



# Tungamah Primary School Newsletter

## Term 1 Week 9

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**Upcoming Dates**

**March**

**Thursdays-**

**No Breakfast club this week.**

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> -Easter Parade at school.

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>-Last day of Term One.

**2.20pm knock off**

**April**

Mon 11<sup>th</sup>-First Day, Term Two.



**Dear Parents and the wider school community,**  
Wow, what a quick term, it has truly flown. It's with a great deal of sadness that I present this newsletter as I know that this will be my last newsletter at Tungamah PS. Can I thank all the students, parents, grandparents, community members and staff who have made my time here such an enjoyable and memorable experience. You have a great school, and when the community all works together in the same direction I am confident that word will get out and the students will be flooding back in. The students here are truly a delight to work with and are a credit to their parents and teachers.

I hope to meet you all again in my travels and may the rest of the year be as good as Term One has been.

Regards  
Phill Brown

Congratulations to Tom Wren who is the new School Council President.



We thank Emily O'Brien for her fantastic dedication and excellent teaching in Term One. I'm sure everyone wishes her the very best in her teaching career, as it will be a very bright one.





### Staffing Term Two 2016

Principal: Ms Christine Purcell  
Mrs Judi Dodd-Office Manager  
Junior Teacher: Ms Christine Purcell  
Senior Teacher: Mrs Mandy Williams

The first to apologise is the bravest.

The first to forgive is the strongest.

The first to forget is the happiest.

### Parent/Teacher conversations

Thank you to all the parents who made the time to see us this week. We really enjoyed the opportunity to talk with you about how you feel your child is going at school and discuss any issues that need addressing. It was great to have such meetings in a positive and respectful environment which exists at Tungamah PS.

### CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

This week, we are focusing on key areas of oral language that supports literacy. Feel free to adjust these activities according to your child's grade level. The activities provided this term will target phonological awareness skills. Phonological awareness is one of the key building blocks for reading and writing. It is listening to, and thinking about, the sounds in words. \*\* Find compound words in your child's book/reader and practise breaking the word into two separate parts. For example, 'bookshelf' is made up of 'book' and 'shelf'. Can you think of other compound words you could make? For example, bookend, bookmark, bookstore, bookcase... Here are some practice words: toothbrush, shoelace, bowtie, and football. As a harder task, remove one part of a compound word, and ask your child to say what part of the word is left. For example, "What's left if I take away 'rain' from 'rainbow' = bow".



Student Representative Council sell 50 cent icy poles each day at lunch time.

**URGENT: Please get your footy tips into Judi before Thursday!!!!**



Last Thursday, our school travelled to Devenish for our Clusters Cultural Performance Day. The students undertook a session of Bluearth with Mrs Kannemeyer. The Prep/One students then went with Mrs O'Brien to do a Jack and the Giant Peach literacy activity, while the Grade 2-6 students participated in an origami activity dealing with the story of the 'Fantastic Mr Fox.' The afternoon was a very entertaining performance of Roald Dahl stories. It was a really enjoyable day, with our students playing and learning with students from the other schools. Thank you Devenish for hosting.

### HEADLICE ALERT

Please make a regular time each week to  
Seek, Meet, Greet and  
TREAT  
these unwelcome creatures

