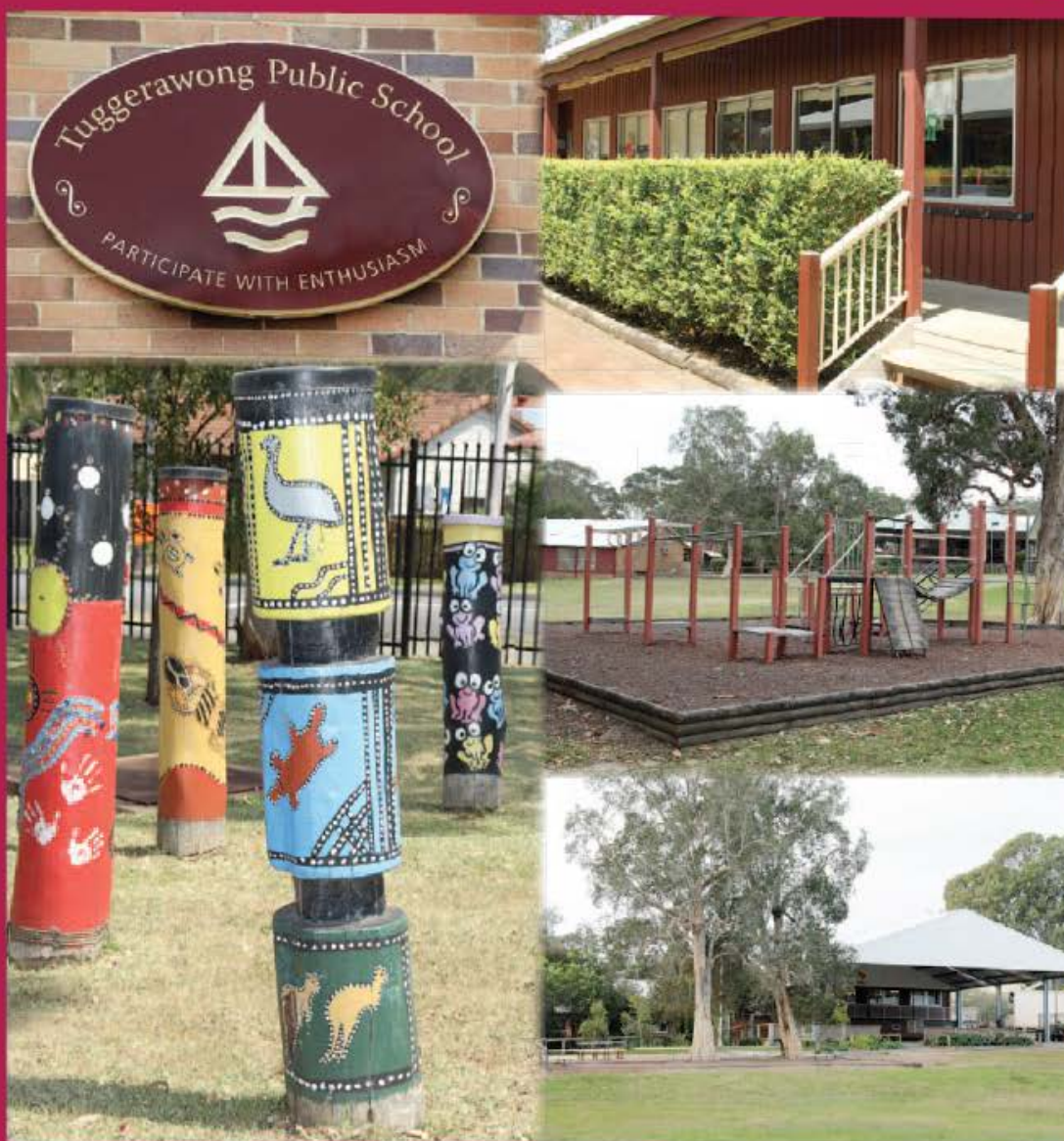




TUGGERAWONG TATTLER



Participate with Enthusiasm in a Positive and Caring Environment

TUGGERAWONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

From the Principal

With only 2 weeks to go until the end of Term 1 it sure has been a busy but very productive term. On Tuesday, 21 March, it was Harmony Day which the whole school participated in. This year's theme was 'Everybody Belongs' which is very true for Tuggerawong Public School. Thank you to Mrs Sturgess and Mrs Coafield for organising this event.

Last week Bodie J, Hayden J and Alex F attended the Sydney North Swimming Carnival. From all accounts the boys put in their best effort and should be very proud of their accomplishments. It is a tremendous achievement to be competing at this elite level. Well done!

Teacher Professional Learning

Over the last few weeks we have had a number of teachers involved in a range of professional learning. Whilst this is a disruption to the day to day operations of the school, the knowledge and expertise staff bring back from these courses will directly have a positive impact on the students at TPS.

- Mrs Day attended the Leadership Development Initiative Conference which will support our school in a variety of areas.
- Mrs Shaw attended a Targeted Early Numeracy course which will qualify her to be a trainer and assist staff with the implementation / continuation of this program.
- Mr McNally presented at a Thinking While Moving in Mathematics Seminar. Mr McNally will also be sharing his extensive knowledge in this area with staff later in the school year.

NAPLAN 2017

In May 2017 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to our school about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard. The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 9-11 May 2017 and are as follows:

TUESDAY MAY	9	WEDNESDAY 10 MAY	THURSDAY 11 May
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Writing Test		Reading Test	Numeracy Test

Friday 12 May – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or are absent on a test day. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school principal. If you

wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with me if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN will be sent home Term 2 and can be found at <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>.

Dogs on School Grounds

Lately I have observed a number of dogs entering school grounds. As the principal of this school I have the authority to determine if a dog is permitted on the school site. Dogs can be unpredictable at times and it is a school's responsibility to keep all children safe.

The Companion Animals Act 1998 (the Act) provides that dogs are prohibited from school grounds whether they are leashed or unleashed. It is an offence which carries a penalty ranging from \$1,100 to \$11,000 depending on whether the dog is designated a dangerous breed or not.

However, it is not an offence if the person in charge of the school site (e.g. the principal) gives permission for the dog to be there. If you need to have your dog on school grounds, for example if it is a puppy or it is coming in for show and tell, please come in and discuss this with me prior. I appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

Quality Workers

Name	Class	Work Sample
Rubi W Brock W Sioaia H	K1H	Weekend Recount Koala Lou
Bodie J Callum S Jarrod L	3/4A	Handwriting
Sophie P Tom O Emmalee L	3/4D	3D Shapes

Grant McFarland
Principal

ASSEMBLY- Friday at 2.15pm

ASSEMBLY AWARDS – Term 1 Week 9

	Toto	Merit
KS	Logan F	Aaliyah H Evie P
K1H	Brooklyn S	Rubi W Scarlett T
1T	Olivia O	Connor T Lillian-Rose S
1/2B	James M	Jennah H Holly F
2S	Ava S	Sierra J Isabella M
2/3R	Alyssa M	Connor L Ky H
3/4A	Chelsea W	James W Jarrod L
3/4D	Lachlan S	Sammie H Thomas O
5/6C	Brandon G	Ella H Tianna-Isabella W
5/6M	Draven K	Tobyn V Jett P

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THIS WEEK-Week 10

- 28/3 Easter Mufti Fundraiser Day
- 30/3 Wyong HS IT Taster Day-Year 6
- 31/3 School Cross Country
Chess Coaching

NEXT WEEK-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 10.15am
Wyong High School Selective Class Test
- 6/4 State Swimming Carnival
Disco 6-8pm
- 7/4 Easter Hat Parade K-6
Chess Coaching

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

TERM 2 Week 1

- 24/4 Staff Development Day-Pupil Free
- 25/4 Anzac Day Holiday
- 26/4 **FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 – STUDENTS RETURN**

WHAT'S NEW IN THE CLASSROOMS

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1

KS

Look at these gorgeous little baskets of chicks and bunnies that Logan's mum made for our classroom. Thank you so much! You are very clever and they are adorable ☺



Thank you to all of the parents who continue to help during groups. This is really much appreciated by myself and the children. Group times are as follows:

- Monday:** 9.15-10.30am & 1-1.55pm
- Tuesday:** 9.15-10.30am & 12-12.55pm
- Wednesday:** 2.15-3pm
- Thursday:** 10-11am
- Friday:** 9.15-10.30am

Sometimes groups do run over time and I appreciate that you may not be able to stay longer. If there are any other times that you could help out, that are not within these time frames, please let me know.

I am sending home a kindergarten parent survey on yellow paper. If you could please fill this out and send it back to school it would be greatly appreciated. We would love your feedback!

We have our Easter Mufti Fundraiser next Tuesday, 28 March. All students can wear everyday clothes and we ask that you donate an Easter egg. The P & C will make

Easter baskets to raffle off at our Easter Hat Parade. Thank you for those who have already returned your Easter raffle tickets. If you would like more tickets, please see the lovely ladies at the front office. The Easter Hat Parade will take place on Friday, April 7. All students are asked to make an Easter hat at home to parade on the day.

Next Friday, March 21 we will be holding our Cross Country (weather and grounds permitting). All students in K-2 will be running inside the school on this day. The Cross Country will start at 9.30 am. All parents are more than welcome to attend.

Please continue to encourage your child to bring something in to share on their news day. Again, thank you to everyone who has brought in tissues, wipes and glue sticks.

We will be holding an Anzac Service on Wednesday, April 5. If you can supply some flowers from your garden, that would be lovely. We also have our disco on April 6 from 6-8pm in the school hall. The theme is Tie Dye! Let's get down and boogie everyone!

Any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to pop in. Have a great week.

Keep Smiling ☺ Michelle Shaw

K/1H

It's Week 10 and K/1H is doing fine, despite the wet weather. In future wet weather please feel free to send a pair of dry socks or slippers along to wear if it looks like the rain is torrential, as shoes may be water logged. Some kind of foot covering is needed for safety. Also please work with your child to be able to tie their shoelaces which is a tricky but necessary fine motor skill.

In Week 8, thanks to Tristan M's mum Cilyse, we had chickens visit our room. We patted and studied them and this led to lots of discussion, drawing and writing about their life cycle and habits.

Last Friday we enjoyed a visit from the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Cycling Team on their Charity Fund raising Ride.

This Tuesday we wore orange and participated in Harmony Day activities promoting sharing and caring and inclusion of others.

Some Kinders are now feeling confident to leave parents at the gate and walk into school by themselves and find a friend to play with until the bell. This is a sign of growing self-confidence and self-reliance. WOW!

Please continue home reading and sight word practise. Don't forget Cross Country is approaching this Friday (weather permitting) and the Kinders will be given their Sporting House-Emu, Platypus or Wallaby, so they can wear a coloured T-shirt on the day to compete in, if they wish. The Easter Hat Parade is on Friday Week 11 so start working on an Easter Bonnet.

Mrs Girdham

1T

Welcome to week 10! Can you believe Term 1 is nearly over? 1T has been very busy learning to skip count by 2s, 5s and 10s. 1T have been playing the cards games "flip 2" and "make 14". Ask your child to teach you how

to play! We have been writing about what we like about Tuggerawong PS so we can make a book for the library. We are very excited for Cross Country on Friday and if you are able to assist with the carnival, please fill out the form attached to the newsletter.

Progress reports were sent home last Friday. Please sign these and return to school. If an interview has been requested or you would like an interview, we will organise this once the report has been returned to school.

We have not been able to upload work onto Seesaw for the past fortnight due to technical difficulties. Hopefully the problem will be fixed and we can continue to share our learning with you.

There will be no homework sheets in Week 11. We ask that you continue to do sight words and read each night. Throughout the holidays, you could have your child write their sight words or use them in sentences.

After we won Toto, we wrote some descriptions of him. Toto is our school mascot. He is green turtle and he has a brown shell. He has the 3 main areas on his tummy and they are respectful, responsible and personal best.

He looks out at assembly for a class that has been sitting and watching.

Amira

Toto's job is to watch us and pick the best class at assembly. He is a turtle. He is green with a brown shell on his back.

Blake

Toto is a turtle. He is our PBL mascot. Toto has a colourful tummy. He has a green body and a brown back. He watches every class at assembly. Toto has respectful, responsible and personal best on his tummy.

Avah

Toto is a turtle. He is green. He has a brown shell on his back.

Ameigh

Toto is a turtle. Toto watches us at assembly. Toto looks for the best class. Toto is great. Toto is green with brown on his back. Toto has respectful, responsible and personal best on his tummy. Toto is good.

Riley

Have a great week and a safe and happy holiday!
Heather Towns and Katie Cashin

Stage 1 and Stage 2

1/2B

Hi everyone,

We are already in Week 10 and are approaching the end of term fast!

All of the students in 1/2B have been busy learning about lots of things, in particular last week we focussed on 'seasons' in maths including Aboriginal seasons in Kakadu. Here are some of the fantastic writing samples from the students:

Kakadu is far from Tuggerawong Public School, it is at the top of Australia. Kakadu has seasons and the seasons are wet and dry. Wet season has Banggerreng, Gudjeuk, Gunumeleng and dry season has Yegge and Wurregeng.

Zyron

In Kakadu they have wet seasons and dry seasons. In the hot seasons they have fires and in the wet seasons it is cold.

Drew

In Kakadu they have different seasons that we have because it is hotter there. They have seasons but we only have 4 seasons. Our seasons are different to theirs. Kakadu has wet and dry seasons. In the hot they can have fires and fires are dangerous.

T'Jharn

Last week you should have received your child's progress report. If you have any questions please feel free to see me.

Next week we will not be sending homework out in 1/2B so enjoy the week off! I hope you all have a happy and safe break and look forward to seeing you all next term.

Thanks

Mrs Stephens ☺

2S

Week 10 is here!

The end of term is usually very busy and this term is no exception!

We had a fantastic time celebrating Harmony Day last week and I would like to congratulate all the students and their parents/carers for getting involved and making it such a great event

The Harmony Day 'School of fish' artwork that was created by all the students will be displayed in the hall very soon! Mrs Towns and I just have a few finishing touches to make before it is ready to be admired by the whole school community:o)

Tomorrow the 28 March we invite all students to wear mufti and please donate an Easter Egg for our Easter Raffle to be held on the last day of school, 7 April at our Easter Hat Parade! I hope all the children in 2S are planning and making amazing Easter Hats to showcase at the parade.



Weather permitting (fingers crossed); our annual School Cross Country Carnival will be held this Friday 31 March. Being our P.E day anyway, most children will be in appropriate footwear and have their hat however, this is especially important to remember this week:o). Children are also encouraged to wear their house colours. We are still in need of volunteers to help us out with recording of place getters, lap marking and track officials. The nature of the track means that you will be able to watch your child compete in their race at all times even if you are helping us. Please fill in the slip attached to this week's newsletter and return to school with your child if you could volunteer your time between 9am and 11am this Friday.

Enjoy your week,

Mrs Sturgess :o)



NOW DUE

March 30

Stage 3 Camp Payment

SPORT

Last Monday the Sydney North Swimming Carnival was held at Homebush with 3 representatives from Tuggerawong representing Wallarah Zone.

Hayden J came tantalizingly close to state representation with a pair of fourth places in the final of the breaststroke and the backstroke.

Bodie J not to be outdone also reached 2 finals, achieving 5th in the breaststroke and 6th in the freestyle.

Alex F enjoyed his first taste of regional competition with 34th in the 9 Yrs freestyle.

Congratulations boys on your performance and sportsmanship.

Brian McNally



Special Assembly The ANZAC Ceremony this year will be held on Wednesday, 5 April, under the library cola at 10:15am. Students are asked to **provide flowers on this day** so bouquets can be made for our ceremony. All flowers need to be taken to your child's class. Parents and members of the community are invited to attend the assembly.

Anzac Day March

The Wyong RSL Sub Branch has invited Tuggerawong Public School students to participate in the commemorative ANZAC service on **Tuesday, 25 April**.

Students are encouraged to march and represent our school. You will need to meet Mr McFarland at the Wyong Centre Town Park at 9:00am and **all students are required to wear school uniform**.

Following the service at approximately 10:15 am the parade will form up in Rankens Crt and the march will commence at 10:30am. The march will continue down Hely St, turn left into ANZAC Ave, left into Margaret St and conclude inside the Wyong RSL Carpark at approximately 10:45am. Parents are required to collect their children from the Wyong RSL Carpark at the conclusion of the march.



**Life Education NSW will be visiting our school in Week 4, Term 2
Tue 16/5 to Fri 19/5**

In Term 2, Healthy Harold will be making a visit to our school! Our students will have the opportunity to take part in the awesome programs that Life Education has to offer. The cost will be \$10 per child. Permission notes will be handed out at the beginning of next term.

P&C FUNDRAISING

Mufti Day – Easter Raffles

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

These donations will go towards making the Giant Easter Raffle prizes. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday, April 7 2017. Raffle tickets have been sent home, plenty of extra books are available from the office.



Easter Hat Parade BBQ

This will be another huge event for the fundraising team. If you are able to help out on the day please let us know

5 Cent Challenge

Last two weeks of the 5 cent challenge.....which class will be the winner?????????

Disco Dinner



A special dinner is available to preorder through flexischools before the school disco. This will be for students and their families to order.

We will be serving penne pasta with mince for \$4 a serve. Drinks will be available to purchase on the night at the canteen. Meals will be served in the canteen, so please come up to the canteen to receive your dinner.

To order for a parent or sibling, you will need to order it against the students name. Eg: if I was too order for myself I would put 2 serves next to my child's name on flexischools. Food will be served from 5 - 6.00pm.

CANTEEN

Ph 0459 398 152

Our wonderful volunteers this fortnight:

TERM 1 WEEK 10

Tuesday 28/3 Maggie & Fred Simpson

TERM 1 WEEK 11

Tuesday 4/4 Maggie & Fred Simpson

ALL LUNCH ORDERS NEED TO BE THROUGH 'FLEXI SCHOOLS'

We Thank all our wonderful volunteers that we have had for this Term, we hope to see more new faces throughout Term 2 as well

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS Wednesdays 8.45 – 9.15am

SCHOOL SECURITY

Ph:1300 880 921



K-2 Cross Country



The Junior Cross Country Carnival
is on this Friday 31 March from 9am.

All students are encouraged to wear their house colours and
participate in their age race.

Students will compete in the age that they turned, or are turning this
year. For example if your child is seven between 1st January 2017 and
31st December 2017 they will compete in the seven years race.

We still need volunteers to help us on the day! Please let your child's
teacher know if you would be available on Friday between 9am and
11am by returning the slip below.

Thank you in advance!!

K-2 Teachers :o)



I _____ parent/carer of _____

in class _____ would be available to volunteer my assistance
at the Junior Cross Country Carnival to be held from 9am to 11am on
Friday 31st March 2017.





Tuggerawong Public School Oosh

Vacation Care Term 1 2017

Monday 10th April – Monday 24th April 2016

Monday 10th April <i>Eggcellent</i> Easter Day	Tuesday 11th April <i>Excursion</i> Hunter Valley Zoo	Wednesday 12th April Colour Fun Day	Thursday 13th April Inflatable World Don't forget socks	Friday 14th April Public Holiday Good Friday
Monday 17th April Public Holiday Easter Monday	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 ☺ Tuesday 25th April is Anzac Day Public Holiday. School goes back Wednesday 26th April.			

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!

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
- ◇ BBO 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

BBQ
Sausage
Sandwiches
\$2.50
Drinks \$2

Easter Egg
Guessing Competition
50 cents a guess

Easter
Bunny
visit

Come
and
Join the
fun

Tuggerawong Public School

Minutes P&C Meeting 20th March 2017

Meeting Opened: 7:pm

In Attendance: Mr McFarland, Kate Simpson, Kerry Wood, Jody Eastwood, Bronwyn Quinlan, Kylie Ford, Attila Palfi, Kristi Fulton, Karen Elsdon, Kate Lowe, Lindal Penman,

Apologies: Katheryn King

Minutes from last meeting: \$2000 grant from Healthy kids Insurance will go towards playground. Student toilets are awaiting finishing touches before completion. In the process of finalising the 3rd year of the School Plan (Milestones). Staff have aligned themselves to one of the Strategies Directions and will work diligently to achieve milestones throughout the year. TTFM survey (Tell Them From Me) will be undertaken this year for parents, staff and students which will assist with the planning of the new 3 year cycle for the school Plan. Moduplay will be conducting a site inspection next week to update our play ground. We are looking at a possible snaking idea to progress through the ages. There are no joint funding grants that can assist us from the dept. We'd like to revise the policy of the student leadership endorsement. It is our schools 60th Anniversary which we will be celebrating during Education week. This year Oosh will be focussing on the interests of the children. Introducing the Seesaw website for students to share photos and videos with their families. Term 1 vacation care itinerary has been confirmed with lots of exciting things planned. 5 cent challenge in each classroom is in full swing, kids to bring in all their 5c pieces for prizes.

Actions 2017:

Who	Action	Result
Kate	Check Oosh Priner	
Kate	Auskey for Oosh	Completed
Kate	Ipads for Oosh	
Kate	Flexi for Uniforms	
Kate	Easter attire enquires	Purchased
Jody	Federation Insurance enquires	
Kerry	Recreate Oosh Website	
Fundraising	Yearly calendar	Completed

Business arising: Nil

Correspondence in: Nil

Correspondence out: Nil

Presidents report: Nil

Principals report: Moduplay have assessed suitability of new playground area and have offered suggestions for P&C to consider. Year 4 to 6 have completed the TTFM (Tell Them From Me) survey, data will be assessed by staff and raised at P&C meeting when prepared. The Annual School Report is in final stages of completion and will be available on website at end of Term 1. All NSW public schools are required to transition to a Healthy canteen over the next 3years. The initial stage is to begin with educating the school community that our canteen will consist of a balanced menu of 75% everyday healthy foods that meet a 3.5 healthy star rating and 25% occasional foods. Progress reports will be handed out this Friday 24th March. This will allow parents an insight into your Childs behaviour with regards to the PBL values: Respect, Responsible and Personal best. Parents will be able to request interviews with class teachers.

Treasurers Report: Accounts for January and February, accounts are in surplus \$13,769.92. Canteen sales are stable compared to last year, uniforms are up \$2000, Oosh fees have increased \$7,818 and we received a \$2000 grant towards our playground. Cash currently on hand in Bendigo \$40,812 and in Westpac \$20,272.04.

Oosh report: Vacation care spots are filling fast, so book in quickly.

Canteen report: St Patricks day was a success, thanks to the helpers. Canteen committee to be held before end of term.

Fundraising report: Possible fair dates, Sunday August 6th, Sept 10th or 17th, 10am -2pm. Raffle tickets went out today, anyone want more books, please see the office. If anyone has any cane baskets they'd like to donate for the raffles would be appreciated. Easter mufti day 28th March, please bring in an Easter egg, etc. Disco 6th April, we are offering dinner through online flexi - spaghetti pasta dish.

Uniform report: Discussing on-line flexi for uniforms

General business: We have received a recyclable skip bin. Canteen is looking at trialling a Thermomix which will help transition the menu to healthy with no added preservative or colourings.

Tuggerawong Pathway Project update: Currently attempting to apply for grants and is waiting to be added to the local councils' strategic plan.
<https://www.facebook.com/CCexpressadvocate/posts/10153324290941643>

Meeting closed: 8:06pm

Next meeting: 8th May 2017
6:30pm - Oosh for executives
7:00pm - General P&C meeting

Minutes recorded by;
Kerry Wood
P&C Secretary

P&C Meetings Calendar Proposal 2017 19th June, 24th July, 21st August, 18th Sept, 23rd October, 20th November