



Welcome to Tullawong State School for 2015. As the Acting Principal for the year, I can tell you how pleased I am to be here and how impressed I have been with our students, staff and the community 'feel' of the school. If you are one of our new families, I hope you have felt equally welcomed and ready to begin your year with us.

We start this year with 39 classes and 998 students. Throughout the year we expect our student numbers to grow as more families move into the local area. To support our teachers and students, we have 3 deputy principals, The Hub (SEU), a Student Support Centre, learning support staff and ancillary staff including over 20 teacher aides. The phases are listed below: -

- Mrs Helen Williams – Prep and Year 1
- Mr Tim Adsett – Years 2 to 3
- Ms Vicki Hyne – Years 4 – 6

In Week 3, we will be holding the first of our Parent Information Evenings. Please attend to meet your child's teacher and support staff.

Our newsletter is published each fortnight. For this term, we will continue to produce printed copies for students. From Term 2, the newsletter will be sent to families electronically, which has proved increasingly popular for parents since the trial in 2014. The newsletter can also be downloaded from the school website. If you have yet to nominate an email address for your family, please contact the office at your earliest convenience.

With our first newsletter, we are including a one-page snap-shot of activities that may require forward planning. These activities include swimming, excursions and camps. The costs are not fixed in all cases, but are provided to you at the start of the year to help you plan with your child for the year. I hope you find it useful.

As a general reminder and as a courtesy to our neighbours, can I ask for parents to use the allocated parking and drop-off zones for the safety of our students. Additionally, students who arrive at school prior to 8:20am should wait in the undercover area. There is no supervision for students prior to 8:00am.

Each fortnight our school focusses on a school rule or value to develop excellent learning behaviours. These rules are grouped under our three core rules of Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. This fortnight, students have been discussing being READY for learning. On our first parade, students will receive certificates for either academic or social excellence. We will share their success with you in each of our newsletters.

Finally, I look forward to meeting more parents next week at the information sessions and P&C meeting this month.



Parent Information Evening

Tuesday 10 February

Session 1 – 5.00pm to 5.30pm

Session 2 – 5.30pm to 6.00pm

JUNIOR SCHOOL JARGON**Prep to Year 1**

Welcome to the 2015 school year. Congratulations to parents/carers and families for supporting our young children to confidently start the school year. Your care in organising uniforms and covering and naming belongings is always appreciated by our teachers.

Our teachers have been working to establish the routines needed for school. This includes both organisation routines including eating times, play and line up as well as learning routines including read to self and small group reading. Year 1s now have a dedicated adventure playground area. They have enjoyed exploring the equipment during break times.

Prep to Year 3 will also have the opportunity to attend The "Ditto Show" which will be held on 21 July. It will cost approximately \$5.00.

Next Tuesday afternoon from 5.00pm is a **Meet the Teacher** afternoon. This is an important time to hear about your child's class and routines for the year. Hope to see you then.

Helen Williams
(Deputy Principal – P to Yr1)

STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates on parade: -

- ★ Ocean Williams (1E)
- ★ Jackson Porter (1E)

**LEARNING
HOMEWORK CLUB**

An after school supervised learning club is available on Mondays to Thursdays, 2.40 to 3.40pm for students in Years 2-6.

An information and registration form is coming home this week. Please register your child to start from Monday 16 February.

**MONEY COLLECTION**

The **cashier is open every morning from 8am to 10am**. Money **will not** be collected after this time. The cashier accepts cash, cheque, and money order. Also **EFTPOS** facilities are available for payments over \$10.00. Please ensure you pay any excursions/trips by the due date. **No payments will be accepted after the cut-off date**

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

It has been a great start for the year for our Year 2 and 3 children. The first week of the new school year was about getting to know one another and to settle into new classrooms with new teachers.

We welcomed new teachers to our school in Year 2 – Miss Winson 2A, Miss Franklin 2B, and Mrs Wilson 2F. We hope that you are able to visit your child's classroom next Tuesday for the Parent Information sessions being held from 5pm to 6pm. It is a great chance to meet your child's teacher and listen to the plans for the year and the students' exciting learning journeys.

Tim Adsett
(Deputy Principal - Yr 2 to Yr 3)

HAPPENINGS AT THE HUB

Congratulations to Mitchell D (5C) on being selected as one of 22 children to run on the field with the Australian Cricket Team for a Test Match on 17th December 2014. He led the children onto the field and they stood with the Australian Team during the National Anthem. During the break at the Test Match, Mitchell was interviewed by James Sherry which was broadcast on the big screens in the Gabba. Mitchell and the children had a chance to run some drills and Mitchell received the Most Valuable Player shield.

Mitchell also had the opportunity to spend a training day with the Australian team where he received batting tips from Steve Smith.

We are very proud of your achievement!

STUDENT BANKING**2015 is ready for launch**

This year your child is invited to join the Dollarmites on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings.

Rewarding good savings habits with eight new items

The school banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome rewards items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, they can redeem a reward from our Outer Space Savers range, including ET DVDs, Planet handballs, invisible ink, Martian pens, intergalactic rockets, glow-in-the dark solar systems, cosmic light beam torches, outer space savers money boxes and lunar light bands.

**You could win a trip to Disneyland**

In a school banking first, students who make 25 or more school banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California's Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to 2 adults and 2 kids, plus \$2,000 spending money.

For more information visit
www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

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

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new students joining us in the senior school this year. At Tullawong State School we pride ourselves on being a caring, friendly school where new students can feel welcome and thrive in our vibrant community. I would also like to especially welcome our year 4 students who join us for the first time in the senior school. With our year 7's off to high school this is a great opportunity for our younger students to begin to step up into leadership roles.

One option for year 4 students is to become a 'Prep Monitor'. This role requires students to give up some of their lunchtimes each week to teach our younger students in Prep some playground games. Please come and speak to either myself or Steven Vincent our new Principal if you are interested.

For our older students we will shortly be calling for nominations in year 5 and 6 classes for our student council positions. Your class teacher will give you more information on this soon.

Finally for our elected school leaders I will be meeting with you each week on a Monday at second break in the hall meeting room. We will be discussing student leader roles and responsibilities, learning about student leadership and organising special events. Many of you have asked me about when you will be receiving your leadership badges. This will happen at a special ceremony on Wednesday 18th February at 10am in our hall. You will receive more information on this soon.

I wish you all the best for 2015; it's going to be a great year!

Vicki Hyne
(Deputy Principal Yr 4 to 6)

**SPECIAL STUDENT ABSENCE
LINE
5431 4660**

Tullawong State School has installed a special telephone line to enable parents/carers to ring the school and advise the reason for their child's absence. It is **available 24 hours, 7**

days a week. It is important that parents/carers leave the following details – their name, child's name, date of absence, reason for absence and class. Parents/Carers can choose to utilise this telephone facility **or send a note to their child's teacher** explaining the reason for their child's absence.

Students are asked to give this note to their classroom teacher. All student absences **must** be accounted for and recorded on the school computer system.

STUDENT MESSAGES

Please ensure that your child knows each day how they are getting home in the afternoon. The office can only endeavour to get messages to students. If time and the class is available requests can be actioned, however there are no guarantees.

P&C PATER

A warm welcome to those returning and to those families new to the Tullawong community in 2015.

A big thank-you to those families who made use of our book-pack pre-ordering system. Ordering via pre-pack ensures students have the correct number and *quality* of supplies ready to start when school begins. The minimal profit generated is used for additional school resources. Thank-you also to those who have waited patiently for service at our Uniform/Stationery shop. This is obviously our busiest period and we appreciate your patience and tolerance while waiting for service.

Please note that **ALL** profit generated by the P&C (including Tuckshop, Uniform/Stationery Shop, Book-packs and Fund Raising events) is used to benefit the students through purchase of school resources and school improvements.

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.

Upcoming P&C Events/Information

- Term 1
 - P&C Meeting 24 February @ 6pm (all welcome in the Hall Meeting Room!)
 - Bookclub
 - Year 6 shirt orders
 - Winter uniform orders
 - Disco
- Term 2
 - Mother's Day Stall
 - Bookclub

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 February 24th for a cuppa and a chat.

ICT Levy 2015 - \$20 per student

Tullawong State School, in conjunction with the P&C Association, is asking parents/carers for financial contribution towards our school's Classroom Printing and Consumables. The School is resourced by the State Government, through grant funding, to provide a core educational service. In order for us to supply a broader, well sourced enhanced curriculum, worthy of meeting your child's needs, it is necessary for us to supplement our basic financial resources with additional funding.

This Levy can be paid at the Office or the Uniform Shop. We look forward to your support in 2015.

P&C MEETING
Tuesday 24 February
6pm – Hall Meeting Room

CHAPPY'S CHAT

Welcome back everyone! I hope your break over the holidays was a great one! I had a fantastic time camping at Woodford in my last week of the holidays. I came back refreshed... and mostly happy to be back at work, away from coffee and books and relaxing.

I hope your first week has gone well, making first lunches, first trips to school, first meeting with new teachers and classes. What an exciting time of year. It's a real milestone for everyone. I hope your whole year goes well, and lives up to your hopes of your child's first exciting day.

When things don't seem to go your way, I am at school 3 days per week (days to be confirmed) able to be a listening ear to your child... or yourself. The forms to see Chappy are in the chaplain's pigeon hole - the lovely ladies in the office know where that is.

All the best for 2015! Here's to fresh starts and new school shoes!

Cheers,
 Miss Castles
 Chaplain to the stars!

SIGNING STUDENTS IN AND OUT

Late Arrivals

Students who are late to school in the mornings are to report to the School Office to collect a late slip from Office Staff. Students are then to take this late slip to their class teacher.

If students have a note explaining their lateness they are to give their note to their class teacher.



Early Departures

Parents wishing to take students from class early, need to sign them out at the Office before collecting them from their class. The Office will print a slip which is to be given to the class teacher when collecting your child.

Students will only be signed out to people who have been named on their emergency contact list at the Office.

The Office cannot call students up. Parents are asked to collect their student from the classroom with the sign out slip.

Caboolture Cricket Club
T20 BLAST

When: 8-10am Saturday 7th February (Program runs for 8 weeks)

What: First day is a FREE 'Come and Try' session

Where: 28-44 Grant Road Morayfield 4506

Contact: Steve Adams sngp@bigpond.com 0419 773 402

Register by heading to www.T20BLAST.com.au. Enter 4506 into the 'Register Now' postcode section and the Caboolture program will be first on the list. Then click Register Here!



WOT'S THE HAPS?

10 Feb	Parent Information Evening
24 Feb	P&C Meeting
27 Feb	AFL Gala Day
19 Mar	NRLD Cup
24 & 27 Mar	School photos
27 Mar	AFL Gala Day
29 Apr	9 – 12 yrs X Country
30 April	P – 3 X Country
7 & 8 May	Mother's Day School
12 – 14 May	NAPLAN Testing
19 May	District X Country
22 May	NRL Gala Day
26 May	Girls NRL Gala Day
10 – 12 June	Year 6 Camp
5 – 12 June	Athletics Carnival
25 June	Arts night
21 Jul	Ditto Show (P – 3)
4 & 5 Aug	District Athletics
10 Aug	SHOW HOLIDAY
14 Aug	NRL Gala Day
24 Aug – 6 Sept	Learn to Swim Yrs 1 - 3
11 Sept	NRL Gala Day
2 Sept	Alpha Show
19 Oct	PUPIL FREE DAY
6 Nov	NRL Gala Day
13 Nov	School Swimming Carnival
26 Nov	End of Year Music night
4 Dec	NRL Gala Day

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2015

- Term 1: 27th Jan – 2nd April (10 weeks)
- Term 2: 20th April – 26th June (10 weeks)
- Term 3: 13th July – 18th Sep (10 weeks)
- Term 4: 6th Oct – 11th Dec (10 weeks)

SCHOOL HOURS

1 st Session	8.30 am to 10.40 am.
1 st Break	10.40 am to 10.50 eating 10.50 am to 11:20 playtime.
2 nd Session	11.20 am. to 1.00 pm.
2 nd Break	1.00 pm. to 1.10 pm. eating 1:10pm – 1.40 pm playtime
3 rd Session	1.40 pm. to 2.40 pm.

Commencement:

The first bell is rung at 8.20 a.m. Lessons commence at 8.30 a.m.

Dismissal:

Children are dismissed at 2.40 p.m.

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
CABOOLTURE

Catholic Parents with children who would like to receive the Sacraments of **Confirmation and First Eucharist** are invited to attend one of the following Information sessions to be held at St Peter's Catholic Church, 30 Beerburrum Road, Caboolture on **Tuesday 10th February at 1.30pm** or **Thursday 12th Feb at 7pm**.

Further enq. Sharron Macrae 5495 1028 or 0409 877 311.