



# TUGGERAWONG TATTLER



*Participate with Enthusiasm in a Positive and Caring Environment*

**TUGGERAWONG PUBLIC SCHOOL**



### From the Principal

Last Monday our School Leaders had the opportunity to attend Young Leaders Day. They had a great time and observed some inspirational speakers including Tamsin Janu (author), Cate Campbell (swimmer) and Holly Ferling (cricketer). Thank you Mrs Kay for looking after our leaders and organising this wonderful opportunity.



#### Easter Hat Parade & Mufti Day

This year our Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday, 11 April. As usual we will be having a Mufti Day to ensure the P&C Easter Raffle is once again a huge success. The Easter Mufti Day is scheduled for **Wednesday, 20 March (this Wednesday)**. For students to be eligible to wear mufti they are required to bring in a donation, see Fundraising information below. Thank you in advance for your support.

#### Teacher Work Load

There are currently dramatic changes happening across all facets of the Department including technology, system upgrades and curriculum. With this in mind I am conscious of the demand these place on staff and the amount of learning required by students.

At the end of last year and the commencement of this year, staff engaged in professional learning to assess the amount of extra-curricular activities we have done over the last few years. It included assessing time put in to organising an activity vs reward and discussing our must do's and optional activities.

This year we are scaling back on the extra-curricular activities we are doing including reducing the number of sporting events, external organisations coming into the school and postponing the school concert to 2020. Later in the year each class will be putting on a performance at the weekly assembly to still show case the amazing things happening at TPS.

#### Rugby League Trials

Last week Sinbad H, Cooper H, Archie F and Chase B competed at the next round of the Rugby League Trials. The boys all put in a huge effort. They should be very proud of themselves. Congratulations to Sinbad and Archie who will now go on to compete at the Sydney North Rugby League Trials.

#### 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 Friday, students in Years 4-6 will be participating in 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. All student responses are confidential and individual responses cannot be identified. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

#### Year 6 to 7 Transition Forms

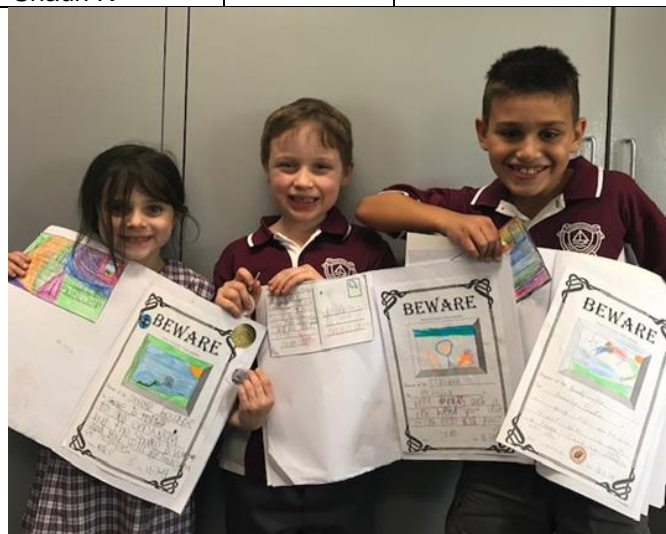
All students in Year 6 should have returned their 'Moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school in 2020' booklet. The completed Expression of Interest form is due tomorrow Tuesday, 19 March, 2019.

#### Facebook

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Facebook page. Our new Facebook page is now fully operational. The benefit of a closed group is it should help to reduce people not connected to our community seeing what is happening at our amazing school. Please remember you need to answer the 3 questions before being accepted to this page. We have left our old Facebook page open at this point in time to ensure parents transition over to the new page successfully.

#### Quality Workers

Students	Class	Work Sample
Jye C	3D	Maths - Time
Ekala P	5/6T	Narrative
Izak C Alice B Shaun K	2F	Beware Posters



Grant McFarland  
Principal

**ASSEMBLY – Friday 2.15pm - All Welcome**

**SCHOOL SECURITY 1300 880 321**

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS-Term 1 Week 7

	Toto	Merit
<b>KS</b>	Ariella H	Alexis G Tilly W
<b>K/1SA</b>	Kye B	Rubi M Jack R
<b>1B</b>	AnaMarie P	Riley S Sophia T
<b>1/2R</b>	Isla B	Brody B Ruby B
<b>2F</b>	Lilly W	Kayden A Breanna H
<b>3D</b>	Lachlan R	Jarrold G
<b>3/4N</b>	Olivia O	Emily S Ella C
<b>4C</b>	Ashleigh P	Sam G NFP
<b>5/6K</b>	James W	Ellie R Aneeka H
<b>5/6M</b>	Connor L	Caitlin S Madison Q
<b>5/6T</b>	Sienna H	Cohen M Noah E

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### THIS WEEK, WEEK 8

18/3	Year 6 Fundraising Meeting-3.15pm
19/3	Junior Dance Group Practice-11.15am
20/3	Easter Mufti Fundraiser Day
21/3	Harmony Day Yr 7 2020 Academic Test Wadalba CS
	Snr Dance Group Practice-8.30&11.15am
22/3	Tell Them From Me Survey – Yrs 4-6
25/3	Election Day BBQ/Cake Stall - Year 6 Fundraising

### NEXT WEEK, WEEK 9

26/3	Junior Dance Group Practice-11.15am
27/3	Wadalba CS Yr Advisor visit to Yr 6
28/3	Regional Swimming Carnival Snr Dance Group Practice-8.30&11.15am

### WEEK 10

2/4	Junior Dance Group Practice-11.15am
3/4	Cyber Safety Talk Stage 2 & 3 Rugby League Open Wyong Cup
4/4	Snr Dance Group Practice-8.30&11.15am
5/4	School Cross Country

### WEEK 11

9/4	Junior Dance Group Practice-11.15am
11/4	PBL Reward Day Easter Hat Parade
12/4	Anzac Service 9.30am

## NOW DUE

18/3	ICAS Entry Form and payment due
19/3	Moving into Yr 7 in a NSW government secondary school EOI-Year 7 2020
20/3	Stage 3 Great Aussie Bush Camp 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment due
25/3	Book Club Order Due- online only

## ANNUAL HEALTH CARE REVIEW

Tuggerawong Public School is required to review the individual health conditions for students annually or at any other time where there are changes in your child/ren's

health needs. Please promptly let us know if there is ever a change in your child/ren's health needs.

For those students requiring support at school for a medical condition, current documentation, which may include health action plans and prescribed medication will be required each year.

Letters to parents/carers requesting the most up to date information are currently being sent out as part of our annual review. We ask that you return any requested information in a timely manner.

We seek your support to help us collect your child's important medical information, to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

Please contact the office on Ph 4392 1542 if you have any further questions or if the health needs of your child/ren have changed.

## AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

### Stage 2

#### 3D

Week 8! Wow! This term is flying by! All 3D students have been working so hard over the past fortnight.

In maths we have been learning about time and how to read both analogue and digital clocks. We have just finished looking at mass. Our class experimented with different scales and objects within the classroom. Students were given the opportunity to compare the weight of everyday objects. This week's Maths focus is on addition and subtraction.

Our reading adventures continue with Duck for a Day by Meg McKinlay and Leila Rudge. There have been some interesting and fantastic student led discussions based around this text. They are now trying to convince me that we need a class pet! LOL! This has led them into beginning to write a persuasive text about why we should have a class pet! Watch this space!

A big thank you to all our families who have made donations of tissues, soap, baby wipes etc for our classroom supplies. We really appreciate it!

Please don't forget we have now started Cross Country training every Tuesday morning. Please send your child to school on this day wearing suitable running shoes.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to make contact.

Thank you,

Mrs Kate Day and Mrs Megan Andrews

#### 3/4N

Welcome to Week 8!

In literacy we continue to study a variety of texts. Students have enjoyed discussing the persuasive devices used in printed commercials. We have some excellent critical thinkers in our classroom, who can analyse and justify the use of devices such as symbolism. Continuing to develop these skills is so important in an age where kids (and adults!) are continually bombarded with visuals. Awesome work! The discussion we had around the following ad for the World Wildlife Fund was amazing:



(Google WWF Jenga ad)

In maths we have started our unit on addition and subtraction. The focus is on developing mental computation skills using strategies such as the jump, split and compensation strategies. The students have been surprised when I announce *"I don't care about the answer!"* Students often get so caught up with getting the answer correct they revert to inefficient strategies, such as counting on by ones. I encourage them to choose an efficient strategy and show me their working out. It's always great to see students working through this process.

Thank you to the families who have made donations of tissues and soap, we now have a great classroom supply that will hopefully last us into the winter months.

We have started our Cross Country training every Tuesday morning. Please send your child to school on this day wearing suitable running shoes.

Thank you for your continued support of our happy, productive classroom!

Mrs Megan New – *'Education is the most powerful weapon for changing the world'* Nelson Mandela

#### **4C**

I cannot believe we are already starting week 8! It has been an excellent start to the year with all students exceeding my high expectations each and every lesson.

In maths we have just finished looking at mass. We experimented with different scales and objects within the classroom. Students were given the opportunity to compare the weight of everyday objects. Students were very excited that they were able to weigh themselves. We are now moving on to look at different strategies we may use when adding and subtracting large numbers. Your child would love if you could assist them by adding/subtracting prices within the shops or numbers that you see in everyday life.

We have been looking at Road Safety in PDHPE and will continue for the remainder of the term. There has been some excellent student led discussions based around ways they keep safe when travelling.

4C did very well at our first Cross Country practice on Tuesday morning. Please send your child in sports uniform for the next 3 Tuesdays to assist them with their practice.

If you have any spare boxes of tissues at home 4C would love them! Please send them in with your child as we do not have enough boxes to last us the year.

Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions,

Thank you,  
Miss Caban

#### **Stage 3**

#### **5/6K**

Every time a new fortnight rolls around and I get to do the wrap up of all the learning and fun things that have taken

place in 5/6K, I am constantly astounded by how much we fit in and how much everyone is growing and improving!

In writing we have been focussing on how we can create interest to hook our readers and make them want to read more. Our aim is to grab a reader's attention in the first 2 – 3 sentences of our stories. Our first focus has been onomatopoeia (an idea easier to learn than it is to spell). 5/6K writers have shown enthusiasm and flair as they start their stories with a BANG! A POP! A BOOM! And A SPLASH!

We watched BTN and learnt a lot about the conflict in Kashmir, what living in Antarctica is like, had a great conversation about what single use plastic is doing to the environment and discussed why there is a need to consider alternate forms of packaging. It was clear from the student predictions of news items that may be covered in this week's episode, that 5/6K students are already taking notice of world and local current events that are being reported through the week. I am amazed in the student's interest levels on big picture stories and how insightful our students are at such a young age.

We solved the clues to uncover the mystery words 'spectacular' and 'fragrant'. Can you work out the upcoming words from just their first clues?

Week 8 Clue 1- 10 letter noun that begins with 'p'. This word is used to describe someone who travels by foot.

Week 9 Clue 1 – a 7 letter noun that begins with 'f'. This word is another word for plant leaves.

#### **Reminders:**

18.03 – Year 6 Farewell and fundraising meeting 3.15pm

20.03 - 2nd Great Aussie Bush Camp payment due

21.03 - Wadalba Academic Test

23.03 – Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall

#### **Sarah Kay**

#### **5/6T**

Hello Parents and Carers!

It is week 8 already! Wow, how time has flown.

Through our literacy groups we are working towards using personification in our writing. Ask your children what they wrote about, there were definitely some interesting ones! This weeks focus is narrative. How do we write a narrative that is engaging? What language features do we use to portray the scene? So many things to consider. If you want to help, go to this website and get them to tell you a story based on the picture provided. [Pobble365.com](http://Pobble365.com). It has some very interesting images to start an amazing literary adventure!

Our math focus is all about subtraction. What can you use other than a vertical algorithm to get to an answer? We can use 3! Also, we have been researching how to budget a Year 6 Farewell, using all the online shops we can think of! I bet most of us will go hungry...! We are working towards easily applying additive strategies and with speed.

Our PBL focus was the playground. I think as a cohort we are nailing our 3 core values not only in the playground but in the classroom as well. Go 5/6T!

Thank you for all your support thus far in our room.



Things to remember:

- Camp payments
- Cross Country notes
- Wadalba Academic class testing
- Rugby and soccer training

*"mens sana in corpore sano"* "a healthy mind in a healthy body".

Warmest wishes,  
Ms Turnbull

**HARMONY DAY**



**The Staff and Students  
of  
Tuggerawong Public School  
Invite you to our  
Harmony Day Celebrations!**

**Date: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

**Time: 11.00 am – 1.30 pm**

**Venue: Wear orange and bring a picnic lunch to share with your child. Then join us for our Harmony Day activities from 12pm onwards!**

**TECHNOLOGY**



This week we are focusing on the coding apps Bee-Bot and Tynker: Coding Games for Kids.

**FREE – Bee-Bot**

Bee-Bot is a free app that helps children learn about simple directional programming. Children use directional arrows to move the bee left, right, up or down through a range of settings. The app gets increasingly difficult as children progress through each level.



**PAID – Tynker: Coding Games for Kids (free with in-app purchases)**

This visual-based app teaches children to develop their own codes, complete coding courses and develop coding drones. It can connect with toys like Sphero, Lego WeDo2.0, and even the Philips Hue and Lux lighting systems. With paid subscriptions, children have access to over 350 puzzle levels, a private Minecraft server, 18 online courses, and over 100 guided tutorials.



**CANTEEN**

**Ph 0419 733 292**

As of Term 2, our canteen prices will have a price increase due to continual rise in costs and inflation. Our canteen is a not for profit organisation, but cannot run at a loss. We have not had a price increase for 3 years and we will endeavour to keep the prices as low as possible to support our families. Further information will follow in the coming weeks.

**PLEASE ORDER BEFORE 9.15AM DAILY VIA FLEXISCHOOLS. ORDERS CAN BE MADE UP TO 1 WEEK IN ADVANCE.**

The canteen is always in need of extra volunteers. If you can spare any time to help out please see me at the canteen.

**Our wonderful volunteers are:**

Week 8 19/3 Maggie and Fred Simpson  
20/3 Leanne Becker  
Week 9 22/3 Leanne Becker

Bron Quinlan-Canteen Supervisor

**UNIFORM SHOP**

ORDERS MAY BE PLACED AND PAYMENT MADE VIA FLEXISCHOOLS. ALL ORDERS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED EACH WEDNESDAY  
**2019 Uniform Shop Hours-Wednesdays 8.45 – 9.15am**

## NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

### Support Our School

Advertising enables us to use newsletter services at no cost to the school.  
If you have a business please support us by placing an ad on our newsletter.  
**Give your business regular, repeated exposure to local families.**

## Advertise Today!

Contact Amanda on 3330 1602



## P&C FUNDRAISING



Fundraising events for this term will be the Easter Mufti-day, Easter Hat Parade BBQ, Easter Raffle and the Entertainment Book, see order form attached.

### EASTER MUFTI-DAY

**This Wednesday, 20 March** Tuggerawong PS 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 and dress in mufti. The donations will go towards making the Easter Raffle prizes. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on **Thursday, 11 April 2019**. Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly

### EASTER BBQ

We are calling out for helpers at the Easter Hat Parade BBQ. Your help may be half an hour on the day of the parade, helping with cooking the BBQ, serving food and drinks and general run around. Please know, if you do volunteer to help *you will still see your child in the Easter parade!* If you are able to help, please see the Fundraising Team or leave your name at the front office.  
*Please remember that if we do not get enough helpers, these events cannot go ahead.*

### EASTER RAFFLE PRIZES

We have a number of prizes to give away, however we are always after your assistance with this.

If you yourself have a business, or know of anyone that has a business and would be happy to donate a prize for our Easter Raffle, please contact us to let us know. Any donations as prizes are greatly appreciated.

### BASKETS AND EASTER BAGS

We are after any donations of baskets, Easter gift bags or other gift bags and boxes that you no longer need. Please leave these at the front office. Thank you.

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Pre-order your  
Entertainment  
Membership today!

 entertainment.



**Purchase your Memberships online today at:**

[www.entbook.com.au/3t4709](http://www.entbook.com.au/3t4709)

*The Fundraising Team.*



# Easter Hat Parade

Thursday, 11 April 2019

- Parade commences at 9.15am
- All students K-6 are encouraged to make a hat/bonnet or mask 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 from 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

Coffee  
Van

