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IT’S SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY TIME AGAIN!

Each year, the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) undertakes a survey of parents / caregivers (and students in most schools) to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling. (All staff in each school are surveyed as well.) Each school in the state is provided with 40 parent questionnaires to distribute (using a prescribed random process). If you have been selected to participate in this survey, I hope you will take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire either online or using the form provided.

Later in the year, the school will receive a report outlining the results of the survey for our school. The results will help the school to evaluate and to reflect on how well the school is going, and to help identify areas for future development. The survey results are also an important part of the school’s annual report. For these reasons, I hope you will complete the questionnaire and help make the school a better place for your child(ren).

Your response is completely confidential. The envelope with your responses will remain sealed and be forwarded to an external contractor where your response will be scanned and the school’s data forwarded to the central office of DETE for analysis.

If you chose to complete the online survey, there is no way to link you to the responses you provide in the survey. The information that you provide will not be reported in ways that would allow you to be identified.

The number on your questionnaire or the access details provided for the online survey have not been assigned to you individually. The number or access details are only used to ensure that forms are distributed to the correct school and to allow the information to be analysed for the school.

Please complete the online survey or seal your completed questionnaire in the envelope provided and return it to the school no later than Monday 12 August to allow time to package and post the envelopes to Brisbane. If you have any questions or concerns about the survey or would appreciate support with interpreting questions, please feel free to contact Lea (Principal) or Glenn (Deputy Principal).

MISS ALISON GETS THE JOB!

Recently, a selection process was undertaken to appoint a new Business Services Manager at our school to replace Jo Withers who was our previous BSM here for 37 years. I am pleased to announce that Alison Green was the successful applicant. While Alison has been acting here since last October, her permanent appointment to the position was announced last Monday. We congratulate Alison and welcome her to Toowoomba West community permanently!

NEW APP ALLOWS YOU TO ACCESS SCHOOL WEBSITE INFORMATION EASILY!

I have recently discovered an Education Queensland app that allows parents/carers to access information about their child’s school. The QSchools app appears to allow
you to access all information on that school’s website. When any new items are uploaded to the website, parents/carers could receive an alert to let them know about it. Fantastic!

It’s free from the App Store (for apple products) or Google Play Store (for androids).

Also, if you have not visited our website recently, then do have a look when you get the chance:
https://toowwestspecs.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

**STAFF HAPPENINGS**

Adam Raymond, a class teacher who taught in Cohort 1 last term, has left us. Replacing Adam is Larissa O’Dea. Other new teachers now based at our school are Carol Schultz and Ruth Chilcott (both part-time) with Wendy Smith as the District Relieving Teacher.

**ARTS COUNCIL – “My Story Your Story”**

This play was developed in collaboration with students from the Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts, about family, identity, personal histories and storytelling. The main character, Jesse and her family always loved singing, dancing and telling stories. Talent scouts visited the remote Indigenous community where they live and picked out Jesse from the rest; it looked like the opportunity of a lifetime.

Jess ended up being billeted with a city family. It was only when Jesse met Sam that they both learnt that everyone’s story is important.

**FORM DEADLINES!**

- Order forms for the P&C’s Homestyle pie / slice drive are due back at school next **MONDAY 5 AUGUST!**
- School photo orders are due back on **FRIDAY 9 AUGUST.**
- School Opinion Surveys (if you were one of the 40 families who received one) are due to be returned by **MONDAY 12 AUGUST.**

**DONATION**

Recently we received a donation from the Order of the Eastern Star organisation. They donated $50 towards the purchase of books / resources and we thank them.

The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organisation in the world to which both women and men may belong and is open to people of all religious beliefs. It has approximately 10,000 chapters in twenty countries.

Rosalie Ruddock presents Miss Lea with a cheque.

**PYJAMA DAY**


More photos of Pyjama Day, to raise funds to support Children in Care. Staff and students enjoyed the last day of term decked out in their PJs! Thanks to families who were able to support the day.

Till next time

Regards

Lea

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**UNIFORMS!**

Our Uniform Convenor is Debbie Ritchie. If student uniform orders are lodged during the week, Deb will come in to fill those orders on Fridays.

At the moment, the P&C Uniform bank has three size 6 jumpers for sale (near new) $15 each.

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**P&C MEETING**

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7 August at 5.30pm**. Everyone is welcome!