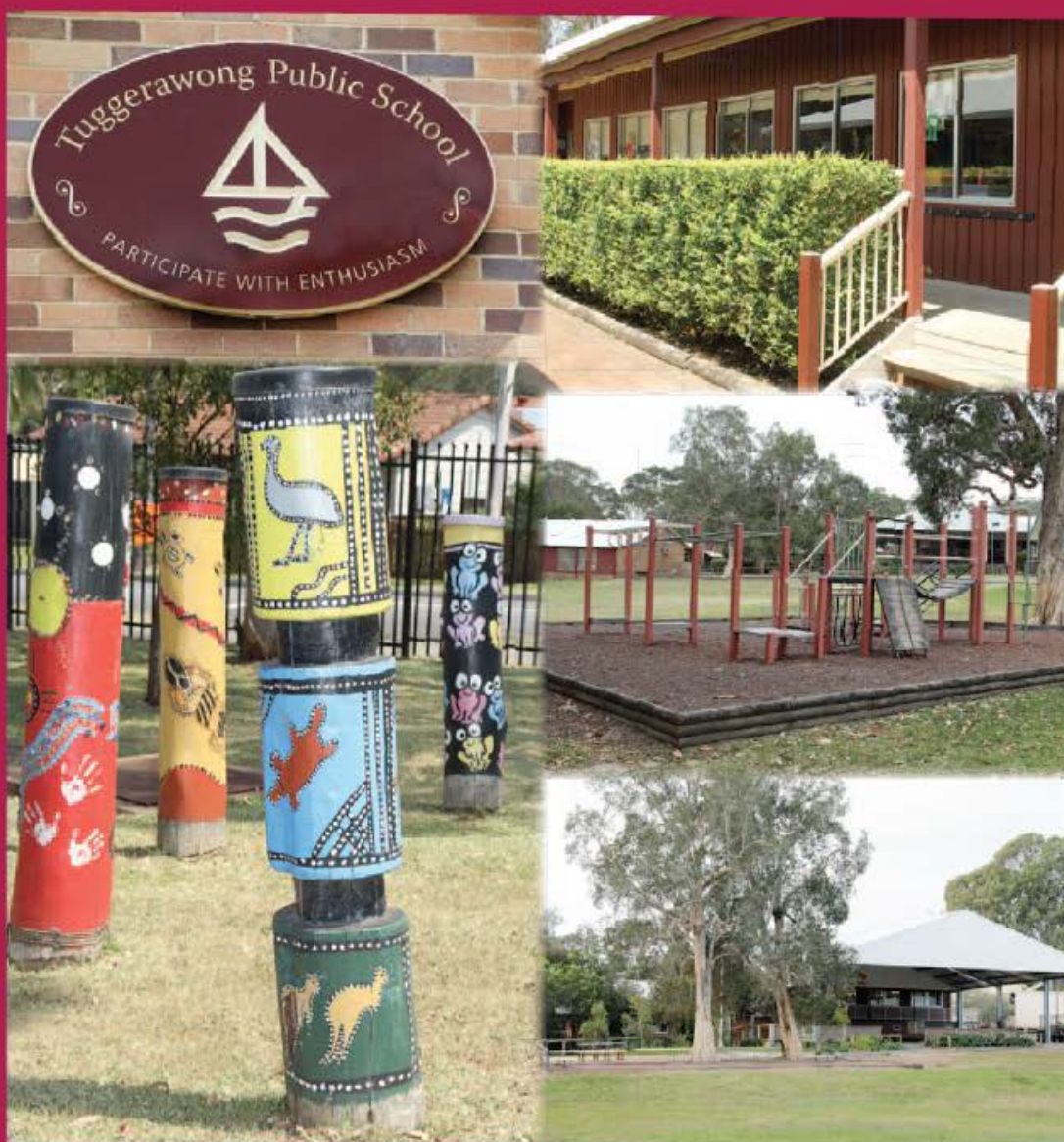




TUGGERAWONG TATTLER



Participate with Enthusiasm in a Positive and Caring Environment

TUGGERAWONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

From the Principal

I can't believe it is already Week 7. Where is the term going? Last week was very busy with a number of activities being undertaken. On Wednesday, we had our Swimming Carnival Assembly. Congratulations to all award winners and to our Sport Captains and Vice Captains on a well-run assembly. On Friday, we supported Clean Up Australia Day where students were involved with cleaning our school and the wider community. It was pleasing to hear students come back into the school saying that there was not much rubbish to pick up in our community. Those classes that missed out due to the weather will have the opportunity to participate this week. Also on Friday our School Leaders travelled to Sydney for the National Young Leaders Day. Mrs Day said it was very inspiring and the students loved it and were extremely well behaved.

Our gardening club is well underway. With the weather improving the group will be able to get into the gardens and put their green thumbs to work. Last week Ty E and his parents were busy delivering fertilizer to our veggie gardens. Thank you for your efforts and to the free-range chook farm on Johns Road for the chook poo!

Skoolbag App

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. Many parents would probably not even be familiar with Skoolbag as it has not been used by the school properly for a number of years. For this reason it does not make sense to pay the costly annual subscription. Instead we will continue to use Facebook as our main means of communication for things like upcoming events, school notices, cancellations and school information. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Late Arrivals (Partial Absences)

We are noticing a number of students are arriving to school after the 9:00am bell each day. Setting a morning routine that is consistent can assist with students getting to school on time. Other strategies such as organising uniforms and lunches the night before can also assist with this. The morning session is prime learning time with a focus on Literacy and/or Numeracy. Students arriving late miss key ideas and concepts and it can disrupt others learning as the teacher may have to stop the lesson or this can be a distraction for students. If you miss 10 to 20 minutes a day that can equal to over an hour of learning a week. Over a year this could equal to over 40 hours. If you need assistance / advice on getting your child to school on time don't hesitate to contact the school. Please endeavour to have your child / children at school on time every day!

Tell Them From Me

This term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, 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.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 13 March and 7 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Students in Years 4 to 6 will participate in the Tell Them From Me survey.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students in Years 4 to 6. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Monday, 13 March. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

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.

Quality Workers

This week I was inundated with Quality Workers which was awesome. It is one of the highlights of my week having students share their work. Seeing the enthusiasm and pride they display when they are explaining their work is extremely inspiring. Congratulations to the following students:

Students	Class	Work Sample
Jet Zak Zyron	1/2B	The Bad Guys: Chapter 3 Novel Prediction
Logan	KS	Super Sentence
Tristan Lucy	K/1H	Weekend Recount
Ethan Keira Lucy Olivia	2/3R	The Enormous Crocodile narratives
Cody	3/4D	100 Multi-Lit Words
Caitlin Mia Olivia Noah	3/4A	Super Sentences

Grant McFarland
Principal

ASSEMBLY- Friday at 2.15pm

ASSEMBLY AWARDS – Term 1 Week 6

	Toto	Merit
KS		
K1H		
1T		
1/2B		
2S		
2/3R		
3/4A		
3/4D		
5/6C		
5/6M		

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THIS WEEK- Week 7

8/3 Zone Swimming Carnival
9/3 Selective High School Test-Yr 7 2018
10/3 Chess Coaching

NEXT WEEK- Week 8

17/3 Chess Coaching

Week 9

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

Week 10

28/3 Easter Mufti Fundraiser Day
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
7/4 Easter Hat Parade K-6

WHAT'S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Stage 2

Wow! Week 7 already! We have had a busy couple of weeks and it is looking like there will be a few more to come towards the end of the term.

It is great to see so many of our students achieving Level 3 on their Communication Cards each week! Keep up the great work! It is great to see so many students still receiving Toto tokens for being respectful, responsible and doing their personal best. In week 8 students will be able to use and swap their Toto tokens in a school wide session where they will be able to choose an activity based on how many tokens they have received. Just a reminder though, students do not have to use/swap their tokens. Students are able to accumulate and save their tokens for the next PBL swapping session in order to trade them in for a larger reward.

There are a few permission notes (and money) that need to be returned including WWI History Incursion (note and money) and Cross Country permission note.

Please return these to your class teacher as soon as possible.

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.

2/3R

I can't believe we are already half way through the term. All students have settled into the class really well. We are enjoying learning new things together each week. I am feeling very lucky to have such a wonderful class with all of your children and I look forward to what is to come this year.

Story writing

In our class we have started to create stories of our own. We are looking at ways we can improve our writing. Once we finish a piece of writing we edit our work. We make sure it makes sense, that we have put proper punctuation in and we look to see if we can make it more interesting by adding more to it or using more creative words.

Seesaw

This year we are using Seesaw. This is an application that students use on the I pads to independently document their learning. Once we have become familiar using it in the class I will send home more information about it and let you know how to access your child's work.

History

In our computer time we have been making PowerPoint presentations about what we have been learning about in History. Year 3 students have been looking at different aspects of Aboriginal life and Year 2 students have been researching the history of Tuggerawong.

Maths

In Maths last week we had lots of fun learning about length. We loved learning to use the measuring tape to measure how tall we are and how long different things are in the classroom. This week we are going to learn about multiplication and division. We will be looking at our 2, 3, 5, and 10 times multiplication facts and related division facts.

Mrs Lauren Ryder

3/4A

PBL has been a focus in our room last week, with my main message to the students being to treat others the way you would like to be treated. This has been a focus for our class as I want every child in 3/4A to enjoy coming to school every day!

This week the Year 3 students will be sent home with another NAPLAN style booklet. This is not classified as homework this is just to expose the students to the NAPLAN style of testing. Please do not feel that your child has to complete the entire booklet it is completely up to you and your child as to how you work through it. It does not have to be brought in to be marked, however if you or your child would like it marked please send it back in and I will review with the student.

Last week in writing we focused on setting ourselves writing goals and improving our sentences by using proper sentence structure and trying to make them more interesting. We did go right back to basics ensuring we used capital letters, full stops and ensuring our sentences had a subject, a verb and an object. There were some fantastic sentences.

One day a brown and black dog with a purple collar ran on the green grass.

Olivia

The big kid sat on the ginormous and long Great Wall of China.

Nicholas

The Nyan cat saw the Australians win the epic Olympic Games in Rio.

Callum

The white horse was eating a yummy bundle of hay.

Aneeka

Last week in Maths 3/4A we started looking at measurement. The students were able to apply their understanding of centimetres and metres in a range of hands on learning activities such as measuring their arms, legs and shoes. We also made paper planes and were able to go outside to fly them and measure the distance using trundle wheels. We enjoyed this lesson VERY much. Our class champion with the furthest distance was Noah E with a massive 10m!



Unfortunately due to the weather last week it did stop us from going out to clean up Tuggerawong. 3/4A will be cleaning up our beautiful community on Monday, 6 March (weather permitting).

Have a great fortnight! ☺

Miss Anderson

3/4D

Hi everyone!

3/4D have had a very busy fortnight, with lots of learning happening. Students have been learning about the Think-Pair-Share strategy which is designed to differentiate instruction by providing students time and structure for thinking on a given topic, enabling them to formulate individual ideas and share these ideas with a peer. This learning strategy promotes classroom participation by encouraging a high degree of student response, rather than using a basic recitation method in which I ask questions and student offers a response. This strategy provides an opportunity for all students to share their thinking with at least one other student, which increases their sense of involvement in classroom learning. This has been working extremely well over the last fortnight and our student participation has increased quite significantly! Keep up the great work kids!



Stage 3

5/6C

Welcome to Week 7 Parents and Carers!

We are half way through the term already and as Stage 3 we are growing and changing and learning to tackle social issues with maturity and style.

Every morning we also get a freaky fact to read on the board as we come in for the day: *Did you know that they use paint thinner in milk commercials instead of real milk???*

I am pleased to say that as a class we are remembering notes and payments exceptionally well. A huge THANK YOU to all parents and carers for keeping on top of all the notes coming home, at the moment there are a lot of them!

Just a reminder of what we are still looking for so far:

- Cross Country notes
- Great Aussie Bush Camp 2nd payments are due (please come in and have a conversation if payments may be late)

As a class we are learning to work as a team, our favourite team building activity so far is build and peek! This is a game where 2 students will build a structure and the rest of us are split into teams. Each team member gets to look at the structure for 10 seconds then go back to their team to describe what the structure looks like, then replicate it! Last week our most effective communicators were, Monique, Lilly, Natasha and Zara! Well done girls!

This semester in History and English we are looking into our place in our Aboriginal society. We are dissecting a book called, 'Varmints', which has amazing visuals with punching text to compliment. As a class we are enjoying connecting History and English.

Cross Country practice starts this week so please get your notes in ASAP!

Thank you.

Ms. Coafield

5/6M

With the term half over, the members of 5/6M have proven themselves capable of thriving in the content inherent to the Stage 3 class.

In our look through the elements of the periodic table we have encountered the second of the Noble gases 'Neon'. This is the latest inclusion to our song where we have replaced the lyrics to Maroon 5's song 'Sugar' with, C₆H₁₂O₆. So, if your child is singing around the house you will know why, it's been a fun way to learn the periodic table

We continue to look at English with a critical eye, discovering that it was not created with the same logic as Maths. When you can think of seven different ways to produce an 'e' sound off the top of our heads and there

are eight different sounds for the 'ough' letter combination, there is no easy way to learn.

Writing is a focus for us with NAPLAN less than a term away. The class is ensuring that their sentence structure is strong. We are trying to place ourselves as the reader, while we are writing, so that we can enhance the meaning of our text.

I hope that everybody is training for the Cross Country which will be held in Week 9 of Term 1.

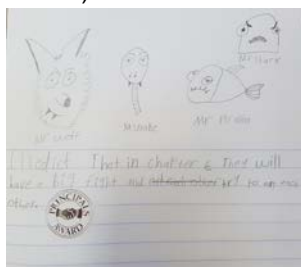
Brian McNally

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

LIBRARY

It has been really great to see so many students starting their Premiers Reading Challenge already. If your child hasn't brought home a white PRC card feel free to pop up to the library Monday- Wednesday to receive a copy. This year, parents and students can also log all of the read PRC books electronically via the student portal (using the student's det login details).



Last week, students in Stage 1 were listening to "The Bad Guys" by Aaron Blabey. They drew some awesome character profiles and wrote a prediction of how the story would end.

Stage 2 have been enjoying listening to the latest book by Paul Jennings 'The Unforgettable What's His Name'. Paul's first book 'Unbelievable' was published in 1985 and 32 years later, his books are still being enjoyed by many students at TPS, with loads of giggles.

Finally, Stage 3 has also been working hard, learning how to write a bibliography, focusing on how to cite internet sources for their research task about their chosen famous person.



Have a wonderful week,
Mrs Burckhardt



On Tuesday, 21 March our school will be participating in Harmony Day activities based around the theme 'Everyone Belongs'. Activities will begin at 9.30am.

Parents, if you would like to be a part of our Harmony Day activities, please feel free to join us! We would also like to invite you to stay and eat with us during eating time.

Remember to wear orange for the day, it will be a great morning!

PBL NEWS

Tuggerawong Public School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning school and our expectations are that everyone coming to our school including students, parents and teachers will be respectful, responsible and do their personal best.


Each week our students are involved in lessons to teach our expectations and we continually look at how we can encourage appropriate behaviour amongst all our children. All students have met "Toto" our school mascot.

We have had a brilliant start to the year. Students are settled, relaxed and have started the year strongly. Their behaviour has been outstanding and they have been earning many 'Totos' for being respectful, responsible and doing their personal best.

Please talk with your child about our School Expectations!

TUGGERAWONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS



RESPECTFUL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen well and speak politely• Be kind and fair• Care for people, places and property• Learn and let others learn
RESPONSIBLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take responsibility• Listen and follow instructions• See something, say something• Right place, right time
PERSONAL BEST	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be prepared and organised• Try your best• Participate with enthusiasm

EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, EVERYTIME!

Thanks for your support!
The PBL Team!

SPORT

Good luck to our team who will be competing at this Wednesday's Wallarah Zone Swimming Carnival at Mingara Leisure Centre.

Tuggerawong's 22 competitors will be attempting to emulate the feats of the 2016 team who were announced the Small School Champions.

Both Lachlan S & Elye C represented Tuggerawong at the Zone Rugby League trials. The boys were up against fierce competition and will be trying again in 2018 for selection to the next level.

Dan M was our representative at the Combined AFL

training for the School Cross-Country. Only a little over 3 weeks to go!

Brian McNally

CANTEEN

Ph 0459 398 152

Our wonderful volunteers this fortnight:

TERM 1 WEEK 7

Tuesday 7/3 Maggie & Fred Simpson

TERM 1 WEEK 8

Tuesday 14/3 Maggie & Fred Simpson

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

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS Wednesdays 8.45 – 9.15am

item such as a chocolate egg, chocolate bunny, Easter biscuits, or soft Easter toys. 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 next week



P&C FUNDRAISING

Mufti Day – Easter Raffles

On Tuesday, 28 March Tuggerawong will be having an Easter Mufti Day. Instead of bringing a coin donation we ask that each child brings in an Easter



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



Tuggerawong Public School Oosh

Vacation Care Term 1 2017

Monday 10th April – Monday 24th April 2016

Monday 10th April <i>Eggcellent Easter Day</i>	Tuesday 11th April <i>Excursion</i> Hunter Valley Zoo	Wednesday 12th April Colour Fun Day	Thursday 13th April Inflatable World <i>Don't forget socks</i>	Friday 14th April <i>Public Holiday Good Friday</i>
Monday 17th April <i>Public Holiday Easter Monday</i>	Tuesday 18th April Scooter Day Children require helmets to ride	Wednesday 19th April <i>Excursion</i> Speers Point Park	Thursday 20th April Waterslide at Oosh	Friday 21st April <i>Excursion</i> Sports Day at Niagra Park Stadium
Monday 24th April Oosh Day – Silent Disco Pupil Free Day	Booking forms are available at Oosh Room Now. Please return by Friday 24th March to ensure your place. Any enquiries please call Rhiannon or Ash – 0402799490 or come and see us ☺ <i>Tuesday 25th April is Anzac Day Public Holiday. School goes back Wednesday 26th April.</i> 			

Oosh is going Paperless for Vacation Care bookings!!

Please click on the link on our Facebook page and use the online form to book in your child's days. You will receive a separate confirmation via email to confirm your bookings depending on numbers. The information sheet will be emailed at time of confirmation. If you require booking forms or info to be printed please see Ash or Rhiannon. Please bear with us as this is a new system, we hope it works well!! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to talk to us!