



TUGGERAWONG TATTLER



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TUGGERAWONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

TERM 4
WEEK 4

Assembly Awards

Student of the week

KS
KH
1TM
1/2B
2S
2/3R
3/4A
5/6F
5/6M

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

7 November 2016

Week 4 was very busy with students involved in Swim Scheme, a chess tournament and Year 6 students participating in transition events linked with Wadalba Community School. On all accounts our students displayed exemplary behaviour and were a credit to our school, themselves and their family.

Last Friday we had our first Kinder Orientation session. It was great to meet our 2017 Kinders and many of their parents. This session was well attended and I hope both parents and their children enjoyed this experience. It is important for both parents and children to attend all four sessions. The next dates for transition are as follows:

- *Friday 11th November 9:15am - 11:00am (Parent Morning Tea)*
- *Friday 18th November 9:15am - 11:00am (Parent Workshop)*
- *Friday 25th November 9:15am - 11:00am (Teddy Bear's Picnic)*

Thank you to Sam, Lily and Julian who hosted the parent information session and all of the guest speakers. Also thank you to the teachers, teacher's aides and Year 5 students who assisted in the Kinder classes. A big thank you to Mrs Shaw who has coordinated a quality transition program that will be of great benefit to both parents and their children.

School Improvements

At present there are a number of initiatives underway that will benefit students and make cosmetic improvements to the school. Some of these include:

- *Student toilet block:* During the Christmas holiday period the student toilet block will undergo a full revamp. This will include replacing old toilets, taps and basin. It will also include a fresh lick of paint and skylights. This will modernise this facility and ensure it is a bright, inviting place which is a far stretch from what it is at present.
- *Improving our network:* This will be done in stages to increase the speed of our network and allow for greater expansion in the future.
- *Reopening the tree top walk:* This will take some time as the structural integrity of this structure needs to be assessed and some of the trees will need some attention to remove dead or dangerous limbs. Thanks to the SRC movie day which will ensure this project will go ahead.

- *Furnishing:* We are in the process of purchasing modern furniture for classrooms and the Library. This includes soft furnishings such as beanbags and modern furniture such as stools and collaborative work stations. This will ensure we move with the times and the concept of future focussed learning.

- *Relocation of the Sport Shed Storage Container:* This will be moved near the netball / basketball court.

- *Garden Club* Our gardens are looking a bit tired at the moment. Our General Assistant, Martyn, does an amazing job around our school but unfortunately we only get his services 2 days a week. This means that he has limited time to spend in our gardens. In response to this we are going to start a Garden Club where students (green thumbs), under the direct supervision of staff, will be able to get their hands dirty in our gardens including the vegie patch. This idea is very much in its infancy but will be well underway next year. If you would be interested in assisting please contact the school.

- *Working Bee*

Also I would be interested in organising a working bee during the Christmas break for any interested parents that would like to help with the beautification of our wonderful school. If you would be interested please complete the expression of interest form located in this newsletter. This will give me an indication of whether such an initiative will be possible.

Mobile Phones

Over the last few weeks we have had a small number of students bringing mobile phones to school. Whilst this has not been an issue I think it is timely that we revisit our school mobile phone policy so everyone is aware of their responsibility and the school expectations. The aim of this policy is for all members of the school community to be aware of their responsibilities in using mobile phones and other technology while on school premises.

Last week I discussed the policy with our Stage 3 students. Whilst I will not go into the policy in its entirety if you wish to discuss it I am more than happy to do so.

As a school we have a duty of care to our students and need to ensure these devices are not used inappropriately. Inappropriate use includes students using them to bully, intimidate or otherwise harass other people through any SMS or text message, photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the phone.

Students are entitled to bring a mobile phone to school but should consider / abide by the following:

- Mobile phones should only be brought to school in urgent and unusual circumstances. They are brought to school at the student's risk. The school will not accept responsibility for mobile phones lost, damaged, stolen or misused while at school and staff will not take responsibility for minding mobile phones during sport or other activities.

- Mobile phones must be turned off on entering the school gate and until students leave at the end of the day. They are to be handed in at the front office upon arrival to school and collected upon departure.

- ALL school business must be done through the school office eg students needing to go home sick.

- Students who breach these guidelines will be subject to the school's usual disciplinary code as described in the Tuggerawong Public School Behaviour and Welfare Policy.

- Students with urgent communication needs are welcome to access the phone in the front office following consultation with the Principal or nominee.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Staff Car Park

Please do not park in the staff carpark except if you are dropping or picking up your child / children from OOSH prior to 7:00am or after 4:30pm.

Quality Workers

Name	Class	Work Sample
Lilly Cody	3/4A	Friendship Acrostic Poem Black Hole Information Report
Emily	1TM	If I were a Superhero

Grant McFarland
Principal

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KH

We are lucky enough to welcome Mrs. Whitby to KH for the next 4 weeks. She has come to KH from Newcastle Uni and she will be learning about the wonderful students at Tuggerawong and the busy life at school. This Friday all present Kinder parents are invited to the Headstart performance in the hall at 9-15 and then to the morning tea to welcome the new parents. We hope you can make it along.

Lots of wonderful children are just completing their Gold Licence card, which shows they are all doing the right thing and trying hard. Congratulations! Congratulations also to the many children who are consistently completing Home Reading and earning their certificates. Keep it up!

We would love to see more helpers along to groups if you have a little time to spare particularly Wednesday afternoons at 2.15pm. If you have any spare time from about 2.30pm on any day perhaps you could pop in and listen to children read.

We have begun term assessments for yearly reports so it is important that absences are kept to a minimum at the moment, if possible. Very soon and we will begin to learn a Christmas song for the end of year family Carols Night to be held on Wednesday 7th December. It's a great fun night, so put the date aside.

Some children need a new glue stick. We will be doing lots of craft over the next few weeks.

All Kinder children can enter the Talent Quest to be held the last day of term. They need to get practising and be ready for auditions about week 7 or 8.

If you have any questions or problems, please remember to feel free to make an appointment to discuss things.

Sue Hurley
Class teacher

KS

WOW! It's great to be back. I'd like to Thank Mrs Girdham for looking after KS and continuing with lots of learning in the classroom.

I hope everyone received an invitation to our parent's morning tea being held this Friday. Both Kindergarten classes and the choir will be performing in the morning in the hall, followed by a morning tea for our existing and new kindergarten parents. It would be wonderful to see you all there and I'm sure that the new kindergarten parents would be grateful if you could come along and have a cuppa and a chat with them. Please send in the RSVP notes ASAP for catering purposes.

At this stage of kindergarten, your child's reading is still developing and I would like them to be strong readers by the end of the year, especially before they go on Christmas holidays. Please continue to read with your child every night. I have also noticed that some children have forgotten basic sight words learnt. It would be of benefit to your child if you could go back and practise previous sight word lists in their sight word book. Can your child count backwards by 20? This would be another great quick activity that you could do with your child. Some children are also still forming some letters and numbers incorrectly. If your child is sent home with a sheet of letters/numbers, please have them complete some of these as part of their homework.

Please don't forget that if your child has a day off school for any reason to let us know why within 7 days. After 7 days it will be noted as an unexplained absence.

Please keep Wednesday 7th December free as we will be holding our annual Christmas Carols night, where all classes will be performing.

If you have any questions/concerns please don't hesitate to see me.

Have a great week

Michelle Shaw

1TM and 2S

Welcome to week 5! The term is really flying! We have been very busy writing our own short stories and playing the game "Scrap it!". Why not ask your child to teach you how to play?

Most students have been completing their homework and home reading which is great to see. Please make sure licence cards are returned every Monday.

Year 2 students have successfully completed their swim scheme and what a two weeks it was! Thank you to all the parents for helping to organise their child every day. We know next years' group will have just as much fun!

Have a great week,

Mrs Sturgess, Mrs Melvin and Mrs Towns.

1/2B

Hi everyone,

This week we have our Year 2 students back from Swim Scheme. Well done to all of the students who participated, swimming is such an important skill for students to have!

This term most students will be working towards their Diamond Licences so please make sure that you sign and return cards each week. Students need to have a consecutive five weeks in order to achieve their licences.

Please encourage your children to bring home readers home to read each night. It really does make a huge difference if students are reading at home, as well as school. If you find that your child is disinterested with the home readers, any book that they are interested in at home is fine!

We will begin learning our Christmas Carol song over the next few weeks. I will send more information home with your children next week.

If you need to ask any questions please see me ☺

Thankyou

Mrs Stephens

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, 11 November	Kindergarten Headstart
Friday, 17 November	Kindergarten Headstart
Monday, 21 November	6.30pm OOSHC Meeting 7.00pm P & C Meeting
Friday, 24 November	Kindergarten Headstart
Tuesday, 29 November	Parent Helper Morning Tea
Wednesday, 7 December	Family Carols Night
Tuesday 13 December	Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 14 December	Presentation Day

Intention to Apply Selective High School Entry 2018

A reminder that applications for selective high school entry in 2018 will be closing on 14th November. Selective High Schools cater for high achieving students, providing them with specialised teaching, programs and resources. Applications can only be made online at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacemen

Chess

SCHOOL SECURITY – 1300 880 021



Last Wednesday, 9 of our students went to represent TPS at the Wyong District One-Day Chess Tournament. Our three teams tried their best and were faced with some tough opponents! Darran, Draven, Theo, Brock D., Emma M., Aydan, Bodie, Lachlan S. and William M.

Congratulations on your top effort!

Group Photo Orders

Please find below a list of all the sports/special group photographs taken on our school photo day. These can be viewed both online at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and are also on display in the school office.

School Online Code: S839EL37T

If you wish to order please either;

- Collect an order envelope from the office, fill out/enclose payment and return to school
- Visit the website above and order/pay online

The photo prices are:

\$16.00 each, 2 for **\$30.00**, 3 for **\$42.00**, 4 for **\$52.00** or 5 for **\$60.00**

Any additional photographs are \$10.00 each. This discount is only available per family order

Payment Options – Cash or Money Order payments enclosed in the order envelope.

ONLINE Payment by Credit Card – Envelope NOT required

All orders must be made by Monday 21st November 2016

No late orders will be accepted

Name of Group –Library Prefects, School Captains and Prefects, Sports Captains, SRC, State Representative, Sydney North Representative, Year 6 Fun, Zone Athletics, Zone Cross Country and Zone Swimming

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA

You are invited to a special morning tea to allow us to thank you for all the time and hard work you have put in this year to support your child and the school.

Place: Library

Date: Tuesday, 29 November

Time: 11am



Please come along and have a bite to eat, if you're available. We look forward to seeing you there!

TUCKERBOX NEWS

Canteen - Phone Number: **0459 398 152 (New Number)**

2016 - TERM 4- CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 7/11/16	Tuesday 8/11/16	Wednesday 9/11/16	Thursday 10/11/16	Friday 11/11/16
	Maggie Simpson Fred Simpson			Jodie Sutherland
Monday 14/11/16	Tuesday 15/11/16	Wednesday 16/11/16	Thursday 17/11/16	Friday 18/11/16
	Maggie Simpson Fred Simpson			Lindal Penman
Monday 21/11/16	Tuesday 22/11/16	Wednesday 23/11/16	Thursday 24/11/16	Friday 25/11/16
	Maggie Simpson Fred Simpson			Lindal Penman
Monday 28/11/16	Tuesday 29/11/16	Wednesday 30/11/16	Thursday 1/12/16	Friday 2/12/16
	Maggie Simpson Fred Simpson			Lindal Penman

ALL LUNCH ORDERS NEED TO BE THROUGH 'FLEXI SCHOOLS

Working Bee Expression of Interest



I _____ would be interested in taking part in a working bee during the Christmas holiday break.



Preferred day: _____

Contact number: _____

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FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS UPDATE FORM

STUDENTS NAME/S:

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FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS

RMB/PO Box:..... Street No/Property Name:

Street Name:

Suburb/Town: Post Code:

Home Telephone Number:

Mother/Guardian Name:

Mobile Number:

Work Number:

Father/Guardian Name:

Mobile Number:

Work Number:

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

Name: Relationship to Student:

Home Telephone Number:..... Mobile Number:

Name: Relationship to Student:

Home Telephone Number: Mobile Number:

CONTACT DETAILS FOR PARENT NOT RESIDING WITH STUDENT

Parent/Guardian Name:

Relationship to Student:

Home Address:

Home Telephone Number: Mobile Number: