

Hello!

What a positive start to 2017 all students have had! Students have settled into our new class structure well, and we are working hard in all learning areas. We have had some fabulous extra curricular activities already to begin the year; swimming lessons and several SkillZone sessions, which have both been highly popular. It was lovely for the students to be able to cool down on those hot days with a dip in the pool, whilst improving their swimming technique. The SkillZone instructors kept everyone huffing and puffing, and complimented our students on the fact that **all** of them participated and gave 100% effort for the whole session. Well done everyone!

## EXCITING NEWS!

With great support from John Burn, a director at Club Mulwala, we have secured a Club Grant that will allow us to greatly subsidise a day trip to 15 Mile Creek Camp for all students. The activities this camp offers will help students to develop personal capabilities, which is a new part of the Victorian Curriculum. At this stage, the finer details have not been determined, though this is a fantastic opportunity for all students.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council Nominations are available for the week starting at 4 pm, Friday 24th February 2017, and close a week later at 4 pm, Friday 3rd March. There are three parent positions open.

## SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

Local MP, Tim McCurdy, will be attending a special assembly at **9:30 on FRIDAY 3rd March** to present the 2017 Student Leaders with a certificate and badge. These students will also receive our new Australian flags on behalf of the school.

## ASSEMBLY

As our timetable has changed, we are now holding our assembly at 3:00 on Friday afternoons. Please come along and celebrate our students' successes.



## STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

**Week 2:** *Smiling*– Arorah and Taijan

**Week 3:** *Listening*– Chaye and Lara

**Week 4:**  
*Together*–  
Russell



*Playing*  
Shania and

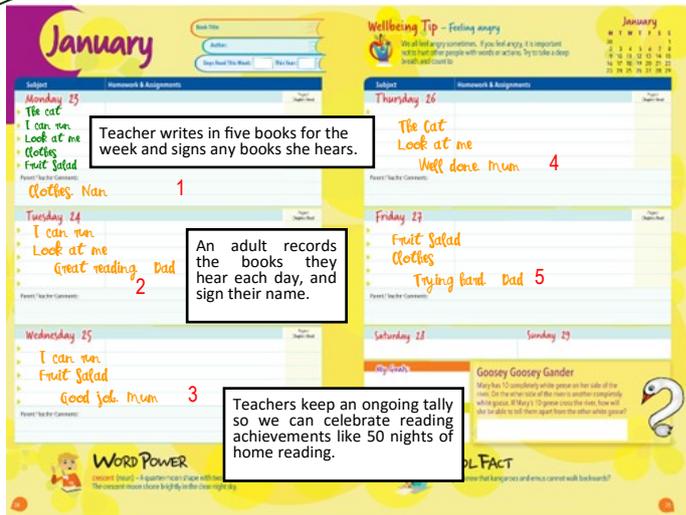
## BRAIN FOOD BREAK

Our brain food break happens at approximately 10am daily, and students are encouraged to have a small fruit or vegie snack and a water drink. Drinking water is encouraged all through the day, so having a water bottle from home makes this much easier. Allowing children to re-fuel with fruit or vegies improves concentration in the classroom. For some children, after an early morning 'get up', 11 am (recess time) is too long between breakfast. Brain food is also encourages children to squeeze in another serve of fruit or vegetables. Sending a separate container for brain food (if needed!) makes it easier for your child to organise themselves before school begins in the morning. There are many varieties of fruits and vegies children can bring along; try something new! Perhaps dates, snow peas or mini



February Birthdays:

7Th: Thomas (6)  
13Th: Shania (12)



## Changing of Readers

MONDAY	Ty, Decklan, Nate, Chaye
TUESDAY	Travis, Thomas, Poppy, Lachlan
WEDNESDAY	Lara, Taijan,
THURSDAY	Zade, Arorah, Paige
FRIDAY	Laura, Russell, Shania, Harry

## HOME READING

Home reading is an important part of the learning to read process. Each child has a reading diary and a green reading satchel that need to come to school each day. In the satchel (for early readers) is five books. These are written in the diary on your child's reading day. Students keep the same books for a week. Home reading books are an easy level to develop fluency and expression. Students also have a book box at school containing the five books they will bring home the following week. This allows them to read them confidently at home to you. We have been very fortunate to have some generous mums share their time to support our reading program. If you would like to volunteer to hear our students read, please contact Mandy or Gemma to do so. There is also a new "Regular Reader" award to be presented at assembly each week.

## NEWS DAYS

Your child's Show and Tell day is the same day they change their readers. Check the below timetable to see when this is so they can bring along a small item to share or discuss. News allows children to develop confidence when speaking in front of others, to share their ideas in a safe place, and also to work on listening skills. Please do not send valuable items along as we can not guarantee their safety at school. If your child has a special item they would like to show, discuss this with Mandy or myself so that you can bring this item in to share at a mutually agreed upon time.

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Parents and Friends held a successful first meeting of 2017 on Thursday 16th February. The minutes are included for your interest, and to encourage you to come along to meetings! It is great way to meet other parents as well as ensuring our school is the best it can be. The attendees discussed strengthening connections with the kinder so that we can work together to provide all Tungamah students with the best opportunities possible. Please feel free to come along to the next meeting, there will be snacks and good coffee, as well as great company!

## THANK YOU

To all students and their families, and of course Mrs Williams and Mrs Werner, thank you! This year has started smoothly and I have felt very welcome at Tungamah Primary School. I am thoroughly enjoying my time working with each of you and getting to know our students better. **Gemma Whinray**

# Parents and Friends Meeting Minutes 16.2.17

## Present:

Tanya Montgomery, Kirby Hayes, Briony Dickins, Kerrie Hook, Gemma Whinray

## Apologies:

Bec Duffy, Penny Cooper

## Discussion:

### + Fundraising Ideas for 2017

Yay Me! party with Briony Dickins  
Movie Night at Golf Club Cinema  
Kidshotz Photos (photos of children in boxes!)

+ Prep t-shirts: It was decided that each year, the P & F would provide one school t-shirt for each new Prep student, and that the back would be printed with an "I'm a Prep" logo. These will be presented at the start of Orientation Day (in December). This year's Preps will receive theirs a little late!

### + Special Events

Mother's Day (May): potentially running a high tea for mums, aunts, grandparents, and ladies of the town and surrounding areas.  
Could potentially work with the Kinder to make this happen

### + Other

Gemma encouraged those in attendance to consider ways we can beautify the school entrances so that plans can be made to work toward these goals in the future.

## Next Meeting:

\*\*\*\*\* **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 8:30 am in the staffroom**

+ **Setting the date for Mother's Day afternoon tea**

+ **Ideas for beautification of the outside and inside entrances**