Dear Parents/Carers and members of the TWSS Community, a very busy week it has been. **Reminder: Monday 17 October – is a pupil free day. No students are to attend TWSS.**

**Sports Day:** A very big congratulations to all students who participated in our school sports day. In the morning session students participated in a variety of activities including shot put, high jump, long jump, ball toss, vortex, rocket throw and activities which tested their aim. After morning tea, students and some parents participate in running and wheelchair events. The day was very well attended by parents, siblings and friends and family. A big thank you must also go to the Toowoomba Grammar School Year 10 boys who assisted on the day. See attached photos.

**Intensive Interaction Week:** Ms Justine and a team of staff have been running a series of information sessions for parents and staff and have had open classrooms for other classes in the school to participate in Intensive Interaction activities. A big thank you to Ms Justine and the Intensive Interaction team for all your additional work this week.

**P and C Race Day:**
Tickets purchased at: [www.trybooking.com/223420](http://www.trybooking.com/223420)
See attached flier.

**QSchools App:** The QSchools App is an excellent way for you to keep up to date with what is happening at TWSS. This newsletter will appear on the app, as will other important information. The App is free to download and can be downloaded on Apple or Android phones.

**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](http://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 absenteeism 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**

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**WEST WHISPERINGS**

**TOOWOOMBA WEST SPECIAL SCHOOL**

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Principal: Glenn Gatehouse

A/Deputy Principal: Amy Olson
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/email 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 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.
Come and Sail with us Sunday the 16th October 2016

Our Mission
“To provide people with Disabilities the opportunity
To participate in the sport of Sailing in a safe, fun
and supportive environment.”

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 30 minute (approx.) 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

Go to our Facebook page

Or call if you have no email access.

Glen Garvey: 0419176441

Please visit our Web site for more info: www.sailabilitydd.org

*Weather conditions permitting. Any changes will be posted on our Facebook page, so please check there if in doubt.

*Also a spare set of clothes is recommended in case of any splashes on the water
CNK Electrical presents
Toowoomba West Special School Race Day

Saturday 5\textsuperscript{th} November 2016
4:30pm

Grand Marquee, Clifford Park Race Course

$80 per ticket
(includes entry to the Grand Marquee and sit down meal)

Theme

Hollywood Glam

Entertainment provided by
Heidi Barret and her band Special Guest

Purchase tickets at:
www.trybooking.com/223420

CnK Electrical is owned and run by Carl and Kristy Bradford – Bridie’s (student at TWSS) mum and dad.

Electrical repairs - Maintenance & Installation - Appliance Repairs – Aircon Installation

Email: bradford79@skymesh.com.au Carl: 0457117521

The TWSS community thank Carl and Kristy for their ongoing support.
2016 TWSS Sports Day