Dear Parents/Carers and members of the TWSS Community, welcome to term 4. I hope you had the best possible school holiday period. It was great to see so many students back on day one of term 4 - straight back into school like there was no interruption to their routine. A big thank you to Ms Amy and Ms Megan who acted in administration roles while I was on leave. (Yes, I did sneak off and take two weeks leave at the end of term.)

Next week is Intensive Interaction (II) Week. Toowoomba West Special School will be celebrating II week with a whole series of events taking place throughout the week with our staff and students. Parents/Carers and members of our school community are invited to attend a showcase of II at TWSS on Tuesday 11/010/16 at 10:10 to 11am. This is during morning tea on sports day. Morning tea will be provided. If you have never heard of II – come along for a look. II is a teaching and engagement strategy which we use across the school.

This week our graduating students started their transition program to Clifford Park Special School (CPSS). These students will attend CPSS for a period of time over the next 3 Thursdays. I know these students will have a great time in getting to know their new school.

Clifford Park Special School 25th Anniversary
Congratulations to Clifford Park Special School which is celebrating its 25th Anniversary. They are holding an open day this Saturday. Please see attached flyer for more details.

A couple of new changes:

Phone calls – when parents/carers or anybody else for that matter phone the school during the hours of ‘teaching time’ (when the teacher is working with students) the ladies in the office will take a message and the teacher will then return the call when they are not working with students. If the phone call is urgent or is an emergency, the call will be transferred through to me or Ms Amy (A/Deputy Principal). I am sure that you will understand that it is extremely important that teachers and students are not interrupted during teaching time.

Absenteism – parents/carers must contact the school prior to their child being absent for 5 or more days. This could be a holiday, illness/medical or other planned reason. Relevant paperwork will be completed and signed by parents/carers. This is an Education Queensland requirement.

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) – without alarming you - can I suggest that you make yourself familiar with the NDIS webpage www.ndis.gov.au
The NDIS will be starting in Toowoomba in 2017. For more information please read relevant information on the website. If you require assistance with NDIS please phone 1800 800 110.

If you don’t have access to a computer or internet, please contact the school – we will make a computer available for your use. Please see attached document for more information on the NDIS.

Absenteism – can I stress the importance of parents/carers making contact with the school on the day of your child being absent from school. The school administration team will make contact with parents/families if absenteism is not explained in a reasonable time frame.

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.

Routine Medication – Medication which an individual student has on a daily basis at a set time. Medication will only be administered if it is prescribed, in the original container and has a pharmacy label. If the medication is more complex with specific administration requirements then a letter from the medical practitioner should be provided. Please come and see myself or Ms Amy for further information if required.

Wrapping up another great week in learning and engagement at Toowoomba West Special School. Till next time,

Regards

Mr Glenn
BE SAFE  BE RESPECTFUL  BE RESPONSIBLE

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.

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.

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ACCESS TO JP

Mr. Glenn 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.
CLIFFORD PARK SPECIAL SCHOOL
Silver Anniversary
24 YEARS STRONG

CLIFFORD PARK SPECIAL SCHOOL OPEN DAY

To celebrate our school’s Silver Anniversary, an open day will be held on the 8th of October 2016

Open Day Itinerary
2PM to 8PM

2PM: Classroom visits, Fun and Games, Sausage Sizzle, Devonshire Tea

3PM: Entertainer Ruby Slipperz

4PM: Official 25th Anniversary ceremony

6-8PM: Bush dance with the Bandicoots

Ring 4614533, or email admin@cliffparkspecs.eq.edu.au for more information