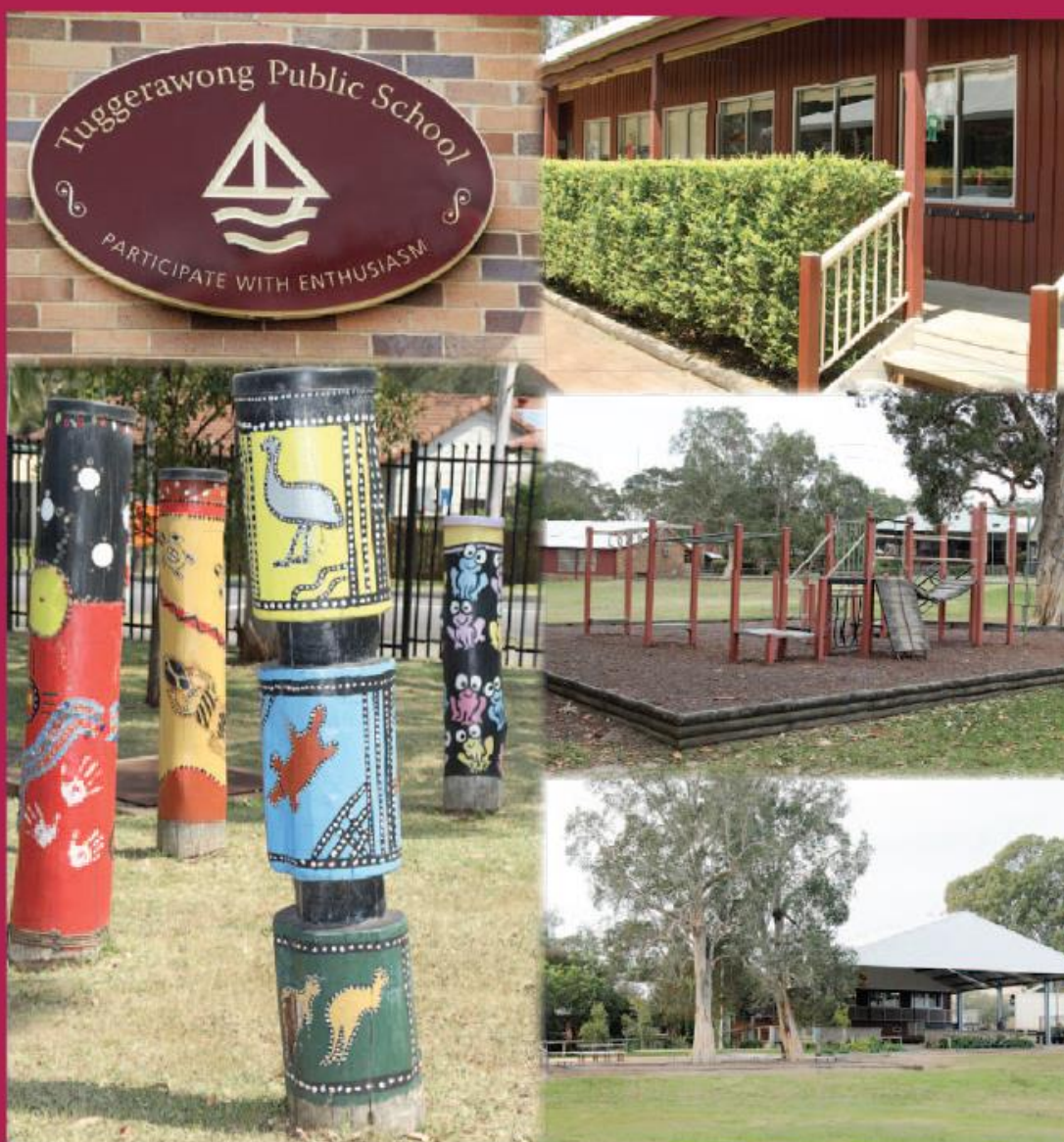




# TUGGERAWONG TATTLER



*Participate with Enthusiasm in a Positive and Caring Environment*

## TUGGERAWONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**30 January 2017**

Welcome back to what is going to be a busy and productive year. I hope all families had an enjoyable break. I am looking forward to 2017 and working cooperatively with students, staff, parents and the wider community to further improve this great school with a focus on increasing the educational outcomes of all students. This year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tuggerawong Public School. Throughout the year, we will be celebrating the rich history of this school.

Walking around the school today it has been great to see students on a whole are settled and enthusiastic to start Term 1.

Last week's Staff Development Day was classified as Week 1, therefore this week is Week 2. This term is an 11 week term finishing on Friday, 7 April 2017.

Classes for 2017 are as follows:

KS	Mrs Shaw (Mon / Tues / half day Thurs / Fri) Mrs Cashin (Wed / half day Thurs)
K/1H	Mrs Hurley (Mon / Tues / Wed) Mrs Girdham (Thurs / Fri)
1T	Mrs Towns (Mon / Tues / Wed / Thurs) Mrs Cashin (Fri)
1/2B	Mrs Stephens (Mon / Tues / Wed / Thurs) Mrs Andrews (Fri)
2S	Mrs Sturgess
2/3R	Mrs Ryder
3/4D	Mrs Day (Mon / Tues / Wed / Fri) Mrs Andrews (Thurs)
3/4A	Miss Anderson
5/6C	Ms Coafield
5/6M	Mr McNally

Other staff include:

Science: Mrs Houison

Reading Recovery: Mrs Caldon

Teacher Aides (SLSOs): Miss Fairman, Mrs Blair and Mrs Cain

Librarian: Mrs Steinel



School Counsellor: Mrs Carmody

Administration staff: Mrs Quinn and Mrs Pollock

General Assistants: Mr Regan

Cleaner: Mrs Tomlinson

### **Staffing Update**

We warmly welcome Mrs Andrews to Tuggerawong Public School. Mrs Andrews will be working two days a week as seen in the above table. As you would be aware Mrs Melvin will be undertaking an instructional leadership role at Wyee Public School for the next 3 years. We wish her all the best in this new role. We also welcome back Mrs Cain who is well known to our school community.

### **Throughout the holidays....**

During this holiday period the school undertook a number of initiatives which improved the school's amenities, network and assisted with the overall beautification of the school. The school network was upgraded which will increase speed and ensure we have a quality system that will assist with the expansion of technology in the years to come. The student toilet block also underwent a refurbishment which I am sure both parents and students will be pleased with. The installation of spring loaded taps will ensure water wastage is reduced.

We also had a working bee on Saturday 14th January which saw many of our gardens weeded and mulched, the tree top walkway repaired, the cubby house given a new lease of life and some concreting near our Library COLA. A huge thank you to all the families that offered their time, particularly to Fred Simpson who put in a lot of time and effort forming up for the concrete.





### **School Development Day**

This term's School Development Day focused on the Department of Education's Code of Conduct and other compliance training such as CPR and Anaphylaxis. Staff also participated in Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL) and worked in stage teams. Last Friday was a very productive day!

### **Parent / Teacher Information Sessions**

Parent / Teacher Information Sessions will be undertaken in Week 3 (next week). Times and dates for these sessions are outlined in this newsletter in class and/or stage information.

### **Friday Assemblies**

Friday afternoon assemblies will commence next week. This week this time will be utilised to vote for the 2017 Sport House Captains.

### **Quality Workers**

Thank you to the wonderful families that assisted with the Working Bee. Your contribution was greatly appreciated and we would not have been able to achieve what we did without you.

Families	Work Sample
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bourke</li> <li>- Palfi</li> <li>- Lowe</li> <li>- Ford</li> <li>- Foott</li> <li>- Ellis</li> <li>- Butler</li> <li>- Simpson</li> <li>- Fulton</li> <li>- Day</li> <li>- Anderson</li> <li>- Eastwood</li> <li>- Willcocks</li> <li>- Foa'i-Auimatagi</li> <li>- Turley</li> <li>- Vowles</li> </ul>	<p>Huge effort at the Working Bee</p>

Grant McFarland - Principal

# AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

## KS & K/1H

We would like to welcome all of our new and existing kindergarten families to our wonderful school. This year there will be a straight Kindergarten class and a composite Kindergarten/Year 1 class.

For our kindergarten students, we will be having a parent information session on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm. The information session for the parents of students in Year 1 from K/1H will be Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm. These will be held in the kindergarten rooms. It is important that you attend as there will be a lot of things discussed and your questions will be answered.

Please remember to label all of your child/ren's items. Please send in a water bottle with your child each day, and remember, if they do not bring a hat, they will need to play in the shade.

Could you please wait at the silver seats (not outside of the classrooms) to collect your child/ren at the end of the day, as the walkway becomes very congested. Students from KS and K/1H can be collected from 2.55pm at the silver seats.

Homework and Home Reading will begin week 3. These will be sent home on a Monday and are to be returned each Friday. KS and K/1H will visit the library each Wednesday, so please ensure that you pack library bags for borrowing on this day. Please send your child's blue folder to school each day, as this will be our way of communicating, i.e. sending notes and work home. Please pop any notes for the teachers into your child's blue folder.

All students will need to purchase a 'Handwriting Text'. They are \$15 and will be on sale in our uniform shop on Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8.30am. (Alternatively, Handwriting texts can be purchased online). We ask that you provide your child with a display folder for homework, a glue stick, a box of tissues and a packet of baby wipes. We look forward to getting to know your little ones. Please pop in and see us if you have any concerns or questions.

We are looking forward to a fabulous year.

Mrs Shaw, Mrs Hurley, Mrs Girdham and Mrs Cashin

## STAGE 1

Hello all and welcome to 2017! This year Stage 1 will be taught by:

Mrs Sue Hurley - K/1H,

Mrs Heather Towns (Mon - Thurs)/Mrs Katie Cashin (Fridays) - 1T,

Mrs Belinda Stephens (Mon-Thurs) and Mrs Megan Andrews (Fridays) - 1/2B,

Mrs Katie Sturgess - 2S

Mrs Lauren Ryder 2/3R.

We are all looking forward to a great year ahead.

This week we will be talking about the PBL core values of respect, responsibility and personal best. Communication cards will replace Licence cards from this year. They will be

sent home next Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February. These will need to be signed and returned the following Monday.

Our History unit for this semester is "The Past in the Present". We will be focusing on the history of Tuggerawong Public School this term.

**Our Parent Information Sessions will be held next week:**

Monday, 6 February, 3:10 - 1T

Thursday, 9 February, 3:15 - 1/2B and 2S

**Equipment for 1T, 1/2B, 2S:**

Plastic envelope folder for home reading/notes

Display folder

Tissues

Baby wipes

4 x glue sticks - these will need to be replenished as the year progresses.

Old shirt for painting

Headphones - Please provide a pair of overhead headphones for your child to use during literacy and maths rotations. Please mark them clearly with your child's name. These do not need to be expensive; they can be purchased cheaply from Kmart or dollar stores.

**No pencil cases are required. All equipment is supplied except for glue sticks.**

**Please help your child by:**

- Labelling all property clearly e.g. hats, jumpers, lunch boxes, plastic work folder, school bag.
- With the hot weather, please make sure your child has a water bottle and a hat each day.
- To build self-confidence, gradually encourage your child to say goodbye quickly and independently place their bag at their classroom then find a friend to play.
- At home time make a meeting spot for collection e.g. under the COLA.
- Send all notes and money in an envelope marked with their name and class.
- Lunch Orders must be ordered online through Flexi-schools.
- Expect Homework on a Monday and please send completed work back on Friday with Home Reading Diary. (To begin week 3)
- Get your child to read every night and sign their Home Reading Diary.

**Library:**

Please ensure all books come back in ready for borrowing on your class day:

1/2B, 2/3R and 1T - Tuesday

K/1H and 2S - Wednesday

**Sport and PE:**

K/1H (year 1 only), 1/2B, 1T, 2S and 2/3R (year 2 only) will have Sport on a Thursday afternoon and PE will be on a Friday. Your child will need to wear their sports uniform on Thursdays. On Fridays they will need to have suitable footwear for PE.

Please feel free to come and see us if you have any questions or contact the school if you would like to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher. Please be aware that we are unable to talk to you once school has commenced and we have a staff meeting on Wednesday morning and afternoon so we are unable to speak with you at these times. Looking forward to a great 2017!

Stage 1 Teachers - Mrs Hurley, Mrs Stephens, Mrs Towns, Mrs Sturgess, Mrs Ryder

## **STAGE 2**

Welcome back everyone! We would like to make a special welcome to all of our Stage 2 students and their families. We invite you all to be actively involved in our school as the year progresses. Our Stage 2 staff for this year includes - Mrs Lauren Ryder on 2/3R, Ms Kell'ee Anderson on 3/4A and Mrs Kate Day (AP) on 3/4D. We are all very excited about sharing the year ahead with your child and family.

We are so impressed with how well all of Stage 2 are settling back into school. Parent/Teacher information sessions will be held next week (Wk 3). This gives you an opportunity to meet and become familiar with your child's class teacher and stage 2 staff. Stage 2 teachers will give a brief talk and an overview of the year ahead. For those parents who cannot attend - an overview sheet will be sent home from your class teacher.

**All of Stage 2 including - 2/3R, 3/4A and 3/4D information sessions will be held on Monday 6th February, 2017 at 3.45pm in 3/4D & 3/4A rooms.**

This week we will be talking about PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) and our school-wide expectations of students. We will be talking to students about being Responsible, Respectful and doing their Personal Best. Communication cards will be sent home every Friday and our expectations are that students remain on Level 3 - see communication card for more information. Our HSIE unit for this term is First Contacts.

**Library Days:**  
2/3R - Tuesdays  
3/4A - Mondays  
3/4D - Thursdays

**Stage 2 Sport** will be on Fridays.

**All students** will need a *NSW Targeting Handwriting Student Text*. These will be available to purchase this **Friday 3rd February at 9am** from the Uniform Shop. The texts are **\$15** each and only cash will be accepted.

Please ensure that your child brings a hat to school every day. **It would also be appreciated if each student could please donate to their class the following items: Tissues, baby wipes, paper towel, soft soap hand wash (Pump pack) and 2 glue sticks.** We look forward to meeting you at our information sessions next week. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to make contact with your class teacher.

Have a happy week!

Ms Lauren Ryder, Ms Kell'ee Anderson and Mrs Kate Day (AP). - Stage 2 Teachers.

### **STAGE 3**

Welcome back Parents and Carers to the 2017 school year! We are excited to get started! The stage 3 teachers this year will be Mr. McNally and Ms. Coafield.

Our Parent Teacher Information afternoon will be held **on 7th February** a Tuesday afternoon, at 3.15pm in the stage 3 classrooms.

On a daily basis students will be practicing their skills through a variety of means. One way to check individual progress is through the assigning of school work and homework. Homework will be provided on a fortnightly basis.

Sending your child to school with a box of tissues to share with our classroom and a glue stick is greatly appreciated. It is recommended to label your child's belongings to avoid them being lost throughout the year so that they can be returned to their owner.

### **Big events to remember -**

Parent Teacher information session Tuesday, 7 February.

#### *Great Aussie Bush Camp in Term 2*

Notes were given out for The Great Aussie Bush Camp today. This is a 4 day residential experience at Tea Gardens which will take place in Week 5 of Term 2. Please read the note & come up if you have any questions.

Please note, the first deposit of \$70 is due by **16<sup>th</sup> February 2017**.

*Swimming carnival - Week 5, Tuesday, 21 February*

*School Cross Country - Week 10, Friday, 31 March*

NAPLAN will be held in **term 2** on the 9 May for our year 5 students.

We are looking forward to the school year and getting to know our students (your children) and how they learn!

There is a big week ahead for all of Year 6 with Library Prefects & House Captains to be decided. Mrs Burkhardt will be choosing the Library Prefects early in the week, while the vote for house captains will be conducted on Friday. A small speech (1 min max) is all that is required for each house captain candidate.

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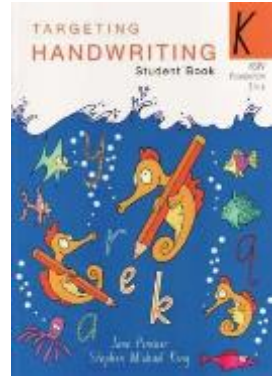


# **TEXTBOOK BUYING DAY**

**FRIDAY, 3 FEBRUARY**

Kindergarten to Year 6

***Targeting Handwriting*** - **\$15.00**



All students/families have the opportunity to purchase a 'Handwriting Textbook' for 2017 on this day from school.

*Alternatively, you can order the handwriting text book online and it will be delivered to the school (instructions below)*

Parents or students can make purchases, you can choose. See below.

**8.30am - 9.30am - Parents are able to purchase from administration building/staff car park window.(Uniform Shop)**

**OR**

Send correct money in an envelope with their child on the day.

Students will be sent in class groups to purchase textbooks.

**PAYMENTS MUST BE IN CASH** and correct amount needs to be given, as no change will be provided. **No cheques and no EFTPOS facilities are available**

**OR**

**ONLINE** - as per instructions following:

The process is quick and easy, just follow the steps below:

1. Go to: [www.topbookshop.com.au](http://www.topbookshop.com.au)
2. In the Left Hand Menu select Sale Days.
3. Choose Tuggerawong Public School from the list of schools.
4. Click Add to Cart on the Pack for the Grades you wish to purchase.
5. You will be taken to the Pack description. Enter your Child's Name in the Text Box at the bottom of the product description, choose the quantity you would like to order and click "Add to Cart". You can complete these steps again for any additional packs you wish to purchase.
6. Once you have selected all of the packs you require, in the Right Hand Menu click the Checkout button.
7. Login using your existing account details or Register a New Account.
8. Complete the Billing Information section and click Continue.

# DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, 31 January  
Wednesday, 1 February  
Thursday, 2 February  
  
Friday, 3 February  
Tuesday, 21 February

Kinder 2017 Best Start Assessments  
Kinder 2017 Best Start Assessments  
Kindergarten 1<sup>st</sup> Day  
  
Text Book Buying Day  
Swimming Carnival

## LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back everyone! I hope all the students & parents enjoyed their holidays, had a relaxing break & read a good book. 😊  
Borrowing will start again in Week 3. Could students make sure that they bring a library bag for borrowing & any overdue books from last year.



Also, the Premiers Reading Challenge will start again this year in Week 4.

Last year, **277,098** students completed the PRC! That means **7,492,209** books were read by the students. **AMAZING!** And our TPS students did a great job participating last year and I am sure they are looking forward to this year's PRC.

### Volunteers

Our library is continually receiving new books which need to be covered and we are always looking for volunteers to give us a hand. Even 1 hour every fortnight would make a huge difference. If you would like to help, come and see Mrs Burckhardt (Mon- Wed).

### Library App

Thanks to our new library software, parents can now view the library catalogue & their child's borrowing history & overdues on any mobile device. If you would like to set this app up on your phone, come and see Mrs Burckhardt or Mrs Nankivell on Tuesdays in the library.



### **2017 Uniform Shop Hours**

Wednesdays 8.45am - 9.15am (Front Office building - window carpark side)

## **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING - PBL**



Exciting News! Tuggerawong Public School is implementing Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) into our school this year. In order to continually improve the manner in which our school operates, we have revised and are implementing changes to our school wide expectations and consequences which are used in the classroom, in the playground and when representing the school.

### **What is PBL?**

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a whole school program that actively promotes positive behaviour. It enables students to develop a clear understanding of required expectations, become responsible for their own behaviour and work together to create a positive, productive and harmonious learning community. Our school-wide expectations for students are Respectful, Responsible and Personal Best.

PBL is a data driven program. Therefore, what we learn from the data, such as, specific inappropriate behaviours which we need to address, effects what we do throughout the school in PBL. A PBL committee meets on a fortnightly basis to organise the implementation of PBL and review data. Each week, the school will have an area of focus that involves explicit teaching and support of positive behaviours. Teachers and students will participate in lessons that involve discussion, role-play and reflection.

### **PBL TEAM**

Our PBL Staff team leading this initiative are: Mrs Kate Day (Assistant Principal), Mrs Belinda Stephens, Miss Kell'ee Anderson and Mrs Katie Sturgess. As part of this initiative the school works at ensuring that consistency in the wellbeing of children exists.

Our three main expectations for students are: Respectful, Responsible, Personal Best! You will hear students talking about being respectful, being responsible and doing your personal best throughout the year. Toto tokens will begin to be handed out by staff this week to students meeting expectations.

We are very excited about these changes, if you have any questions or concerns regarding PBL please see one of our lovely staff members!

With kind regards,  
Kate Day  
Assistant Principal

# TUCKERBOX NEWS

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

## **2017 - TERM 1- CANTEEN ROSTER**

<i>Monday</i> 30/1/17	<i>Tuesday</i> 31/1/17	<i>Wednesday</i> 1/2/17	<i>Thursday</i> 2/2/17	<i>Friday</i> 3/2/17
	Marg Simpson Fred Simpson			

***ALL LUNCH ORDERS NEED TO BE THROUGH 'FLEXI SCHOOLS'***

### CANTEEN HELPER'S NEEDED

New parents - please fill free to pop into the canteen to ask any questions or just to have a look. If you can help please fill out form below and return it to the front office or pop in see Bron or Kylie to add your name to volunteers list.

**CANTEEN HELPERS: New helpers would be most welcome**

<b>Name &amp; Phone Number</b>	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUES</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THURS</b>	<b>FRI</b>

### **SCHOOL HOURS:**

**School starts** 9.00 am (supervision is available at 8.45 am)

**Lunch** 11.00 am to 11.55 am (children eat in a supervised area for 10 minutes)

**Recess:** 1.55 pm to 2.15 pm

**School Finishes:** 3.00 pm

On occasions children may need to be brought to school before 8.45am. Between 8.30am and 8.45am there is minimal supervision available. Students should not be at school before 8.30am as there is no supervision available.

**TUGGERAWONG PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**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: .....