27 January 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

PRINCIPAL’S NOTES
Welcome
Welcome to Toowoomba East for the 2015 school year.
In particular, we welcome many new students and their families across all Year Levels.
A significant number of new staff also join us this year and we look forward to working with them.
1. Mrs Wendy MacGillivray takes up the role of Deputy Principal (Special Education & Student Services).
2. Mrs Darlene Hart joins us as Guidance Officer.
3. Mrs Tania Schmidt has been appointed to the new role of Master Teacher providing teacher professional development and training.
4. Seven new teachers also join us this year.
   - Steven Boundy is our new Phys Ed teacher, coming from Dalby.
   - Carmel Crighton (Prep teacher) from Rockville.
   - Kristian McIvor (Yr 1 teacher) from Crestmead.
   - Libby Day (Yr 2 teacher) from Torquay.
   - Gracie Cole (Yr 3 teacher) from Oakey.
   - Lauren Trevisani (Yr 4 teacher) from Kingaroy.
   - Andrew Skippen also joins us as the District Relief Teacher based at Toowoomba East.

Swimming Lessons
The Swimming Program resumes this term with the swimming carnival for Years 3 to 6 being held Friday 6th February.
Swimming lessons with classes, days and times is attached to the newsletter.
Class Swimming in Term 1 will commence on Monday 2 February. Our School Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 6 February involving students from Years 3 to 6. Please note only some of the year 3 students compete at the carnival, if they are born in 2006.
Students will be required to have togs, towels and a swimming cap for their class lesson.
If your child forgets any of their swimming equipment a note will be sent home advising you of the equipment your child forgot. In the event that your child is not swimming, they require a signed note from their guardian. This way we know that you are aware your child is not swimming. In the event that your child arrives at the pool without the correct equipment or without a note, they will be given work to complete.
**Interhouse Swimming Carnival**

The Toowoomba East State School Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 6 February. Students born 2006 and 2005 will swim in the morning session, 9:00am until approx. 11:30am. Students born 2004 and 2003 will compete in the afternoon session, approximately 11:45am until 2:45pm. Students are reminded to bring a water bottle, hat and sunscreen to the carnival along with their togs, towel and swimming cap.

Trials are held during the first week. All students born 2006 – 2003 are eligible to compete in both the trials and the carnival. Even if your child missed the day of their trials they are still eligible to compete in the carnival.

The Interhouse Carnival is a maximum participation carnival, and students will not be disqualified during the course of the carnival. However they will receive instructions on aspects of the stroke they are having difficulty with. The fastest 6 swimmers during the trials in each event, in each age group for boys and girls will compete in the 100m Individual Medley, 50m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke and 50m Freestyle events at the Interhouse Carnival.

All other swimmers in each age group will be encouraged to compete in the 25m events to obtain points for their team.

Only swimmers who compete in the 50 m events will be awarded certificates and only these swimmers will be eligible to gain selection in the school team to compete at the Range Zone Carnival on Monday 16 February.