

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank You

Thank you to our students, staff and parents for a successful Term 1. It has been a very busy time at school, with new classes, routines and learning to adjust to and master. Congratulations to our students for their work and the success they have shown in the classroom and the playground.

Playground News

During next term, a new Year 3 playground will be constructed to support the growth in student numbers and to provide a more gentle progression for students moving from Year 3 into the upper school on the senior oval. This is very exciting news for our students, with class voting underway to choose a winning design. This new addition will then see dedicated playground available for our Prep, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Years 4 – 6 students. In addition, oval or soccer spaces will be available for Year 1, Year 2 – 3 and Year 4 – 6 students. These areas and the supervision by staff will assist in the fun and safety of our students each lunch time.

Grounds

Thank you to Mr Dows, Mr Carey, cleaners, staff and students for the work on our school grounds this term. Our gardens are looking cared for, our litter is vastly reduced and our plans for special art works and murals are well underway. Our school environment is a reflection of the care and pride we feel for our school and students. Thank you to everyone for their efforts over the past months. A Yarning Circle and colourful signage will be unveiled later in the year. Watch out for these exciting new spaces.

House Spirit

Over the term, our sports houses have been accruing points based on classroom and playground behaviour, achievement of student goals and tidy areas. This has been a tightly contested competition. Our winning house, for Term 1 is **Maiba**, attaining a winning total of 2808 points, just beating Bunyi by 5 points.

To enhance our School Spirit and House Pride, our new, colourful uniforms and house banners have been proudly worn and displayed. Over the term, house leaders and teachers have held house meetings, practiced chants and worked on strategies for upcoming sports events. Congratulations to our houses, leaders and students on their work throughout the term. I am looking forward to the contest continuing in Term 2.

Holidays

On behalf of the school, I would like to wish our students and community a safe and happy Easter holiday.

School resumes for Term 2 on Monday 20 April.

Attendance Records

This week your child has received a new **Attendance Record** for this term. Regular attendance is linked to academic improvements, social and emotional wellbeing and an improved sense of belonging. We trust that the information provided will assist families to celebrate regular school attendance or to improve daily student attendance at school.

Student Absences

Thank you to those parents who are using the student absence line. For those of you who may not know, Tullawong State School has a special telephone line to enable parents/carers to ring the school and advise of the reason for their child's absence. It is available 24 hours, 7 days a week.

To ensure that all of our students are safe and accounted for we ask that you ring the student absence line on the day your child is away.

You may be aware that in Queensland, the law requires parents to ensure their compulsory school aged child is enrolled at school, and attends school for the education program on every school day. To meet the requirements of this law: -

- **The school is required to: -**
 - ✓ Record all student absences – this includes late arrivals (after 8.30am) and early departures (before 2.40pm)
 - ✓ Monitor unauthorised/unexplained absences of students
 - ✓ Notify parents of unauthorised/unexplained absences and ask for the reason for the absences
- **Parents/carers are required to: -**
 - ✓ Ensure every eligible school-aged child attends on every school day – our school day is from 8.30am to 2.40pm.
 - ✓ Ensure all students arrive on time every day – students are expected to be in class at 8.30am.
 - ✓ Contact the school prior to any planned absences.

Punctuality a must

When students arrive late for school they are required to list a reason for arriving outside the start time for school. Most usually blame their brothers or sisters or their parents/carers. It is expected that all students be ready to start school at 8.30am. A good routine would be for all students to be at school by 8.20am leaving 10 minutes to start preparing for their school day.

Late students can interrupt classes that are settled, miss out on early morning messages or impact on the teaching and learning routine of the class. I would encourage families to discuss morning routines at home over the holidays and make plans for students to be at school, on time in Term 2. If you would like support around this for particular students, please feel free to contact the office and speak to a Deputy Principal.

JUNIOR SCHOOL JARGON
Prep to Year 1

Congratulations to children, families and staff for working so hard in Term 1. This term has seen learning routines successfully put in place. The level of independence in classrooms is amazing. It is also exciting to hear how many of our young learners have learnt their basic sounds, their tricky words and are using reading strategies to read sentences, texts and books. It is also great to see that our writing skills have developed so well. I trust that we will continue to work together to assist each one of our little people to be the best reader and writer that s/he can be!!!



Just a reminder for **Prep parents/families** able to attend, the **Easter Hat Parade** will be on **Thursday** at **11.30am** in the **Hall**. I trust that you have a safe, happy and family filled holiday.

Helen Williams
Deputy Principal

Reading Eggs
Mathletics &
and Bee Bots



All children who have participated in the extension programs during Term 1 are invited to continue the programs in Term 2. The children are enjoying the experience and teachers are reporting a greater understanding of maths and reading in the classrooms.



GO BLUE
April 2



For Autism Awareness!

Thursday 2nd April is "Dress in Blue Day".

The Tuckshop will be selling blue cupcakes and blue fruit drinks to support the cause. Merchandise is for sale and there will also be a 'Guess the lollies in the jar' competition for 50c per guess.

Wrist band & Badges	\$2
Ribbons	\$1
Wear blue	\$1

All money raised goes to Autism Queensland

Miss Munro & Student Council Team

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSTER
Year 2 To Year 3

Would you like your son or daughter to get a good job in the future?

Studies have shown the better your child can read the higher their academic outcomes will be. This will lead to greater opportunities for employment in the future.

- Reading daily for 10 to 15 minutes each day = Improved reading levels.
- Improved reading levels = higher grades.
- Improved reading levels + higher grades = more confident students.
- Improved reading levels + higher grades = more job opportunities.

Some tips:

- Encourage your child to read daily.**
- Have a set time for them to read each day.** (Turn the TV off while they read.)
- Have your child read out loud each day.** (This helps build their understanding of what they have just read).
- Have your child read their home readers each day. (This means read the same books each day for the week and then next week you will receive another set of home readers).
- We have homework club after school. (See your classroom teacher if you would like to enrol your child in homework club.)

Do you need books to read?

- Class room teachers provide Home readers for your child to read each day.
- School library
- Town library

Sharon Oakes
Acting Deputy Principal



Thank you to the P&C and our Chappy for the very successful Term 1 disco held last Friday. Hundreds of students attended to dance (and eat) the night away. Impressive dance moves and costumes, including school staff, led to the fun of the evening. Thank you to our students for their exemplary behaviour and to the community and staff for their support of the evening.



Congratulations to the following past pupil who has been elected as a leader at Tullawong State High School for 2015.

School Captain - Sean Pobje

SENIOR SCHOOL SCOOP
Year 4 To Year 6

Our book swap was a great success. Many thanks to our families for supporting it. We will organise another one in the near future.

I would like to wish all our families a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Justine Heino
Acting Deputy Principal

123 MAGIC
EMOTION COACHING
PARENT COURSE

WEDNESDAY

6TH, 13TH, & 20TH OF MAY 2015

8.45-10.30 am

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old.

The course covers-

- ★ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- ★ How to sort behaviour
- ★ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- ★ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- ★ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- ★ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

This course is free.

Contact Justine Heino to book your place
07 54314666

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our student award winners from the past fortnight. They have dazzled their classmates and teachers with their work. Well done!

Year 2

Hannah B, Noah F, Abela-Rose A, Daveneck A, Danielle B, Blake S

Year 3

Jessica C, Riley P, James B, Jaxon S, Leteisha H, Isabelle D, Randal B, Chontelle D, Ben B, Brooke T, Chelsea R, Lucy-Lee D, Emily N, Mason H, Wyatt F, Aryana S, Emilleya E

Year 5

Colbey C, Mackenzie S, Cadence S, Kiara B, Leoma S, Payton G

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**.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS REQUIRE A PASS

Older brothers or sisters of Tullawong students who attend Tullawong State High School require a pass to enter the school grounds. Pass applications are available from the School Office. As from the last day of March students without a pass are not to enter the Tullawong State School grounds.



Tullawong Family Playgroup

for Children aged 0 – 5.

Fridays 8.45am – 10.45am
(run during school terms)

Playgroup Room
(The Hub)

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 5431 4666.

Tullawong State School

ABSENCE LINE

5431 4660

24 Hours a day.
Seven days per week.

All student absences **must** be accounted for and recorded on the school computer system. To make this easier for parents we have introduced a special student absence line that you can call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to leave a message about your child's absence. It is important that you leave the following information:-

- Parent name
- Student name
- Class
- Reason for absence

CHAPPY'S CHAT

Day Camp 2015!

Start saving now for the most amazing Day Camp ever!

Mums and Dads, kids and Grandparents, Day camp is coming up in the **June/July holidays, on Monday June 29th to Thursday July 2nd.**

The cost is around \$80 for 4 whole days of fun. The theme this year is "Secret Agents".



It is an excellent program, organised by retired teachers, staffed by volunteers for the whole 4 days.

It always feels like Christmas on the last day.

You'll love it!

Ronni Castles
Chaplain

Active Kids Park Sessions



Tuesday 7 April to Friday 17 April 2015

Children aged 3 – 12 years

Parents are required to attend and are encouraged to participate.

Come along and have some fun in the Active Kids School Holiday Park Sessions. These activities have been designed to encourage children to get outside and active in their local parks. The sessions are completely free with no prior bookings required, run in a non-competitive atmosphere with a focus on fun games for everyone to enjoy.

P&C MEETING

Tuesday 28 April

6pm – Hall Meeting Room

WOT'S THE HAPS?

2 April	LAST DAY TERM 1 - THURSDAY
20 April	FIRST DAY TERM 2
23 – 28 Apr	Yrs 3, 4 & 5 Writing workshops
24 April	ANZAC Ceremony
25 April	Anzac Day March
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
10 Aug	SHOW HOLIDAY
14 Aug	Gala Day
24 Aug – 6 Sept	Learn to Swim Yrs 1 - 3
11 Sept	Gala Day
2 Sept	Alpha Show
19 Oct	PUPIL FREE DAY
6 Nov	Gala Day
13 Nov	School Swimming Carnival
26 Nov	End of Year Music night

SENSORY FAMILY FUN DAY



Thursday 9th April
(1st week school holidays)

Abbey Museum Caboolture

Cost: 4-16yrs - \$11 per child, under 3 free

Bring: Hats, sunscreen, insect repellent

Lots of activities including archery, craft, clay pot making and much more.....

SENSORY TRAIN DAY

Wednesday 15th April

10.30am to 12pm or 1pm to 2.30pm

Pine Valley Railway, Warner

Cost: \$10



SENSORY MOVIE DAY

Sunday 26th April, 11am



Tickets \$8 each. Children 2yrs and under are free.

Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive event for families with special needs. Lighting is dim, sound lowered, volunteers monitor fire exit doors.

For more info on any of these events contact Chanelle 0422 416 509 or email sensorymoveday@hotmail.com