

# Newsletter

Tallong Public School

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Term 1 – Week 6

Sunday, 9 March 2014

## Principal's Report

Our P&C AGM will occur on 7<sup>th</sup> April at 3:15pm in the Library. We look forward to many parents attending this meeting and considering how you might be able to get involved in supporting our students and our school.

I urge parents to respond to the surveys attached to this newsletter. They are in relation to important future directions for Tallong Public School.

We would like to extend an invitation to our parents and other family members to attend this Friday's assembly at 2:15pm under the COLA. This is our first assembly for the year.

S. Matthews  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

Term 1  
Week 6

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Art Club with Mrs Botticchio \$2 3:15pm - 4:30pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	School Heroes Cricket Program  Assembly K-6 Parents welcome <b>2:15pm under the COLA</b> Freezing Fun Friday 50c

Week 7

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Explorer's Club \$2 3:15pm - 4:45pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Active After School Club 3:15pm - 4:30pm \$2 Dance

Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Playgroup 9:15 – 11:00am Active After School Club 3:15pm - 4:30pm \$2 Cricket
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Art Club with Mrs Botticchio \$2 3:15pm - 4:30pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	School Heroes Cricket Program  Freezing Fun Friday 50c

Week 8

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Explorer's Club \$2 3:15pm - 4:45pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Active After School Club 3:15pm - 4:30pm \$2 Dance
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Playgroup with Angela Arts & Craft 9:15 – 11:00am  Active After School Club 3:15pm - 4:30pm \$2 Cricket
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Art Club with Mrs Botticchio \$2 3:15pm - 4:30pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	School Heroes Cricket Program  Canned Fruit and Ice-cream \$1.00

## Before and After School Care

At the P&C meeting on Monday I tabled the idea of the need to move to a private provider for OoHC (Before and After School Care) services.

I discussed for new parents present a little history behind our school's implementation of before and after school care and how this has grown into the program we now offer. I discussed the increasing overtime hours our staff are doing as volunteers and the problems associated with this in regard to the erosion of

our planning and preparation time as well as the problematic issue of our inability to attend professional learning, meetings etc after school (which is an increasing method of delivery in regard to professional learning).

What I didn't mention due to a rush for time was the enormous workload that has been added to Raeleen Murray's normal duties putting increasing demands on her time fielding phone calls, keeping registers, accounting for money etc. It should also be noted that some of our parents have invested a huge amount of their own time to ensure this initiative was successful. Liz and Rob McDonald ran a Games Club every Wednesday in the first year of operation and Chrissy Wursten has been at Breakfast Club every day since 2011 and every Art Club as well.

We cannot continue to sustain Before and After School care on a volunteer basis.

We recognise that providing Before and After School care has benefitted our parents and community and has been a major reason for our increased enrolments but it is timely to look to outsource this now that we have established it in our school.

I was recently approached by an independent operator who is willing to take over our before and after school program. This would incur fees in line with private providers but does have entitlements to fee reduction which are means tested through Centrelink.

I urge every family to respond to the survey attached to this newsletter to give some indication in regard to whether they would use this Community Based Outside School Hours Care with the knowledge that our Before and After School care cannot continue to operate in the way that it has been into the future.

**Could surveys please be returned to the office no later than Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March.**

## **Leadership**

At the P&C meeting yesterday I tabled our process for electing students into the SRC. I discussed our constitution and the election process. Some alternate processes and election considerations were tabled and these have been put together as a series of options

for your consideration. I urge you to have your say by considering all the options put forward and to highlight your preferences.

This is an attachment to this newsletter. **Please return your preference sheet to the office again no later than Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April if you wish to "have a say"**. All returned surveys will be collated and tabled at the next P&C meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April where a final decision regarding leadership processes for 2015 and beyond will be made.

## **Winter Uniforms**

At the P&C meeting yesterday a new supplier of uniforms for our school was discussed. This new supplier is more able to meet our needs and was voted on to become our new uniform supplier. In light of this we can offer a wider range of uniforms and this will have a bearing on winter orders placed thus far.

The options available from the new supplier will be on display in our Breakfast Club room each Friday between now and the end of term.

Those people who have placed a winter uniform order already will be contacted to discuss the new range and the need for any adjustments to the order before it is processed.

Please do not be concerned that our uniform is changing, it is not, but the range on offer through this supplier will be widened as a result.

## **P&C Easter Raffle**

Donations are being accepted at the office for the Easter Basket Raffle. Tickets will be attached to newsletters shortly and extra booklets available at the office if you require them.



## **P&C Footy Tipping Competition**

**\*\*Reminder!\*\***

This is a P&C fundraiser and is always great fun to be involved in. Please see attached note outlining all the details.

## **School Heroes Program**

Cricket NSW has offered our school an opportunity to participate in the School Heroes Program in 2014.

The program is designed to closely link with the current syllabus outcomes, as delivered by qualified accredited Cricket NSW staff. Program content includes development of the fundamental skills associated with cricket, while also covering gross motor and movement skills. The program will look to complement our existing Health and PE program.

**Duration** - 4 weeks

**Session length** - 1 hour

**Age Groups** - K-6

**Cost** - \$3 per week (\$12 in total)

All students will be involved and this will be their class sport program for the next 4 weeks commencing on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March and concluding on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

Students will each receive a give-away pack at the conclusion as well as information on local cricket clubs to join. The last visit will see the students meet some cricket heroes and a possibility for autographs etc.

Thank you to those families that have sent in payment already and I would like to remind those that haven't, to please do so by Friday.

## **2014 International Competitions and Assessments For Schools (ICAS)**

These assessments are offered to our students in years 3-6 and provide an opportunity for students to experience a test environment whilst also giving some extensive feedback on student achievement compared to other students across Australasia in the same grade.

In previous years we have had a number of students take part in these assessments. If you wish for your child to be involved please complete the attachment from last week's newsletter and return payment by 4<sup>th</sup> April.

## **PBS**

**Our playground focus for week 6 is "Walk On The Concrete"**

## **Workshop – Helping your child with their home readers**

We would like to invite you to come along to an informative workshop that is being held by Vicki Hayes and myself - *Helping your child with their Home Readers*.

**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2014

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Where:** Breakfast Club room

## **Easter Hat Parade**

Our **Easter Assembly** will be held on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 1:45pm**.

This year we are asking students to make an Easter hat at home and bring it to school on Friday morning.

We will have our usual assembly under the COLA and end the assembly with the hat parade. After the parade we invite visitors to join us for afternoon tea on the lawn before heading off to enjoy the holiday break.



## **Scholastic Book Club Orders**

If you placed an order for Book Club, they are now ready for collection in the office. Please see Mrs Murray.

### **Uniform Shop open Friday mornings**

8:30am – 9:30am  
in the Breakfast Club room.

### **School Banking**



**P&C is holding a Lorraine Lea Linen party as a fundraising event and would like to invite all our families.**

Come along and view the latest Lorraine Lea Linen range. They have something to suit all tastes, all budgets and every room in the home. You're welcome to place an order or book your own party as all sales and party bookings will earn the Host - Tallong Public School, more FREE linen which can be utilised in our Apple Day Raffle.

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 12 Mar 2014
<b>Time:</b>	11:15am
<b>Host:</b>	Tallong Primary School
<b>Where:</b>	Bumballa Street, Tallong, NSW

Attached is the brochure for you to have a look at and even share with your friends. Orders can be taken in advance if you are unable to attend on the day.

**RSVP** for catering purposes would be greatly appreciated!

Please contact Karen Hart for more details on: 0425 200 079

### Playgroup

Angela's first visit for the year was welcomed with some very happy faces. The children had great fun participating in the art and craft activities that were planned.

Don't forget, Playgroup is held every week with Angela being here every second week.

Angela's next visit will be the **19<sup>th</sup> March** and she has planned to do some Apple Day activities!!



