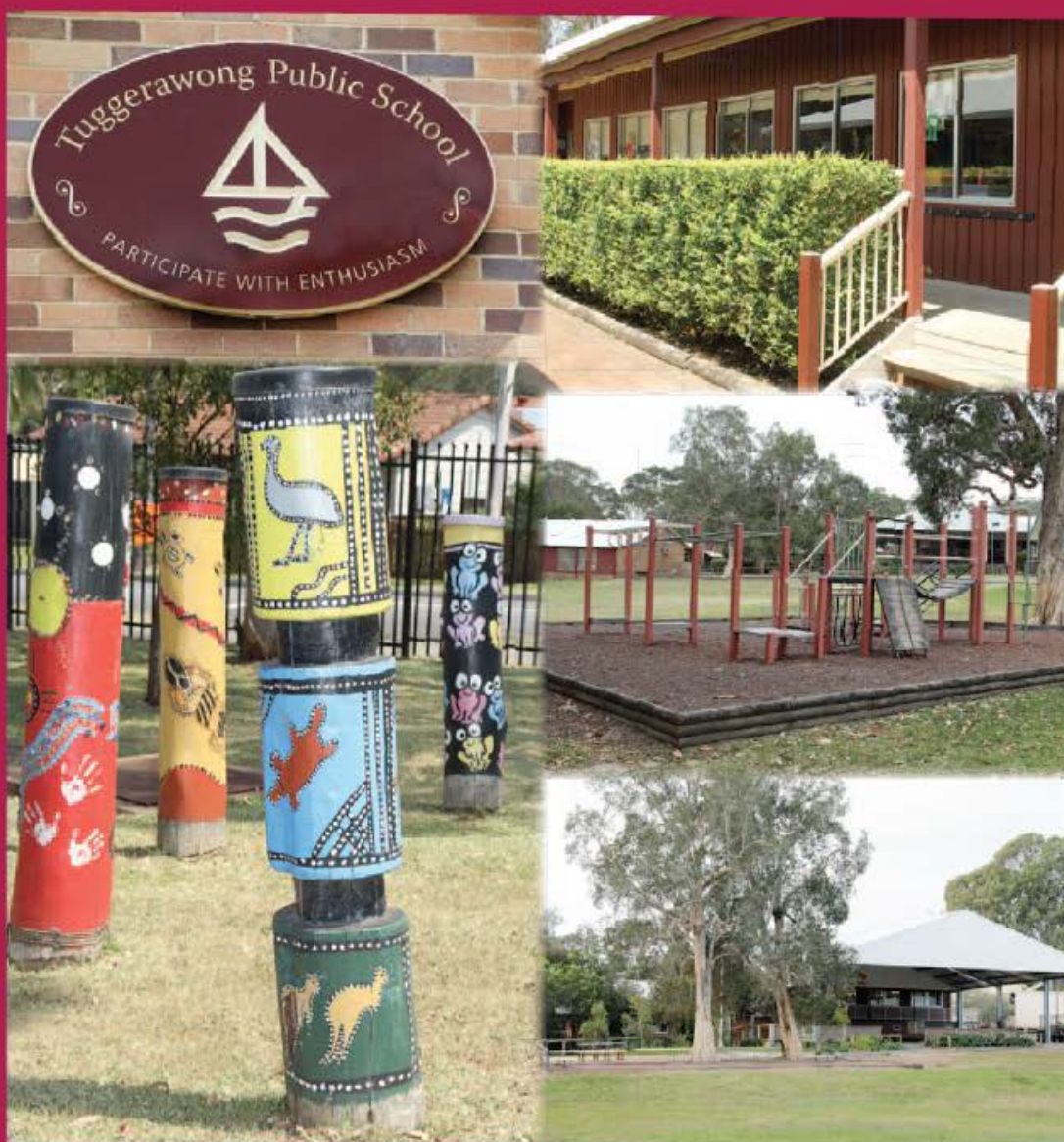




TUGGERAWONG TATTLER



Participate with Enthusiasm in a Positive and Caring Environment

TUGGERAWONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

From the Principal

Last week a number of activities were undertaken, particularly around sport. On Wednesday, 8 March, 23 students represented TPS at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to all who competed and good luck to those students who will go on to represent our school at the Regional Swimming Carnival scheduled for Monday, 20 March. Last Friday we also had our first cross country practice and our school cricket team versed Kanwal. The boys put in their best effort and played with sportsmanship. Even though they were not victorious they should be very proud of their efforts.

Tell Them From Me Survey (Year 4-6 students)

As mentioned last week our school will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

A consent form for parents/carers about the survey was sent home last week. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Tuesday, 14 March**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to achieve their potential, and increase their career and life options. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, record and monitor part and whole day absences. Schools, in providing a caring teaching and learning environment, which addresses the learning and support needs of students, including those with additional learning and support needs or complex health conditions, foster students' sense of wellbeing and belonging to the school community.

Effective strategies are in place to contact parents where there is a pattern of attendance causing concern or the parent has failed to provide a satisfactory explanation for an absence. Those students who have dropped below 85% attendance for 2017 will receive a letter as a way of informing parents. This letter will inform parents of parental requirements and their child's / children's schooling and offer the opportunity to arrange a meeting with the school if they are having difficulty getting their child to school or would like to discuss their child's absenteeism.

Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

Each year, Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service have a Charity Cycle Classic which runs over 5 days. This year the Charity Cycle Classic will be riding through



Tuggerawong this Friday at 9am. The riders will be dropping into our school to chat to our children about the Westpac Helicopter Service and safety when riding a bike. All students in Kinder to Year 6 will take part in this special event. **To support the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, we are holding a gold coin donation mufti day on Friday, 17 March to show our support.**

The NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy

On Monday, 6 March, our Canteen Managers, Kylie and Bronwyn, and myself attended a Healthy School Canteen Strategy at Niagara Park Public School. This strategy aims to support student health by providing access to healthy foods and drinks to make the healthy choice, the easy choice. The strategy is just one of a host of healthy children initiative programs and strategies which form part of the NSW Government's commitment to reducing overweight and obese students.

All NSW public schools are required to transition to the strategy by the end of 2019. The main idea of the strategy is for school canteens to have a balanced menu of 75% everyday (healthy) foods that meet a 3.5 healthy star rating and 25% occasional foods. This year schools are in a transition phase which will involve the strategy being communicated to the school community.

We are on board with this initiative and look forward to the consultation phase with our community that will occur throughout 2017. Watch this space!



Year 6 Gift

Thank you to Year 6, 2016 for their wonderful gift to the school which was a new honour board. This has taken pride of place in our school hall and will allow TPS to keep an accurate record of outstanding student achievement each year including school captains, sport person of the year and DUX. Thank you, Year 6 2016!



Year 6 to 7 Transition Forms

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 even 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.**

Skoolbag App

A reminder that we are no longer going to be using the Skoolbag App as we are not utilising it the way it is intended. What this means for parents is that you will no longer be able to use Skoolbag for absences. Student absences can still be done in a variety of ways such as writing a note, ringing the office or as a verbal with your child's / children's classroom teacher.

Newsletter Format

As you are aware we have changed the format of our newsletter. Your feedback is greatly appreciated. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve the newsletter it is welcome. This may be around font size, information, layout etc. If you would like to have your say please complete the attachment at the end of this newsletter and return it to school.

Quality Workers

Students	Class	Work Sample
Brooklyn S Kyanna C	KS	What I do with Litter
Ameigh L Quinn B	1T	Sport Recount

Grant McFarland

Principal

ASSEMBLY- Friday at 2.15pm

ASSEMBLY AWARDS – Term 1 Week 7

	Toto	Merit
KS	Logan C	Scarlett D Aaliyah H
K1H	Charlotte T	Brock W Alice B
1T	Blake L	Hailey R Evie W
1/2B	Bentley M	Nina-Juliet F Ashleigh P
2S	Uisce C	Riley B Ty E
2/3R	Ky H	Jye G Matilda A
3/4A	Caitlyn G	Bodie J Alex F
3/4D	Archie F	Kaiyah C Sophie P
5/6C	Jack P	Joshua H Ashleigh C
5/6M	Ria V	Lachlan J Emma F

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THIS WEEK-Week 8

17/3 Chess Coaching
Westpac Chopper Charity Riders visit-Mufti Day

NEXT WEEK-Week 9

20/3 P & C Meeting
Regional Swimming Carnival
21/3 Harmony Day K-6-Wear Orange
23/3 Wadalba Community School Academic Test
24/3 Chess Coaching

Week 10

28/3 Easter Mufti Fundraiser Day
30/3 Wyong HS IT Taster Day-Year 6

31/3 School Cross Country
Chess Coaching

Week 11

3/4 WWI Living History Incursion Yr 3-6
4/4 Seven a side Rugby League
5/4 State Swimming Carnival
Anzac Service
Wyong High School Selective Class Test
6/4 State Swimming
Disco
7/4 Easter Hat Parade K-6

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

24/4 Staff Development Day-Pupil Free
25/4 Anzac Day

26/4 FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 – STUDENTS RETURN

WHAT'S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Early Stage 1

KS

Welcome to week 8. I can't believe that there are only 4 weeks left of our first term in Kindergarten.

The children loved participating in Clean Up Australia Day last week. They were very excited to clean up our playground.

There will be no groups tomorrow Tuesday, 14 March as I will be at a Teacher Professional Learning course.

This Friday, March 17 at 9am we will be having a visit from the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Charity Bike Riders. They will be talking to the students about the Westpac Helicopter Service but more importantly about safety when riding a bike. ***Please note that Literacy groups will run after the talk at approximately 9.30am.***

Next Tuesday March 21, we will be celebrating Harmony Day. Students will participate in a variety of activities around the school. All students are asked to wear orange. ***Please note that Literacy groups at 11.55-12.55 will not run on this day.*** Parents are more than welcome to attend the Harmony Day celebrations.

On Tuesday March 28, we have our annual Easter Hamper Mufti Day. Students are asked to wear mufti and bring in an item to be added to our Easter Hamper Raffles.

Our Easter Hat Parade will take place on Friday April 7. Students are asked to make an Easter hat at home to parade on the day.

It's great to see sight words coming in each week. Please remember to give a tick if your child recognises the word instantly and a dot if they don't. At times, there will be handwritten words in the book if your child requires extra practice.

This fortnight our focus spelling words are '**to, see, in, it.**' Why don't you ask your child to write down any words they know? I think they are very clever. We are also focussing on the number after in Mathematics, for example you may ask your child, "**What comes after 6?**" "**What comes after 8?**" and we are also learning to count backwards from 10.

Have a great fortnight. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to ask.

Michelle Shaw

K/1H

I can't believe we are half way through Term 1. The children have settled into routines and are enjoying learning activities and making new friendships. In the last fortnight we have learnt more sounds - 't,o,g and p'.

Year 1 have learnt blends '**ng,sp,qu** and **ar**' which is reflected in their spelling lists. In the next couple of weeks we will revise them and combine them to make simple consonant vowel consonant words eg. **Cat,pot/spit,quick**.

Please remember to do sight words with your child each night as these appear frequently in readers. After your child has read to you, ask them a question about their book to show their understanding of what they have read. **Do they connect it with their own experiences?**

On Friday our class participated in Clean Up Australia Day understanding the importance of keeping rubbish out of our lakes. Thank you to Charlotte's mum Michelle and Alice's mum Naomi for accompanying us after groups.

Last Friday we started training for our Cross Country. Lots of students are banking and many have been generous donating 5 cents to buy new playground equipment.

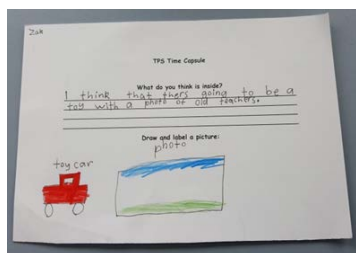
If you have any concerns please speak to me.
Mrs Girdham

Stage 1 1/2B

Hi everyone

I can't believe that we are in Week 8 already! In class we have been busy learning about lots of cool things including our History unit 'The Past in the Present'. In this unit, we have been investigating the history of our school.

Last week, we looked at the school time capsule that was made in 2007. All of the students discussed what items may be kept in the time capsule. After discussion, some students came up with ideas that there may be photographs, writing samples, items made from wooden materials i.e. picture frames, toys. We can't wait to find



out later on this year!!

Next week's news topic is on family and week 9 is free choice. If you can, please discuss what your child may talk about during news time at home so that they are prepared to share something with their classmates.

If you have any questions or concerns, please catch me in the afternoons and make a time to chat with me.

Thanks!

Mrs Stephens ☺

1T

Welcome to week 8! We can't believe how quickly the term is flying by! Well done to 1T for winning "Toto" last

Friday at assembly. 1T is a very settled group who are always ready to listen and learn.

It is great to see so many students completing their homework each week. Homework is handed out each Monday and is to be returned each Friday. Sight words are now part of homework. Students can read their sight words each night, if they read the word correctly please give the word a tick. To extend your child, you could have them spell the words also. These lists are only changed on a Tuesday or Wednesday. Please ensure your child's sight words are in their folders on these days if they require a new list.

PBL Communication Cards are sent home on a Friday. Please sign their card and ensure your child returns their card each Monday.

It is great to see so many parents involved in our classroom through Seesaw! This is a great tool for you to see a small snapshot of what your child is learning at school. Students upload some independent work samples so we are able to assess their understanding; monitor their completion of some independent tasks and provide feedback to students.

Each Thursday, we have Stage 1 sport. Last week we wrote recounts of sport. Here is some of the great writing.

On Thursday it is sport. It is so much fun. I am in group 6. My favourite activity of all is throwing the ball and I like to catch.

Riley

On Thursday it is sport day for year 1. My favourite activity is hula hooping. I am in group 1 with Thea. The other thing I like is scooping because you need a partner and you scoop the ball.

Olivia

Thursday is our sports day. It is fun because you get to use the stilts.

Evie

On Thursday it is sport. My favourite activity is stilts because I can do it

Blake

On Thursday we do sport. My favourite activity is throwing the ball up in the air and catching it. It is my favourite activity because I like it and it is fun! I am in group 4. I like being in group 4 because I have some friends in my group. I like that there is leaders because you get to go at the front for the whole time.

Skye

On Thursday it is sport day. I'm in group 8. My favourite activity is skipping because you have to jump. We do lots of activities. Sport is fun because I like to being in group 8 because Amira is in my group. I have lots of fun and there is lots of groups. There is a ladder. You have to try not to touch the lines.

Tamsyn



Sport is fun. On Thursday we do sport. My favourite activity is the hula hoops. I am in group 3 with Holly. I like to go on the ladder.
Paige

On Thursday it was sport. I like hula hooping. I like playing scoop ball
Ameigh

On Thursday we go to sport. We do groups and we do skipping. We do the ladder and I throw the balls. I even did stilts and I am in group 3. I have Connor in my group and I get to balance. We do catching and there was a song on. My favourite activity is the ladder. My second favourite activity is the stilts. I like to do sport. I do the balance beam and I do the rock things. I can do skipping and I did the throwing activity.
Quinn

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

Heather Towns and Katie Cashin.

2S

Welcome to Week 8!

What a fantastic term we have had so far. The students have been really trying hard to learn new concepts and keep up with a very busy schedule!

Over the last couple of weeks we have been concentrating on how to write interesting and engaging pieces using lots of amazing adjectives. Layla and Alissa even got to re-pot our classrooms plants, who after a close vote were



named Bingo and Bongo:o). The students then wrote about the steps used to re-pot a plant and why we need to.

In Mathematics we learnt about fractions – tricky stuff for Year Two! We all had streamers that we halved into two equal pieces then made each half into two equal pieces to get quarters. We repeated this process all the way to sixteenths. All the practice the children are exposed to, both at school and at home, in regards to fractions is beneficial as it is a really tricky concept to get a handle on. We now have lots of little pieces of streamer for a great artwork to be completed this week – stay tuned!



Please make sure your child is completing Home-Reading each night. I still have a few students that are telling me they don't have time. Any time is a good time for reading! Even in the car on the way to sport, dinner or grocery shopping. The skills they need to become proficient and comprehensive readers can only come from plenty of reading:o)

Have a great week!

Mrs Sturgess.

NOW DUE

	Voluntary School Contribution
	Cross Country Permission Note
March 15	Stage 2 Overnight Excursion Payment
March 16	Stage 3 Camp Payment
March 17	Year 7 2018 Expression of Interest form
	WWI Living History Payment/Note
March 21	ICAS Assessment Test/s Payment
	Book Club Orders Due
March 22	Wyong High IT Taster Day application due -Year 6

LIBRARY



PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE HAS STARTED!
Which class will have the highest number of students complete the PRC???

Who will it be???

K-Yr 2 students have to listen to or read 30 books (25 of which have to be PRC books – see the pink sticker on the book cover).

Year 3 and 4 have to independently read 20 books (15 of those have to be PRC books – see the green sticker on the book cover)

Year 5 and 6 have to independently read 20 books (15 of those have to be PRC books – see the yellow sticker on the book cover)

BOOK CLUB

Orders for Issue 2 are due on Tuesday, 21 March by 3pm. Loop Orders only.



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for Parents

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Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

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DANCE GROUP



The Senior and Junior Dance groups are working hard on Monday and Tuesday afternoons in order to film their audition DVD for the Central Coast Dance Festival by Week 10

SPORT

Tuggerawong had the first taste of sporting success for 2017 with victory at the Wallarah Zone Swimming Carnival. We were placed 1st in the Small Schools division and 3rd overall of the 14 competing schools.

Our students received the following awards:

Hayden J

11 years Champion
1st Senior Breaststroke, Butterfly, Backstroke, Senior Individual Medley, Open 100m Freestyle and 11 Years Freestyle.

Bodie J

Junior Champion,
1st Junior; Breaststroke, Butterfly, Backstroke, Individual Medley
1st 10 Years Freestyle

Alex F

3rd 10 Years Freestyle

Good luck to all three of these students at next week's Sydney North Carnival.

The Boys' Knock-Out Cricket Team played in the 1st round of the NSW PSSA competition on the school oval on Friday against Kanwal. The more experienced Kanwal were victorious 137 – 92.

Our top scoring batsman was our captain Theo Ka who reached the mandatory retirement score of 30 runs. Theo and Josh P were also successful with the ball, taking a wicket (bowled) each.



We are looking forward to wearing orange on Tuesday, 21 March when our school will be participating in Harmony Day activities based around the theme **'Everyone Belongs'**. Activities will begin at 9.30am. Parents, please feel free to join us! We would also like to invite you to stay and eat with us during eating time.

CANTEEN

Ph 0459 398 152

Our wonderful volunteers this fortnight:

TERM 1 WEEK 8

Tuesday 14/3 Maggie & Fred Simpson

TERM 1 WEEK 9

Tuesday 21/3 Maggie & Fred Simpson

ALL LUNCH ORDERS NEED TO BE THROUGH 'FLEXI SCHOOLS'

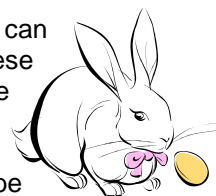
UNIFORM SHOP HOURS Wednesdays 8.45 – 9.15am

P&C FUNDRAISING

Mufti Day – Easter Raffles

Any donations of easter items such as chocolate eggs or soft easter toys would be greatly appreciated for our Easter Raffle. On Tuesday, 28 March we will be having

an Easter Mufti Day where donations can be brought in by the students. These donations will go towards making the Easter Raffle prizes. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday, April 7 2017. Raffle tickets will be sent home this week.



5 Cent Challenge

Thank you for the small change that is starting to add up for our 5 cent challenge. Don't forget to collect your spare small change and drop it into the collection containers in the classrooms and canteen. A class reward to the highest earners by the end of Term 1 will be awarded.

Westpac Rescue Helicopter Mufti Day

Please help support the wonderful service that the Westpac Rescue Helicopter provides to the community by participating in our fundraiser mufti day when the charity riders will visit our school

When: Friday, 17 March

Dress: Mufti- No singlet tops or thongs

Donate: Gold Coin



ADVERTISING IN THE NEWSLETTER

Aust News would like to hear from anyone who would like to advertise their business on our school newsletter.

For further information please contact Michelle on 0409 992 479 or email michelle.m@austnews.com.au

Newsletter Feedback Form-Please return to the office

Name (optional): _____

I prefer the new layout of the newsletter: Yes / No

Suggested areas for improvement:

Who: Year K-6
When: Thursday, 6 April
Time: 6.00-8.00pm
Where: School Hall
Cost : \$4.00 each or \$10.00 per family(3 or more)
This will include a drink and snack during the disco
Food: Dinner will be available to order via a Flexischools special
Glow Sticks: Will be on sale 50c each or 3 for \$1.00
Dress: Tie Dye

disco



Easter Hat Parade

Friday, 7 April 2017

- ◇ Parade commences at 9.15am
- ◇ All students K-6 are encouraged to make a hat to parade in
- ◇ BBQ from 11am. Please enjoy sharing lunch with your children after the Parade
- ◇ Each student who creates a hat will go into the draw for some great Easter prizes

Huge
P&C
Easter
Raffle

Easter
Bunny
visit

Come
and
Join the
fun