have had an enjoyable start to the year. We are busily learning the alphabet, numbers 1-10 and how to write our own names. We have also been reading the book ‘Willbee the Bumblebee’. Willbee has been the focus of our recent craft activities which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. On Thursday, the children will have ‘Willbee the Bumblebee’ painted on their faces for a fun treat. If any Pre-Prep parents have any concerns about their child having their face painted, please let me or the office know before Thursday.

Miss Lauren

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Welcome to Week 3 and 4 in Year 4–5. Our class has been busy getting stuck into our narrative unit in English and we have learnt a fun probability and addition game in Maths.

Congratulations to Laa-Teisha Atkins and Noah Clark-Tomlinson who were ‘Students of the Week’ for Week 3 and 4 respectively for their hard work and excellent behaviour in our classroom.

In Science we have been looking at energy in food systems, food chains and food webs. We have some great Science investigations happening over the coming weeks, so stay tuned!

This week the class also learnt how to draw a 1 point perspective and create a 3 dimensional room. We hope to continue this next week in Art and have some work on display in the classroom.

There are some really interesting activities coming up in the next few weeks and Year 4–5 can’t wait to share them with you in the next newsletter.

Ms Close
Year 4-5 Teacher

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This week and over the coming weeks, Year 5–6 will be creating and distributing a class newspaper. Named “The Newspaper” we are hoping to have our first edition out on Monday. Each student received a job on The Newspaper and they are led by our hard-working editors Anu and Amy. We hope to produce an interesting publication. Keep an eye out for our reporters and paper!

We would also like to welcome Bianca who joins us from Tamrookum!

Mrs Fanning
Year 5-6 Teacher

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In Grade 7 there are many things to learn. Our teachers have done an amazing job at keeping us up to date. They have taught us things like the Seven Continents, capital cities, and very brain-crushing Maths questions. There have been English spelling words that we have not heard of before, and marvellous Art techniques which include drawing expressions. Science is teaching us how important water is to our environment and Mr Bell, our Japanese teacher, has a grand plan to teach us about Japan. We are looking forward to it!!

Addis Evans-Potter & Tejas Nazarenko
Year 7 Students

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Welcome to Week 2: Rebecca Crane, Chelsea Hegarty, Ryan O’Shea, Liam O’Shea, Lachlan Love, Charlie Harris

Welcome to Week 3: Addis Evans-Potter, Angus Holland, Noah Clark-Tomlinson, Demiana Ibrahim, Aveh Wirth, Ruby-Jayne Atchison

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Of Swimming Carnivals, District Trials and Regional Selections...

We would like to congratulate all those who swam at the District trials (shown above), and give special mention to Holly Johnson, Rebekah Love and Claudia Munday (shown left) who qualified for the South Coast Regional Selections. They will be representing TKIS in the trials held at Miami Pool in the Gold Coast over 2 days, Monday 3 March and Wednesday 5 March.

In the previous issue of Primary School News, we made an error and omitted some names from the list of students who swam at the Swimming Carnival. Our sincerest apologies to all those whose names were left out.

Head Lice Management

Head Lice are an unfortunate occurrence, and we all hope never to have to deal with them. However, the school is committed to helping families of our students detect and treat head lice when the need arises. Please notify Admin if you have discovered head lice on your child/ward. Once we have been notified of an incident, we will send an alert via email to all parents and carers, and ask that you check your child for head lice immediately. If you do not check your emails regularly, please inform Admin so that we can notify you via another channel.

What happens if your child gets head lice? DON’T PANIC – anyone can get head lice and help is available. All parents/carers have been emailed a copy of Head Lice Management at Home, published by Queensland Health. If you need a physical copy, please email us at admin@tkis.qld.edu.au or call Admin at 5544 5500 to request for one. Queensland Health Chief Health Officer Dr Jeannette Young said head lice are spread by direct head-to-head contact. “Whilst head lice are a nuisance, they do not cause disease or illness.” Comprehensive step-by-step information and fact sheets on managing head lice can also be obtained from the Queensland Health web site: www.health.qld.gov.au under the A – Z of health topics.

School Photos on Tues 25 Feb

We would like to remind parents that students should be in formal uniform for their school photos. Year 7 students should wear their blazers. Students who have not yet bought blazers, can borrow one for the photo session. Hair must be neat, conservative, not dyed and styled so that both ears and eye brows are visible at all times. Boys’ hair should be short and not to touch the collar or ears. Girls’ hair must be kept off the collar by use of a plain maroon or black hair tie. Ribbons should be maroon and hair pins (of black or brown colour) must be concealed.

No makeup, nail polish, body art or visible body piercing of any kind is permitted. The only visible jewellery that is permitted is a standard wrist watch and girls are permitted to wear a simple stud (not sleeper) in each ear.

Classes [including swimming classes] will be held as usual on that day.

The photographer will also take sibling photos at lunch time (12:30pm – 1:30pm) in the Library. Please remind your children to go to the Library at lunch time if you wish them to have their photo taken together.

Lunchtime Guitar Lessons

Beginner Guitar lessons for primary students, will commence next Thursday, 27 February, 2014. These lessons will run each Thursday during lunchtime in the B2 classroom. There will be no charge for the lessons as they are being run by our teachers on a voluntary basis. Interested students are encouraged to bring their own guitar as there are only a limited number of guitars available from the school.

School Banking

Students can now participate in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program thanks to our parent volunteer Peni Dellaquaglia. Deposits can be made every Wednesday by handing both your money and bankbook to your teacher on Wednesday mornings. Application forms for new accounts are available from the reception desk at Admin, or via the CommBank website.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all parents, carers, teachers and everyone else who has volunteered their time and efforts for the school. In lieu of working bees, parents and carers can also volunteer for other projects like Easter raffles, Mothers’ Day stall, sausage sizzles and various other events throughout the year that the Primary School conducts. If you wish to volunteer, please speak to your child’s teacher, or come see us at Admin.