Hello Everyone,

I hope you have had a good past couple of weeks. We have been struggling at school with a broken photocopier. Therefore, I must apologise if there has been less communication than normal. You may have also been wondering why there has been no homework in some cases.

I received notification last week that capital works have approved our application and will be building new toilets at Mount Tyson State School. I have no details beyond this in regard to plans and when construction will occur. I will keep you informed of developments.

After some consideration and some consultation I can announce our class structures for 2017. This structure is different than in previous years. The decision is based on the anticipated size of each grade, the level of testing required to teach different grades, the curriculum, the level of dependence of each grade and teacher expertise. I believe this to be the most equitable model. Our classes will be as follows:

- 4/5/6  Michael Routledge and Terri Neale
- 2/3      Richard Keene   P/1      Melissa Turner in Term 1 and Steph Graham Smith in Terms 2, 3 and 4.

This change will involve our teacher aide staff to be working with a different timetable than this year. Please contact the school and make an appointment should you have questions about these classes.

On Wednesday 26 October the teaching staff had a planning day to discuss 2017. I will also consult with our P&C about our 2017 plans. Our planning day involved a busy and important agenda that included:

- Our sharp improvement focus for 2017;
- Processes to foster these improvements and to develop teaching capacity;
- The altering of our curriculum plans as we adjust to this change in classing structure;
- The altering of our reading and writing plans and our teaching of those key areas as we adjust to this change in our class structure;
- The employment of human (teacher aides) and financial resources to best assist classes and to assist in meeting our improvement targets.

While it is essential that 2017 is well planned, we are currently in a very busy term and I hope the “What’s On” section helps with the number of events that will occur. Maintaining high levels of teaching and learning each day will continue and with that in mind I have included my quote of the fortnight.

“Focus on the here and now. Sometimes that’s the hardest thing to do” Abraham Lincoln.

Have a great fortnight

Michael
Important news for parents

Student Behaviour
This fortnight we will be focusing on the Thinking Value. The following expectations can be found on our “Values and Expectations Matrix” and you may wish to reinforce these with your child at home.

- Think about my actions and how they affect others;
- Think about my own and others learning and work;
- Think about the safety of myself and others;
- Think about my best work and my best attitude;
- Think about the task at hand.

Jump Rope for Heart
A great BIG thank you to everyone who ‘skipped’, ‘jumped’ or sponsored our recent Jump Rope for Heart activity. At Mt Tyson State School we raised $3334.70. A massive effort for a small school—thanks everyone!

The Heart Foundation’s life-saving research is funded almost entirely by donations so this is a very worthy cause for us to take part in. Students will receive prizes for their fundraising in a few weeks.

Rossvale Softball Carnival
Next Wednesday 2nd November our P-6 students will travel by bus to Southbrook to take part in Softball, Diamond ball and T'Ball. They will be leaving the school at 9.15am and return by 2.30pm. Cost is $4.00 per child and students need to take own lunch & drinks for the day or take advantage of the meal deal by the Southbrook P&C. Permission slips, Meal Deal and money need to be returned by Monday 31st October. Sorry for the short notice but we were waiting on details for the format of the day.

Chappy News
My sincere condolences to the Pollock family. It is my hope, that you are able to call on this wonderful Mt Tyson community to help support you in the days ahead.

Art Camp at Brookstead 19-21 October
This is a unique event that offers students the opportunity to spend time learning from experienced artists, and also to create art works with other talented young students. 9 of our students attended art camp this year. A big thanks to Mrs Cameron who transported and accompanied our students each day. Also thanks to the parent helpers for their support.

Art Camp
Learn to Swim Block — 7-11 November 2016
Our week long swimming block will be held in week 6: 7-11 November. Each day we will travel by bus to Pittsworth Pool, leaving the school at 9.20am and returning by 2.30pm. We have again purchased skilled instructors that will ensure quality swim instruction for all students. Students will need to wear sports uniform, take a hat, sun shirt, all food for the day, togs, towel, swim cap and water bottle with them. Cost per day is $8.50 per child as this covers bus, pool entry & instructors. Invoices are attached—please pay via this invoice reference if paying by EFT/Boption or via cash to the office. If you need to make a payment plan, please see Michael at the office.

UNIFORMS
New stocks of school shirts and hats are in stock. School backpacks are now available for $37 and have a life time warranty. Please contact Karen if you require something.

NEW P&C EXECUTIVES
Now is the time to ask yourself if you would like to hold a position on the School P&C. All positions will become vacant in the March 2017 AGM and must be refilled with new eager and happy faces for the year ahead. If you would like any information about a position or would like to put your name down please see Donna or Dawn.

- President
- Vice-president
- Treasurer
- Secretary
Also tuckshop convenor and book club convenor positions are required.

P&C NEWS
If you have anything you wish to add to the agenda or the P&C News, please let Amanda Pollock know on 0428 285 818.

P&C Events

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The P&C is arranging for flowers to be delivered to the Pollock family. If anyone would like to donate money it can be left at the office in the P&C box.

The P&C is also organising a food hamper. Non-perishable items or vouchers can be left in the large container in the tuckshop.

CONCERT EVENING (GALA NIGHT)
November 29 is to be the School’s concert evening starting at 5.30. The P&C will hold a free sausage sizzle with tea & coffee, $1 cold drinks and $3 steak burgers will be available. Please bring a plate to share for supper.

Volunteers will be required to run the BBQ.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

**Please note there is NO tuckshop the 2nd & 9th of November due to School excursions***

New Orchy preservative free 100% juices in apple and orange are available from the tuckshop for $1.50. Poppers, focus fruit water, Orchy orange juices and Smiths chips are in limited supply and will no longer be available after November 30.

Wed 26 Oct : Helen & Jo
Wed 16 Nov: Donna &