Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to school for Term 2. I hope that everyone had a wonderfully relaxing holiday and is now ready for a new term of school work.

We would like to say a BIG thank you to all of those families who helped at the garden working bee last term. Your hard work made a huge difference to the school grounds in preparation for our ANZAC Day parade and is very much appreciated.

Our ANZAC Day parade will be held on Wednesday 24th April starting at 12.30pm. Shayne Neumann, Federal Member for Blair and Councillor Heather Morrow will be attending. All Parents/Carers are very welcome to attend.

Congratulations to Joey Stibbe for being a winner in the National Save the Bilby Colouring Competition. Riley Shaw and Brandon Carmichael received a Highly Commended.

ANZAC Day is Thursday 25th of April. On sale at the Office are:
- METAL BADGES - $5
- PLASTIC BADGES - $2
- WRISTBAND $2
- BIRO $2
- FLAG BADGE $2
- KANGAROO BADGE $2
- ANZAC ANNIVERSARY RIBBON $2
- STUDENT REMEMBER RIBBON $1
- ANZAC DAY STICKER .50cents

Soccer season is here again. Our first game will be on Friday 19th April starting at 12.30pm and finishing at 2.00pm. Permission forms have been sent home today and should be returned asap. Parents/Carers are encouraged to come along to the games and support our young soccer players.

NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will be held from Tuesday 14th May – Thursday 16th May. It is very important that all students arrive at school on time on these days so that test can begin on time. Friday 17th May is the Ipswich Show Holiday. Monday 20th May has been allocated as the “make up” day for students who were absent.

Dance Classes will be starting next Term on Thursday 11th July, and will run for 10 weeks. The cost is $20 per child for the Term irrespective of how many lessons they attend and is in lieu of a text book for this subject. This is a compulsory activity as part of our daily PE program.

Book List for Semester 2. A new booklist for Semester 2 will be issued with the report cards in the last week of this term. Some new text books will be required. Parents/Carers who are entitled to the Federal Government Education Subsidy will be receiving their second payment in July.

Woolworths Earn & Learn program. From Monday 8th April to Sunday 9th June, when you shop at Woolworths, collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet. There’ll be 1 Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent (excludes liquor, cigarettes and gift cards). Once completed, place your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet in the Collection Box, either at school or the one for Tivoli School at your local Woolworths. Extra sticker sheets are available at the Office.
In memory of Adam McKone, who sadly passed away last year after a long battle with cancer, Jade & Danielle’s Mum, Samantha Warner, will be participating in the World’s Greatest Shave. On Wednesday the 23rd of May, the anniversary of Adam’s passing, Samantha will be shaving her head. Everyone is invited to come along to this special event will be held at school at 2.15pm before parade. If you would like to sponsor Samantha and help raise funds for this worthy cause, donations may be made at the Office. All donations over $2 are tax deductible.

**Tivoli School Community Walk** from Tivoli State School to Ipswich on Sunday 8th September. We are considering asking for a small entrance fee and the walkers can obtain a sponsor. All money raised will be donated to Children’s Cancer Research. We would appreciate any feedback with ideas/suggestions for this event and also expressions of interest to gauge participation numbers. Please contact the office with your thoughts.

**Mother’s Day Raffle** tickets will be coming home shortly so keep an eye out for them. 1st Prize Tupperware Hamper value over $90; 2nd Prize Tupperware Hamper value over $50; 3rd Prize Tupperware Hamper value over $30. Drawn Wednesday 8th May.

**Mother’s Day Stall** will be held on Wednesday 8th May. A note with more information will be sent home closer to this date.

**New uniforms.** The P&C have a new supplier for our school uniform shirts. These new shirts will be in the same design as those worn by the Preps this year. They are a higher quality shirt than the old design and are also a slightly larger make. A note will be sent out advising when sample sizes of the new shirts will available for sizing. All old stock shirts must be sold before a new order can be placed. There are currently 11 size 12, 9 size 14 and 6 size 16 old design shirts in stock. The school class photos will be taken on 5th September. To help ascertain how many of each size of the new shirts that need to be ordered, please fill out and return the attached Expression of Interest form to the office by Wednesday 15th May.

Jan Barton
Principal
My name is Georgina Melville. I am a teacher at Redbank Plains State School and my daughter is in the Wollemi classroom at Tivoli State School. I am passionate about every child in Australia having the right to a quality education – regardless of where they live or their family’s income.

That is why I GIVE A GONSKI.

It sounds like a cheeky thing to do, but giving a Gonski is really about sending a message to our State Government that Queensland kids deserve a fair share of education funding to ensure they have every opportunity to reach their potential.

The Gonski Report recommends a needs-based funding model. Schools would receive a base amount of money per student and those that enrol and support students with educational disadvantage would receive additional funding to help bridge the gap.

If the Gonski recommendations were implemented, schools like Tivioli State School would be better resourced to make a real difference in the lives of our students. Every classroom could have a full time teacher aide. Specialist teachers and teacher aides could deliver targeted intervention for students who require support, and extension for gifted and talented students. The school’s ICT resources could be upgraded to engage students and enhance learning opportunities.

I am asking you to take three simple steps to ensure our message does not fall on deaf ears:

1. Visit igiveagonski.com.au to find out more and register your support.
2. Spread the Gonski message through conversations, Facebook, Twitter etc.
3. Contact the Federal Member for your area and tell them that our kids need Gonski funding and it is their job to make it happen.

If you’d like more information or help finding the contact details for your Federal Member, please contact the school on 07 3813 7444 and leave a message for me.

Our kids count and you can make a difference. We all need to GIVE A GONSKI today!

Georgina Melville
Gonski Mum and Classroom Teacher

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Expression of Interest
New design school uniform shirt
(please return to Office by Wednesday 15th May)

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Child/Children…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
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Are you a parent of siblings who fight?
Every day thousands of parents wake up to the challenge of dealing with children who are in conflict with their siblings. Researchers from The University of Queensland are interested in understanding and improving children's relationships with their siblings. To do this, the research team headed by Prof. Matt Sanders, would like to invite parents of siblings to fill out a brief questionnaire highlighting their experiences raising siblings. The researchers are interested to know how being a parent of siblings impacts your family? Do you receive enough support to deal with challenging behaviour? What sort of extra help do you think you need? And how best would you like to receive support? The information provided will be used to help develop a tailored parenting program for parents who are having difficulty with their children's sibling conflict. Participating parents will also be invited to register their interest for the trial of the program once it is available. All parents of siblings who have children aged between 2 and 10 years with no more than 4-years separating the two siblings are invited to participate in a brief questionnaire available at www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/siblings. Parents do not need to have children who are in conflict to participate. Contact John Pickering on (07) 3346 8743 or email j.pickering@uq.edu.au