PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) Purpose Statement:

Toowoomba West Special School is committed to promoting a safe, respectful and responsible school community that enables our students to reach their full potential.

**BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL BE RESPONSIBLE**

**Behaviour of the week:**

“I use kind actions and words”

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**PIE DRIVE ORDERS AND MONEY DUE NEXT MONDAY 16 MARCH!!**

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**FOCUS ON CURRICULUM**

This year our school is organised into two cohorts: 1 and 2. Cohort Leaders are Eliza Watt (1) and Melissa Dow (2). Teachers in both cohorts meet weekly to discuss curriculum planning, pedagogy, organisational issues and student behaviour. Once a month teachers meet with Glenn and me with an agenda that looks at all aspects of our school’s operations.

Thanks for your co-operation around developing your child’s ICP – Curriculum Implementation Plan. ICPs look very different to the old IEPs that some of you may be familiar with. ICPs are the new mandated plan for ALL students in Queensland who are working from a different year level curriculum from their same age peers.

**STAFFING**

Larissa Vale (Curriculum Co-ordinator) is leaving on Friday as she takes Maternity Leave. We wish her well and thank her for the great work she has done in supporting our teachers with their curriculum and teaching. Laura Masters will be taking on the Curriculum co-ordinator role for two days each week.

**PBL: POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING**

We are in full swing with implementation of our Behaviour Matrix this term. The matrix is a grid that includes behaviours we will be teaching which occur across the entire school day. Our three expectations (respect, responsibility, safety) are defined in each daily routine.

Those of you who visit the school daily for drop offs and pick ups will have seen an easel with any important notices for the day or week. Included on the easel is our **BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK**. Last week it was “WALK ON THE CONCRETE” (Safety). This week it is “USE KIND ACTIONS AND WORDS” (Respect).

We are currently reviewing how to make our rewards system more meaningful for ALL students, especially those who have difficulty linking rewards with desired behaviours unless the reward is given immediately.

We are currently using stars for rewards for desired behaviours which are stuck onto rockets. Students are able to achieve greater rewards from choices when they accumulate their rockets.

Shannon saved his rockets for one of the ‘big ticket’ rewards: to sit in Mr Glenn’s chair for a session! Mr Glenn always makes a huge fuss in letting everyone in the school know when someone achieves this reward. On this day he shouted it through a megaphone while wheeling Shannon through the school on his office chair!

Well done, Shannon!
Our PBL Team continues to meet fortnightly after school. In addition to Glenn and me there is Amy Harding (our external Coach), Megan Thompson (teacher and Internal Coach), Larissa Vale (our Curriculum Co-ordinator), Mary Evans (Teacher Aide) and Megan Apalais (our Parent Rep and Vice-President of the P&C).

UNIFORMS – COOLER MONTHS AHEAD!

Cherie Imms will be taking on the role of our Uniform Co-ordinator for this year once Megan and Nikki hand over to her. Meanwhile the cooler months are getting closer so get ready to order your V-neck, fleecy lined jumpers. These are priced at $24. We have plenty of other stock available. Payment will be required at collection of your uniform order.

Many thanks
Megan Apalais, Nikki Powell and Cherie Imms

On a final note, please be aware that if your child has vomiting or diarrhoea, current Department of Health guidelines state that children need to be excluded until there has not been an episode of vomiting or diarrhoea for 24 hours. This will help to minimise the possibility of viruses spreading. Thanks for your co-operation.

As you would have read from Monday’s notice, we have had two recent cases of chickenpox here so please be vigilant about checking your own child’s body for signs.

Till next time
Kind regards
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ACCESS TO JP

Mr. Glenn, our Deputy Principal, is a registered Justice of the Peace (Qual.). Should you need the services of a JP (Qual.) please enquire at the office to make a time to meet with him.

COME SAIL WITH SAILABILITY – 15 MARCH!

Come and Sail with us Sunday the 15th of March

WHERE: Darling Downs Sailing Club, Cooby Dam
(Straight ahead through the gates Loveday Cove)

WHEN: 9.30 am until 2.00 pm approx.

COST: $8.00 per person for approx. 30 mins sail time
$ 15 for 2 in a family
$ 20 for 3 in a family

Tea, coffee, slices, sausage sizzle and drinks available to purchase or bring along a picnic and enjoy the beautiful surrounds of the foreshore while watching. We encourage all to come and have a look, even if you are not sailing, and enjoy an idyllic, relaxing day near the water.

Limited spaces so please contact us to book and also to discuss needs.
Contact: .ddsailability@gmail.com.au
or call Glen Garvey: 0419176441

DATE CLAIMER: Toowoomba West P&C Race Day Saturday 24 October

Visits to Paediatricians:
If your child has a paediatric, neurologist or other specialist visit coming up, please let your child’s teacher know. This will enable us to provide an update about your child’s progress at school. Paediatricians and other specialists tell us that they find information from school to be extremely valuable e.g. in relation to a child’s behaviour, ability to concentrate, cognitive and physical skills, energy levels etc. while at school. It would be desirable to have at least one week’s notice for a report.