Being a Better Boss - HR & IR Workshop Series - Partners in Grain is hosting a fantastic workshop series for employers to help them get the best out of the most important part of their business - PEOPLE!

These workshops have been specifically designed for farming businesses to build skill and understanding when it comes to people management and industrial relations. Come to one or both but don’t miss the opportunity to hone your people skills.

Workshop 1 Managing People (HR) Pampas Hall Friday 14th March

Workshop 2 Legal Obligation (IR) Brookstead Hall Wednesday 26th March

For more information or to register and go to the Queensland section of our website www.partnersingrain.org.au and click on the Events tab or contact Theresa Pilcher on 0428 147749

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents & Caregivers

Last year the staff developed our pedagogical framework. Pedagogy underpins how teachers teach and how students learn. We now base our teaching on the explicit teaching model and like all things we make changes based on best practice or things with proven effectiveness. You may have seen the “I Do”, “We Do”, “You Do” posters in classrooms and heard teachers or your children talk about warm ups. This structure and the pedagogy we use at Mount Tyson are underpinned by the book “Explicit Instruction – Effective and Efficient Teaching” by Anita Archer and Charles Hughes. This book outlines the skills that are used by effective teachers and the reason why these skills work. Indeed, the staff are refining their skills and we worked on an element from this book in our staff meeting today. The writer of this book, Anita Archer, is holding workshops in Toowoomba during the last week of this term and many staff members will be in attendance. I believe this is great investment as we collectively and purposefully refine our teaching skills.

Effective use of data is another key to achieving great results. The trick is to find efficient ways to use assessment data to work out the things the students don’t know. We are refining our skills in using assessment data to plan the way forward for our students. Data is also used to measure student progress. We expect all our students to move forward. Effective use of data is also highlighted in our pedagogical framework.

Effective discipline is also in our pedagogical framework. Last week I discussed our new Responsible Behaviour Plan with parents. This is about reducing poor behaviour and having happy positive students who value learning.

The pedagogical framework is now being implemented. This is not rocket science. We strive to have happy students who are effectively being taught the things they don’t know. A bit harder than it sounds maybe, but our expectations are high. Effective teaching and learning, based on the latest and proven ideas, will be the key to turning this school from a good school to a great school.

Thanks,
Michael
Important news for parents

Student of the Week

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Congratulations to these students, well done!

Air Show visits Small Schools.

Mt. Tyson State School hosted the ‘Science Time’ travelling science exhibition last Friday 21st February, which was well attended by four participating schools within their Cluster.

Scientist Mr Peter Eastwell amazed and inspired twenty-three students from Brookstead SS, Biddeston SS, Jondaryan SS and Mt Tyson SS, as he demonstrated and conducted hands-on experiments that displayed how awesome Air is even though it is often unseen and goes unnoticed.

The students too, participated throughout the day, enthusiastically developing their sense of enquiry and investigation by experimenting with mixtures, Force, Gravity and Air Pressure.

Highlights of the day included the explosive works of a powerful substance called Liquid Nitrogen. Students also reflected on how much fun they had making their very own SLIME and Memo Holders.

School Leaders Presentation: 5/3

The presentation of badges to our school leaders for 2014 was held on Wednesday 5th March in the multi-purpose hall. A BIG thanks to Councillor Ros Scotten who presented the badges to our school leaders. We appreciate you taking the time out from your busy schedule to do this for us. Thanks also to the parents for supplying morning tea for us to share.

Congratulations to our leaders and remember as a leader you are the ambassadors for Mt Tyson SS.

Back row L-R: Cr Ros Scotten, Zac Small, William Hardimon, Shanae Schelberg, Tristan Campbell, Jordan Meharg
Middle: Amy Sturgess, Ryan Geran, Tyson Packer, Johnathon Manley
Front: Liam Flett
Our school leaders for 2014 are:
School Captains: Amy Sturgess, Zac Small & William Hardimon
Sports Captains:
FLETCHER—Ryan Geran & Tyson Packer
RUSSELL—Tristan Campbell & Shanae Schelberg
Project Club:
President—Jordan Mehard
Secretary—Liam Flett
Treasurer—Shanae Schelberg
Rep: Johnathan Manley

Mt Tyson School Cross Country

On Friday 14 March we will be holding our cross country event here at the school. Our second break lunch time will be moved forward to 12.45pm so we can start the x-country at 1.00pm.

At around 2.00pm we will be having a visit from some of motor bike riders from the EB group (butterfly foundation) along with Sue McKenna who plays a major part in this event and this worthy cause. We will then complete our cross-country event, followed by a short presentation.

Parents, grandparents & family members are most welcome to attend the afternoon.

P&C NEWS

STILL WANTED: FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATORS!

We still NEED fundraising co-ordinators to help organise P&C events. This doesn’t mean you have to do everything, just help organise. If we can get two or three people to help, it would be fantastic! Please call our P&C Secretary, Jilliene Ruhle, on 4693 7285 if you are interested.

PITTSWORTH SHOW

GATE KEEPING FUNDRAISER – Sat, 8th March.

Thank you to those who have generously given up their time to help this Saturday. Those families will have a roster showing their times attached to this newsletter and other information needed. If anyone would still like to help (as there are a few people who are on double shifts) please let our P&C Secretary know as soon as possible.

BOOKCLUB: Orders due back Tuesday 11th. Thanks-all profit helps for end of year books for our kids.

Next General Meeting, Wed, 12th March at 7.30pm.

ATTENTION:

We a running Street Stall in Pittsworth on 21st March. We will need volunteers & goods to sell. If you can help in any way, please let our P&C Secretary know. Rosters and more information out at a later date.

UNIFORM CHANGE (School Shirt)

The two main reasons our school shirt is changing are:-

* The current shirt is not sun-safe and doesn’t reach current sun-protection standards.

* A high percentage of parents (as shown in last year’s survey) feel there is too much white on the shirt and it is hard to keep clean.

As you all know the uniform is under review. Thanks to everyone who came to the meeting last Wednesday, we received some great ideas.

We have taken all of these comments on board and have come up with a number of design ideas. To narrow this down we would like some more feedback from parents.

The elements we would appreciate feedback on:-

1. The amount of white that is acceptable (some, none, where on the shirt is ok etc.)
2. Should the name be on the collar? (similar to Pittsworth High)
3. Should Mt Tyson be printed in large letters across the back of the shirt?
4. Emblem on the front of the shirt, embroidered or screen printed?

Sorry for the short notice, but could all comments please be returned by Tuesday so that I can present them at the P&C meeting on Wednesday?

You can send comments to school (P&C box), email or text me.

Thanks
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There are options to purchase ready-made shirts from Toowoomba or have them made and designed in Brisbane.