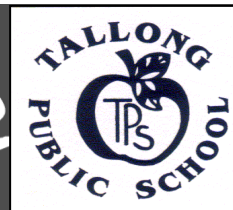


Newsletter

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Term 1- Week 9

Wednesday, 21 March 2012

Principal's Report

Local Schools, Local Decisions is a hot topic for discussion. Last Sunday the Premier and the Minister for Education announced the next steps that will be taken under the education reform *Local Schools, Local Decisions* (LSLD) to give schools more say in decisions that affect their students and school communities.

LSLD is aimed at schools having a better say in how they manage their resources, how they staff the school to maximise learning, allowing schools to utilise the local community resources better, reducing red tape and having more control over decision making.

As more information becomes available I shall meet with the P&C to discuss this reform.

S. Matthews

Principal

Upcoming Events

Term1

Week 9

Thursday 22 nd March	Art Club \$2 with Mrs Botticchio 3:15pm - 4:30pm
Friday 23 rd March	SNOW CONES \$2.00 SRC Fundraiser
Sunday 25 th March	Working Bee 9:00am

Week 10

Monday 26 th March	Explorer's Club \$2 3:15pm - 4:45pm
Wednesday 28 th March	Go Purple for Epilepsy SRC Fundraiser Playgroup 9:15am Games Club 3:15pm - 4:30pm
Thursday 29 th March	Art Club \$2 with Mrs Botticchio 3:15pm - 4:30pm

Friday 30th March

Cross Country Carnival

Sunday 1st April

(K-6) at Berrima PS
P&C Fundraising BBQ @
Bunnings Mittagong

Week 11

Monday 2 nd April	Explorer's Club \$2 3:15pm - 4:45pm
Wednesday 4 th April	Playgroup 9:15am Games Club 3:15pm - 4:30pm
Thursday 5 th April	Easter Hat Parade Assembly Art Club \$2 with Mrs Botticchio 3:15pm - 4:30pm Last Day of Term 1

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Ms Matthews and Mrs Matthews will be conducting parent/teacher interviews in the last week of this term. Attached is an interview availability sheet. Please take the time to fill this in and send back in to your child's teacher. We will do our best to give you the timeslot requested.

Amendments

- **Go Purple for Epilepsy** will be held on 28th March (not 21st March). It is easy to participate. Students can dress from head to toe in purple and bring along a gold coin donation which will be donated to the charity Epilepsy Australia. This is an SRC event.
- The Easter hat Assembly on Thursday 5th April is at a time yet to be confirmed. We need to schedule the event around Miss A's availability which we should know by this Friday. Watch this space. We are aiming for either a 12:00pm OR a 2:00pm start.



Cross Country Carnival

This carnival will be held at Berrima Public School on Friday 30th March. All students K-6 are involved. A note is attached to this newsletter asking for permission and bus fare. Please return these prior to the date of the carnival.

An outline of events is attached so parents wanting to spectate have some idea of when their child might be running.

During the month of March we will be practising for the cross country carnival. Students in years 3-6 may wear their joggers to school each day for this training.



Working Bee

Another working bee is being held this Sunday to finish the cricket nets. It will be fantastic to have this space up and usable by the end of term.



Bunnings Fundraiser

This event will happen on the 1st April at the Mittagong Bunnings store.

We urgently require volunteers to give an hour or two of their time to help man the BBQ and in sales. Please see Liz McDonald if you can assist.

Easter Raffle

Donations are being accepted at the office for the Easter Basket raffle. Tickets went home with last week's newsletter. If you require any more booklets, there are spares in the office. Money and ticket receipts will need to be returned to the office by **Wednesday 4th April**. The raffle will be drawn at our Assembly on the last day of term.



Leadership Survey

Please spend some time completing the survey and return to the office by **Friday 16th March**.

Your opinions are valued so please have your say.

Stewart House

Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All others costs associated with the childrens' stay are met from charitable donations.

An envelope is attached to this newsletter to allow for a donation to Stewart House. Please return to the office.

Private Music Tuition

Miss A teaches clarinet, saxophone and recorder to half a dozen students in school time on Thursdays and Fridays. The half hour lessons cost \$22 and instrument hire per term is \$25.

If you missed out in Term 1 to enrol your child and would like to do so, please fill in the expression of interest form attached to this newsletter and return to the office by **Monday 2nd April** so that your child can access private tuition commencing Term 2.



SNOW CONES THIS FRIDAY!

The SRC will be selling snow cones at lunch time this Friday for \$2-00 each.

Thank you to Kelly Gee for her kind generosity in donating her time and all proceeds on the day.

