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## PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

**COTTONWOOD TREE** - It was very sad to see that the large Cottonwood tree at the Poinciana Avenue entrance to our school was a victim of last Friday afternoon's storm. It has taken a very obvious lean and is a danger. Over the weekend we had an arbourist examine the tree to see if it could be saved. Unfortunately the news was not good and we have been advised that removal is our only course of action. By the time you have this newsletter this process should be well underway. Be assured that if there was any way that we could have safely retained the tree we would have.

**DOGS IN THE SCHOOL GROUND** - As a dog owner, I take a lot of pleasure in taking my dog for a walk. I know that many of you feel the same way. Could I ask however, that you reconsider bringing your dog onto the school grounds, particularly during school time? Unfortunately a very small minority are not cleaning up after their dogs which creates an unacceptable health risk to students. Also some of our students have had unfortunate experiences with dogs and they become very upset when they see a dog, even one on a leash in the school grounds. The school does run dog safety programs and these are run using specially trained dogs and handlers. I trust dog owners will respect our concerns on this issue.

**SCHOOL SHOES** - I would like to compliment students and parents for your universal acceptance of our school uniform. The community make many positive comments about the image of our school based on the appearance of our students in uniform.

The uniform policy states that students should wear black leather shoes. Over the years we have not policed this policy to any great extent. As long as students wear footwear that is functional and safe, we are satisfied. Unfortunately a trend is developing particularly amongst senior girls of wearing footwear that is neither functional nor providing suitable protection for everyday school activities. Could I ask parents to review the footwear that their children wear to school and satisfy themselves that this footwear is safe for their child to wear to school and it allows their child to participate in the school program without undue risk of injury.

**Jeff Moore  
A/Principal**



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### »» CALENDAR ««

March 12, 13 & 15 - Year 6 & 7 H.R.E.

March 19, 20 & 22 - Year 6 & 7 H.R.E.

April 5 - Thursday, last day of Term 1

April 16 - Pupil Free Day

April 17 - Tuesday - 1<sup>st</sup> day back Term 2

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## ▶ BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT NEWS

Are you a jellyfish or are you a backbone? These are terms used by Barbara Colorose from her book "Giving Your Child the Gift of Inner Discipline".

It is not uncommon for teachers to report of children openly speaking disrespectfully to their parent. Parents seemed trapped and or unwilling to stop the unsocial and disrespectful behaviour.

These parents are often confused and cannot separate their role as a parent and providing unconditional love for their child. They need to realise that both are dependent on each other.

Children are born with many survival techniques from begging, bribing, weeping, wailing or anger and aggression. These are normal infant and child responses.

The major role of the parents is to provide emotional, social and educational guidance. Unconditional love encircles all of these guidelines where the parent must be the backbone and not the jellyfish to gain the child's respect and for the child to learn the social skills necessary to grow in modern society.

**KERROD PARSONS – Deputy Principal**

## PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

Work has recently been completed on the upgrade to our Junior School Adventure Playground.

Funding was made available from Education Queensland (\$38,000), the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (\$33,000) and our P&C (\$28,000). We thank each of our supporters - without their help we would not have the great facility we now do.

The work looks great - check out the photo's on our school website.

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▶ **HAVE YOU CHANGED your address,** telephone numbers, mobile phone numbers, place of work? Have your emergency contacts changed? Please don't forget to advise the school of any changes.

## ▶ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NEWS

### New furniture to complement our new computers

If you are around the school over the next week you are likely to see some very busy teachers and students assembling new computer furniture.

Sixty-six new computer desks and fifty-eight new office chairs have recently been purchased to replace old equipment. This is part of a grant provided to the school late last year that is also providing student desks and chairs to replace old ones where necessary.

The purpose built furniture not only looks good but is appropriately sized for the students' comfort and correct posture.

The new computer desks will be placed in classes around the school while the new chairs will be in the two computer labs. The older lab chairs have been claimed by classes for use in their rooms. Nothing like some new furniture to instil pride in our environment!

**TRISH GRAY – Curriculum Coordinator**

## ▶ CONGRATULATIONS !

*TEWANTIN TICKET winners & their nominators:*

*Sophie W (Mrs Biss)*

*Josh S (Mrs Johns)*

*OUR GOLD AWARD WINNERS:*

*Chloe C (Mr McGeechan)*



## ▶ UNIFORM SHOP – WINTER STOCK CLEARANCE – LIMITED STOCK AVAILABLE

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**OPENING TIMES**

**Every Wednesday, 8.00 to 9.30am**

## HELP!! TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Assistance needed for Fridays. If you can help, please contact Henny at the Tuckshop. Your help will be appreciated.

## SCHOOL STUDENT BANKING - WEDNESDAYS

Account opening kits available from school office. The school receives commission for every deposit made as well as for every Youthsaver A/c opened through the school.

## YEAR LEVEL FEATURE – YEAR 6'S

Year 6 have started their year with studies of the human body. Children have been amazed (and a little repulsed) by the feel and look of items such as a bullock's heart and lamb's brains! Year 6 children have a major project on an animal of their choice due in the last week of term. Details of this project will be handed out in the coming week. Homework activities are due each week and children are reminded that completing and handing in homework is important to their success at school. Let's make this a priority.



Year 6 are also trialling a system of rotating groups with topics covering maths, language, mapping cultural studies and library research. These are proving very successful and a great way to get to know other Year 6 teachers and children not in their own class.

Year 6 will be participating in their Human Relationships Education lessons over the next 2 weeks. Let's all try our best in the next 4 weeks before holiday time.

**Nigel Burchell (6B1), Mia Hacker (6H1), Kaye Johns (6J1), Kathy McCaul (6M1)**

### 🎯 TUCKSHOP ROSTER 🎯

#### Wednesday, 14 March:

Vicki Crummer, Laurel Clark, Carolyn Smith

#### Thursday, 15 March:

Melissa Gorton, Fiona Campbell, Maureen Cromer

#### Friday, 16 March:

Teresa Brown, Tracy Causer

#### Monday, 19 March:

Sandy Gordon, Laurel Clark

#### Tuesday, 20 March:

Natalie Webster, Darlene Barker

### CLASS CHALLENGE AND BIKE WEEK

This year, the class challenge is running for one week from 12-16 March. The class challenge encourages students to **TravelSmart** by walking, cycling, carpooling or catching the bus to school. If students live far away from the school, perhaps they could park 1-2 km away from the school gate and walk or cycle in.

This year's class challenge is extra special because it happens to fall during bike week. During bike week school students at all Noosa schools will be encouraged to get their helmets on, grab a friend or mum or dad, and ride their bikes to school. Remember by Travelling Smart, even one day a week, can make a difference to your health, the environment and help reduce traffic and congestion at your school.

### \*\*COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS\*\*

#### GET CONNECTED CIRCUS WORKSHOPS

**Circus Residency Program run by Noosa Council's Creative Noosa Unit.**

Do you want to learn skills in juggling, stilt walking, hula-hoops, acrobalance & physical theatre? Get Connected is a 6 week series of FREE circus workshops for young people in Noosa Shire!!

**Pomona Hall 10-17yrs** Open class. Weekly, Wednesday classes from 18 April-30 May from 4-6pm.

**Noosa Leisure Centre 10-17yrs** Open class. Weekly, Thursday classes from 19 April-31 May, 4-6pm

Places are limited – to book contact **Katie Edmiston @ Creative Noosa on 5472 0222**

#### TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

Organised by L J Hooker Noosa on behalf of **Cystic Fibrosis Australia** to raise awareness of Cystic Fibroses and to raise funds for research into finding a cure.



**Date** – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2007, 12noon to 5.00pm Lions Park, Gympie Terrace.

**Proposed activities** – children's entertainment music, puppet show, face painting, story telling, clown. Mr Hooker Bear appearance. Medical "health" checks for Teddy Bears. Static displays by Fire Service, Ambulance. Character appearance by the Silly Billies. Guessing game. Raffle.

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