



Tungamah Primary School Newsletter

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TUNGA KIDS ARE FRIENDLY KIDS:

Term 1 - Courtesy

Week 1 Smile Week

Week 2 Listening

Week 3 Playing Together

Week 4 Please and thank you

Week 5 Give way

Week 6 Excuse me / Sorry

Week 7 Taking turns

Week 8 Being helpful

Week 9 Punctuality

Week 10 Good winners / good losers

Welcome back to another exciting year at Tungamah Primary School. I hope everybody had a fabulous break and spent some quality time with their family over the holidays!

New Preppies! A big welcome to our 3 new preps and their families: Nate Dickins, Lachlan Wren and Madison Purtell. We know you will enjoy and have the best time here at Tungamah Primary School. Preps have every Wednesday off for the first 6 weeks. Over the break we have had some parents / helpers come in water our plants and get our school ready for the start of the year. I would like to thank: Cindy Dodds, Kenadi, Ken and Judi Dodd, Andrew McQualter Whyte, Andrew Sampson, Des O’Kane, Matt, Riley, Desi, Harley and Tayla. And Luke Manson. We thank these people for coming in and giving up their own time to help mow and garden at school. It is great to have so many people being able to help out! Thank you!

Staffing / Curriculum 2015

We welcome Miss Siobhan Halligan our graduate teacher in grade 3-6. Siobhan has settled in well to Tungamah Primary and has been off to a flying start. Please make her feel welcome to our community.

Mandy Williams is teaching

Foundation to grade 2. Miss Purcell is team teaching with Miss Halligan and also will be running an extension group for students who are gifted and as an Integration Aid in both rooms. Art will also be with Miss Purcell. We also welcome Sodjono our Indonesian teacher to Tungamah also. He will be in on Thursday afternoons from 12.30pm. So if you would like to meet him please feel free to pop in. **ALL** students will be participating in Indonesian for one hour a week. Mr Mal Grant will be back teaching music to the students one day a fortnight on a Friday also.

Mrs Katrina Davies is back in the MARC Library Van which visits every second week on a Wednesday. Mrs Judi Dodd is in the office as our Business Manager and she is available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Concept Term 1 2015

Across the whole school, each student is studying about the ‘Learning to Learn’ concept. In this concept students are discovering ways of learning and how it impacts our life and education at different levels.

Class Newsletters

Each term a class newsletter will be sent out in the first two weeks so parents are informed on what is happening that term in their child’s classroom.

Whole School

Expectations:

Readers Your child will bring home a reader each night to read and share with you.

Reading bags will be brought home and need to be returned to school each day.

Any notes will also be sent home via the reading bag so please check this daily.

Parents are expected to listen to their child read (especially in F-3) and complete the reading diary nightly.

Homework Students in P-2 will be expected to read each night for 10-15 minutes. They will also have spelling words to learn. They have the option of completing some Mathletics tasks online if they would like. Students in grade 3-6 will be expected to read every night for at least 15 minutes and complete a Maths Mate sheet and spelling words weekly.

Our T.P.S Homework Policy is attached, please feel free to have a read through and come speak to either of your students teachers if you think your child is having any issues with their homework.

Homework is meant to reinforce concepts learnt at

Asthma and Thunderstorms



Summer storms are becoming more frequent throughout Australia. Thunderstorms can combine heavy rain, high humidity and strong winds. A European study found there are observations in favour of the possibility that thunderstorms disturb ground-level pollen grains, bursting the pollen grains and making the allergens small enough to be inhaled into the lungs. There is also evidence that after rain and during wet conditions there are a larger amount of fungal spores in the air. These can act as a trigger for asthma symptoms.

What can you do?

Ensure preventer medication is taken as prescribed.

Have an up to date Asthma Care Plan.

If your asthma gets worse during thunderstorms try to stay indoors with the windows closed.

Always carry your reliever medication with you.

For more information on Thunderstorms and asthma please see www.asthmaaustralia.org.au

Help your kids manage their asthma Checklist for Parents



Does your child have an up to date Asthma Action Plan (Asthma Care Plan)?

The Asthma Care/Action Plan tells the school how to manage your child's asthma and what to do if their asthma gets worse. This should be updated & signed by the doctor on an annual basis.



Does your child carry their reliever puffer and spacer with them at all times? Or is it readily available to their Carers?

Medication needs to be available wherever your child may be (school, child care, sporting field, home)



Are you and your child aware of their asthma triggers?

Do you take steps to avoid these triggers? Are the Teachers aware of these triggers?



Do you listen to what your child says?

Your child will be aware of their asthma symptoms and should be able to tell you when they need their medication.



Does your child take their asthma medication correctly?

Good technique allows more medication to get into the lungs where it is needed. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like to check your device technique.

Tungamah Primary School Website, Facebook and Twitter Page

We have an up to date Website, Facebook Page and Twitter page. Please check these for newsletters, special events and to keep up to date with certain dates. We try to communicate through this as much as possible so all parents, anywhere, can keep up to date with our wonderful school! These sites encourage parents/friends to be positive and support our school. The Department of Education and Training do have a policy for schools outlining staff/ student /parent behaviour and expectations regarding social media. If you would like a copy of this policy please contact Chrissie or see our Policy page on our school website.

Open Door Policy

If at anytime you have a concern, question or would like to give some feedback, I have an Open Door Policy which means exactly that! My door is always open and any feedback/ concerns that you may have about your child's education, please do not hesitate to pick up the phone and call me or make an appointment to come and see me or your child/ren's teacher. Here at Tungamah Primary, we value your support and also your feedback which is crucial in making our school the best school we can possibly be. We are all super friendly here at school and we are all working with one common goal. **To further support, challenge and extend your child/ren's education. We put all students needs and learning at the centre and make our decisions based best on those needs.**

You may contact me on the school number 5748 5627 or on the school mobile 0457 485 627. I am looking forward to working with you all this year!

Chrissie Purcell.

Uniform 2015

This year we are transitioning into our new green polo tops with the white logo. They look terrific! The expectation is for all students to have the whole year for the transition period. These tops are available from Judi in the office. We are keeping our current Summer dress for girls. The new uniform policy will be sent out shortly once it has been passed though School Council.

School Council Nominations

We are seeking at least 4 new parents to come and join our School Council. If you are interested in joining or nominating someone who you think would be great on our Council, please fill in the nomination sheet and send back into school. Chrissie will be in touch once all nominations have been received. If you have any further questions about School Council, please contact Chrissie on 5748 5627. The AGM will be on Monday 23rd February at 5.30pm in the staff room.

Parents Club

We are also seeking new members for Parents Club—please come and join us with our fundraisers! We are having our first meeting on Wednesday the 11th February at 5pm in the staff room.

Swimming Carnival

This year our swimming carnival will be in term 4. This involves Thoona, Devenish, Broken Creek, Longwood Primary Schools and Australian Christian College (Benalla).

Swimming Lessons

We will be offering swimming lessons to students in term 4 2015. Students are able to bring their swimmers to school during term 1 for a dip in the pool (lunchtime). It is recommended students bring a separate bag with their swimmers and towel each day to school (depending on the weather). The pool closes on Sunday 1st March 2015.

JUST A REMINDER TO PLEASE NAME ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING, INCLUDING TOWELS, UNDIES ETC. IT CAN BE A BIT HECTIC FOR THE CHILDREN DRESSING AFTER SWIMMING AND MAY PICK UP A WRONG PIECE OF CLOTHING. IF NAMED IT CAN BE SORTED IMMEDIATELY..

Term One 2015 Tungamah Primary School Events

February 2015

| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI |
|---------------------|--|---|---------------|---|
| 2 week 2 | 3 Bluearth | 4 | 5 Indonesian | 6 Barry vs Kelly 7pm |
| 9 week 3 | 10 | 11 Marc Van Parents Club 5pm | 12 Indonesian | 13 Music |
| 16 week 4 | 17 Bluearth Pancake Tuesday 11am | 18 Yarra— Gr3-6 Footy Parent Info Night / BBQ 5.30pm | 19 Indonesian | 20 |
| 23 week 5 | 24 | 25 Marc Van | 26 Indonesian | 27 Clean Up Australia Day 9.15am at school all welcome |

March 2015

| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI |
|---|---|--|---------------|------------------|
| 2 week 6 | 3 Bluearth | 4 | 5 Indonesian | 6 |
| 9 week 7 | 10 | 11 Cluster Day: Puppets TBA School Council 5.30pm AGM | 12 Indonesian | 13 |
| 16 week 8 | 17 Bluearth: P.J Day at Devenish Royal children's | 18 | 19 Indonesian | 20 |
| 23 Mrs Williams Long Service Leave—Miss Purcell replacing F-2 ALL WEEK 9 | 24 | 25 Marc Van | 26 Indonesian | 27 End of Term 1 |

Keeping Cool / Sunsmart Policy

Over the last few weeks we have been experiencing heat waves. This is very exhausting for everyone and it is important to send your child to school with lots of fresh fruit and plenty of water. Fruit break is at 10am. **During Term 3 and Term 4 students and staff are required to wear a wide brimmed hat and are encouraged to slip, slop, slap! Please name your students hat! Hats are available at the office.**



PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT / FAMILY BBQ



Our classrooms will be running a Parent Information Session / family BBQ on **Tuesday 18th February at 5.30pm.** This is a great chance to come meet and greet other parents and for families to get together and have a catch up. **BYO chairs, plates, cups, drinks, etc;** we will supply sausages, bread and sauce. Please fill in how many people will be coming for catering purposes on the note that will be sent home separately . We hope you can all make it!

Classroom Helpers

We always need classroom helpers and appreciate any parents that can volunteer some time to help out! Please contact Chrissie and let her know if you are



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ABSENCE NOTES

It is a Department requirement that all absences are documented. **Please send in the absence notes with reason why your child has been absent.** When you need more sheets, please ask the teacher for them. All absences require an explanation note on the child's return to school.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES & IMMUNISATION CERTIFICATES

It is a requirement of the Department of Education that a copy of the birth certificate for each child at school, is kept on file.

It is also a requirement that a copy of Immunisation for each child is kept on file. In the case of an outbreak of measles, chicken pox,, german measles etc. if we do not have a copy of your child's Immunisation your child will not be allowed to attend school.

ALUMINIUM CAN DRIVE

With the warmer weather approaching, the family gatherings and barbeques commence. We ask you all to please save all of your aluminium cans for the school. The students are collecting these to raise much needed funds for our Sponsor child e and her village in Haiti. Please collect as many cans as possible over the summer holidays.

The Tungamah Primary School children together with Parents Club appreciate your ongoing support with fundraising.

HEAD LICE *Not a nice subject is it? This is the time of year we find our children attracting head lice. We cannot stress enough the importance of checking your child's hair on a daily basis and if infested, treat and notify the school of same. This really has to be done by everyone to try and rid the school of this problem. **We rely on your assistance with this matter as we are unable to do anything about it for your child.***

Our girls will be returning from their summer vacation at the Beaumont farm shortly. Thank you again to Mary & Doug Bearmont for hosting our chooks over the summer break. We really do appreciate your care .



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At recess and lunch times

YARRAWONGA/MULWALA BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

***New Adults Mixed Competition Starting Sunday 15th March**

Registrations now open online for Aussie Hoops, all domestic junior age groups and our new mixed adults competition. Registrations close Feb 12th. To register and for full details, see the Basketball Associations Website: Enter www.foxsportspulse.com into your browser. Then click on Basketball, then Victoria-Country, then Yarrawonga Mulwala Basketball Association. Once on our website click on the "Register Now for Domestic Basketball" or "Aussie Hoops" icon on the right side of the home page, to take you to the registration form and payment. YMBA junior/senior fees are discounted by \$10 for all who register by the due date of Feb 12th. Past and new players most welcome. Enquiries call Amanda Wheaton 0407507493 or Nedean Clarke 0403110280

Pangerang Community House

Parenting Courses

Term 1 2015

TUNING INTO KIDS – Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A program for parents/carers of children aged 2 – 8 yrs that helps you tune into your children's emotions and manage their behaviour. Learn about 'emotion coaching' – helping children to understand and regulate their emotions. The program helps you to respond to your children's individual needs in a way that suits the child and the family.

Date: 5 x Thursdays 26th Feb – 26th March Time: 7.00-9.00pm Cost: \$35/\$25 conc

This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health Service

POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

An informative and fun course for parents of children aged 2 – 10 years that promotes positive, caring relationships between parents and their children. Looks at causes of childhood behaviour, encouraging desirable behaviour, building positive relationships and managing misbehaviour.

This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health Service

Date: 4 x Tuesdays 3rd – 24th March Time: 10.00 – 12.00 noon Cost: \$35 / \$25 conc -

"Whatever" Parenting Adolescent

This 5 week course looks at adolescent development and the impact this has on parenting. It helps parents to use "emotion" "Coaching" to connect with their adolescent and help them learn to understand and regulate their emotions.

Date: 4 x Mondays 2nd – 23rd March Time: 7.00-9.00pm Cost: \$35 / \$25 conc

This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health Service

Resilience & Anti Bullying

This is a 2 hour information session for parents to learn some strategies for helping children learn resilience and ways of helping them with bullying.

Date: Monday 23rd February Time: 6.00-8.00 Cost: \$10.00

This program is being offered in conjunction with Gateway Community Health Service

**Please contact Pangerang Community House for more information
or to make a booking, phone (03) 5721 3813**