

Tallong Twitterings

Boom time in Tallong...

The Tallong Public Primary School is going through a boom. Four years ago, the school had just 26 pupils. This year, when term begins in early February, the school expects an enrolment of at least 74! Nine new students enrolled in the last week of the term!

This reflects the influx of families who have moved to the Tallong district in recent years, but it also is a credit to the staff and teachers at the Tallong Public School that so many parents want to enrol their children there.

At the end of year assembly, Principal Ellie Moore who is in her first year at Tallong said she had never taught at a school that had so much local community support.

Winners of the two main prizes, the Community Citizen awards, were Ellie Yarnold, aged 10 who goes into year 6 this year, and Brody McKellar, aged 8 who moves up to year 3 this year. In fact, they were both multi-prize winners. Congratulations Ellie and Brody! (see photo)

Panels of Apples...

A focus at this year's Apple Day Festival in Tallong, on May Day Sunday 1st May, will be a new project to be undertaken by the local school children. Working with the well-known creative artist Birte Larsen, they will put together a large-scale collage on the theme of apples in the form of a triptych. The three panels will contain the individual pieces of art by the children displayed as one work.

For materials, they will use apple seeds and pips, apple leaves, apple stalks, sticks, branches and twigs, and apple or fruit stickers found on fruit bought in shops.

It is an ambitious program but after an opening workshop, artist Birte Larsen was full of praise for the way the children listened and showed a keen interest. "They can not do anything wrong as long as they are having a go," she commented.

The children are also being encouraged to keep diaries during the holidays to broaden their knowledge of apples.

The children are asked to write (apple poems or recipes), draw, stamp, rub (frottage leaves and trunks), stick, stitch, sew, glue, paint and sketch, all on the apple theme. The diaries will also be displayed along with the finished collage.

The possibilities are endless.

World War 11 Memories...

Over the past two years, there have been many events commemorating the beginning of the First World War and the centenary of the Gallipoli landings. In Tallong, we

have paid tribute to the 26 young men from the village who volunteered to fight for King and Country, and in particular the six who never returned.

But now is the time to look more closely at other conflicts. So, the emphasis at this year's ANZAC day ceremony will be to honour members of the Tallong community who fought in the various theatres of the Second World War.

There are many names on the World War 11 plaques at the Tallong village War Memorial, but there has been a problem in getting details about many of them.

So, an appeal for help has been launched! If anyone has photographs or information about the men and women of Tallong whose names are on the plaques, please contact Mrs Janet Black by phoning 4841 0613.