Police Present Safety Pantomime

On Tuesday, the year 2 students attended a Pantomime, aimed at telling young people about the physical signs of danger and the concept of the safety hand. This pantomime was very different, as it was presented by Police Officers. Toowoomba police officers have been working with local community groups to develop innovative ways to educate local school students—both primary and secondary—and help prevent child abuse and domestic and family violence. The ‘protective behaviours’ concept supersedes the old notion of ‘stranger danger’ in recognition of the fact that the overwhelming majority of all types of abuse is committed by a person known to the victim. Thanks also to Linette Peachey for assisting with transport.

Date Claimers

Mrs McDiarmid on leave Sept 8—Oct 5
Swimming #7 Sept 8
School Photos Sept 11
Swimming #8 Sept 15
Mount Lofty transition day Sept 17
Bush Dance night Sept 17
Last Day of school for term 3 Sept 19
School Resumes Term 4 Oct 6
High Tea Oct 12
Pupil Free Day Oct 20

Murphy’s Creek Challenge

What is the name of the deadly disease that is causing concern in western Africa?
- a. Ebola
- b. Measles
- c. SARS

Curriculum requirements

Schools are strongly encouraged to offer a Languages program from Prep to Year 12. The provision of Languages is required in Years 5 to 8 from 2015.

In 2015, schools become familiar with the Australian Curriculum: Languages and in 2016 commence implementation. Principals, in consultation with their school community, will make decisions about the choice of language and the year levels of provision.

For students seeking to study a language not offered at the school, negotiation with the student, parents and partner schools is undertaken to explore access to that study, such as through distance education.

Celebrate Teacher Aide Day!

Teacher aides are celebrating 40 years of service in education. Thank you to our teacher aides who tirelessly assist teachers in our classrooms.

Register to use Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) on-line by following this link:
Make every day count in 2014

Our Goal 95% attendance
This week is a 93.2% Attendance week!

Playgroup
9am each Monday during the school term
Bring a hat, water bottle & a snack.
All Welcome!

School Photo Time
Our photo day is 11th September and the photographer will accept forms right up to the day. If you need new uniforms, please see the office for assistance.

Kids Matter News
Let us introduce Mean Jean. She is one of the trickiest nemeses of Superflex.

• She can disguise herself quite well.
• She may say mean and hurtful things to others
• She may call someone an insulting name.

Strategies to stop being a Mean Jean are to think before you speak and consider if what you are about to say will hurt someone’s feelings.

SWPBS News
This week’s focus was care for your belongings. This is timely as we move into the warmer weather, when jumpers and tracksuit pants become excess to the student’s needs during the day. Please help your children and the staff identify their clothes by adding a name onto the label.
If you feel you have some winter clothing missing, please come and have a look in the lost property bin in the admin foyer.

Pre-Prep Try Days
We are conducting these opportunities on:
- Wednesday 27th August
- Wednesday 10th September
- Wednesday 22nd October
- Wednesday 12th November
- Wednesday 3rd December
Come to one or all from 8:45am to 11am
Bring a hat, drink bottle and a fruit snack each day
Mrs McDiarmid on Leave
Mrs Elaine McDiarmid is on a well earned 2 weeks Long Service Leave. We would like to wish her a very restful time and we look forward to seeing her after the holidays. In her absence, Mrs Susan McIndoe will be filling in. Your patience is appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LILI PEACHEY
Lili Peachey qualified to go on to the Darling Downs Athletics Carnival in Toowoomba on Thursday. She did very well, achieving 4th in her 200m heat and 5th in her 100m race. Lili often makes us all proud, this is just another of her talents. Well done Lili!

DEALING WITH CYBERBULLYING
Lately we have been contacted by parents, asking how they can help their sons & daughters cope with social media issues and nasty messages.

Here are some basics:

- Keep your profile set to private and check your settings regularly.
- Don’t share personal information, and protect yourself from strangers online.
- Think about your personal safety before you 'check in' or use location based services.
- Manage your digital reputation responsibly.
- Respect others and look after each other online
- Block the cyberbully.
- Take a screenshot as evidence of the cyberbullying.
- Report offensive material to the website administrator or service provider.
- Talk to a friend or trusted adult.

For more help, call the Kids Helpline (1800 55 1800) or contact the police (131 444 for non-urgent matters or 000 for emergencies).

Chess Tournament
Eight of our year 5/6/7 students proudly represented our school at the Toowoomba Team Tournament last Tuesday at Rangeville SS. Out of 104 teams, our team 1 tied for 50th-53rd. Our team 2 tied for 81st-88th position. This is a great result considering how new we are at this challenging game.

Vacation Care
Week 2 of the holidays- Program out this week

Sports Camps Australia
SERIOUS. FUN.

SCA Youth Soccer Camp Toowoomba
Camp Location: Harristown State High School
341-367 South Street Toowoomba, QLD 4350
Camp Director: David Veilla
Dates: September 25th - 26th
Times: 8.30am - 3.00pm
Fees: $180
Skill Level: Beginner - Advanced
Age Group: 6-16 Years
Gender: Coed

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LAIDLEY SPRING FESTIVAL, 11 - 13 SEPTEMBER.

From winning gardens to art exhibitions, from flowers and orchids to How to Train Your Dragon characters, from the Quilt Expo to local market stalls, from Bananas in Pyjamas to local musicians - there really is something for everyone at Laidley Spring Festival. There will be markets, music, street stalls and of course the street parade at 1pm. For more information phone 1300 005 872 or 5466 3426.