

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### School Environment

Over this semester, a number of projects will be undertaken to beautify our school grounds. Since the Christmas holidays it has been difficult to catch up on some of our areas, especially with some of the recent wild weather. Together though, I know we can make a difference.

I acknowledge from the outset, that keeping our school grounds safe and attractive is everyone's business. As such, some of our plans involve staff, students and our community.

1. Our student council will be working directly with our students in regards to litter, school signage and garden upkeep.
2. Our staff and students are working on routines and processes to minimise litter and maintain eating and play areas.
3. Our Indigenous students will be designing and constructing a yarning circle and native garden ready for a launch in NAIDOC week.
4. Our grounds staff and cleaners are working on soft fall, garden mulch, garden maintenance and cleaning eating areas.
5. The P&C are working with the administration and classes to support positive changes in the school environment.

I am so excited about the positive changes we will be making at Tullawong over the year. I hope you will join with us in helping to making our school safe, attractive and clean and feel as proud as we do about our community school.

If you have any skills in landscaping and design or time that you would like to share with the school, please contact the BSM.

### Newsletter

Four weeks to go until our newsletter becomes digital and is delivered to your inbox. Could every family please complete the attached 'email notification slip' and return it to school with your child. Each slip will be entered into a draw, with five \$20 vouchers for the uniform shop or tuckshop to be won. Good luck!

### P&C

It was a pleasure to meet with the P&C last week. At the meeting, we endorsed our school budget, the Annual Improvement Plan and our Great Results Guaranteed Plan for 2015. In addition, as a group we discussed general plans and special activities for the year. I look forward to working with our P&C throughout the year. They are providing a wonderful service for our school, including the tuckshop, uniform shop and general fundraising. If you would like to support our P&C by either volunteering your time or attending our meetings, please contact the office.

### Student Achievement

Our school parades have been building in excitement over the term. Each week we celebrate student achievement and project forward into a new focus or skill for the fortnight. Our house points total is also growing. The contest to be the winning house for Term 1 will be decided in week 10, with some houses only a few points different each week.

Parents are welcome to come and share in our parades each Tuesday afternoon. Come along and celebrate our student's success.

Steven Vincent  
Principal



## School Photos 2015

MSP Photography will be coming to Tullawong on:

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27 March 2015**

Portrait only packages start at \$21, and Portrait & Class photo packages range from \$33 to \$45 for the very popular premium Pack that includes a Free Gift pack!

Envelopes are personalised with the name of each student and need to be handed to the photographer on photo day, as all students will have their photo taken on the day whether or not an order has been placed.

Payments can be made online or paid to the photographer on the day.

**NO PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

If you have any queries please feel free to contact **MSP Photography** on (07) 3865 4291.

**JUNIOR SCHOOL JARGON**  
Prep to Year 1

Counting

Learning to count, deal with money and use mathematics has always been important in our society. At school, each child explores aspects of mathematics such as 'how many', mass, length, size, shape, sequence, order and patterns.

One of the first experiences children have with numbers is "counting". Counting starts by learning a pattern of words, just like a nursery rhyme. As children's counting develops, children learn to match saying the number words with the correct number of objects. Lots of opportunities are needed to practise this skill. Children also need to learn to recognise and write numbers.

What can you do at home?

- Count with your child the number of buttons as you do up a shirt.
- Encourage your child to count the number of pegs used to hang out the washing.
- Count the number of steps from the front door to the letterbox.
- Count the number of eggs in a carton, and again after some have been removed.
- Count the number of times you and your child can throw a ball to each other without dropping it.
- Read and talk about stories and rhymes that use numbers.
- Have your child count as far as he or she is able to and then encourage your child to join you while you continue counting.
- Ask your child to start counting from a number other than one. This will help them when they need to add two groups together and can start counting from the larger group.
- Ask your child to tell you the number before or after a number. How old will you be next year? How old were you last year?
- Ask your child to give you enough plates, cups or cutlery for each person when setting the table.
- Play games such as dominoes, snakes and ladders, card games or board games involving a die with dot patterns. This will help your child to recognise patterns and count. Change the die to one showing numbers to help your child read and recognise numbers.
- Read the numbers on car license plates and houses.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSTER**  
Year 2 to Year 3

Reading at home with your child.

Reading has always been an important skill. In our modern world it is more important than ever. Students learn this important skill as they watch their family and friends read each day. Reading with your child at home will help your child in all areas of school.

When you listen to your child read at home and they come across a word that they do not know, it is important to.....

- **PAUSE** – Give your child at least 5 seconds before expecting an answer
- **PROMPT** – For a strategy to work out the word  
OR  
- If they had an unsuccessful attempt  
Did that make sense?  
Does that sound right?  
Does it look right?
- **PRAISE** – Fantastic, that didn't make sense at first and you corrected it.

I loved listening to you read today.

**Tullawong Family**  
**Playgroup**

What is it?

A free weekly playgroup open to all families with children aged 0-5.

When is it?

Fridays 8.45am — 10.45am  
(Run during school terms).

Where is it?

Tullawong State School, Playgroup room, The Hub, Smiths Road Caboolture

Playgroup is an opportunity for children to be involved in a quality early childhood program where they can learn important developmental skills. Playgroup is a wonderful opportunity for families to build connections with others in the community.

Please bring a hat, water bottle, and fruit for morning tea.

Facilitated by an Early Childhood Educator.

For more information please phone Loretta Takacs, on (07) 5431 4666.



**SPECIAL OFFER**  
**\*\*\*\$20 each\*\*\***

Sports shirts have now been reduced to \$20 each.  
All sizes available  
(except Kabul Size 6).



**SENIOR SCHOOL SCOOP**  
Year 4 to Year 6

Student Leaders Conference

We have exciting news for the student leaders this week as we head down to Brisbane for our annual student leaders conference. We will be visiting the Sleeman Sports Complex at Chandler with approximately 2000 other school students to learn more about what it means to be a leader and how we can make a difference in the world today.

Prep Monitors

Our Prep monitors, mainly from Year 4, have now been selected and received their badges. I have already had very positive feedback from the staff who support in the Prep playground at break times and I look forward to seeing many of these budding leaders take on more responsibilities next year.

Parade crews

Finally I would like to congratulate some students who made it into our chair and back-up crews this week, supporting us at parades. Well done to Jasmyne D (6A), Isabelle K (6A), Jordan R (5A) and Ben W (5E).

I can't believe we have reached the half-way point in the term already and only 5 weeks to Easter! I would like to send out a big thank you to all of you for your continuing support of your children and the school. As always let me know if there is anything I can do to assist you.

Vicki Hyne  
Deputy Principal  
Years 4 to 6

**Volunteer Parent Morning**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**  
**8.30am**  
**Hall Meeting Room**

All parents wishing to help in the classroom need to attend the volunteer session.

We will discuss: -

- How to help the children read and comprehend a book
- Administration needs required when being a helper

If you wish to attend, please phone the office or email Helen Dixon – [hdix01@eq.edu.au](mailto:hdix01@eq.edu.au) with your name and contact number.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

**YEAR 6 COMMEMORATIVE SHIRTS**

Have you ordered your students Year 6 shirt? Order forms and money are **due** back to the Uniform Shop by **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**. We can only do one order, so please be prompt with ordering your student's shirt. Forms are available from the Uniform Shop if you did not receive one home.

**STUDENT RESOURCE CONTRIBUTION SCHEME**  
(formerly ICT Levy)

**\$20 per student**

The Tullawong P&C in conjunction with the School will be purchasing reading and maths resources.

This year we are looking towards starting to **AIR CONDITION CLASS ROOMS**. We need your help to start this project. If every student paid their \$20 contribution we would have \$20,000 to go towards the start of this **HUGE ENDEAVOUR**.



## HAPPENINGS AT THE HUB

The staff at the HUB, are enthusiastically working to support students in the classrooms in an inclusive environment. We currently have **eight case managers** and **eleven teacher aides** to work with children on their **academics, social and life skills**.

- The HUB also has **playgroups**, an Indigenous group on **Thursday** mornings and one on **Friday** mornings that welcomes all children that have not reached school age.
- Tullawong also has the services of a **Guidance Officer**, Mrs Jane Bradshaw who is full time.
- **Diabetic** students who have significant needs are also **monitored** and **managed daily** by a specifically **trained team** based here.
- All **medication** is also administered from the HUB and parents can sign in and be assured that the required medication is given as required.
- The HUB welcomes Erin Campbell, our new **Speech Therapist** who works two days a week supporting those students who have been verified as Speech Language Impaired and assisting the school to identify and support other students with difficulties in this area.
- We have a new **Indigenous Program Co-ordinator**, Kristy who will be working in the HUB Wednesdays-Friday and will work in the classes with Indigenous students for the remainder of the week.
- This week the staff from the **Ngarrama Centre** have also visited and begun the **hearing screening** of **Indigenous** students.
- You can also obtain a **hearing screen** for **FREE** at:
  - your local Child and Youth Community Health centre for any children over the age of four or
  - the **Caboolture Hospital Audiology Department** who will provide screening for children from birth to 16 years. A referral from your doctor will be required to attend.



Community Health Centres can be contacted by phoning 1300 366 039. Press 1 and then ask to book a hearing screening test.

- The **QUT** have **contacted us** again this year and have selected to **work with students** from Tullawong. The Head Clinician Dr. Beth McKay comes together with university students in their final year and they conduct **SPAT** and **Brigance testing** on selected students. The date is to be advised.

At Tullawong we are continually having new developments to assist students and also offer support for parents. We acknowledge that life can be difficult at times and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to work with such enthusiastic, dedicated and caring parents and their children.

Therese Daamen  
(HOSE)



## CHAPPY'S CHAT

### GENTS IGNITION EASTER

**DATE:** 13/04/15 – 17/04/15

**COST:** \$230 GST free (incl. transport)

**GRADES:** 5 – 7 Boys

Gents Ignition– the most action-packed camp in the history of the universe and best of all, there's no girls! There are awesome activities like tubing behind a ski boat, BMX riding, and epic nerf guns battles. There are also our spiritual input sessions ("The Battlefield"), Death by Glowstick, and everyone's favourite, Bring 'Em Back Alive. Whose tribe will win in 2015? Only one way to find out – come on GENTS ignition Easter 2015!

**Enquiries:** Joshua Laack – 0401 828 546

**Email:** [gentsignition@sucamps.org.au](mailto:gentsignition@sucamps.org.au)



## Counselling and Family Therapy

*"Offering personal and family counselling because I care"*

I am continuing my study and I am looking for new clients, offering free counselling sessions, as I want to increase my experience and hours. So if you think this counselling or family therapy service could be helpful to you please contact me.



*"Life can get tough and when it does you need someone to talk to, someone to give you a helping hand, someone who will listen and care."*

Telephone 0452 273 949  
Email: sarahhorvath78@gmail.com

## WOT'S THE HAPS?

5 Mar	Leadership Conference
13 Mar	Interschool Gala Day
19 Mar	NRLD Cup
20 Mar	Interschool Gala Day
24 Mar	P&C and AGM
24 & 27 Mar	School photos
23 – 28 Apr	Yrs 3, 4 & 5 Writing workshops
<b>24 April</b>	<b>ANZAC Ceremony</b>
<b>25 April</b>	<b>Anzac Day March</b>
29 Apr	9 – 12 yrs X Country
30 April	P – 3 X Country
7 & 8 May	Mother's Day School stall
12 – 14 May	NAPLAN Testing
19 May	District X Country
22 May	Gala Day
26 May	Girls NRL Gala Day
3 – 5 June	Year 6 Camp
5 – 12 June	Athletics Carnival
25 June	Arts night
21 Jul	Ditto Show (P – 3)
4 & 5 Aug	District Athletics
<b>10 Aug</b>	<b>SHOW HOLIDAY</b>
14 Aug	Gala Day
24 Aug – 6 Sept	Learn to Swim Yrs 1 - 3
11 Sept	Gala Day
2 Sept	Alpha Show
<b>19 Oct</b>	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>
6 Nov	Gala Day
13 Nov	School Swimming Carnival
26 Nov	End of Year Music night



## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**Come along dressed in an Easter Theme Costume or any Letter from the word**

- E** elf, Elvis, eskimo, elmo
- A** alien, angel, army, Ariel
- S** soldier, superman, skeleton
- T** Tinkerbell, Thor, tree, tiger
- E** egyptian, Elroy, elephant
- R** referee, Robin Hood, rainbow fairy

**Time:** Prep - Yr 3 4.45pm-6.30pm  
Year 4-6 6.45pm-8.30pm

**Tickets:** \$5 Entry \$5 Wristbands

## AGM and P&C Meeting

P&C Meetings are open to all parents/carers who are interested in the welfare of Tullawong State School and its' students. This is the best opportunity to sit down, with the principal and other parents, to hear about, discuss, and vote on matters concerning the school and the community. Please come along on **March 24th at 6pm** for a cuppa and a chat.

The P&C 'base of operations' is the Uniform/Stationery Shop. The Convenor, Kerry Randle, is our P&C Operations Manager and is employed by the P&C to keep things running smoothly. Please feel free to come into the Uniform Shop (when we're not too busy) and find out more about the P&C, its members, and executive committee.