

NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Classroom Visits and the 5 Critical Questions

I have been excited to visit classrooms across the school over the last fortnight and have been very impressed with the manners, effort and behaviour of our students. In particular, it has been wonderful to ask students The Five Critical Questions, developed by Dr Lynn Sharratt and Dr Michael Fullan. These questions, listed below, support our signature pedagogy, Visible Learning. They are:

- What are you learning?
- How are you going?
- How do you know?
- How can you improve?
- Where can you go for help?

The use of these questions prompts discussion about what students are learning and helps them to self-assess their level of understanding. Additionally, it assists students to know how and when to receive feedback from a range of sources.

Each of our classrooms has a Learning Wall, the purpose of which is to make the learning intentions and success criteria for our current English unit explicit and transparent.

Actively engaging students in their own learning and making clear from the beginning what is expected of them and how they will be assessed, allows them an opportunity to produce their best work and, in turn, receive a higher academic mark.

UPCOMING

EVENTS:

Thursday 25 April

Anzac Day Public Holiday

Sunday 5 May

Bookclub ordering closes

Monday 6 May

Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 8 May,

Thursday 9 May and

Friday 10 May

Mother's Day Stall

Monday 13 May and

Tuesday 14 May

School Photographs

School Clubs and Activities

While Swim Club and after school STEM will take a break this term, a range of other clubs and activities continues throughout the school.

Robo Cup

Students in Years Five and Six have been preparing to compete in the Darling Downs Robo Cup on the 27 July. During Term One, they learnt the basic functions of EV3 robots and programming to solve simple problems. This term, students have organised themselves into teams and chosen specific challenges to complete at the competition; OnStage, Line Rescue and Maise Maze.

Students have made the commitment to come regularly to practice and program their robots in preparation for the competition in Miss Betts' classroom with the assistance of Miss Betts and Mrs Dawson.

Wednesdays – OnStage groups

Thursdays – Line Rescue and Masie Maze groups.

Chess Club

Chess Club continues this term for players of all abilities. Interested students meet Mrs Brito after eating each Tuesday lunchtime. The school employs an external coach to develop the skills and strategic knowledge of our players.

Little Linguists

Our *Little Linguists* speech and drama group are comprised of Year Three students who meet at Mrs Wade's classroom each Tuesday lunchtime. They are preparing to perform at the Toowoomba Eisteddfod on 16 May at 8:00am. A letter containing further information will be sent home soon.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge will open officially on 7 May and conclude on 23 August.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School Photographs will be taken on Monday 13 May and Tuesday 14 May. Order envelopes were sent home in Term One. If you have not received an envelope, please come to the school office.

Envelopes for sibling photos are also available at the school office.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Mother's Day Stall - Volunteers Required.

With Mother's Day only a couple of weeks away, we are seeking volunteers to assist with the sale of gifts.

WHEN: Wednesday 8 May and Thursday 9 May, 9:00am - 3:00pm.
Friday 10 May, before school only.

WHERE: TESS Hall.

WHAT: Attend at a stall to help the children make a choice of gift. All gifts will already be sorted into pricings. You will not have to handle any money.

NOTE: Any amount of time will be gratefully accepted, whether all day or part thereof. Any offer of help is greatly appreciated.

Please contact our Chaplain, Mr Dolan on 0406 858 762 if you are able to assist.

The timetable for the stall will be emailed to families when finalised.

CENTENARY HEIGHTS STATE HIGH SCHOOL



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YEAR 6 to 7 in 2025

ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY 7TH MAY 5.30PM-6:45PM

CHSHS Performing Arts Centre

Designed to ease the transition to High School, this event will include the sharing of critical information as well as address individual queries.

All parents and students welcome.

TALK MONEY VISIT

Talk Money with Ecstra Foundation will be visiting all Year Six classes at Toowoomba East State School.

Talk Money is a free financial education program that teaches young Australians money lessons for life and aims to help students to be confident when talking about money and to make informed financial decisions.

Delivered by talented facilitators, they offer interactive workshops on "Talking about Money", "Spending and Saving Money" and "Making Money Work".

The program is designed for students in Years Five to Ten and has been developed in collaboration with education experts and a financial education advisory group.

Our Year Six students will attend the "Talking about money workshops." They will chat about how people think, feel and act with money and learn about the HEARD framework to help them have constructive conversations about money.

Workshop dates:

Virtually 45 minutes per class – 2 May 2024

For more information, you may visit their website www.talkmoney.org.au



P&C NEWS

P&C Secretary position

TESS P&C is seeking someone to fill the position of Secretary on our Executive Committee. The position involves collating agenda papers for meetings, prepare and present minutes of the Association's meeting, record and attend to correspondence and maintain information pertaining to the activities of the Association. Please contact our President Bree to register your interest: pandc@toowoombaeastss.eq.edu.au

Tesselaar Bulb Fundraiser

Thank you to all who supported our Bulb Fundraiser.

Tuckshop News

Volunteering in the tuckshop is more than just food preparation. Mel requires volunteers on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from approximately 8:50am-10:00am, affixing labels and putting snacks into bags. If you are available to volunteer, please email your interest to Mel at millartuckshop@gmail.com or go to the tuckshop and have a chat.

FETE NEWS

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Save the Date!

Toowoomba East State School P&C will be holding its 'Spring Garden Party' Fete this year on Sunday 27 October from 11:00am to 3:00pm. A fete requires a huge effort from the school community, though it is a great way to raise funds for larger school improvements. It is a wonderful day that showcases all that our school can offer to the wider community. Most importantly, our families have a fantastic time. We will keep you updated on the progress of the fete preparations through the school newsletter, or you can like our Facebook page for more information.

Fete Sponsors

A fete would not be possible without the generosity of sponsors. If you are a business owner looking for opportunities to give back to your local community while gaining valuable exposure, consider supporting this year's TESS fete as one of our esteemed sponsors. We have various levels of participation available. Please take the time to review the attached proposals.

Market Stalls and Community Groups

Do you know anyone who has a stall at the markets? We are inviting market stall holders and community groups to join our wonderful fete day. A stall is a great way to promote your product, sports team or community group. For more information, please contact Chantelle Denman via email tessfete@gmail.com

Please see the list of class stall below:

Prep A – D (all prep classes) – Prep Café

1A – Lego/Art Competition

1B – Baking Competition

1C – Lolly Stall

1D – Lolly Stall

1E – Multidraw Raffle

2A – Lucky Bags (similar to lucky bottles)

2B – Lucky Bags

2C – Book Stall

2D – Book Stall

2E – Rides Tickets

3A – Hot Chips/Dagwood Dogs

3B – Hot Chips/Dagwood Dogs

3C – Carnival Games

3D – Carnival Games

3E – Plant Stall

4A – BBQ

4B – BBQ

4C – Bake Stall

4D – Bake Stall

4E – Kid's Craft Corner

5A – Drinks Stall

5B – Dunk A Teacher

5C – Novelties

5D – 2nd Hand/Trash 'n' Treasure

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6A – Fairy Floss/Popcorn

6B – Showbags

6C – Snow Cones

6D – Dunk-A-Teacher

6E – Drinks

ENROLMENTS

If you have Prep aged children for 2025 and you live in catchment or currently have other children enrolled at Toowoomba East, but have not yet applied for enrolment, please come to the school office or telephone 4637 5222.

Places for 2025 are limited.

Enrolment interviews have commence and will extend across the coming months.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

It is vital that we have updated details of your address/phone numbers/email address/work details/emergency contacts. Please email enquiries@toowoombaeastss.eq.edu.au if you need to update any of these details.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your child is absent or will be arriving late to school, please **SMS 0427 064 253**.

EG. TEXT—MARY SMITH, 3G,

SICK/HOLIDAY/FAMILY REASONS/DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT/ARRIVING LATE AT 10am,
FROM MOTHER

If a student will be absent for 11 or more consecutive school day, an Exemption of Schooling application is required before you leave. Please contact the office for more information.

BPOINT PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

PAYMENTS

BPOINT ONLINE CARD PAYMENT IS THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT.

PAYMENT METHODS

BPOINT ONLINE CARD PAYMENT—DETAILS FOR BPOINT PAYMENTS ARE ON STUDENT INVOICES

IN PERSON AT THE TOOWOOMBA EAST ADMINISTRATION OFFICE —VIA EFTPOS

NO LATE PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED

The image shows a BPOINT payment interface and a tax invoice. Red arrows point to four fields that must be filled in: CRN, Invoice Number, Student Name, and Amount (USD). A blue box with the text "ALL 4 fields MUST be filled in!" is overlaid on the form. The tax invoice shows a total amount of \$200.00. Below the form, there is a section for "Online Card Payment" with a CRN field and a URL: <http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete>. The CRN is defined as "Customer Reference Number".