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# Mudpicker Bulletin



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School Priority - WRITING

## Principal Report

### Holiday Reading Program

What a fantastic effort children put in over the holidays with their reading. Congratulations to Rodney and Micah on being the winners of the draw. Also, congratulations to all the children who returned their holiday reading cards and received an icy cup acknowledgement.

### P&C Meeting

Just a reminder that we have our P&C Meeting tonight, Wednesday 1 August at 6 pm. Hoping you can join us.

### Robotics

In Semester 2 all classes will be doing Robotics. Upper primary is doing Spheros (Term 3) whilst Lower Primary is doing Bee Bots (Term 4).

In 2019, we are looking at Year 6 doing Drones!

### Thank You Alicia

Alicia from afterschool care is moving from Townsville and finished up last week as the After-School Care Coordinator. Our school has really appreciated all the great work that Alicia has done during her time at our school including the holiday programs. We wish Alicia all the best for the future.

### 2018 Mudpickers Have Talent

Children who wish to participate are welcome to nominate for heats that are run at lunchtimes on the following dates:

- Heat 1 - Wednesday 8 August
- Heat 2 - Wednesday 15 August
- Heat 3 - Wednesday 22 August
- Heat 4 - Wednesday 29 August

Children can perform individually or as part of a group. A few examples of possible acts are dancing, singing, magic acts, whip cracking, jokes, comedy skits etc etc.

### Notes for Performers

- \* Music can be brought in on CD or mp3 player or iPod and will be played through the school's sound system.
- \* There are up to two cordless microphones that can be used per act.
- \* Acts are to be performed on the stage.

Finalists are selected from the heats to perform on Wednesday 5 September at 2:15 pm.

Children need to notify Chappy Drew if they wish to participate so he can make them aware of their performance date.

### Year 4 Billabong Excursion

Notes have been sent home regarding the upcoming Overnight Billabong Excursion for the Year 4 students. A copy of the note is on the school website and QSchools App (newsletter section). Parents are welcome to attend during the day on the Thursday and details and costs are in the note on the website. Will be a great experience for our Year 4s!

### High School STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Year 4

Townsville High runs some different Challenge Activities throughout the year for local year 4 students. Last time our Basketball Team did really well and this time we are looking forward to our STEM team's participation which includes the following students

- Lucy M
- Beatrix
- KC
- Tommy
- Tahden
- Maddison
- Jack N
- Zane

We know that our stem team will do a great job!

### Red Track

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected to attend Red Track on Monday 13 August

- |             |           |           |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| - Sesmo     | - Tyrone  | - Noel    |
| - Quinn     | - Lucy M  | - Chase   |
| - Noah      | - Ryder H | - Dante   |
| - Emmerson  | - Peata   | - Augusta |
| - Tommy     | - Macey   | - Eric    |
| - Charlie R | - Marcus  | - Landon  |
| - Tyrece    | - Alicia  | - Beatrix |
| - Jack R    | - Sunny   | - Bree    |
| - Olivia    | - Eve     | - Makere  |
| - Xzavier   | - Tiana   |           |

Just a reminder that children born 2011 need to be returned to school by approx. 10.30am.

Also, parents are responsible for transport to and from the event. More details are being handed out shortly to our Red Track Team.

### Books in Homes - CEO Visit

Last Thursday, we had Peter Large, Books In Homes CEO, do a visit and the year 3-4 class performed a Torres Strait Island Dance taught by parents from our school. It was amazing and great to have shared cultural participation.

Peter saw how well our children enjoy their books and really value reading. We are certainly appreciative of being a part of this program.

### Attendance Rewards - Last Week

Gold Gnome - Best Attendance for Year - Year 1/2  
Wilbur - This week's Most Improved Attendance - Prep

### Attendance Rewards - This Week

Gold Gnome - Best Attendance for Year - 1/2  
Wilbur - This week's Most Improved Attendance - 2/3

### Calendar

Wednesday 1 August - P&C Meeting at 6pm

Thursday 2 August – Cross Country – POSTPONED – TBA.  
Wednesday 8 August – Mudpickers Have Talent – Heat 1  
Monday 13 August – Red Track  
Wednesday 15 August – Mudpickers Have Talent – Heat 2  
The full year's calendar is on the QSchools App and also on the school's website.

### Coles Sports for Schools

Thank you to everyone who collected and dropped in their Coles Sports for Schools vouchers. Our school community collected 17, 010 vouchers! Your wonderful support has allowed our small school to order some new sports equipment, including tennis, cricket, table tennis equipment, and a new King Ball Kit, - for the students. Delivery of these items should occur soon.

### Reward Hats

As part of our reward programs for their Gotchas children are able to earn up to 1 blue bucket hat each semester. We know that sometimes children can wear out or lose a few hats throughout the year and this will help the children to earn up to two hats per year by using 2 reward vouchers (=20 gotchas).

### Leukaemia Foundation's Shave for a Cure – Townsville Schools Challenge 2018

Thank you to everyone who participated in raising money for this year's 'Leukaemia Foundation's Shave for a Cure'. **Our amazing Mudpicker community raised \$1, 160!!** A big thank you to everyone who helped support the Leukaemia Foundation this year. Our student council leaders helped to organise and run our 2 main fundraisers – *The Funky Hair Day and the Face Biscuits Day*. A big thank you to them! Also, a big thank you to the Newman family for kicking off our Shave for a Cure fundraising with the *Pancake Breakfast!* This year we had 2 brave students put their hands up to shave! Jack N (participating for the second year in a row), and Augusta P-T. Jack and Augusta decided to work together in their fundraising efforts - together raising \$705!! What an amazing effort!

### How our money helps others:

\$250 - That's enough to enable a family to attend a support program specific to their blood cancer.

\$560 - That's enough to give a regional family a free place to stay close to treatment in the city for one week.

\$1200 - That's enough to provide free transport for people who are too ill to drive after chemotherapy treatment, for two weeks.



Again, a huge thank you goes out to Jack and Augusta, for being our student representatives this year, and being brave and shaving!  
Well done!

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile



cause, which is close to my heart.

Miss Tanya Brown  
Yr3/4 Teacher

### Permission Forms

We are currently updating all permission forms and thanks to the many parents who have already returned them. The updated permission form lasts across the period of a student's enrolment, however, parents are welcome to notify the office if they wish to change any permission at any time. Where events are not in the Student Permission Form, a separate permission form will be sent out.

### What's new at Town High?

Welcome back to the second half of the year! Junior Secondary at Townsville State High School is full steam ahead this term with a huge range of activities along the way.

Already this term we have had many families visit our school for the Parent Information Evening, touring around our facilities and learning about what Town High has to offer. Remember if you'd like to enrol a Year 7 student for next year that you will need to book an enrolment interview. This can take place on our designated enrolment evenings or at a time that suits you. The enrolment evenings are held from 3.30pm-6.30pm 6<sup>th</sup> November. Call the office to arrange a time on 4721 8777.

At the end of last term, four of our fantastic teachers attended peer skills facilitation training in order to extend our network of peer mentors. Mr Brough, Mrs Pullen, Mr Askin and Miss Bruch will train the next group of amazing peer mentors in term four.

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## SAFARI TRIVIA NIGHT



Sausage  
Sizzle





Prizes  
Raffle

**WHERE:** Currajong State School Hall  
140 Palmerston Street

**WHEN:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 6:00PM

**COST:** \$15 per ticket (10 people per table)

**TICKETS:** <http://www.ticketebo.com.au/life-education-townsville/life-education-townsville-trivia-fundraiser.html>

**CONTACT:** Wendy Flynn  
[townsville@lifeeducation.org.au](mailto:townsville@lifeeducation.org.au)

**PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED!**

Light refreshments & beverages available for sale



## Weekly Awards

### Prep

Rodney for being an excellent role model.

Isla for excellent job with her interactive writing

### 1/2

Zoe – Welcome back!

Indiana for always putting in 100% effort.

Quinn for making a great effort with her reading.

Quade for making a great effort every day.

### 2/3

Taqueil for making good work choices in Maths.

Zachery for working on his self-control.

Gabriella for doing really well with reading comprehension.

Amelia for improved efforts in writing and giving it a go.

Noah for a fantastic effort in Persuasive Writing.

### 3/4

Josh for improving the amount of words written in a writing session.

Landyn for persisting and giving 100% in English tasks.

Charlie for providing the class with 2 great 'share and teaching' information reports. Great job!

Alana for working hard to improve the quality and quantity of her writing.

### 4/5

Kaidan for making an effort in class and being respectful and responsible in class.

Lucy for being respectful and responsible in class.

Ciallan for good choices in the classroom and being respectful of others.

Frank for making an effort with his work in class.

### 5/6

Macey for being a good friend

Ron for behaving well in class.

Diamond for working hard in maths to achieve her best!

Sunny for working hard in maths to achieve his best!

\* Monday 17 September, 2018 - Prep Transition Day: Afternoon Session (Outdoor Activities) - 1:45 - 3:00 pm.

\* Wednesday 10 October, 2018 - Parent Information Evening at Townsville South State School Prep Building - 5:30 - 6:30 pm

\* Tuesday 6 November, 2018 - Prep Transition Day: Morning Session - 9:00 - 11:30 am

\* Wednesday 14 November, 2018 - Prep Transition Day: Middle Session - 11:45 am - 1:15 pm.

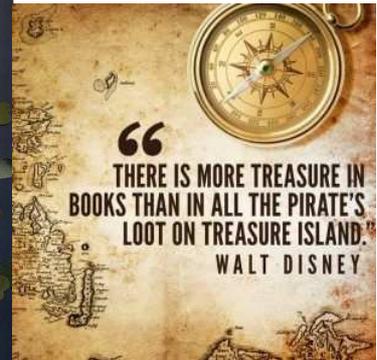
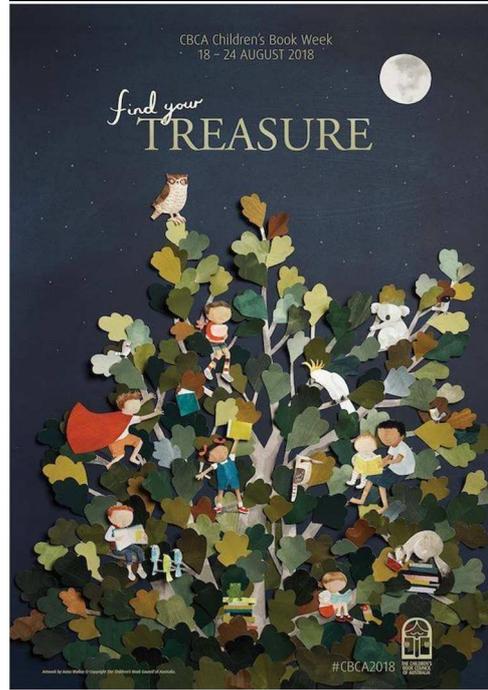
**Reminder** - Please keep the school updated should your contact and/or address details change.

**School Watch** - 131788

**Student Council – Milkshakes** – Every Thursday. Cost \$1.50. Flavours are Chocolate, Strawberry, Banana, Caramel and Vanilla.

**OSchools App** – We highly recommend this app so parents can receive notifications and other information.

# Book Week is Coming Up!



### Playgroup Tuesday

Thanks everyone for your involvement in our playgroup.

Playgroup will be running on Tuesdays from 9:00 – 10:45 each Tuesday. Hope you can join us.

Playgroup is continuing to go really well! We are so glad that we are having so many new children and families joining us for these great mornings.

### ENROL NOW FOR PREP IN 2019!

Enrolments are now open for any families, who wish to enrol their child/ren, born between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, for Prep at Townsville South State School next year. Please see Shirley in the Office for an Enrolment Pack.

### 2018 Prep Transition Days

We are looking forward to our upcoming Prep Transition Days to welcome our new students and families for Prep in 2019. Below are a list of the dates for these upcoming events:

\* Wednesday 15 August, 2018 - Enrolment Day for new Pep families - anytime between 9 am - 3 pm.

**This year's theme is: *Find Your Treasure.***

**Our annual 'Book Week Parade' is held:**

**Date:** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2018

**Time:** 9am

**Place:** TSSS Hall

Students may come dressed as their favourite book character, or in a costume linked to this year's theme. Students are asked to bring along the book linked to their costume. Have fun planning your costume for this year!

# Townsville South State School Community Breakfast

At Townsville South State School, a Community Breakfast is held from 8:00am until the bell at 8:45am Tuesday Mornings.

This is open to all members of our school community including Parents/Guardians, Teachers as well as Students.

All families are encouraged to volunteer for one Tuesday morning if possible. A Schedule is available in the folder in the foyer. A flyer with further information is also available in addition to the Townsville South P&C Facebook Page.

All food provided fulfils the Green Requirements of the *Health Eating Guide* provided by Queensland Education.

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/docs/smart-choices-strategy.pdf>

The Standard Breakfast is supplied, however if you would like to bake please choose an approved Recipe from the Resource Folder at Front Office.

If you are unable to make a time commitment please consider a financial contribution to the breakfast. Please place any money in an envelope clearly labelled as below – into the Wooden box.

Community Breakfast

.....Family Name.....

“Remember that the  
happiest people are not  
those getting more, but  
those giving more.”  
– H. Jackson Brown Jr.

PRE LOVED  
TOYS AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHES DRIVE

Family and Child Connect will be  
hosting a stall at a  
Child Protection Family Fun Day in  
September 2018.



So we are looking for donations of  
Pre-loved children toys and children clothes  
to give to families in need.



If you have something you would like to donate  
please deliver to Family and Child Connect at 111  
Charters Towers Road Hermit Park.

