Welcome to the 2016 school year:

A warm welcome to all students and families to the new school year. We welcome our new Prep student, Alice Hubbard, to school and Annie, Peter and Charlie as a new school family. I hope this is an enjoyable start to the 'school journey' for the Hubbard family. Our current enrolment this year is 10 students, covering all year levels from Prep to Yr 6.

Curriculum Matters:

With students in every year level our daily timetable utilises teacher aides assisting in the classroom every day, working closely with individual students or groups of students. This term we also offer Japanese, Daily P.E., music instruction, swimming instruction as well as art, science and history with Mrs Brown on a Thursday. Currently, we are working on our Tara Show entries and NAPLAN practice questions (NAPLAN testing is in May for Yrs 3 and 5).

Staffing:

Mrs Fiona Brown will continue to teach the students on a Thursday, as well as three times a term assessing students on Wednesdays for learning support and intervention purposes. Other staff members this year include:

- Noeleen Johnston: Music on Wednesdays
- Rachel Doyle: Teacher aide - Mon/Thrs/Fridays
- Gay Dempsey: Teacher aide - Mon/Tues/W'nesdays
- Vicki Larsen: Teacher aide - Prep - Yr2 support
- Sarah Gleson: Admin officer - Wed/Thursdays
- Helen Dales: Groundsperson
- Marion Cronje: Cleaning
- Steve Cronje: Bus Driver, odd jobs

We welcome Mrs Gay Dempsey as a new teacher aide. Gay comes with a number of years’ teacher aide experience, having been employed at Tara school and at The Gums.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Well done to Zoe and Amos who competed successfully at the recent Tara and District Swimming Carnival at Tara. District sports trials for league, touch, netball and soccer are coming up at Meandarra on Thrs Mar 10. Each week our Daily P.E. will focus on one of these skills. A new initiative in our cluster of schools this term has been a Yr 5/6 leadership camp held at Columboola Educational Centre at Miles. This was attended and enjoyed by our 2 school leaders, Charlotte Dales and Jack Holt.

Other School Information:

Last Friday we held a successful Leadership/Badge Ceremony, Thank you to all the families and special guest MP Ann Leahy, Member for Warrego for attending and making it a special day for our leadership group.

Congratulations to:

- School Leaders: Charlotte Dales and Jack Holt
- Emu Sports Captain: Amos Wallis
- Kangaroo Sports Captain: Charla Holt
- Student Council President: Toby Maher
- Student Council Secretary: Charlotte Dales
- Student Council Treasurer: Zoe Maher

2016 HANNAFORD STATE SCHOOL GOALS:

This year, our main goal is to improve curriculum delivery of, teach more effectively, provide explicit individual instruction and focus on:

READING, READING, READING and READING.

In addition to all the normal curriculum areas, Education Qld has instructed each school to have a main focus - ours will be reading for 2016. We will investigate HOW, WHY and WHAT we teach in reading to deliver the best results for each student.

Until next time, Ros Bougoure

P.S. When driving in to the post office next time, have a look at the new chook house that the Student Council has purchased.
STUDENT COUNCIL PURCHASE

At the end of 2015 the Student Council decided to purchase a chicken coop with some of the available funds. Thanks to the help of Mr Cronje the chicken coop is now finished and ready to add some chickens. The Student Council’s intentions are to sell the eggs to generate an income.
2016 Badge Ceremony

2016 School Leaders—Charlotte Dales & Jack Holt

2016 Sports Captains—Amos Wallis (Emu’s)
Charla Holt (Kangaroo’s)

Left—2016 Student Council Executive:
Toby Maher (President)
Zoe Maher (Treasurer)
Charlotte Dales (Secretary)

Right—Prep to Year 6 with Ms Ann Leahy, P&C President Helen Dales & Principal Ros Bougoure
REMINDER
PLAYGROUP — EVERY THURSDAY FROM 1:00PM

Tuckshop Roster:
18/02—Hubbard
04/03—Skewes
17/03—Maher

P&C AGM—Monday 29th February
3:00pm at the Hannaford School Library. Please submit membership forms to P&C Secretary prior to the meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS ZOE & AMOS for making and competing in the Small Schools Swimming carnival on Friday 5th February at Tara.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK - Congratulations to:

Week 2: Emily Wallis Year 2 Great start to the year
Week 3: Jack Holt Year 6 Excellent leadership skills

AUSTRALIA DAY COMPETITION WINNERS:

Jack Holt—Charlotte Dales—Emily Wallis
WELCOME TO OUR 2016 PREP STUDENT
Alice Hubbard

WELCOME
Mrs Dempsey—Teacher Aide
2016 Swim Block
QGC Communities Fund information sessions

Representatives from not-for-profit organisations and local governments are invited to register for free information sessions about the QGC Sustainable Communities Fund.

**QGC Communities Fund**

Not-for-profit organisations and local governments in the Western Downs and Gladstone Regional Council areas are invited to apply for grants from the QGC Communities Fund. Eligible groups can apply for grants between $10,001 and $50,000 for short-term projects of up to 12 months. To be eligible, projects must enhance regional liveability by building the sustainability of community groups and organisations.

**Session contents:**

- Information about the QGC Communities Fund themes, eligibility and application processes
- Light refreshments followed by an opportunity to discuss individual proposals with QGC representatives (available only to those who attend the preliminary information session).

- **Tara**, Wednesday 24 February, Tara Golf Club, Tara-Chinchilla Road, Tara 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- **Chinchilla**, Wednesday 24 February, Chinchilla Community Connexions Building, 67-71 Middle Street, Chinchilla 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- **Wandoan**, Thursday 25 February, Diggers Complex – Wandoan Showgrounds, Wandoan 12:00pm – 2:00pm
- **Miles**, Thursday 25 February, The Murilla Room – Dogwood Crossing 91 Murilla Street, Miles, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- **Chinchilla**, Friday 26 February, Chinchilla Community Connexions Building, 67-71 Middle Street, Chinchilla 12:00pm – 2:00pm

To register:

- Telephone (freecall) 1800 030 443 or email community@qgc.com.au
- Please ensure you nominate the session you wish to attend
- Registrations must be received at least three working days prior to the session you wish to attend.

More information

Phone: 1800 030 443 (toll free)
Email: community@qgc.com.au  
Website: www.qgc.com.au
The Terry Charles Memorial Cup

20th Feb, 2016

@ Jack Chappell Football Oval, Tara
Kick off from 4pm

Live Band after final game til late

MEN OF LEAGUE DINNER
Friday night - 19th Feb
Tara Function Room - 6pm

Hot Food & Drinks
Raffles - Auction
Bar Open
Talking about... coping as a carer

MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2016
CARERS UNITE

Do you care for someone with a Mental Illness? Don’t miss this opportunity to meet other Carers in your community and find out about services available to you and your loved ones.

TARA: 10:30 at Tara Hospital Conference Room
CHINCHILLA: 2:30 at CWA Rooms (next to RSL Car Park)

Please RSVP by 19th Feb 2016:
0428 983 011 or dsmith@partnersinrecovery.net.au

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RSVP TODAY!