Welcome to 2016! We are only 3 weeks into the school year and already there has been many things happening for our students.

All years 1 to 6 students completed diagnostic testing in week 1. These tests provide us with great insight into the key concepts that the students have learnt and where key resources should be focused for greater outcomes. They also provide key information for teachers and staff to be able to plan specific and focused work into areas of improvement.

Already this year we have had five students represent the school at the Macintyre Zone swimming. The students from years 4 to 6 competed strongly with Dylan Lindsay being picked for the Darling Downs team to compete at Gatton on the 2nd March. Go Dylan!!

Finally just as a reminder that the school has a ‘No hat, No play’ policy and every student must bring their own named Talwood State School hat to school every day. If your child requires a replacement hat they can be purchased from the uniform shop.

Lars de Gier, Teaching Principal

P-2

Welcome to all the new parents to our school. It is so wonderful to have such eager children at the start of the year. Our five new Preps have had a great start to 2016, settling into our classroom really well. You will find that they are extremely tired after their big days at school so quiet afternoons are often needed and sometimes quiet weekends to catch up. Getting into a routine also is important at school and at home so the children know what is happening next. Some parents put up a chart with pictures of what they have to help do in the mornings and in a sequence so they can go through the steps of the routine.

Fruitbreak – We have fruit break for 15 minutes every day in the first session (even Wednesday after sport). It allows the children to have a break from the classroom and re-energise their tummies and therefore their brain.
Homework - As you are all aware Homework has begun. It can be a little overwhelming for Prep parents and I do hope that you will come and see me if Homework is becoming a massive task for you and your child. I know with one of my children the mornings were a better time to do Homework as for one they were up early and they were fresh and not so tired.

Reading - The most important part of the Homework is the reading. If children can get in the habit of reading daily whether it be to you, with you or you reading to them they may develop a love for reading and also pick up the mechanics of reading, for example left to right and the front of the book to the back. I have a great book for parents called “Reading Magic” by Mem Fox (one of Australia’s brilliant authors) which highlights the benefits of reading and also gives you some tips for when you do read to your children. You are welcome to borrow that if you would like.

Sight Words - Sight words are very important in their journey to learning to read. If you are finding that the children are having trouble retaining them try some of the ideas on the sheet inside the child’s sight words book. For the new parents, try focusing on only two words a week.

New Teacher – We are very excited as we have a new teacher starting at Talwood State School, Mrs Cargyn Yench. Mrs Yench will be with us on a Wednesday and also on Fridays. She will be in the Prep-2 classroom some of the day on Wednesday while I am having my non-contact and also all day on Fridays.

Thank you to all those children and parents remembering to return their Homework and Diaries every day. I won’t send it home on the weekend however if you would like to practise sight words let us know and we can send that book home. Please feel free to add any comments or questions.

Lastly, I am available before and after school if you need to catch up with me or my email address is jfree7@eq.edu.au. I am looking forward to a wonderful learning journey this year with your children and also fun-filled!

Kind regards

Jocelyn Freeman

SWIMMING

This Friday February 12th will be our first swimming lessons for 2016. Students are reminded as always to remember to pack their lunch, water bottle, hats and a swimming shirt. All students will also need to bring their Talwood swim cap with them as this is part of their uniform. If anyone requires a replacement cap they will need to be purchased from the school for $5 by Friday. Please have your child apply sunscreen before they come to school.

POSITION VACANT

Kioma State School has a position vacant for a Teacher aide /cleaner. For all details on the position please contact the principal at Kioma S.S. Mr. Brodie Porter on (07) 4677 6169.

NETBALL

Netball trials will be held on Friday March 18th for MacIntyre Zone. These trials will be held at Riddles Oval Complex. Girls wishing to trial, will need to nominate to Mr de Gier by Friday 19th of February. A nomination fee of $3 will be required to participate in these trials.
CELEBRATING SUCCESS

This week we celebrated our first students of the week for 2016 they were Ryan Lindsay from P-2 and Kelvyn Reynolds from 3-6. Congratulations to both Ryan and Kelvyn for their impressive start to 2016. The P-2 students are also off to a flying start with their sight words for this year. It is encouraging to see the growth in the students each week and congratulations to Bridie Rappard who has already achieved her first certificate for 2016.

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