Dear Parents and the wider Tungamah community,

What a great first week we had last week. It’s an especially exciting time for our Foundation (prep) students as they begin their primary school journey. It is lovely to see fellow classmates making the effort to ensure their start at our school is a fun and inviting experience. It is wonderful to see all the parents and grandparents around the school and having a chat together, which helps build a really positive school community. Parents are a vital part of our school and we warmly welcome your involvement across the school, be it listening to children read, mowing the lawns or being a member of school council. Please have a chat to your child’s teacher on how you can help.

It was very pleasing to see the strong start by all the students across the school last week. I know they will have a fantastic term and year. School assembly is held every Monday morning, 9.00am. Parents are most welcome to attend, please bring your singing voice for the national anthem, and occasionally the birthday song. Regards Phill

Reading Volunteers
If you have time in the morning and want to listen to our children read, please tell a teacher and we will put you on our reading roster.

Pool News
The pool will now be closed until next Summer, due to all the lifeguards at the YMCA going back to university last week. I apologise for not putting that news in last week’s newsletter, but I wasn’t told about it until after the weekend, on Monday 8th of January.

Notices—Please return.
If your child is in prep and you haven’t return their School Nursing Program paperwork please do this week.

School Hats at Tungamah
As part of our policy of being a Sun Smart School all students are required to wear a hat when outside for sports activities or lunch and recess times. School hats are provided for this purpose and must be worn. There are new hats now available from the office. Cost is $7.

Smile Week Winner-Thomas
Thomas has made a fantastic start to the year. He has worked hard and kept smiling through all tasks. Great job Thomas.

Listening Week Winner-Jade
Jade’s attentive listening skills ensure positive learning outcomes. She listens carefully and then acts upon the advice of the teacher.
Learning for Life

School Council Meeting
Our first school council meeting will be held on Monday the 15th February at 6.30pm. This will be the last meeting with the current members, as the next meeting will be the AGM.

Homework
A very important homework expectation at Tungamah Primary School is that all students do some form of reading each night. The junior students have their reader bags with two books in it. In addition they have a list of words that they are learning, 5 to 10 minutes reading them and using these words will be very beneficial for your child’s reading and writing ability.

It’s a great opportunity to talk with your child about their day as well.

Please ask your child three things that they liked about school today?
“Don’t Know” or “Nothing” are not acceptable answers.

Listening Week-Lara
Lara is a great listener as she always makes eye contact with the speaker and is able to follow instructions accurately.

School Swimming-Thursday/Friday.
For the next three weeks, students will be having swimming lessons after lunch on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Williams is Aus swim trained and will take the classes, with Mr Brown assisting. If you can help out, that would be fantastic.

Permission notes are attached to this email. Please return them by Thursday.

Student Absences
The Education Department requires a written note for all student absences to be kept on file. Whilst we appreciate parents letting us know via phone or in general discussion about absences, this is a department requirement.

IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

Sunny Weather
We have a hot weather timetable. If it is cool enough we play outside at recess then eat and play inside for lunch time.

Smile Week Winner-Geoffrey
It has been a delight coming to school each day and seeing his smiley face.

Smile Week Winner-Lara
It has been a delight coming to school each day and seeing his smiley face.
“It shouldn’t matter how slowly a child learns as long as we are encouraging them not to stop.”

Robert John Meehan

Yarra-Mul Basketball Association
Season 1 – 2016 Registration-ALL PLAYERS!
Registration is now open for Junior Basketball and Aussie Hoops on our website. Please register at www.foxsportspulse.com then click on Basketball/Victoria-Country/Yarrawonga Mulwala Basketball Association. Once on our website click on the “Register Now for Domestic Basketball” or “Aussie Hoops” icon to take you to the registration form and pay. Past and new players most welcome. Mixed adults competition will start after Easter with no registrations taken until then. All information about age groups, fees and nights of play can be found on the website. Changes have been made to the nights of play for U12 boys, U14 boys, 16/under girls. Please register by Thursday 11th February to secure a position, as late entries cannot be guaranteed a place and will incur a late entry fee. Any family with 3 or more children playing junior do not register online, but contact Amanda Wheaton wheaton@iinet.net.au for family discount (excludes counting family members in Aussie Hoops).

Mrs O’Brien reading the “Gruffalo” big book to the junior students on Monday.

Mrs Williams taken all the students for singing and dancing last week. The students really enjoyed the activity. We are trying to incorporate this activity each day, for 10 minutes.

HIGHLAND DANCING CLASSES IN YARRAWONGA
When: Tuesdays
Where: Girl Guide Hall,
Corner Hume & McNally St
Time: 5-6pm
Cost: $7.50
Contact: Jan 0402 720 496

Laura, Lara and Taijan enjoying some breakfast from our breakfast club last Thursday.
Breakfast Club is 8.30am Thursday.
Everyone is welcome.
Thank you Yvonne and Carol.

“No matter how many mistakes you make or how slow your progress. You’re still way ahead of everyone who isn’t trying.”

Tony Robbins