

## Tallong Twitterings

### **Apple Festival time...**

It is only two months to this year's Tallong Apple Day Festival on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May. So, it is time to get sculpting, baking, painting and drawing!

The signature event is the Sculpture competition. And this year, it will include secondary as well as primary schools. In accordance with the Festival theme, all sculptures must feature an Apple. There is prize money of \$500 for each winning school. See [www.tallong.com.au](http://www.tallong.com.au) for entry forms.

Infant children and pre-school from Tallong, Marulan, Wingello, and Penrose have been invited to tell us about their Granny, Grandma or Nan in an artistic way. We want the children to commemorate their grandmothers on an A4 paper by exploring the idea of an Apple Granny. The first Granny Smith Apple began with a chance seedling propagated by Maria Ann Smith (1799-1870) in 1868 in Eastwood, NSW. So, there is no better way to commemorate her and her remarkable achievement. All entries must be completed by the end of Term 1.

### **Mrs T's Bake-Off...**

The firm Festival favourite is Mrs T's Bake-Off competition. This year there are three categories: Adults general, Primary School students and Secondary School students. Within each category, there are several sections: 1. Cakes, cup-cakes or muffins; 2. Pies, tarts and pastries; 3. Jams, pickles, chutneys, sauces and jellies; and 4. Biscuits, slices and bars. All entries must include an apple as an ingredient.

New this year will be the Back to Back or Fleece to Garment competition, involving the shearing of a sheep on the day. Then, teams of spinners and knitters will spin and knit a garment. Other teams will felt a garment straight from the fleece. We have already got commitments from teams from Goulburn Handweavers and Spinners and the Illawarra Felters.

### **Congratulations Tallong PS...**

The Tallong Public School has won a special commendation in the 2013 Cohesive Community School Award. The prestigious Ministerial Award recognises the efforts of government and non-government schools in promoting cohesive communities and developing social harmony and unity.

### **Kangaroo March 2015...**

A big event next year will be the re-enactment of the Kangaroo Recruiting March from Wagga Wagga to Campbelltown in September and October. The March will pass through

Tallong on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015 when several hundred people will walk from Marulan to Wingello. The mission is to pay tribute to local diggers and recognise their contributions and sacrifices in First World War.

**RFS news...**

A recent spate of grassfires has once again highlighted the extremely dry conditions of our local region. Residents are reminded that under no circumstances are burn-offs allowed before the end of this month, and in fact NSW RFS can, and will, issue severe penalties for any breach.

And on a personal note, the Tallong community wishes Chris and Wendy Boland happy times in their move to Cambewarra Village. Over the years, they have been fabulous contributors to our community. And thank you Chris, particularly, for your work with the RFS. Go well both of you. You will be greatly missed!