



# TUGGERAWONG TATTLER



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**TUGGERAWONG PUBLIC SCHOOL**



### *From the Principal*

Wow! I cannot believe we are in the last week of school for 2017! It has been an amazing year with the school undertaking so many initiatives. Many of these initiatives would not have been possible without the support of our wonderful community.

The staff at Tuggerawong have worked tirelessly this year differentiating the learning experience and offering so many extra-curricular experiences for the students of TPS. They definitely deserve a well-earned break. I thank them all for their support and dedication to public education.

I trust you will have a happy holiday and enjoy spending quality time with your family. I look forward to being amongst you all again next year and working hard to offer your child / children the very best educational experience and opportunities we can provide. Please take care and enjoy the holidays.

Happy holidays!

#### **Mrs Shaw**

It is with mix emotions that I announce that Mrs Shaw will not be joining us next year. She has accepted an Assistant Principal position at Brooke Avenue Public School. This is a fantastic opportunity for Mrs Shaw and I am sure you join me in wishing her all the best for 2018. Mrs Shaw has worked at TPS for the past 14 years and her experience, professionalism, bubbly personality and dedication to her work will be sorely missed.

#### **Last day of School 2017 / First day back for 2018**

A reminder that the Staff Development Days scheduled at the end of the year will not be going ahead as staff have engaged in additional teacher professional learning throughout the year, so they do not need to be in attendance at school on Monday, 18 December and Tuesday, 19 December. *The last day for students and staff is Friday, 15 December.*

School resumes for Year 1 to Year 6 students on Tuesday, 30 January. Kinder students will undertake their best start assessment between Tuesday, 30 January and Thursday, 1 February. Kinder parents have received a letter indicating their allocated time. If you are unsure of your time, please contact the school. The first day for our Kinders will be Friday, 2 February.

#### **Presentation Day**

Last Thursday we held our annual Presentation Day Assembly. It was a wonderful assembly with our Choir and Cultural Group performing. Student behaviour was exceptional during this event. Thank you to everyone in attendance and those who donated a gift for the Salvation Army. Thank you to Mrs Towns and Mrs Shaw who coordinated this event. Congratulations to all award winners.

On Presentation Day we announced our 2018 School Leaders in their respective positions. They are as follows:

#### **Captains**

- Lea-Bella F
- Brock D

#### **Prefects** (no particular order)

- Zara P
- Tayah L
- Carlos D
- Josh H

Our 2018 Leaders have big shoes to fill but I know they are up for the challenge. Thank you to the 2017 Leaders who have done an amazing job this year and fulfilled their role with diligence.



2018 School Leaders



2017 School Leaders

#### **Student Academic Reports**

On Tuesday (tomorrow) all students in K-6 will receive their Semester 2 Academic Report. Our staff spend many hours preparing your child's report and work hard to ensure that it is a true and accurate reflection of your child's progress in their learning over the semester. Please take the time to discuss the report with your child and reflect on their achievements and where there needs to be a greater focus for improvements to occur. If you have any questions in relation to your child's report, please do not hesitate making an appointment to speak to your child's teacher.

Human Society and It's Environment (HSIE) incorporates History and Geography. On your child's report you may see a written comment in the other KLAs linked to Geography or History depending on the units they have undertaken this Semester. The achievement level linked to these subject areas will be outlined in HSIE.

*Grant McFarland*  
Principal

**YEAR 6 FAREWELL ARCH – THIS FRIDAY 2.45PM**

## AUSSIE OF THE TERM -TERM 4 2017

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| <b>KS</b>   | Liam L         |
| <b>K/1H</b> | Rubi W         |
| <b>1T</b>   | Evie W         |
| <b>1/2B</b> | Tuiaulia T     |
| <b>2S</b>   | Elora-Dannyn W |
| <b>2/3R</b> | Lucy W         |
| <b>3/4A</b> | Grace C        |
| <b>3/4D</b> | Olivia L       |
| <b>5/6C</b> | Blake F        |
| <b>5/6M</b> | Chelsea M      |

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### THIS WEEK 10-LAST WEEK OF TERM

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| 12/12 | Year 6 Farewell- 5.30pm  |
| 13/12 | PBL Reward Day<br>Family Carols Night  |
| 14/12 | K/1H & KS & Choir Nursing home visit<br>(9.15-11.00am)   |
| 15/12 | Talent Quest<br>Yr 6 vs Teachers/Parents Softball – 2pm<br><b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b><br><b>LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS</b> |

### 2018

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| 29/1     | <b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b><br><b>(No Students)</b><br>Uniform Shop open 9.00-11.00am |
| 30/1     | <b>Yr 1 – Yr 6 STUDENTS RETURN</b>   |
| 30/1-1/2 | Kinder 2018 Best Start Assessments   |
| 2/2      | <b>Kinder 2018 First Day of School</b>   |

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

### Early Stage 1

#### KS

Well, what an absolutely fantastic year it has been! I can only begin to imagine the excitement that you guys feel when you see how much your little ones have grown both academically and socially this past year. Each and every one of your children bring a smile to my face each and every day, with their individual qualities. Thank you for all of your support through the year and your commitment to your child's education. Keep encouraging them to be the best they can be! I hope you all have an awesome holiday. Be safe and keep smiling  
Michelle Shaw

### Early Stage 1/Stage 1

#### K/1H

Thankyou for a wonderful year. We are so proud of our students and what they have achieved this year and wish all the families a Merry Christmas.  
Sue Hurley & Lee Girdham



## Stage 1

### 1T

Welcome to week 10!!!! I can't believe that this is the final week of school for 2017. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching each and every student and working with you all. A big thank you to all the parents who have helped in the classroom, with reading and making costumes for the concert. Your help is very appreciated!

If you could please pack a reusable bag in your child's school bag it would be appreciated. They have lots of work to bring home and these bags make it much easier for them to bring it all home.

The Talent Quest is on Friday morning, commencing at 9am. Students are required to wear full school uniform. If they are performing, they can bring a costume to change into.

I hope to see you all on Wednesday night at our annual Carols Night. The night commences from 5pm with Carols beginning at 6pm. 1T will need to wear Christmas colours if possible.

Have a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Heather Towns



### 1/2B

We made it!

The term as flown past as fast as Santa's sleigh on Christmas night!

This week, we will be celebrating with Reward Day, Christmas Carols and lots of fun class based activities.

Don't forget to bring in a bag with names clearly marked for all our workbooks, craft and other belongings.

I look forward to sharing this last week with everyone. It has been awesome getting to know all the children!  
Mrs Collins

### 2S

Wow! Our final week for 2017.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the amazing 2S 2017 students. What an absolutely fantastic group of little people I got to spend each school day with. I will thoroughly miss each and every one of you, you have made coming to school each day interesting, enjoyable and fun.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all of the fabulous 2S parents! You have raised an amazing group of children and should be extremely proud of the people they are turning out to be. Thank you for all of your support throughout the year with costumes, donations and your huge generosity. I hope I will be fortunate



enough in the future to teach some younger siblings or two!

I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas filled with love and happiness. Stay safe over the Christmas holidays and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2018!



Merry Christmas!  
Mrs Sturgess :o)

### **2/3R**

WOW! The final week of term is here already. Where has the time gone! We have another busy week ahead of us. It has kicked off with our visit to Niagara Park PCYC end of year fun day.

Wednesday is shaping up to be extremely busy for us, as we will be having our PBL Rewards Day and our Carols Night. We have had a ball learning our Carol and hope you enjoy it as well. Remember the Carols evening starts at 5:00pm with a BBQ, and if your children could please wear Christmas colours either red, white or green that would be fantastic. Also, if you have at home a Christmas hat or headband could your child please bring it to wear on the night for our performance thanking you in advance.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the families and students for an amazing Term 4. You and your children have been so welcoming and supportive over the last term. The students in 2/3R are an incredible group of children, who are credit not only to themselves and the school, but to their families as well. I am so proud of each and every student, they are hardworking, courteous, kind and considerate and I will miss teaching them next year.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday. Enjoy the time with your families, and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Houison

### **3/4A**

Welcome to Week Ten! I cannot believe we are in the final week of the year. This year has just flown by! It only feels like yesterday that we were introducing ourselves and I was getting to know your children for the year! It has been an absolute pleasure teaching 3/4A this year. I am so proud of each and every one of their achievements and I would like to wish them all the best for 2018!

A big congratulations to all of the students on receiving awards on Presentation Day. These awards are a testament to all of your hard work and efforts this year. Well done!

It is fantastic to see the majority of the class achieve their Principal's Toto Award over the last couple of weeks. It is great to see respectful and responsible students being recognised for their personal best.

We have an extremely, busy final week ahead of us. Today we attended our 3-6 Primary Fun Day at Niagara Park Stadium. We all had loads of fun! It was great to see everyone smiling and getting along. It was a nice start to our busy week!

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our annual Christmas Carols Night tomorrow, 13 December from 5pm. Students can wear any Christmas outfit and accessories. We are excited to sing our carol for you.

3/4A has got talent this year! I cannot wait to see students from our class perform in our annual Talent Quest that is being held on Friday, 15 December in our school hall. Just a reminder to any performer who has not sent in their music on either a USB or CD, will need to do this as soon as possible.

This week students will be bringing home their annual school reports and a folder with some fantastic work samples. It makes me so proud to see the growth in students work this year and they should all be very proud of themselves!

If your child has any overdue library books can they please be returned to the classroom or the library by the end of the week. Mrs Burckhardt would really appreciate it!

I would like to thank all parents and students for a fantastic year and to wish you all a very happy and safe break! Most importantly have a very Merry Christmas.

Mrs Rainford

### **3/4D**

Woo Hoo! Holidays are only days away! This year has absolutely flown by. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching 3/4D this year. I am so proud of each and every one of their achievements and we would like to wish them all the best for 2018!

A huge congratulations to all of the students on receiving awards on Presentation Day. These awards are a recognition of your hard work and efforts throughout the year. Fantastic!

It is fantastic to see the majority of our class achieve their Principal's Toto Award over the last couple of weeks. It is great to see respectful and responsible students being recognised for doing their personal best.

We have an extremely, busy final week ahead of us.

**Monday** - 3-6 Primary Fun Day at Niagara Park Stadium.

**Wednesday** – PBL Reward Day

- Christmas Carols Night Students can wear any Christmas outfit and accessories. We are excited to be performing once again!

**Friday** – Tuggerawong's Got Talent!!

Reports and books will be sent home through this week!



If your child has any overdue library books can they please be returned to the classroom or the library by the end of the week. Mrs Burckhardt would really appreciate it!

We would like thank all parents and students for a fantastic year and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mrs Kate Day & Mrs Megan Andrews

### **5/6C**

Greetings Parents and Carers of Stage 3!

We are on the run down to the end of term, I will admit that I have had an amazing year with your children.

We have been exploring our Carols song for this year and have come up with an outstanding performance that we are proud of. It is Jingle Bells with a twist! Wait till you see it.

The progress we have made this year has been wonderful, as a class and as a cohort, we have achieved many great things.

This term we have finalised some of our artworks that came home last week, we have explored musical aspects of life. How we relate to each other through art and also through our land.

A reminder that the Year 6 Farewell is tomorrow night from 5.30pm.

The growth and maturity your children will bring into the new year is exciting. I am looking forward to it!

Stay safe through the holidays and love those you care about.

Ms Coafield.

### **5/6M**

Before we know it a school year has concluded.

At the end of January, a mix of eager and intrepid faces greeted me on entering the classroom. We hit the ground running with a lesson that we are going to repeat this week. The first lesson we had was the creation of a Time Capsule. It has hung on the wall with the message '*Not to be opened until 11/12/2017*'. Before we open the Time Capsule, we will repeat the lesson from January, answering the same questions about our like of music and predictions for our favourite sporting teams. The activity is designed to show the students how much the students have grown in such a small space of time. The results will be interesting.

Throughout the year we have learned a great deal, not just a series of facts, but how to create learning opportunities for ourselves. Whether it be maths, PE, IT or drama your children have excelled themselves and hopefully found a new found confidence and desire to work beyond their limits.

Many of our students will be leaving to a bigger adventure and greater opportunities, as the next 6 year phase of their lives begins. To; Emma, Jessica, Chelsea, Melody, Zali, Jacob, Hayden J, Theo, Brendan, Hayden P and Lachlan, take what you have learned here and make it a part of your next adventure.

To the Year 5 students from 2017, it is your turn. You are the new 'big kids' of the school. The rest of the students will be looking at you in 2018 and I bet that you are looking forward to this time.

To all, a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and may you arrive at your 2018 destination refreshed and ready for new adventure.

Brian McNally

## **ABORIGINAL EDUCATION NEWS**

### **Ngara Assembly of Excellence**

On 1 December our Aboriginal and Indigenous students attended the Ngara Assembly of Excellence.

This assembly acknowledges the contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in our local area.

Our award recipients are:

Emilie M - Academic Excellence

Darcy B - Outstanding Attendance

Lachlan W - Cultural Leadership

Brendan M - Student Leadership

Darrius H - Improved Application to Learning

Our Ngara choir performed with a number of different schools from our local area as a combined choir which was coordinated by Mrs. Shaw from Tacoma Public School.

It is great to see students receive such acknowledgement in a public setting and to celebrate our Aboriginal heritage.



Great job guys!  
Ms. Coafield

## **LIBRARY**

Wishing all the wonderful families of Tuggerawong a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Burckhardt





Our PBL Reward Day will be held this **Wednesday, 13 December, 2017**. All students who have earned 10 Totos this term will choose one activity from a variety of activities available! These include: Technology Time, Disco, Movie, BYO Scooter Ride Time, Games with Mr McFarland and Make and Create!

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to all students who have collected 10 Totos or more this term!

The Choir needs to be at the Carols Night this Wednesday (13 December) by 5.50pm so that we can begin to lead the Community singing which will start at 6pm. Other class performances will begin from about 6.30pm.

Don't forget your rugs or chairs. We will be back inside the **HALL** this year. Rugs can be in the hall and chairs will begin from the Hall COLA back.

Children should not be on the fixed equipment, tree top walkway, in the sandpit or cubby for safety reasons, as everyone will be enjoying the carols and unable to provide the direct supervision they need. Teachers will be busy with their classes.

Have a great night. Mrs Hurley

### P & C FUNDRAISING

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Helping out at the BBQ on Carols Night this **Wednesday, 13 December**. Please let Kylie or Bron know if you can be of assistance

# Family Carols Night

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Family Picnic, Dinner and BBQ available from 5pm

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| <b>BBQ</b><br>Sausage sandwiches \$2.50<br>Drinks \$2                      | <b>"All About Taste"</b><br>Serving Wraps,<br>Nuggets and chips<br>drinks | <b>Face Painting \$2</b><br><b>HAIR SPRAY \$1</b><br><b>FAIRY FLOSS</b> |
| <b>Santa Photos</b><br>(Photo Theme)<br>\$2 each or \$5 each for 2 or more | <b>Coffee Van</b>   | <b>Show Bags</b><br><b>Lucky Dips</b>                                   |

Community singing and Choir performance at 6pm  
Class performances from 6.30pm.  
Bring your picnic rugs and fold up chairs  
Picnic rugs only at the front near the stage please.

The evening concludes with the  
**Christmas Hamper Raffle**  
**\*\*Extra tickets available at the office\*\***

Important reminder  
For safety reasons children should not be on the fixed equipment, in the sandpit or cubby, as everyone will be enjoying the carols and unable to provide the direct supervision they need. Teachers will be busy with their classes.

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|  | <b>All About Taste' - MENU</b>  |
|  | Chicken Breast Wrap \$10.00<br>Roast Leg Lamb Wrap \$10.00<br>Pulled Pork Wrap \$10.00<br>Beef Brisket Wrap \$10.00<br>Hot Chips \$5.00<br>Soft drinks and Water \$2.00 |

Have a great night

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

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## HAPPY & SAFE NEW YEAR

# The simplest way

...to enjoy a healthy holiday season.

You can still enjoy treats this holiday season, just don't forget it's all about moderation and aiming for two serves of fruit + five serves of veg every day.

At family dinners or barbecues with friends try these healthier choices:

- Try vegie sticks with vegie dip as a starter. Fill up on healthier foods first.
- Snack on roasted chickpeas or popcorn, and baked vegie chips.
- Make sure half your lunch or dinner plate is filled with vegies or tasty summer salads.
- Serve a big bowl of fruit salad or fruit kebabs alongside dessert.



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