Dear Parents/Carers and members of the TWSS Community, a very big welcome to our new students and their families to our school. I hope you thoroughly enjoy our school and find it to be educationally stimulating and challenging.

This week I had the great pleasure, along with our P and C President (Paul Wilson) of presenting senior shirts to our graduating students. The students are wearing their shirts with pride as reality sets in that this is their last year as a TWSS student. (See attached photos)

**Absenteeism** – can I stress the importance of parents/carers making contact with the school on the day of your child being absent from school. Should a student be absent from school and the school has not been notified of a reason why (i.e. ill, appointment, holiday etc.) – a member of the school administration team will contact parents seeking a reason. On Tuesday, the Department of Education and Training (Education Queensland) announced policy which clearly stipulates that any child in out of home care must have a reason why they are absent received from carers on the day of being absent. I have made the decision that this policy will apply to all students. Please remember that it is parent/carer responsibility to inform the school of student absenteeism.

**Help needed** – Ms Justine and her team are in the process of designing and building sensory boards for our students to use. If you have any of the following materials and would like to donate them to the school, please bring them to the school office.

Items include:

- Metal spoons
- Keys
- PVC pipe (white 90mm and 100mm storm water)
- Metal or plastic strong plastic utensils
- Saucepans (any size)
- Saucepan lids (any size)
- Wooden or metal curtain rings

**Parent Contact details/Emergency Contact details** – recently we experienced a situation where we needed to contact a parent urgently but were unable to due to the parent’s mobile phone not working. Can I stress the importance on informing the school office of alternative contact details if your primary phone is not working. If you have not listed emergency contacts for your child with the school I urge you to do this as well. Please contact the school office if you are in any doubt or questions.

**Classroom visits** – “Toowoomba West Polar Bears Hydrotherapy Club.” Ms Justine and her class and Ms Jacquie and Ashleigh attend Clifford Park Special School’s hydrotherapy. No matter how cold or hot, or how wet or dry the weather, staff and students always attend. It allows our students to experience floating, body movement and resistance in water. Hydrotherapy is not about learning how to swim. It is about relaxing, moving and enjoying the experience. Students absolutely love being in the water and you can see that in the photos attached.

**School Opinion Surveys** – parents/carers please remember to complete the school opinion survey which was sent home earlier in the week. The survey must be completed by Friday 29th July. Your opinion is greatly valued, so please take the time to complete.

Wrapping up another great week in learning and engagement at Toowoomba West Special School.

Till next time,
Regards

*Mr Glenn*
PBL: POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

PBL is an evidence-based, schoolwide universal system of student behavioural support. This year we are continuing with ongoing revision of our implementation into classrooms and school wide systems. Each week we explicitly teach our behaviour focus for the week. Each behaviour focus relates to one of our three behaviour expectations of BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE SAFE.

DATE CLAIMER:
Toowoomba West P&C Race Day Saturday 5 November

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- **8.15am drop off** - please arrive no earlier than 8:15am to drop off students. (Staff start duty at 8.15am and a bell will sound)
- **Communication Books** – are used to communicate key points between home and school/school and home. Please do not expect teachers to write in communication books each day. If there is a major issue/concern to report expect it to be written in the communication book or a phone call from the teacher.
- **Hats** – please provide a hat for your child (only if it is not a sensory issue) to wear while playing/participating in activities outdoors.
- **Please name all pieces** of your child’s clothing which is worn at school.
- **Medication** – please make contact with your child’s teacher regarding routine medication.

**Student details** – please notify the office when any student details change, this also includes EMERGENCY CONTACTS.

**Transport** – transport amendments/new applications take 7-10 days to implement.

**Parent/Teacher meetings** – parents please communicate through the communication book to arrange a time to meet with the teacher.

Visits to Paediatricians/Specialists:
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.

**Coming Events**

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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.

UNIFORMS

Winter clothing is currently in stock – please see the office team for any uniform orders or enquiries.

Thank you to all families and staff who purchase uniforms through the P & C.

Parent request: If anybody has any ANGRY BIRD toys which were put out by McDonalds with Happy Meals and don’t want them anymore, could you please bring them to the school office. My daughter loves them and cannot get enough of them. Thanks
Chloe is floating on her back with help from Ms Di. Chloe really enjoys being in the water.

Reuben is working with Ms Justine and using a float device. Reuben loves to splash in the water.

This is Hamish. Hamish really likes to float on his back.

This is Tegara just floating around and chilling.

Chloe is floating on her back with help from Ms Di. Chloe really enjoys being in the water.
April is holding onto a float bar and pushing against the wall with her legs.