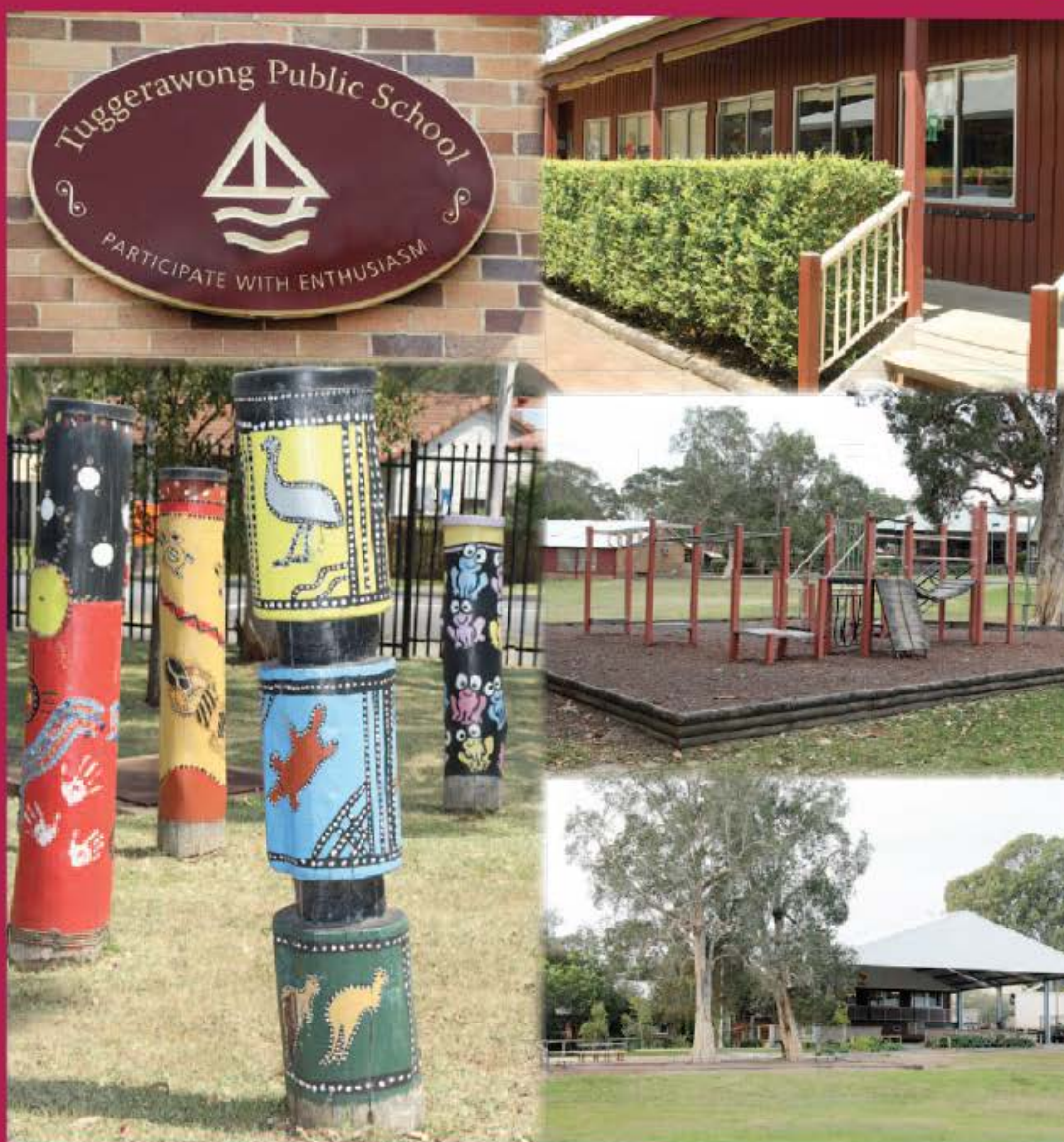




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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

13 February 2017

Last week we held our Parent Teacher Information Sessions. These sessions were well attended. There were 125 parents in total. I trust you found these sessions informative, giving you an insight into the routines, curriculum and structure of your child's / children's class. If your child is experiencing difficulty at school, the classroom teacher should always be the first point of call. Thank you to our wonderful staff that made these sessions possible.

Staffing Update

On Monday 20th February, Mrs Hurley will be taking Long Service Leave until Friday, 7 April. During this time, Mrs Girdham will be taking the class full time.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year we ask families to support their child/children by donating a small school contribution per child to the school. This money is tax deductible and is used to purchase much needed literacy and technology resources. For us to continue to provide additional quality literacy and technology resources, we would appreciate your support.

School Contribution amount as follows:

- 1 child \$20
- 2 children \$40
- 3 or more \$50

School contributions can be made to class teacher, at the front office or online. A note will be sent home to all families this week.

Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is a potentially life threatening medical condition. It is a severe and sudden allergic reaction, which occurs when a person is exposed to an allergen, (such as a food product or an insect bite). We do have students at Tuggerawong Public School that are susceptible to anaphylactic reactions. In an attempt to keep our students safe and minimise the risk of exposure, we request that all parents clearly label lunch boxes, bottles and other drinks with the name of the child for whom they are intended. We ask that parents remind their children about the importance of washing hands, eating their own food, and not sharing food, food utensils or food containers. We are also asking parents not

to send peanut butter on sandwiches, or nut products in school lunches, but rather save these food preferences for home and for weekends.

Headlice

A few cases of headlice have already been reported this year. Head lice are tiny parasites that live on the scalp. They lay their eggs (nits) near the base of the hair shaft. Head lice spread quickly in a school because children often work and play closely and share personal items.

There's no way to prevent head lice, but you can catch infestations early and treat them by checking your child regularly for nits (lice eggs). While there are head lice preventative products available, most are not 100% bullet-proof. Please encourage your child not to share personal items like combs and hats. Thank you for your diligence on this matter.

Custody Orders and AVOs

If your child is subject to custody orders, could you please ensure a copy of these orders are lodged with the office staff. Custody orders and the like can often impact on school life in some form or another, so having them on site gives us the best opportunity to support your family. This needs to be done annually to ensure the best care for your child.

Uniform

I encourage all parents to ensure their child / children are in full school uniform, this includes black shoes with black shoe laces. Wearing full school uniform presents a strong message of unity and projects a positive image of school pride. If your child is unable to wear full school uniform on a particular day please supply them with a note addressed to their teacher with an explanation. It is great to see so many students wearing their full school uniform including the new white/maroon polo shirt. The all maroon polo shirt will eventually be phased out.

Student Toilets

It was reported to the office that a parent or grandparent used the boy's toilets last week. These toilets are strictly for the use of students of Tuggerawong Public School. Any visitors to the school can use the toilets at our main office upon request. **Parents and high school students are not allowed to use the student toilets.**

Quality Workers

Name	Class	Work Sample
Alex W James W Cody D	3/4D	Superhero art Focus on Reading (Super Six strategies)
Connor T Tamsyn T	1T	Think, Pair, Share activity

Grant McFarland - Principal

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KS

YIPPEE!!!! We have had a whole week in Kindergarten. Despite some tears, the students in KS have all settled in really well. They are becoming familiar with the rules and the routines of the school and classroom, they have made some lovely new friends and they have started learning how to read and write!

In reading we have been focusing on one-to-one correspondence. The best way to practice this concept is to point your index finger under each word, in a left-to-right progression, as you read to your child. Your child will start to model this reading behaviour, and begin to make that "see and say" connection. When your child is reading their home reader, have them use their index finger to point under the words as they are reading. This simple technique will enable your child to become a more fluent reader! Don't forget to jot the book read in the home reading diary. You may wonder why there is a highlighted line in the home reading diary. This is just my record for keeping count of how many nights your child has read (just in case a diary gets lost).

Last week we have been learning the words 'I' and 'am' and the letters 'c' and 'a'. This week we will be learning 'my' and 'is', so if you'd like to practice these words at home, that would be great.

Thank you to everyone who had brought in tissues, wipes and glue sticks. Could you please label your child's glue stick as they will keep it under their desk.

As mentioned at our parent information session, you do not require an A4 display folder for homework. I'm happy for you to send your child's homework in their blue folder. If you'd like the homework kept together, by all means pop it into a folder when your child brings it home. It is completely up to you on how you structure your child's homework habits. I understand how busy it can be at home in the afternoons with various activities that your child may be participating in. They may wish to complete it all in one night, or do a little each night. Please ensure your child reads each night.

Please send a piece of fruit with your child every day. Some children are becoming upset because they don't have fruit. Also it is really important that your child brings a drink bottle to school every day, especially with the high temperatures we have been experiencing.

We have been practising doing groups and look forward to all of the parents/grandparents that have offered to help out with groups. Literacy groups begin this week and are really busy times in kindergarten. All help will be greatly appreciated. If you have offered to help out in the classroom I will send home a 'Working with Children' form to fill out. Please fill this out and return it to school.

Last week your child should have brought home their Beststart report. Please try and complete some of the suggested activities where you can.

I hope you LOVE the photo of your child on their first day of Kinder. I thought their smiles were fabulous!

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to see us. Have a great week.
Michelle Shaw & Katie Cashin

K/1 H

What a great start to the year! 😊

Thankyou to all of the parents who attended the information sessions last week. We hope you had all of your questions answered. If we missed something, just ask.



The Year 1 students have been amazing. They are showing how to be respectful and responsible and are great role models for the Kinders. They drew some fantastic self portraits. They are hanging in the Office foyer if you'd like to see them.

Kinder have made a fantastic start too. They have already been learning to read our early reading books, trying to write and even borrowed books from the Library. We have begun groups so if you have volunteered we'd love to see you come along.

We all particularly have been enjoying Buddy Dancing. It is great fun!!

Have a great week

Sue Hurley and Lee Girdham

1T

Welcome to week 4! We have been so impressed with how quickly 1T has settled in to our class routines and expectations, well done! Thank you to the parents who have returned the Seesaw permission notes and have connected with their child's learning journal.

Homework was sent home last week. Students are required to learn their weekly spelling words, complete the maths worksheet and read each night. It was great to see so many students complete their homework. We hope to send home sight words in the next few weeks. If you are able to assist in the classroom on a Monday or Tuesday morning by changing home readers, sight words and reading with children please come and see us.

We read the book "The Rainbow Fish" last week. Here is some of our writing

The Rainbow Fish has so many sparkling scales. The Rainbow Fish is so beautiful with his sparkling scales. The Rainbow Fish is so pretty. The Rainbow Fish has so much colours on his scales.

By Avah

The Rainbow Fish lives under the sea and has sparkling scales. Some of his scales are pink and blue and green. He was a bully.

By Tamsyn

The Rainbow Fish had shiny scales. At the end Rainbow Fish was nice.

By Blake

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and speak with us.

Have a great week,

Mrs Towns and Mrs Cashin

1/2B

Hi everyone

All of the students are settling well into 1/2B!

Thank you to everyone who made the parent afternoon session last week. It was great to meet all of you! If you would like a copy of the info that was given out please ask your child to grab one and bring it home. Alternatively pop in during the afternoon and I can give you a copy!

Please remember to send in a hat with your child every day! It has been very hot so it is acceptable for students to have a water bottle to sit on their table during class time.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to make a time with me.

Thanks!

Mrs Stephens

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, 14 February

Monday, 20 February

Tuesday, 21 February

Thursday, 23 February

Friday, 31st March

Canteen Information Session

6.30pm OOSHC Meeting

7pm P & C Meeting

Swimming Carnival

Canteen Volunteer Training

School Cross Country

NOW DUE

Swimming Carnival Payment

February 14

Book Club Orders

February 15

Stage 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp First Payment

February 16

Stage 2 Sydney Overnight Excursion First Payment

February 22

Aboriginal Education News

Our cultural groups and Aboriginal student assistance will be continuing for 2017. Terry will now be working with us on a Tuesday, assisting our Aboriginal students in the classroom and running Cultural Workshops throughout the lunch period.

We look forward to Terry joining us again for the year ahead, full of opportunities and possibilities for our Aboriginal students at Tuggerawong.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in this program for 2017, please let me know via the school office.

Naomi Coafield

TUCKERBOX NEWS

Canteen - Phone Number: 0459 398 152

2017 - TERM 1- CANTEEN ROSTER

<i>Monday</i> <i>13/02/17</i>	<i>Tuesday</i> <i>14/02/17</i>	<i>Wednesday</i> <i>15/02/17</i>	<i>Thursday</i> <i>16/02/17</i>	<i>Friday</i> <i>17/02/17</i>
	Lindal Penman			

ALL LUNCH ORDERS NEED TO BE THROUGH 'FLEXI SCHOOLS'

CANTEEN

Back to School Special

Fish burger - Roll, Fish, Tartare Sauce & Lettuce and Bottle of water \$5

Term 1 Special

Hawaiian Chicken Burger - Roll, Chicken, Pineapple & Mayo and Bottle of water \$5

Canteen Information Session will be held on *Tuesday, 14 February* at 9am

This is for any parents that would like to know more information about our Flexi Schools ordering system. We can also help you set up your account.

Canteen Training Revised Date Due to the Swimming Carnival we will be holding training in the canteen on *Thursday, 23 February* from 9am-12pm. This is for anyone considering volunteering throughout the year in the canteen. We would love to see some new faces and all our awesome parents :) Morning tea will be provided

CANTEEN HELPER'S NEEDED

New helpers would be most welcome in our canteen. If you have any free time we would greatly appreciate it. We would really love some extra help, especially on Mondays and Wednesdays in the lunch time rush between 11 - 11.50am. If you can volunteer please call in at the canteen or call the canteen number on 0459 398 152

FUNDRAISING



To kick off our Fundraising this year we will be running a

'5 cent Fundraising Competition'

Each class will have their own container, and we are encouraging students to bring in their spare 5 or 10 cent pieces throughout the Term to fill it up.

At the end of Term 1 the class with the most money raised will receive a prize. We hope the students will have fun finding the small change.

Thanks

Kylie & Bron

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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: