

Newsletter

Tallong Public School

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Term 1 - Week 2

Wednesday 3rd February, 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to another great year of learning at Tallong Public School. We have had a very positive beginning to the year with all our students settling into their new classes quickly. Welcome to our new families who have joined us this year.

Some students have joined us from other schools and it is not always easy to make the change. I have added some information to this newsletter which may be of help to our very newest students and parents at Tallong.

Helping your child make friends

- Talk to your child at home each night about who they are playing with. Ask specific questions like "What games did you play at lunchtime today?" "Who else was playing too?"
- Discuss with your child what makes a good friend.
- Suggest things they might do, like taking a ball or toy (nothing too big or valuable) to school and asking a classmate to join them in a game.
- Choose a possible classmate and ask your child to find out one thing about them. For example, "Does Sophie have any pets?" It can spur your child to be curious about their peers and gives them a question to help break the ice.
- Make an appointment to speak discretely with your child's teacher if you feel your child is having trouble making friends. The teacher will probably observe your child's interactions at recess and lunch and also pair them with different classmates during classroom activities to help break the ice.
- Read [Social and emotional growth - school age](#) from the Raising Children Network to understand age-typical social development for children.

Some initiatives and changes that will be implemented in 2016

- Newly developed Fair Discipline and Effective Learning Policy
- An Awards system aligned to the above mentioned policy
- Multilit Program
- Friendly Schools Plus Program
- Weekly Assemblies (on Fridays at 2:30 pm)
- An SRC Upgrade
- Artist Workshops for Apple Day and a whole school art work
- Fortnightly Newsletters
- Jump Rope for Heart (towards the end of Term 1)
- An Annual School Concert in Term 3
- Continued Kitchen Garden project.

To prepare for the Apple Day artwork, all students were given an apple exploring diary at the end of last year. Could these please be returned to school so that students can complete them this term, These diaries will be entered into a competition for Apple Day. An excursion to Bel and Magnus Agren's apple orchard has been planned for 15th February, 2016. A note closer to the time will be issued to all families.

Ellie Moore

Principal

Welcome Kindergarten 2016



Voluntary Contributions 2016

Voluntary Contributions are in place again this year and we thank families for helping our school last year by paying their family contribution. It assists the school with the ongoing costs associated with basic resources for our classrooms including pencils, rulers, scissors, exercise books, folders etc. The amount has stayed the same as last year being \$44.00 per student.

Payments can be made now in the office or via direct deposit. Families are also able to make part payments to assist with finances.

School Stream App

School stream was an initiative the school started last year which was welcomed by many families and has been a very successful tool in communication. The school will continue to use school stream for information, alerts, notes, newsletters, etc.

For our new families, your school booklet provided you with information on how to download the app to your smart phone. If you are having any issues with doing this you are welcome to come and see Mrs Murray in the office.



Apple Diaries

At the end of last year, the students were sent home with a white booklet, which is their Apple diary. This booklet was given to the students to allow them to do some apple art in their diaries during the holidays. The diaries can contain any form of art work as long as the subject is apples.

As we have our artist returning to do more work with the students in the diaries, we will require them to be returned.



Nits!

We have had a reported incident of Nits within the school, PLEASE check your child and treat as required. The only way to get rid of them is to all check and treat regularly.

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic book club is available for families to purchase books for their children. The catalogues go out at the beginning of each term. The school does receive credit from sales which allows the school to buy resources for the library.

Orders are due by **Monday 15th February**. Please return orders with payment to the office if you wish to make an order.

School Photos 3rd March

School Photos are coming.

Envelopes for payment and orders will be sent home shortly. Details for payments will be on the envelopes. Individual and class photos will be taken and family/sibling photos will be available too.

Please ensure your child comes to school in a clean and tidy **FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM**.

Uniform Orders

As per letter sent out late last week, uniform orders must be handed in by Friday this week to Mel McKellar so that the order can be finalised. This will allow us to receive uniforms as soon as possible for students in need.

50% deposit is required when ordering uniforms and the remainder paid upon collection.

P&C AGM & Membership 2016

The next P&C Meeting will be the AGM for 2015. This will be held on **Tuesday 1st March at 7:00pm** in the Breakfast Club room.

We would like to extend an invitation to ALL families and community members to attend these informative meetings.

In order to be able to vote at the AGM, current membership must be paid and is now due. A membership form will be sent home for every family, if you would like to become a member return the slip along with your payment of \$1 per member to any of the P&C committee members or school office.

Term 1, 2016

Week 2

Thursday 4th Feb After School Care \$7.50
3:00 - 4:45pm
Bookings essential contact office

Friday 5th Feb Assembly 2:30pm

Week 3

Monday 8th Feb Explorer's Club \$2
3:00 - 4:45pm

Tuesday 9th Feb After School Care \$7.50
3:00 - 4:45pm
Bookings essential contact office

Wednesday 10th Feb Playgroup
9:30 - 11:00
Scripture commences
No Library borrowing today

After School Care \$7.50
3:00 - 4:45pm
Bookings essential contact office

Thursday 11th Feb After School Care \$7.50
3:00 - 4:45pm
Bookings essential contact office

Friday 12th Feb Assembly 2:30pm

Week 4

Monday 15th Feb Explorer's Club \$2
3:00pm - 4:45pm

Tuesday 16th Feb After School Care \$7.50
3:00 - 4:45pm
Bookings essential contact office

Wednesday 17th Feb Playgroup
Art & Craft with Therese
9:30 - 11:00

Direct Deposit details:

Tallong Public School
BSB: 032001
Account No: 152803

After School Care \$7.50
3:00 - 4:45pm
Bookings essential contact office

Thursday 18th Feb Swimming Carnival

After School Care \$7.50
3:00 - 4:45pm
Bookings essential contact office

Friday 19th Feb Assembly 2:30pm

Week 5

Monday 22nd Feb Apple Orchard Excursion
District Swimming Carnival
Explorer's Club \$2
3:00 - 4:45pm

Tuesday 23rd Feb After School Care \$7.50
3:00 - 4:45pm
Bookings essential contact office

Wednesday 24th Feb Playgroup
9:30 - 11:00
After School Care \$7.50
3:00 - 4:45pm
Bookings essential contact office

Thursday 25th Feb After School Care \$7.50
3:00 - 4:45pm
Bookings essential contact office

Friday 26th Feb Assembly 2:30pm

Week 8

Thursday 17th Mar Parent Teacher Interviews
3:15 - 7:00pm

Week 9

Thursday 24th Mar Easter Hat Parade

Friday 25th Mar Good Friday

Week 10

Monday 28th Mar Easter Monday

Friday 1st Apr Cross Country

Week 11

Monday 4th Apr Jump Rope for Heart

Friday 8th Apr Last Day of Term 1

School Banking 2016 is set for the Outback. Join the Dollarmites as they venture through the Canyon of Savings.

Since 1931, the School Banking program has been introducing interactive and exciting new ways to teach students lifelong money skills.

Eight New Reward Items. The School Banking program continues to encourage good savings behaviour by rewarding students with thrilling reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, students can redeem a reward from the Outback Savers range.

The first two reward items released in Term 1 include Flying Snake Tails and Wildlife Writer Sets.



Parents Packs will be sent home to all children with information on how to get started, if you have not received one please ask the Front Office.

Win a Family Wildlife Adventure Holiday and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin at Australia Zoo. This year, we're giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three kids to explore Australia Zoo, plus a full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour, where you'll get to pat wombats, cuddle koalas and feed wallabies, all while your personal photographer captures every incredible moment, Domestic return economy airfares to Sunshine Coast, Qld, 4 nights' accommodation, 5 days' car hire and \$1,000 spending money. **How to enter:** Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will automatically receive an entry into the competition for a chance to win.

For more information please contact the Front Office or our School Banking Specialist Jo on 0475821274.

Banking Day is every Friday morning.



New Doctor in Marulan Medical Centre

Dr Olukayode Fowosere (popularly known as Dr Kay) is a Specialist General Practitioner.

He is available for consultation on Wednesdays and Fridays, with the future goal of making this practice a 5-6 days doctor surgery.

His experience spans across general practice, emergency medicine, rehabilitation and palliative care medicine. He has a special interest in Chronic disease management (Asthma, Diabetes, Heart diseases, Lung diseases, Hypertension, Mental Health etc) , Dermatology (skin cancers and other skin problems), Men's Health, Women's Health, Worker's Compensation, Rehabilitation and Preventive Health.

Please feel free to come and discuss any concerning health issues with us at the Marulan Medical Centre.

Therese Neubeck is the new medical receptionist for Wednesdays and Fridays.

You can ring to make an appointment on 02 48411223.

Marulan Medical Centre
Open 8am - 5pm
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
47 George Street Marulan

