

Newsletter

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Term 1 – Week 2

Monday, 10 February 2014

Principal's Report

Welcome back to all our continuing students and a big welcome to our new students and families. We look forward to an exciting and busy year ahead.

Census date is 12th February for our enrolment numbers and we hope that on this day we have, as we have now, 52 students which will secure us the 3rd class we have been hoping for.

Information regarding Best Start assessment is attached to this newsletter for parents of Kindergarten students. Next week Miss Matthews will commence Best Start assessments on our Kindergarten students. Feedback to parents about information arising from these assessments will be given out in mid March.

If you have any questions or concerns please talk with Miss Matthews about these and we will endeavour to give you the information you need.

S. Matthews
Principal

Upcoming Events

Term 1
Week 2

Monday 3rd February P&C Meeting 3:15pm in the Library

Week 3

Monday 10th February Explorer's Club
3:15pm - 4:45pm

Tuesday 11th February Active After School Club
3:15pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 12th February Active After School Club
3:15pm - 4:30pm

Thursday 13th February

Art Club with Mrs Botticchio
3:15pm - 4:20pm

Friday 14th February

Swimming Carnival (3-6) at
Bowral pool

Congratulations to our Australia Day Award recipients

At the 2013 End Of Year presentation four of our students were awarded Aussie Student of the Term awards. They included Billy Gee, Samantha McKellar, Alex McDonald and Riley Maguire. On Australia Day this year in Marulan these students were each presented with a trophy in celebration of their contributions to citizenship. Furthermore to these awards, Alex McDonald was awarded the overall Aussie Student Of The Year. A very proud achievement, Alex. Well done!



Swimming Carnival

The Bong Bong swimming carnival will be held on Friday 14th February at Bowral swimming pool. Students in years 3-6 will be attending this carnival. A note is attached to this newsletter. Parents are welcome to attend.

Voluntary Contributions

This year, after consultation with the P&C, we are asking for voluntary contributions from families to assist with the ongoing costs associated with basic resources for our classrooms including pencils, rulers, scissors, exercise books, folders etc.

Attached to this newsletter is an invoice for each family in regard to payment of voluntary contributions.

SunSmart Policy

We are now a SunSmart registered school and this assists us to be mindful of ensuring practices that meet the needs of sun safety. Our main objective is to ensure students are wearing recommended style hats when in the playground and at after school clubs.

Please take some time to read the attached flyer.

PBS

As part of our staff development day, teachers collaborated to devise a matrix of routines that would meet our core values of Respect, Safety and Responsibility for students within the classroom. This will provide a consistent approach for students across all classroom settings and for all class teachers. It also works consistently alongside our playground matrix which follows the same core values and expectations. Free and frequent awards will be given to students (via class dojo) who display the expectations in line with the matrix. Regular class rewards will occur when classes meet set targets. This enables us to create a positive approach to rules and expectations and provide for regular modelling to and rewarding of students in regard to these routines

Our playground focus for weeks 2 and 3 will be “Wear Your Hat” in the playground.

Centenary Update

A committee is working very hard to ensure our centenary celebration in October this year is a wonderful and successful event. There will be a day time series of events for students and an evening event for past students, staff and P&C as well as community members and current parents, staff and P&C members. A publication will be produced which will record memoirs from current students and staff as well as past students, community members and staff. A photographer has been enlisted to record the celebrations.

It would be fantastic to have strong participation from our current parents at the Saturday night event which will include guest speakers, a memorabilia display and either a meal or a wine and cheese event. Attached to this newsletter is an expression of interest for parents in regard to attending the Saturday evening event. It is important we get an understanding of interest in order to best plan for the event and would like this returned to school by the end of February.

Newsletter Via the website

We would like to reduce our carbon footprint and one way we seek to do this is to reduce the amount of information we send home as a print out. We are seeking to find out from our families those that would be happy to access our newsletter, excursion notes etc via our website, and those families who would like to continue to receive a hard copy of these notices. Please respond via the attachment to this newsletter. We aim to introduce this in Term 2, 2014.

Updates To Complete

We ask that parents assist us by completing the contact details and medical update form that is attached to this newsletter. Please complete and return to the office ASAP.

In addition to these we ask that you complete the permission for your child to be

photographed as well as a special permission for your child to have their memoirs recorded in the Centenary publication which will be published later this year.

After School Care Registration

This year, due to our increasing enrolments, we are asking parents to register their children for after school activities. It is important we cap these activities at 25 students and priority will be given to working parents. We are asking that parents phone the school to inform us of the afternoons they require after school care so we can ensure a place for the student. Please phone the school on 48410292 before Monday 11th February if you are seeking attendance for your child at any or all of the after school activities.

Breakfast Club and After School Club Reminder

To continue to assist us with the cost of purchasing milk, bread etc for our Breakfast Club and fruit etc for after school clubs, a gold coin donation is required per child each day. This can be paid by the term or daily.

(Cheques made payable to Tallong Public School)

Breakfast Club: \$1 per child, per day

Afternoon Clubs: \$2 per child, per afternoon

Thank you for your continued support.

In-School Instrumental Lessons for 2014

Individual lessons

30 minutes \$31.50 per lesson

15 minutes \$16.00 per lesson

Shared Lessons

30 minutes \$40 per lesson (\$20 per student)

Shared lessons are a new, and even more affordable option for 2014. Two students learning the same instrument will be able to learn together, share the cost and the fun!

This year any student enrolled in a shared or individual lesson can enrol in any ensemble at the GRC for FREE. You can join a rock band, guitar group or drum ensemble just to name a few!

Please fill in the attached EOI if your child is interested in in-school music lessons.

Kindergarten Fun Packs

Kindergarten Fun packs were distributed to parents at Kindergarten Orientation last year. We ask please that these packs are returned to Miss Matthews as we reuse these packs for future students.

First Day of 2014



School Photos 2014

This year we have organised for our school to have our photos taken early in Term 1, **Monday 17th February.**

Envelopes for payment and orders will be sent home closer to the date, but we have attached a sample for you to look at in readiness.

***First P & C Meeting to be held
Monday 3rd February at 3:15pm.
We would love to see some new
faces - All Welcome!***