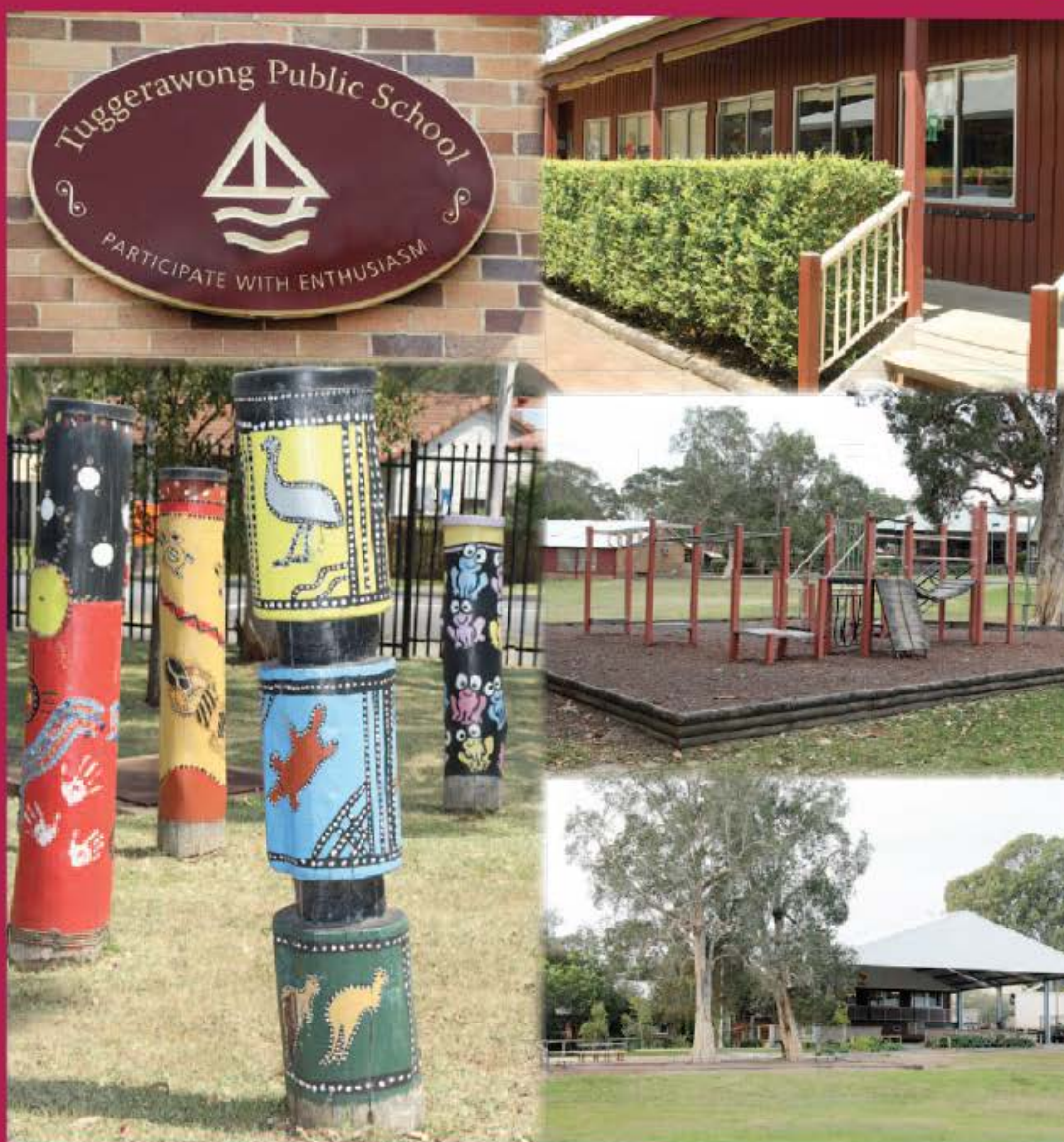




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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

20 February 2017

Last week was a very busy week with a number of activities being offered. There was dancing, chess, rugby league clinics, a cyber-safety talk and Mr McGrath, principal of Wadlaba Community School, came to speak to our Year 6 students about high school. Wadlaba Community School is offering a Year 7 Information Evening for Year 7 2018 on Wednesday, 1 March. All students in Year 6 received a flyer. If your child did not bring this home extra copies are available at the office.

A big thank you to Senior Constable Kerie Wells (Police Youth Liaison Officer) who came out to discuss cyber safety and appropriate use of social media with our Stage 3 (Year 5/6) students. From all accounts the students found this discussion informative and interesting. It is so important that students are exposed to cyber safety seeing that technology is so prevalent this day and age. The internet can be such a wonderful resource when used appropriately but if it is not used appropriately or monitored by parents it can be a very dangerous and inappropriate resource for children. To keep our students informed and safe we will look at doing activities like this on an annual basis. It is important to note many social media sites have an age restriction for example, Facebook requires everyone to be at least 13 years old before they can create an account.

Newsletter

In the coming weeks, we are going to be changing the layout of our newsletter. The main decision around this change was to reduce the amount of paper used each week. The content of the newsletter will not change and will still be sent home on a weekly basis.

Road Safety

A concerned resident contacted the school last week informing us that a number of students are not using the crossing on Tuggerawong Road. They are walking down the road and then crossing the street. This resident also stated that some parents who are parking opposite the school are calling their child/children across the road away from the crossing. Please stress the importance of road safety to your child/children and encourage them to use the crossing. Staff will follow up with the same message at school.

School Contributions

School Contribution notes were sent home to all families. This voluntary contribution assists the school to purchase additional resources for your child/children. School Contribution amounts are as follows:

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

Thank you to the families who have already made this payment.

Teacher Professional Development

Last week Miss Anderson, Ms Coafield and Mrs Ryder undertook Focus on Reading training led by Mrs Cashin. A few teachers from Wyong Creek also attended this training. Mrs Cashin is a trainer in Focus on Reading and has been leading this program at TPS. Focus on Reading is a school-based professional learning initiative. It applies learning directly to the classroom to address and improve teacher practice and student outcomes in reading. Next term all staff will be undertaking Phase 2 of this program.

This week I will be attending a Principal Conference on Wednesday, 22 - Friday, 24 February. This 3 day course is in Sydney and will focus on a range of topics. Mrs Day and Mrs Shaw will be relieving in my absence.

Year 6 to 7 Transition Forms

Last week all students in Year 6 received a 'Moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school in 2018' booklet. This booklet provides information about government secondary schools and includes the Expression of Interest form for placement in Year 7, 2018. Year 6 parents need to complete this to indicate their preference for the school in which they would like to enrol their child for Year 7. All Year 6 students are required to return this note regardless if they are not intending to enrol in a government school. The completed Expression of Interest form should be returned by parents and carers **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 17 MARCH, 2017.**

Quality Workers

Name	Class	Work Sample
Quinn Tamsyn Paige Olivia	1T	Rugby League Recount
Riley Sophie Cooper	3/4D	Rugby League Recount

Grant McFarland - Principal

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

Stage 2

Wow! This term is progressing quickly. All students across Stage 2 are working extremely well in their classrooms. It is great to see our new communication cards working well, with most students achieving Level 3. We are also very proud of our students who have been

receiving lots of Toto Tokens during lunch, recess and in lines for being respectful, responsible and for doing their personal best. We have begun discussing in class what will happen towards the end of the term for their Toto Token Reward Day which is very exciting and we are all looking forward to it! Keep up the great work kids!!

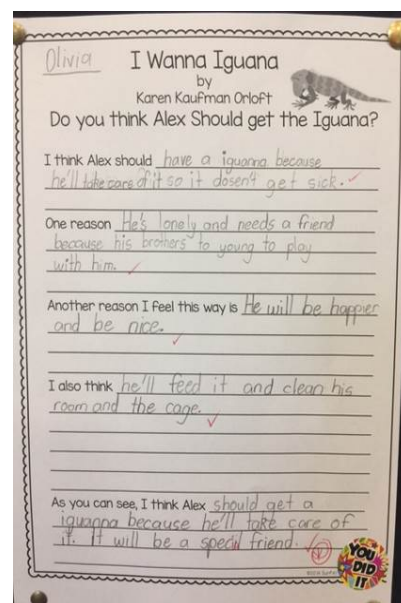
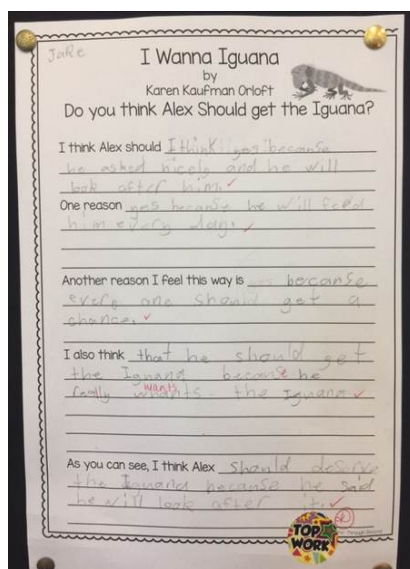
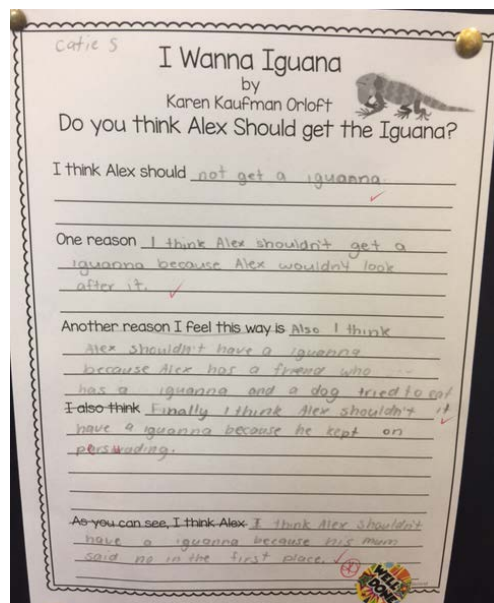
DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Tuesday, 21 February**- School Swimming Carnival. If your child does not wish to attend please encourage them to as they will be able to participate in the novelty events if they do not wish to compete. They will still collect points for their house. Parents - don't forget your swimmers as there will be a Parents Vs Teachers race. Looking forward to seeing you all there!
- **Wednesday, 22 February** - \$50 deposit for Stage 2 Excursion due. Please return permission notes and money to your class teacher.
- **Tuesday/Wednesday 13/14 June** - Stage 2 Overnight Excursion to Sydney.

Please ensure your child has enough lead pencils, a ruler, glue sticks, sharpeners and erasers. It is important that students have the right equipment each day so they are organised for each lesson.

3/4A

Last week we began reading the book I Wanna Iguana. We have started learning about persuasive writing and how to create an opinion/argument and learning to justify our responses. Here is some of our fantastic writing.



Last week in Maths 3/4A have begun using Newman's Analysis, using the 5 steps to solve addition and subtraction word problems. Ask your child to explain the 5 steps to you. I am encouraging students to start explaining how they got their answer by explaining to me and their peers and also being able to write an explanation of the process. This week we will be looking at using formal algorithms when working with subtraction and length. This will be in this week's Maths homework. Please encourage your child to practice their times tables at home as this is an important foundation for learning different aspects of Maths.

Have a great fortnight! ☺

Miss Anderson

3/4D

We have been revising and learning the Super 6 Comprehension strategies. Last week we began reading the book *Mirror* by Jeannie Baker. Students were able to make some really interesting predictions of what they thought the book was about. We have started learning about different types of text and our focus has been on narrative writing - watch this space for some creative stories to come!

In Maths, students have learnt about the jump and split strategies. They have also learnt about Newman's Analysis, using the 5 steps to solve addition and subtraction word problems. This week we will be looking at using formal algorithms when working with addition and subtraction. Please encourage your child to learn their times tables at home as this is an important foundation for learning different aspects of Maths.

Last week we had a fantastic visit from the NRL. Students in Yrs 3-6 were engaged and learnt valuable lessons about Respect within the NRL. Thanks so much to Mark and Grant from the NRL who spent their time with us! Mrs Kate Day and Mrs Megan Andrews



5/6C

Hello Parents and Carers,

What a full week we have had! On Thursday our Year 6 students had their first induction visit from the principal of Wadalba High School for the purpose of meeting and greeting part of the Year 7 cohort for 2018. For some it calmed their nerves and fears, it has also motivated them to give their personal best for this year.

In class we have started our History unit 'Australian Colonies', we are using the new curriculum and are basing our inquiring minds with key questions using primary sources. Wordy I know! The students are also engaging in their writing, particularly our Year 5 students who are trying their hardest to be prepared for NAPLAN in Term 2.

We are focusing on how to create better sentences that are purposeful and full of useful and relevant information. We are learning to re-read each sentence and paragraph for meaning and make adjustments where needed.

Be sure to remember your swimmers for Tuesday!

Softball practice will start on Mondays at lunch time for those who are keen to join the team.

5/6C's Sport and PE days are Thursday and Friday of each week.

Thank you to all those who have brought in tissues, soap and paper towel for our classroom. It makes a difference!

Warm Regards,

Ms. Coafield

5/6M

5/6M have continued their great start to the 2017 school year with commitment to their work and a creativity that is seeing them move ahead of planned classroom activities.

With a focus on writing we have been learning the importance of recognising spoken and written language as a separate species. Written language, not having the advantage of voice modulation and visual body clues, relies on punctuation and needs a greater number of words to truly carry the same meaning. There is no tax on the number of paragraphs, so it is OK to use more than one per writing task.

In maths we were using negative algebraic equations at the students' insistence. This was a lesson on addition and subtraction that lead us down a path where the whole class continued to contribute and were looking for a challenge.

We made and played our first electronic game last week in computers. It was a game of draughts (checkers). Hopefully the students will be making some of their own games at home over playing one that has been bought for them.

The sample Year 6 T-Shirts are yet to arrive. I will inform the students when they do.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Monday,	20 February	6.30pm	OOSHC Meeting
		7pm	P & C Meeting-including AGM
Tuesday,	21 February		Swimming Carnival
			Snr Dance Rehearsal 3-4pm
Thursday,	23 February		Canteen Training
Friday,	24 February		Assembly-SRC Presentation
Friday,	31 March		School Cross Country

NOW DUE

Voluntary School Contribution

Stage 2 Sydney Overnight Excursion First Payment **February 22**

Year 7 2018 Expression of Interest form **March 17**

International Competitions and Assessments Payment **March 21**

SRC

The Student Representative Council are involved in organising and taking part in many important ceremonies and fundraisers.

Last year the SRC held meetings with their classmates to decide on an area that they wanted to improve around the school. The majority of the school wanted to repair the treetop walkway so the SRC decided on holding a fun movie day to raise funds for those repairs. This year it has been reopened due to the efforts of the 2016 SRC members.

The SRC play a part at many ceremonies and events such as presenting flowers at our Anzac Day Ceremony and donations to the Salvation Army at Christmas time.

Congratulations to the following students that have been chosen to represent their class in the Student Representative Council this year:

KS: Liam and Evie
 K/1H: Chelsea and Brock
 1T: Skye and Amira
 1/2B: Tyler and Ashleigh
 2S: Ty and Indianna
 2/3R: Keira-Lee and Ky
 3/4A: Riley and Callum
 3/4D: Isaac and Olivia
 5/6C: Jack and Lachlan
 5/6M: Zali and Draven

At assembly this Friday, 24 February we will be presenting the SRC students with their badges.

Library News

Already Week 5! I'm so happy to see all of the students getting into reading and borrowing! This week I will be sending home the white Premiers Reading Challenge Cards.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

K-2 students, you can read the books on your own, read them with someone, or someone can read them to you.

3-4 and 5-6 students, you must read the books on your own, but someone can help you choose them.

Student and/or parents are to record the book/s read, and their PRC number (on the inside Title page of each book) on the PRC card. Once your child has reached the number of books required, send in their card on their library day and I will enter their read books online.

If students/ parents wish to enter the data themselves, they can go to the student portal homepage and under the learning tab, click on PRC and use their school login (firstname.lastname and possible number) to access the site.

If you have any questions about the Premiers Reading Challenge, please don't hesitate to come and see me in the library Mon- Wed.

Have a lovely week,

Mrs Burckhardt

Chess

We are extremely lucky to have Gary Losh teaching chess to a group of students every Friday from 12.50pm for 1 hour. I am hearing great reports and I am looking forward to these students taking part in our local schools Chess competition in Term 2.

Senior Dance Group

Despite the Swimming Carnival being on this Tuesday, there will be a Senior Dance Group rehearsal after school on Tuesday from 3-4pm.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools 2017

Students in **Years 3-6** have the opportunity enter the 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Aus. If you would like your child to enter, please complete the entry form that has been previously sent home or collect one at the office. Entry forms including payment must be returned by **Tuesday, 21 March**

Sport

Congratulations to our School Captain Theo Karnowski on his selection to the Sydney North Boys' Cricket team. Theo was one of only 3 students selected to progress from the Wallarah Zone after trials last Wednesday.

We wish Theo the best of luck at the NSW trials later in 2017.

TUCKERBOX NEWS

Canteen - Phone Number: 0459 398 152

2017 - TERM 1- CANTEEN ROSTER				
<i>Monday</i> 20/02/17	<i>Tuesday</i> 21/02/17	<i>Wednesday</i> 22/02/17	<i>Thursday</i> 23/02/17	<i>Friday</i> 24/02/17
			Bec Bailey	

ALL LUNCH ORDERS NEED TO BE THROUGH 'FLEXI SCHOOLS'

Canteen Training This coming *Thursday, 23 February* we are holding a training day from 9am-12pm (or however long you can stay) in the canteen. If you are interested in volunteering throughout the year, please come along and we will show you how things work. Morning tea will be provided. We hope to see you there. If you can make it please fill out the RSVP slip below so we can cater for you. Please return to the front office by Wednesday, 22 February.

5 cent Fundraising Competition

Please get behind the 5 cent challenge. It will continue right through until the end of Term 1. The winning class will be announced at the beginning of Term 2 and they will each receive a prize. All money raised will go directly back to the school.

Thanks Kylie & Bron

Canteen Training Thursday, 23 February

Parent/Caregiver Name:.....Child Name.....Class.....

Contact Number:.....

- ☐ I will be attending the training
- ☐ I would be interested in volunteering but am unable to attend the training

School Banking Information Session.

Tuggerawong is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

School Banking day is Thursday. Please hand your bank books to your teacher for collection.

We will be holding a School Banking Information Session at our school:

Time: 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Date: Friday, 24 February

Location: COLA

Please join us and find out more about the School Banking program and how your child can get involved.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account. A School Banking representative will be available at the Information Session to show you how you can do this. In order to verify yourself and your child, you will need your driver's licence and your child's birth certificate, but if you don't have these with you on the day, you can complete verification online at home.

Host a High School Exchange Student in 2017!



Invite a world of wonder into your home • Share your lifestyle • Make lifelong connections • Enrich your family • Rediscover your backyard



Nick 17 German/Dutch

Hello! I'm Nick from Germany. I'm trilingual as my dad is Dutch but we live in Germany. Playing soccer is my passion and I also volunteer as a soccer referee. In my host family, I'll do my best to be helpful and I want to take an active part in family life!



Achille 16 Italy

My name is Achille and I love cycling as you can see from my photo! I'm a lover of nature and I have volunteered at a wildlife rescue centre where I looked after animals. I'm looking forward to sharing some special moments with my host family!



Alice 16 Italy

Hello Australia! I am from a very musical family and I play the flute and sing. I have a twin brother and a younger brother who I look after by taking to music and rugby classes. I am really excited to come to Australia and meet my host family!

More profiles on the WEP website

Request your free information pack at wep.org.au/host

1300 884 733

wep.org.au

info@wep.org.au

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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: