Principal’s Message

COMMUNITY – What does it mean?

A community is a group brought together with a common bond. They support each other through the good times, celebrate their successes together and face adversity as a united front. The strength of our community is our weakest link. How we support it, nurture it, protect it and develop it define who and what we are in our community.

As a community we have choices, to focus on the negatives or the past, or to focus on the future and acknowledge and celebrate the positives and the successes we achieve. It is how we choose to look at the events in our life and our reactions to them that provide the footprint for our children. We need to model appropriate behaviours, conversations and actions to enable our students/children to have outstanding role models and to develop into caring, respectful citizens.

While there will always be events or people who affect our lives both negatively and positively it is important for our community to let go of the past, support each other and move forward in a positive, celebratory manner. Reliving past perceived injustices and only focusing on the negatives often overshadows the present and clouds the direction for the future.

In my short time at Theodore SS P-10 I have been impressed with the staff’s professionalism around identifying key issues in the school both positive and negative and the way they have progressed a change agenda and implementation plan for 2014 to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students.

My teachers have a clear direction for the remainder of 2013 and for 2014. They are focused on the schools improvement agenda. They have boarded the bus for improvement, they are happy to encourage you all to come on this journey with them and to climb aboard our bus. Some people may not like our proposed journey and may decline climbing aboard, others may be reluctant to, it is important however to support those wishing to take this journey and encourage others to get on board.

My teachers and the community hold the key for developing the positive platform to move the school forward and ensuring the best possible educational outcomes for all students. At this point the question is not only “What can the school do for you?”, but, as a community “What can you do for our School”?

Donna Drinkwater – Principal
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EMAIL ADDRESS FOR COMMUNITY ADVERTISMENTS AND INFORMATION
The address for community advertisements or information to be included in the school newsletter must be received by 3pm Monday prior to publication via e-mail to the school administration:
admin@theodoress.eq.edu.au
Our next newsletter will be published Wednesday 27th November
BOOK FAIR: Will be held from Monday 25th until Friday 29th November in the Resource Centre. The Resource Centre will be open before and after school and at both breaks. The theme for the book fair is **STORY LABORATORY**

GEOFF JOHNSTON MEMORIAL TOUCH FOOTBALL & BALL GAMES PROGRAM - FRIDAY 22ND NOV 2013

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Year 2

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The story says that...
Hotel Theodore

Hotel X-mas Party

Saturday 7th December
Starting @ 3pm

Come and celebrate the Christmas season at the Hotel

BBQ,
Entertainment by LK,
Jumping castle for the kids,
and of course a visit from

Santa
Celebrate What’s Great!
Australia Day 2014
Cracow Community Centre
Sunday 26th January
9am – late

COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE
FUN, FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT
ON OFFER AT THE
2014 AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS!

Australia Day 2014 will be hosted by the Cracow community and will be celebrated at the Cracow Community Centre. Celebrations will commence at 9am with presentations of awards commencing at 11am.

The Australia Day committee are calling for nominations for the various Australia Day Awards. Shire residents and organisations are asked to support these awards which are to honour and recognise achievements by members of our communities. Nomination for these awards is a way of showing members of our community that their efforts/achievements have not gone unnoticed. Award categories are:

- Citizen & Young Citizen of the Year
- Cultural & Junior Cultural – Artist and/or Arts Worker
- Volunteer of the Year
- Junior & Senior Sportsperson
- Sports Coach, Official and/or Administrator
- Community Group or Team
- Community Event of the Year

Nomination forms can be found on Council’s website www.banana.qld.gov.au and hard copies are available from Council’s customer service centres and libraries.

Nominations close on Friday 13th December 2013.

The winners will be announced and awards presented at the Australia Day celebrations. Further information in relation to the awards can be obtained by contacting Council’s Customer Service on (07) 4992 9500.

On Australia Day we come together as a nation to celebrate what’s great about Australia and being Australian. Australia Day is the biggest day of celebration in the nation.
On Australia Day we celebrate the things that make our country great: the people, the land, our diversity, our sense of a fair go, our lifestyle and our freedoms. We reflect on our national journey. We commit to making our country even better in the future.

For more information contact the Banana Shire Australia Day Committee on (07) 4992 9500 or email enquiries@banana.qld.gov.au
– ATTN: Australia Day Committee